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# Message

from the President

Dear Friends:

For some, summer on campus suggests the ability to relax and unwind from the events of the previous academic year. For others, summer represents the chance to re-engage with important projects free from other distractions. Somewhere in between relaxation and re-engagement defines summer on the campus of Angelo State University.

One area where we as a campus are becoming more engaged is in the area of sustainability. As this issue of *ASU Magazine* describes, the campus has initiated several “green” projects, including a recycling program last fall and energy efficiency upgrades in campus buildings over the last three years. Our campus master planning continues to incorporate concepts of sustainability in anticipation of future construction projects. Consequently, we look forward with great anticipation to the construction of two new residence halls – Plaza Verde I and II – approved by the Board of Regents in May. Plaza Verde I, a 409-bed residence hall scheduled for completion in August of 2011, will not only be our first Leading Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certified campus facility, but also one of the first in West Texas. It will be followed by Plaza Verde II to be opened in August of 2012.

Our reputation and visibility in athletics continue to grow on the national stage as our women’s track and field team won the NCAA D-II National Championship in Charlotte, N.C., in May. Coach James Reid earned deserved recognition as the D-II Coach of the Year for women’s track and field. Based on that success and our intention to offer women athletes additional competitive opportunities, we will be adding women’s indoor track and field to our sports program, beginning with the 2010 academic year. Competitive sports are a vital component of a vibrant residential campus and will support our enrollment growth goals in the coming years.

Finally, as I note on a regular basis, the heart of a great university is represented by its people. It is fitting then that Gov. Rick Perry has appointed 2009-10 ASU student body president Jeff Harris to a one-year term as the student regent on the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System. Jeff is a senior political science major who will soon begin his Master of Public Administration degree through our Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

As summer turns to fall and another academic year, the ASU campus and its people will continue to be engaged, productive and committed to the future of both our institution and the state of Texas. As this edition of the magazine demonstrates, it is an exciting time for all of us.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Rallo  
President



Joseph C. Rallo



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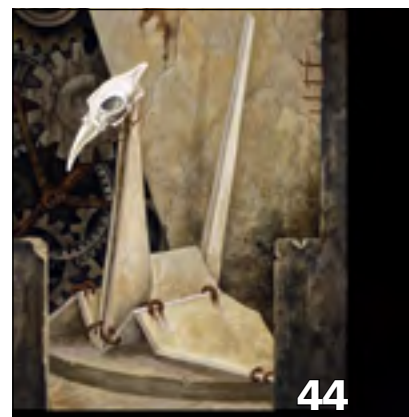
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**Back Cover:** Angelo State University students stroll along the mall where many shrubs and plants are being replaced by native plants and xeriscape landscaping as part of ASU's various green strategies aimed at sustainability. (Photo by Danny Meyer)



# Cabinet Work



Anthony P. Blose



Vance R. Valerio

**The addition of** Drs. Anthony P. Blose and Vance R. Valerio as university vice presidents this past July fulfilled President Joseph C. Rallo's organizational vision for Angelo State University and marked the first time four vice presidents have served on the president's cabinet.

Blose joined ASU as provost and vice president for academic affairs. In that capacity, he will oversee all of the university's academic programs, both in San Angelo and at satellite campuses in the Hill Country. His responsibilities will cover everything that relates to the classroom and online educational experience of ASU students. He will also be second in command for the university.

Valerio came to Angelo State on a one-year appointment as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. Valerio was hired through the Registry of College and University Presidents, an organization which provides college administrators on a short-term basis to universities nationally. Under the arrangement, ASU will have the option to renew Valerio's contract for a second year.

Valerio will oversee those areas related to student affairs and the students' co-curricular experience, including residential programs, intramurals, and student life and related services. His other responsibilities under enrollment management will include admissions, career development, financial aid, veterans affairs, registrar and summer orientation.

ASU's other vice presidents are Sharon Meyer of finance and administration and Dr. James M. Limbaugh of strategy, planning and policy.

"This administrative organization remains one of the leanest among universities our size," said Rallo, "but provides the organizational framework necessary to apply specific expertise to specific needs and to more effectively address the issues necessary for us to meet our programmatic and enrollment goals."

When Rallo became president in 2007, ASU had three vice presidents. He replaced the vice president for advancement and university relations with the strategy, planning and policy position. Until July and the arrival of Blose and Valerio, the academic and student affairs offices had reported to a single vice president.

Blose came to ASU from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., where he had worked as provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2009. In that position, he served as the university's chief academic officer and oversaw four regional centers for the university.

Previously, he had served LSSU as dean of the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences and then as founding dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Prior to beginning his tenure at Lake Superior State in 2007, he had worked 16 years at the University of North Alabama in a variety of capacities, including chair and professor of the Department of Physics and Earth Science as well as director of the university's planetarium.

Blose said, "The strong teaching/learning emphasis at Angelo State is extremely important to me since I have been associated throughout my academic career with institutions where those things are highly

valued. As a provost, I believe it is my role to advocate for all academics and for the university as a whole."

ASU's new provost earned his Bachelor of Science in physics with a minor in mathematics from Manhattan College. He went on to get a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of North Carolina.

With more than 35 years experience in student affairs administration and enrollment management, Valerio came to ASU from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb., where he was vice president for student development.

Previously, Valerio worked for almost a decade as assistant vice chancellor for student development services at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He spent two years as vice president for student affairs at Eastern New Mexico University and three years as dean of students at Midwestern State University. He has also held student affairs positions at New York University, Marquette University, University of Northern Colorado, St. Olaf College and Texas Lutheran College.

"As the representative of the Registry, I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve ASU as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management," Valerio said. "This is a new position at the university, and I am here to help establish the foundation for this new division. A primary role will be to help facilitate the needed collaboration to address the many elements and challenges pertaining to enrollment management and student engagement.

"I look forward to working with the staff within the new division, students, faculty and administrative colleagues across the campus as well as working on behalf of the university within the larger community," he said.

Valerio earned his Bachelor of Arts in history from Augustana College, his Master of Science in counseling and guidance from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and his Ph.D. in college student personnel administration from the University of Northern Colorado. ■

## ASU First



Jeff Harris

**Thanks to Gov. Rick Perry,** senior political science major Jeff Harris is more than just ASU's 2009-10 student body president. Effective June 1, he became the student regent on the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System.

With the governor's one-year appointment, Harris is the first ASU student named to the board of a statewide university system.

"It is a very high honor to be selected in the first place," Harris said, "but it is even more special because I do happen to be the first student regent from ASU. I feel like I have a big responsibility to not only represent the students system-wide, but to be a good representation of ASU as well because I could be used to judge the caliber of applicants coming from ASU in the future. I want to do my best to make sure that there are high expectations and respect for our students in professional environments."

ASU President Joseph C. Rallo said, "This appointment is a great honor for Jeff and for Angelo State University because it further recognizes his dedication to public service."

The Texas Education Code provides for the annual appointment of one student regent to each state university board of regents to offer a student voice on educational issues. A student regent has the same duties as other board members, but cannot vote on matters before the board nor make or second any motion before the board.

"There are two main things that I want to accomplish," Harris said. "First, I want to do my best to represent student interests and ensure that in all institutions they are getting the best quality education at the most affordable price. Tuition goes up, that

is a fact of life, but I want to make sure that when it does happen it is necessary and in the best interest of the students and the institutions alike.

"Second, I want to research how well our institutions prepare our students to be the most employable they can be when they cross the stage into the world. Knowledge is imperative, but I would also like to see how our institutions prepare students with hands-on experience that is craved by employers today."

Harris is scheduled to complete his bachelor's degree this year and then begin his Master of Public Administration through ASU's Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. He has been involved in a variety of political activities, having served as president of the College Republicans at ASU and as an intern in Congressman Mike Conaway's San Angelo office. He also ran his first political campaign this spring in an unsuccessful bid to become a San Angelo City Council member.

"I thought that student regent would be a good opportunity for my next step in student service," Harris said. ■

# Minding Our Q's, E's & P's

**For the foreseeable future,** the Angelo State University alphabet will start with QEP rather than ABC.

The acronym stands for Quality Enhancement Plan, which is now the major component of the reaccreditation/reaffirmation process the university undergoes every decade. Angelo State is gearing up for the spring of 2013 when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) will make its site visit to campus to consider reaffirming ASU's accreditation. An institution must be accredited to receive federal support of any kind, including student loans for those enrolled at that institution.

Dr. James M. Limbaugh, vice president for strategy, planning and policy as well as ASU's accreditation liaison, said, "QEP is referred to by SACS-COC as a transformative process that engages all the campus and even the community as it focuses on student outcomes related to student learning and transformation of the educational experience."

Limbaugh has appointed ASU alumnus and Kinesiology Department Head Dr. Doyle Carter as QEP director to coordinate the university QEP effort. Subsequently, Carter named a 21-member QEP Development Committee made up of faculty, staff, students

and alumni. Five initial subcommittees have been formed that include additional individuals from the campus and community.

In the past, reaccreditation or reaffirmation focused on an extensive self-study, also called compliance certification, that required institutions to meet numerous inputs-based standards. In 2002 after ASU's last accreditation, SACS-COC began to move toward outcomes-based accreditation.

"A self-study or compliance certification is still required," Carter said, "but the QEP has been added in an effort to help institutions think more strategically about student learning."

Like Limbaugh, Carter sees the process as a positive one that will not only benefit the university, but also ASU's extended community by bringing many constituencies together.

"The compliance certification is a snapshot of where we are programmatically at a specific point in time," Carter said, "but the QEP is a forward-looking process. It is humbling yet exciting to be leading an effort that involves so many people and focuses on the future of learning at ASU."

"We in higher education tend to work in silos," Carter said. "But SACS-COC mandates broad-based involvement in the QEP

development and implementation process. The QEP gives everyone on campus and people in the community an opportunity to see and feel how important we all are in the overall mission of the university."

The initial objectives of the QEP process are twofold. First, the committee will work to increase awareness of and engagement in the process, both on campus and in the community. Second, the committee will lead the effort to identify a "QEP topic," as SACS-COC calls it, to develop and implement during the accreditation process.

"The topic," said Carter, "must address a key institutional issue or issues and must focus on student learning and/or the environment that supports that learning. This fall will be all about involving the campus and the community in a conversation. We are not going to rush through this all-important first step."

Carter and the QEP Development Committee will report to the ASU Reaffirmation Leadership Team, which will coordinate the university-wide SACS-COC reaffirmation effort. That team is made up of President Joseph C. Rallo; Provost Anthony P. Blose; Limbaugh; and faculty members Dr. Kelly McCoy of the Biology Department and Dr. Lana Marlow of the Communication, Mass Media and Theatre Department. ■

## QEP Development Committee Members

- Karen Shumway.....associate professor of management
- Alaric Williams..... assistant professor of curriculum and instruction
- Harriet Lewis ..... assistant clinical professor of physical therapy
- David Dewar ..... assistant professor of history
- Martha Sleutel..... associate professor of nursing
- Sierra Howry ..... assistant professor of agricultural economics
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- Adriana Balcorta ..... program specialist, Multicultural Center
- Becky Brackin ..... director of community relations
- Justin Till..... student government representative
- Jeff Womack .....assistant professor of music, Faculty Senate representative
- Skip Bolding .....director of environmental health, safety and risk management, Staff Senate representative
- Dean McIntyre ..... ASU Alumni Association, community/alumni representative
- Jim Limbaugh.....vice president for strategy, planning and policy; SACS Liaison (ex officio)
- Lana Marlow ..... assistant professor of communication; faculty representative to Reaffirmation Leadership Team (ex officio)
- Kelly McCoy ..... professor and head of biology; faculty representative to Reaffirmation Leadership Team (ex officio)



Photo by Danyly Meyer



Loren Ammerman



David Bixler



Toni Sauncy

# Top Profs

**The inaugural** Angelo State University President's Awards for Faculty Excellence went to three faculty members from the College of Sciences during the university's first Faculty Recognition Dinner at the end of the spring semester.

Dr. Loren Ammerman of Biology received the award for Faculty Excellence in Research/Creative Endeavor. Dr. David Bixler of Physics earned the honor for Faculty Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Toni Sauncy, also of Physics, received the award for Faculty Excellence in Leadership/Service.

"Our strength as an academic institution begins with our faculty," said ASU President Joseph C. Rallo. "Their success in teaching, research and service defines not only who we are as an institution, but also what our graduates will be as alumni. So, it is fitting that we initiate these new awards for faculty excellence to acknowledge their accomplishments."

Ammerman was honored for her sustained efforts to conduct and publish her own research while also mentoring both undergraduate and graduate student research. Bixler was recognized for his ability to teach physics to all types and levels of students, regardless of their major fields of study. Sauncy was lauded for her multiple campus leadership roles, ranging from pres-

ident of the Faculty Senate to chair of the provost search committee to faculty advisor for the Society of Physics Students.

Each received \$2,500 and Signature Presidential Recognition Awards. Ammerman and Bixler will be ASU's nominees for the Texas Tech University System Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Research and Excellence in Teaching.

They and other nominees from ASU's academic colleges were honored at the dinner sponsored by the ASU Faculty Senate. Winners in the three categories were also announced for each college. The college-level honorees each received a \$500 award.

Winners from the College of Business were Sudhir K. Chawla of marketing and Cody D. Whittington of aerospace studies. Honorees from the College of Education were Allyn Byars, Susan E. Keith and Warren K. Simpson, all of kinesiology.

College of Liberal and Fine Arts recipients were Chris Ellery of English and Lana G. Marlow and George Pacheco Jr., both of communication. Honorees from the College of Nursing and Allied Health were Beverly J. Greenwald and R. Kelly Michael, both of nursing, and Carolyn R. Mason of physical therapy. Ammerman, Bixler and Sauncy were the winners from the College of Sciences. ■

# What's in a Name?

by Jayna Phinney

**The names once said it all** for the Department of Government and the Department of Communication, Drama and Journalism.

But times change, programs grow and academic departments must adapt. Effective this fall, Government becomes the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice while Communication, Drama and Journalism emerges as the Department of Communication, Mass Media and Theatre.

While different issues prompted the name changes, the reason was the same: to more accurately represent what the departments had become.

Dr. Edward Olson, professor of political science and department head, said that "government" is the traditional name of a department that studies and teaches government and politics. In the 1960s, the academic discipline experienced a trend toward studying politics more scientifically. At that point in time, government departments across the country began changing their names.

"The last few years," Olson said, "many students and prospects didn't understand that political science and government were the same curriculum. This change is going to help with recruiting because it will end that confusion."

The time also had come to add criminal justice to the department's name.

"When we started teaching criminal justice, it was just an emphasis," Olson said. "In the early 2000s, we put together the criminal justice degree. Now, we have more criminal justice majors than government students. We thought it was only right to change the name."

Olson said the department has almost 90 political science majors, compared to 220 criminal justice majors.

While some students in the past had suggested a departmental name change, Ol-

son said the announcement of the new name brought neither praise nor complaints from students or alumni.

Across campus, Dr. Shawn Wahl, communication professor and department head, said a movement in the journalism industry toward a convergence style of information gathering and dissemination created a need for changing "journalism" to "mass media."

Wahl said during the past year, the department had revised curriculum in communication, mass media and theatre to reflect trends in each discipline, but journalism was facing seismic shifts in scope.

"There's a new language to journalism," Wahl said. "We wanted to use an appropriate title that students would understand, and we wanted to be parallel with what is being used in the industry."

The Internet has largely changed the scope of journalists' work, Wahl said. Students are now being taught how to do all aspects of media work so that they can adapt to any news organization's needs.

"Years ago, journalism focused on things like writing and photography," Wahl said. "Now, we have to factor in things like iReporting and blogging."

iReporting is an increasingly popular term for members of the public reporting news stories that they find relevant.

Changing "drama" to "theatre" was a more intuitive adjustment. Wahl said "drama" is a term that was used years ago. Similar academic programs at ASU's peer institutions, as well as others across the country, have adopted the name "theatre."

Though some students have had questions about the name change, Wahl said the department addressed those questions during advising sessions. Overall, the campus has had a positive response to the change.

"We're seeing an increased interest in mass media due largely to our facilities," Wahl said. "We have digital camera equipment, and the equipment in the TV studio continues to improve."

Wahl projected that the department would have roughly 460 undergraduate students this fall: 300 in communication, 100 in mass media and 60 in theatre. ■



Check out the teaching innovations of some ASU professors in the bonus feature "Second Nature" on the *ASU Magazine* website at [www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/](http://www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/).

## Another Best Colleges List

The national recognition keeps adding up as Angelo State University was one of four Texas universities selected for the third edition of *America's Best Colleges for B Students*.

Subtitled "A College Guide for Students without Straight A's" and promoted as "GREAT Colleges ... for the Rest of Us," the publication selected 184 colleges nationally for inclusion in the biennial guide. Released in June, the guide was compiled and written by Tamra B. Orr, a full-time national education writer.

As the only Lone Star Conference institution to make the guide, ASU joined a list of universities that includes three Big 10, four Pac 10 and five Southeastern Conference schools.

Colleges were selected for the guide because they "each offer very high quality educations," welcome B and C students, maintain competitive admission standards and reflect diversity. As the guide states, "The colleges profiled in this book do more than just accept B students. They are dedicated to helping them."

ASU President Joseph C. Rallo said, "Our selection to *Best Colleges for B Students* reflects ASU's commitment not only to a quality academic experience but also to meeting the needs of our student body, including the many first-generation students who choose ASU for their college education. As Angelo State's academic reputation grows,

I am confident we will continue to see more national recognition such as this."

The other Texas institutions to make the list were Texas Tech University, University of Houston and Schreiner University in Kerrville.

## Princeton Review Déjà Vu

For the second year in a row, Angelo State University has been selected to top college lists by *Princeton Review* and *G.I. Jobs* magazine.

This past August, ASU was included in *Princeton Review's* list of "Best 373 Colleges" nationally for 2011. ASU first cracked *Princeton Review's* list last year when it was one of only three state-supported institutions among 10 Texas universities chosen for the guide's "Best 371 Colleges" for 2010.

Again this past summer, *G.I. Jobs* magazine selected Angelo State as one of the nation's "Military Friendly Schools." ASU first made the *G.I. Jobs* list in the summer of 2009 for the 2010 academic year.

The latest honors bring to six the number of national recognitions ASU has received from publications over the last two years. In addition to the two *Princeton Review* and two *G.I. Jobs* honors, ASU was named in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the "Great Colleges to Work For" in 2009 and earlier this year in the third edition of *America's Best Colleges for B Students*.

## Security Studies Director

After a 23-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Robert S. Ehlers Jr. assumed duties in mid-August as director of ASU's new Center for Security Studies.

Ehlers, who completed his Air Force career Sept. 1 with the rank of colonel, was a professor of airpower history at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, before accepting the ASU position. Ehlers has an extensive background in military intelligence, international affairs and strategic air power. As director of the new center, he will report directly to ASU President Joseph C. Rallo.

"Dr. Ehlers brings to Angelo State strong credentials, both in military intelligence and in international affairs," Rallo said. "His understanding of the academic needs in military intelligence training will help us grow our Center for Security Studies quickly and effectively in line with our emerging national needs in security."

For Ehlers the ASU position will mark a return to his roots in military intelligence, having completed his first Air Force assignment in 1988 at Goodfellow AFB, where he finished the intelligence officer fundamentals course. He returned to Goodfellow in 2006 to serve a year as commander of the 17<sup>th</sup> Training Support Squadron and then a second year as deputy commander of the 17<sup>th</sup> Training Group. Pre-

vious Air Force assignments were at Minot AFB, N.D.; Scott AFB, Ill.; Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii; and Ramstein AB, Germany.

A native of Worthington, Ohio, Ehlers earned his bachelor's degree in international studies from Ohio State University. He received a master's degree in history from the University of Florida, then returned to Ohio State to complete his doctorate in history. He also completed Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB in 1994 and Air Command Staff College, which designated him a distinguished graduate, in 2002.

## Tri-Beta Tops

During the annual Tri-Beta Regional Convention, Angelo State's Epsilon Sigma chapter of the Beta Beta Beta national biology honor society was named the top chapter among the 13 student groups in the South Central Region/Texas District.

At the convention, ASU senior Brittany Bosma won first place for her oral presentation of her research on "Microbial Culture Clash: Pyocyanin vs. Staphyloxanthin" and was awarded an expense-paid trip to the national Tri-Beta Convention.

Senior Marie Tipps won second place for her oral presentation on "A Molecular Approach to the Phylogenetic Position of *Cheiromeles* (Molossidae: Chiroptera)."

A scrapbook prepared by the ASU contingent also took second place in the Chapter

History contest. Additionally, ASU junior Amanda Hicks was elected Tri-Beta regional secretary for the upcoming academic year.

ASU's Tri-Beta chapter celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the spring. Biology professor Dr. Crosby Jones has been the faculty advisor for the last 31 years. The ASU chapter is the only six-time winner of the Lloyd M. Bertholf Award, symbolic of the top chapter in the nation.

## WED Center

Angelo State has opened a new Center for Community Wellness, Engagement and Development (WED) in southwest San Angelo to address the university's goal of furthering community outreach and development.

The WED Center, with offices at 5301 Knickerbocker Road, Suite 200, serves as an umbrella office for several faculty-led multidisciplinary initiatives, including school-based services for children, adolescents and families; caregiver research; community development; and women's health and wellness. The center's mission is "to promote the highest quality of life in communities served by ASU students, faculty and staff."

Currently housed at the center are the Family, Adolescent and Child Engagement Services (FACES), which includes the administrative arm of the ASU Nursing Department's San Jacinto School Based Clinic and Family Wellness Center; the ASU Caregiver

Research Institute; and the Psychology, Sociology and Social Work Department's Community Development Initiatives. It is also the home of a regional office for the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health.

The San Jacinto facility offers cost-effective and culturally sensitive health care as well as behavioral and wellness services to children from birth to 18 years old and their families, regardless of ability to pay. The Caregiver Research Institute serves older adults, frail elders, caregivers, nursing home patients and health care professionals with individualized care planning as well as exercise and therapy classes.

Community Development Initiatives fosters ASU student involvement in the community and provides various services, including demographic research, needs assessments, grant writing assistance and database maintenance. The Laura W. Bush Institute is dedicated to cultivating and advancing multidisciplinary science in women's health and to promoting the well-being of women through research, education and community outreach.

## Stormy Weather

The National Weather Service has certified Angelo State University as a "StormReady" community, making ASU just the fourth university in Texas to achieve that designation.

StormReady certifications are awarded to cities, counties, universities, government

sites and commercial sites that meet a specific set of weather service guidelines.

Out of the 1,602 Storm-Ready communities in the U.S., only 56 university and college campuses are included. ASU now joins Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University and Midwestern State University as the only institutions in Texas certified StormReady.

## Summer Time News

Angelo State University enrollment in the first summer session of 2010 rose more than 10 percent over the same session last year, marking the highest summer enrollment in five years.

Figures released by the ASU Registrar's Office showed first session summer enrollment at 2,120, compared to 1,927 for the same period last year. The growth trend was reflected at both the undergraduate and graduate levels with 1,720 undergraduates and 400 graduates signing up for classes, compared to 1,540 and 387, respectively, a year ago.

Not only were more students attending summer classes, they were taking 19.9 percent more course hours. This summer, students registered for 10,541 semester credit hours, 1,751 more than the 8,790 they signed up for a year ago. The totals were based on the sixth class day, the official reporting date for summer enrollment figures.

The summer session increase continued the good

enrollment news over the past academic year. This past fall, ASU recorded its second highest enrollment ever with 6,387 students, the highest total since the 6,408 who enrolled in the record fall of 1989. Then this spring, ASU set a record spring enrollment with 5,895, up 21 students from the previous record of 5,874 students in the spring of 1989.

"We are pleased," said ASU President Joseph C. Rallo, "that our enrollments have trended upward throughout the 2009-10 academic year. These gains did not happen by accident because they reflect the work of many people and offices in broadening our undergraduate recruiting, retention and marketing efforts. The expansion of our graduate programs into the Hill Country and the addition of new graduate programs account for our graduate growth." ■

### Carol B. Diminnie

Dr. Carol B. Diminnie, a professor of management science, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) General Test.

The GRE General Test measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills to help assess general student readiness for graduate-level work.

Graduate programs and business schools use GRE scores to evaluate applicants. Diminnie's TAC term will run through 2012. Diminnie is one of 10 committee members and the only one not from a Tier 1 research institution.

She will work with other psychometricians and statisticians from institutions such as the University of Minnesota, Duke University, University of Iowa and Washington University. The TAC provides expertise in psychometrics, the field of study concerned with the construction and validation of measurement instruments, such as questionnaires and tests.

### Top Undergrads

Bobby Logan Hancock of Brownfield received ASU's 2010 Presidential Award as the top graduate in his class during spring commencement while five other undergraduate students earned 2010 Distinguished Student Awards from their respective colleges.

A physics major and mathematics/Earth science minor,

Hancock was nominated by the Department of Physics for the award based upon his academic accomplishments, his research and his extracurricular activities. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics in preparation for a career in university teaching and research.

The Distinguished Student Award recipients were: Christopher D. Stegall of Killeen, College of Business; Dwenette Stevenson of Sweetwater, College of Education; Joshua Tindell of San Angelo, College of Liberal and Fine Arts; Lindsey Thigpen of Menard, College of Nursing and Allied Health; and Henry Schreiner III of San Angelo, College of Sciences.

### Edith Osborne

Dr. Edith Osborne, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a two-year, \$35,000 Single Investigator Cottrell College Science Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA).

The award will fund Osborne's research project, "Novel Selenocysteine Insertion System for Protein Labeling and Human Selenoprotein Expression."

"Selenoproteins are a type of protein that contains the special amino acid selenocysteine, which contains the micronutrient selenium," Osborne said. "Selenium deficiency has been linked to increased cancer risk, decreased thyroid function and neurologic conditions such as Alzheimer's."

Osborne will attempt to make human selenoproteins in bacteria, which could help scientists understand how selenoproteins affect human health.

### Space Scholars

Mathematics majors Emily Hendryx and Sheryl Stultz and physics major Dawn Skeen have been awarded prestigious Columbia Crew Memorial Undergraduate Scholarships by the Texas Space Grant Consortium (TSGC) for the 2010-11 academic year.

Alpine junior Hendryx, San Angelo senior Stultz and Brady junior Skeen will each receive \$1,000 from the TSGC. Only 30 students from Texas institutions receive the scholarships each year. This is the third consecutive year that at least one ASU student has been awarded a scholarship.

The scholarships recognize high-quality students and encourage their consideration of graduate studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics that will ultimately lead to careers in space-related fields. They also stress excellence in academics, participation in space education projects, participation in research projects and exhibited leadership qualities.

### John Klingemann

Dr. John Klingemann, assistant professor of history, was selected to participate in the 2010 Air Force ROTC Distinguished Educators Visit. He was one of only 40 academicians nationally to be chosen to visit Maxwell Air Force Base

in Montgomery, Ala., for observation and participation in a variety of Air Force training and activities.

The main objective of the Distinguished Educators Visit is to demonstrate to educators viable career opportunities in the Air Force for top college students. Participants are selected for the all-expense paid trip from a nomination list compiled by the 24 Air Force recruiting squadrons located around the U.S. Emphasis is placed on finding educators with little or no military experience.

This is the fourth year since 2006 that at least one ASU faculty member has received the Air Force ROTC Distinguished Educator designation.

### Top Grad Students

ASU's top graduate students were honored during the annual spring banquet of the College of Graduate Studies.

The honorees by major and college were: Jessica Harlin of San Angelo, business administration, College of Business; Crystal Nicole Elliott of San Angelo, curriculum and instruction, College of Education; Jerri "Bri" McDonald of Abilene, English, College of Liberal and Fine Arts; Anita Wheeler-Hill of Wimberley, nurse educator, College of Nursing and Allied Health; and Dustin R. Klein of Fredericksburg, animal science, College of Sciences.

The honorees each received a plaque and monetary award from Graduate Dean Brian May.

### Harriet Lewis

Harriet Lewis, an assistant clinical professor of physical therapy, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Central ACCE (Academic Coordinators of Clinical Education) Consortium for Physical Therapy Educators.

Lewis assumed the duties in March. The consortium is an independent, non-profit organization created to promote quality physical therapy education. The Central Consortium includes physical therapy programs in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

### Joseph C. Rallo

ASU President Joseph C. Rallo has been elected vice chairman and chair-elect of the board of directors of the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC).

The board, which is appointed from members of the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, helps direct TIEC efforts at enhancing the international opportunities available to universities and their students.

Since becoming ASU president in the summer of 2007, Rallo has been a strong proponent of international education and has enhanced ASU's Center for International Studies, which earlier this year received an Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education from the Institute of International Education.

### ROTC Cadets

Two cadets from ASU's ROTC Det. 847 have been awarded national scholarships through the U.S. Air Force ROTC In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP) that will pay for the remainder of their ASU educations.

ASU freshman Mario Allen, a computer science major from Jefferson, is one of only 122 freshmen to receive a scholarship out of 628 nominees from the 144 ROTC detachments in the U.S. Sophomore Adam King, a business major from Fort Worth, is one of only 120 sophomores to receive a scholarship out of 828 nominees. Each will receive annual tuition and fee payments up to \$18,000, \$900 yearly for books and a \$300-\$500 monthly stipend, beginning with the fall semester.

### Alpha Chi Members

Two members of ASU's chapter of the Alpha Chi national college honor society have been awarded scholarships by the national organization for the 2010-11 academic year.

Senior integrated professional accountancy major Lance Smith is one of only 10 Alpha Chi members nationwide to receive a H.Y. Benedict Fellowship that carries a \$2,500 award to support graduate studies.

Junior English major Anna Hall is one of only 10 members nationally to receive a \$1,500 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship. The prizes were

awarded for papers submitted for Alpha Chi's national scholarship competition.

For the sixth straight year, the ASU chapter also earned a Star Award as one of the most active Alpha Chi chapters in the nation. Additionally, several ASU Alpha Chi members and faculty advisor Dr. Karl Havlak were recognized at the society's 2010 national convention.

English major Brittany Smith and biology major Whitney Kellermeier won \$500 and \$200 scholarships, respectively, for their presentations at the convention. Kellermeier was also elected as a student representative on the Alpha Chi National Council for 2010-12. Havlak, who just finished a two-year term as president of Alpha Chi Region I, was elected Region I secretary/treasurer and to serve on the National Council for 2010-14.

Alpha Chi is a general honor society open to all students, regardless of their major field of study.

### Mass Media Students

Staff members of Angelo State University's *Ram Page* student newspaper and Ram TV student television program placed in 14 categories at the 2010 annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention.

Capturing first places in the print competition were Jason Hook for a photo illustration of handguns, Sara Irvin for a news feature about a rape victim and Kimberley

Parker for a sports action photo of men's basketball.

Second place awards went to Scott Dykowski, Tim Lester, Lara Johnson, Michael Whitson and Parker. Derek Smith took a third-place award and Whitson received honorable mention in four categories. The *Ram Page*, under the direction of editor-in-chief Leah Waters, also received an honorable mention for overall excellence.

In the broadcast competition, Ram TV editor Nathan Miller earned a second place while Ram TV editor Eric Henrickson and host Isabel Carrillo received honorable mentions.

Dr. Cathy Johnson is the *Ram Page* advisor while assistant professor Leah B. Mangrum directs Ram TV. ■



# Championship Drama

by Tom Nurre

When ASU senior Celestia Byrd crossed the finish line at the end of the 200-meter dash, everyone thought the drama was over.

By placing third in the event and earning six points, Byrd had clinched the 2010 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championship for the Rambelles, regardless of what they did in their final race, the 4x400-meter relay. It also allowed ASU senior and superwoman Aisha Adams to skip the relay after already having competed in seven events over the three-day national meet in Charlotte, N.C., in May.

But, the 'Belles' second-fastest lineup of seniors Chrystal Ruiz, Andria Nussey, Kris Crockett and Byrd provided one last jolt of excitement as they not only raced to a convincing victory in the meet's final event, but also did it in a school-record time of 3:38.88.

"We were talking earlier about how this was going to be the last time we would race with each other," Crockett said. "Coach (James) Reid came over to the tent and said 'we don't even need to run this, but we are Angelo State and we always finish, so let's put a stamp on it. Let's show them why we are national champs.' We all talked about how the school record was 3:40, so let's go get it. I feel like crying, I'm not going to lie."

And that is just one example of the heart, spirit and determination displayed by the Rambelles as they avenged their 2009 runner-up finish to Lincoln University by besting the Lady Blue Tigers, 87-73, in 2010. If triumphing over adversity is the mark of a true champion, the ASU track and field team is a champion for the ages.

First, there was Adams overcoming nagging knee pain and the often oppressive Charlotte heat and humidity to win her second straight heptathlon championship and earn All-America status in all seven events she entered, despite also being dogged by a CBS camera crew throughout much of the meet.

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Celestia Byrd



Aisha Adams

"We finally put it together," Adams said. "We were a national championship team last year, but we didn't put it together. This time we did that, we trusted the coaches and we trusted our training. We just got out there and did what it took to get it done."

A key moment for Adams came during the heptathlon high jump competition. She had failed twice at 1.70 meters (5'7") and faced notching a low score that could have jeopardized her overall victory. Instead, she not only cleared that height on her last attempt, but also went on to post the top score in the event.

"It's a lot of pressure and it's extremely frustrating," Adams said. "When you get down to your third jump, you put a lot of pressure on yourself. It's a whole new strategy you have to set up. Thankfully, I completed those jumps, so it ended well, but it could've been bad."

On the final day of the meet, Adams also had to break away from the individual high jump event to run in the 100-meter hurdles final. Despite having only a few minutes to prepare for the hurdles, she managed to finish sixth and then returned immediately to the high jump for a fifth-place finish, picking up seven valuable points in the process.

Toiling in Adams' very large shadow was senior Chrystal Ruiz, who might have been the top athlete at the national meet if it weren't for her celebrated teammate. After finishing second in the heptathlon, Ruiz also took sixth in the long jump and fourth in the 400-meter hurdles before running the first leg of the school-record-setting 4x400 relay. Overall, she earned 16 individual points and helped earn 10 more for the relay victory.

"Every event," Ruiz said, "I was thinking 'hey, this is the last time you will ever wear the ASU uniform, so make something of yourself, be something, show North Carolina who you are and do something for yourself and for your team.'"

"It puts San Angelo on the map," she added. "A lot of people know who we are now, and I think it goes back to our coaches and all the training we do. We trust them with everything we do, and this really shows people what a good program we have."

Perhaps none of the Rambelles experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat more intensely than senior Andria Nussey. Favored to repeat as an All-American in the long jump, she scratched on her first two leaps and failed to qualify for the finals. Instead of packing it in, she rebounded to finish second in the 800 meters in a school-record time of 2:06.37 and then ran the second leg of the winning 4x400 relay.

"Any disappointment at this meet is going to hit me really hard because it's my last national meet and my last season," Nussey

Chrystal Ruiz



said after the 800 meters. “But, one thing about being a multi-athlete is you have to be able to come back from disappointment and not let it affect the rest of your meet. I’m just glad today was my day for the 800.”

But, the Rambelle who provided the most dramatic moment of the national meet was definitely Byrd. When the updated overall standings were posted on the scoreboard after her third-place finish in the 200 meters, an exhausted Byrd had to be helped from the track by trainer Joe Briley while her coaches and teammates celebrated in the stands.

“I just said ‘thank you, Lord,’” Byrd commented in the trainer’s tent after the race. “That is all that was running through my mind. I was very happy, and to hear my time was a new personal record, it made me feel good. Most of all, I may not have to run the mile relay. That’s awesome!”

Run the mile relay she did, though, anchoring yet another school-record performance as the Rambelles put an exclamation point on the program’s first-ever national championship.

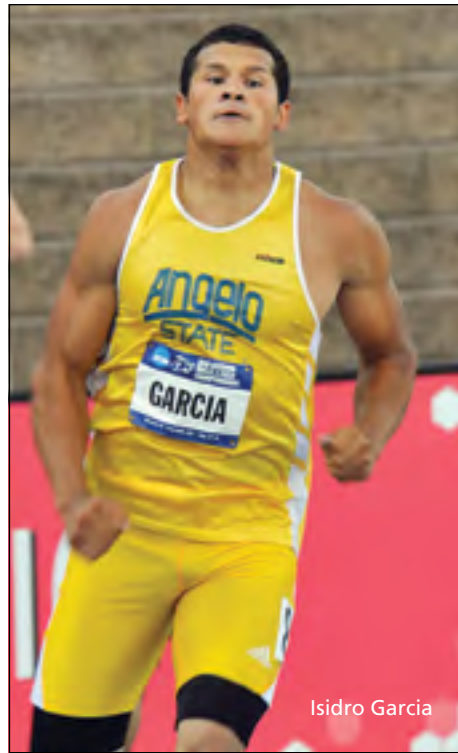
“This is a great feeling,” said assistant coach Tom Dibbern. “It hurt real bad last year when we lost it, but this has totally erased it. Coaching-wise, I’ve never had a feeling like this. It’s the best feeling I’ve ever had coaching. It’s truly worth it.”

Head coach James Reid agreed, needing confirmation multiple times that the Rambelles had indeed won the national title so he could start notifying people.

“I asked Coach Dibbern about nine times if he was sure before I called anybody,” said Reid. “I called my wife and told her because they have been following it on the Internet. I called my parents and I called Coach (Kathleen) Brasfield, Coach (David) Noble and a bunch of people who have had a lot of influence on me. It’s still a little surreal right now.”

“What did it for us was nine young ladies busting their butts for three days straight and coming into this year with a goal and wanting to do it. They have been resilient, never lost sight of the goal and came up big time after time. I just can’t say enough about them,” Reid concluded.

Not to be overlooked in the wake of the Rambelles’ historic victory is the performance of the Rams track and field team that entered the national meet with its own lofty expectations of finishing in the top 10. In



Isidro Garcia

their efforts to reach that goal, the Rams also provided plenty of drama and excitement.

Unlike the women, the ASU men still had work to do as they entered their last race of the meet, the 4x400 relay. Anchored by freshman Isidro Garcia, the Rams ran the second-fastest time in school history, finishing a close second and earning enough points to tie for ninth in the final team standings. For Garcia, it was especially sweet after he had failed to qualify for the individual 400-meter dash final by just .29 of a second earlier in the meet.

“That is a great way to finish off the year,” Garcia said. “I’m glad that we came out and competed to the best of our ability. Second place in the nation is really something big.”

“I’m proud of our girls,” he added, “and I’m glad they are going to celebrate a national championship. But, top 10 in the nation is also something big for the guys and we are really glad to have gotten that high up.”

The 4x400 relay performance also helped ease the pain of junior Brian Holik, who missed qualifying for the final of the 400-meter hurdles by just .18 of a second. He bounced back to run a strong third leg of the relay before handing off to Garcia.

But, it is perhaps the smallest of the Rams athletes who has the biggest heart. Senior James Howell qualified in the 200 meters, 400 meters, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay,

which translated into six grueling sprint races in three days. Competing against runners who often towered over him, Howell also tasted disappointment early in the meet when he failed to qualify for the 200-meter dash final, despite running a 21.56 in his qualifying heat.

“That was a fast time for James,” Reid said. “He ran in a fast heat. His time in fourth was as fast as the second-place runner in the first heat.”

Not to be denied, Howell returned to the track to first help the Rams’ 4x100 relay team claim All-America status by taking sixth place, and then to turn in a new school-record time of 45.95 and place third in the 400-meter dash. He capped off his impressive performance by running the first leg of the 4x400 relay.

“Most people,” Howell said, “when they see me step to the line, they look at me like ‘man, this little dude is running the 400? He shouldn’t even be a factor.’ I’ve been called short since I started playing Pop Warner football, so I try to take that mentality out on the track. I just take it out on the track every time.”

That attitude helped Howell grab points in three events for the Rams. It also must have rubbed off a bit on junior Wade Goode, who earned All-America status throwing the discus in the rain; junior Tyler Orlando, who scored a valuable six points by taking third in the javelin; junior Terence Holland, who had to sit and watch the entire meet before getting to compete by running a strong second leg of the 4x400 relay; and sophomore Jacob McDonald, who scored points in the javelin despite having a throwing hand with a huge blister that had to be covered with super glue just to keep it from bleeding while he competed.

“I think we are going to get a lot of coverage because we won the championship with the women,” Reid said. “But, I don’t want to take anything away from the men because they had a great meet. There has only been a few times when both men’s and women’s teams have finished in the top 10 at a national meet, and that is something we wanted to do coming in.”

“For the guys to do it the way they did it by running that great mile relay was incredible,” he added. “They put it together and made it happen. It’s awesome, totally awesome.” ■



James Howell



Coach James Reid

Check out a complete list of ASU track and field All-Americans on the *ASU Magazine* website at [www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/](http://www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/).

## by the Numbers

- 1 National championships won by the ASU Rambelles track and field team
- 3 ASU individual event national championships (Aisha Adams, heptathlon; Celethia Byrd, 400-meter dash; Rambelles 4x400-meter relay)
- 6 Number of hats worn by ASU trainer Joe “Slash” Briley as he played the role of trainer/coach/cheerleader/gofer/chauffeur/chaperone for the athletes
- 7 ASU athletes who scored points in multiple events (Adams, Byrd, Kris Crockett, Andria Nussey, Chrystal Ruiz, James Howell, Brian Holik)
- 9 Finish by the Rams track and field team at the national meet
- 16 Number of ASU athletes who earned All-America honors at the national meet
- 19 Number of personal, season, university and meet records set by ASU athletes at the national meet
- 26 Points scored by the Rams to clinch a top-10 finish
- 36 Points scored by Aisha Adams as she placed in all seven events she entered, enough points to have earned her a fifth-place finish as a one-woman team
- 87 Points scored by the Rambelles to clinch the national championship

# BLUE AND GOLD and green

by Preston Lewis



Efrain Amaro, Ryan Owens xeriscaping

Photos by Danny Meyer

## Call it the greening of Angelo State University.

Slowly but surely, reducing the university's environmental footprint factors into more and more campus decisions, ranging from building design to vehicle purchases and from cleaning products to landscaping choices.

Going green not only benefits the environment, but also helps lower or at least manage costs, an important consideration in challenging economic times. Since 2006, sustainability projects have saved the campus more than \$2 million and reduced by more than 40 percent the volume of natural gas needed to run the physical plant.

"As intellectual leaders for the nation, universities have a moral responsibility to be good stewards of the environment," said Angelo State President Joseph C. Rallo. "As a state-supported institution, we also have a legal responsibility to be good stewards of the monies we receive. Going green helps us meet both of those responsibilities."

Campus green consciousness also has a potential recruiting impact, believe it or not. Since 2008 the national college guide *Princeton Review*, which has named Angelo State one of the best colleges nationally for the last two years, has surveyed colleges on their sustainability and published a guide to green colleges so students can factor a campus's green commitment into their college decisions. The guide evaluates the colleges on providing students a healthy and sustainable quality of life, preparing them for green jobs/responsible green citizenship and using environmentally responsible school policies.

Before green became chic, however, economic factors, primarily rising energy costs, drove conservation strategies on campus, beginning in the 1970s. Because the university has always tried to maximize its budget, ASU's move toward sustainability lacks a definite starting point, though a case can be made for either 1995 or 2006. An institutional emphasis on recycling began last year, though various student organizations had been involved prior to that.

"Recycling," said Skip Bolding, ASU's director of environmental health, safety and risk management, "is one piece of the whole puzzle, the feel-good piece that everybody sees. Sustainability is reducing your carbon footprint, your impact on the environment. Sustainability is more complicated and, many times, subtle or invisible to the public, but essential for long-term success. As an institution, we address sustainability through Facilities Management or Facilities Planning and Construction."

When Jay Halbert came on board as the director of facilities management in 1995, he purchased the university's first six electric golf carts. That economic and efficiency decision offers a good starting point for university efforts toward sustainability. Today, 46 golf carts owned by multiple departments make up 42 percent of the university's fleet of vehicles, reducing the use of gasoline and diesel and the resulting carbon emissions.

"Golf carts are quiet, they are easy to repair, and they don't burn any chemicals," Halbert said. "You can drive them just about anywhere on campus."

At approximately \$7,500 apiece, Halbert can purchase three of them for the price of a standard car, pickup or van. When standard vehicles are required, the university looks to hybrid cars when possible. Halbert, for instance, drives a hybrid Ford Fusion for campus business while the Materials Management Office uses a hybrid Ford Escape.



Sustainability today has moved from golf carts to landscaping, custodial supplies, painting options and water runoff management.

"As we landscape around campus," Halbert said, "we are getting away from traditional methods and choices of 15-20 years ago. We are going more to rock, cactus and native desert plants. We will not get rid of flowers completely, but we will pick and choose where we put them for best effect, like around the sign in front of the Administration Building."

"With that said, we are doing two things. First, we are saving water and, second, we are reducing maintenance on those beds, which in the past have required heavy maintenance and heavy watering," Halbert said.

Additionally, groundskeepers now mulch everything. That provides multiple advantages by eliminating tons of clippings that would burden landfills and keeping them from being swept away by rainwater, an important consideration in meeting federal storm water regulations, required locally now that San Angelo has exceeded 100,000 in population.

Those regulations, designed to minimize debris and chemicals draining into lakes and rivers, have also influenced the use of paint on curbs and in parking lots. Over time, the paint weathers and is carried away in runoff. While paint is still used to delineate parking spaces, signs on metal posts now mark handicap and no parking zones instead of paint.

On top of that, Facilities Management no longer stockpiles paint, but rather buys it as needed to reduce storage requirements and disposal issues. A similar strategy has been employed for custodial supplies. While ASU outsources its custodial services, the university specifies that green products be used wherever functional. Consequently, Halbert estimates about 80 percent of the janitorial products – such as Green Earth Peroxide Cleaner for carpets and hard surfaces, Green Earth Glass Cleaner and Green Earth Daily Floor Cleaner – are either certified or considered green.

"Everything we use, whether for custodial or other needs, we try to make as environmentally friendly as possible," Halbert said.



Jay Halbert

While the efforts in Facilities Management have been incremental, Facilities Planning and Construction (FPC) made a major investment in sustainability in 2006 when the university received board approval to spend \$13.2 million on a multi-year service contract with TAC Americas Inc. for a campus-wide energy-saving program.

“We were spending money to save money,” said FPC Director John Russell.

The project touched each academic or administrative building on campus, though not the residence halls. The work included installing energy-efficient lighting, replacing outdated and inefficient air handlers in older buildings, enhancing control systems, changing out plumbing fixtures and developing related campus-wide energy policies to maintain building temperatures in summer between 71-72 degrees and in winter between 68-69 degrees.

“Energy conservation has become a huge issue on campus because of how much money we spend on utilities as a whole,” Russell said. “That money doesn’t come from the state. It comes from tuition instead, so it’s very important that we manage those resources as efficiently as possible. We went into the performance contract hoping to save up to \$900,000 a year in energy costs. What we have found is that we are saving between \$1.2-1.3 million per year. With utility costs going up, those savings are growing exponentially.”

Bruce Flage, ASU’s director of procurement and energy services, monitors the university’s utility usage monthly and tracks the changes in water, electricity and natural gas.

“The water change-outs, like low flow toilets and faucets, really have shown little change in consumption amounts on the whole,” Flage said. “There has been a signif-

icant drop in electricity usage even if costs don’t show as much due to the increased price of electricity. The huge change was in natural gas usage, practically cut in half.”

Using 2006 when the retrofit project began as the base year, electricity usage for academic and administrative facilities has dropped 7,106,601 kilowatt-hours from 22,174,481 kwh to 15,067,880 kwh for 2009, a decline of 32 percent. During that same period, electrical costs rose from \$0.07812 to \$0.09631 per kwh. Had consumption stayed the same in 2009 as the 2006 base year, the increase in electricity prices would have cost the university another \$684,533.

The environmental savings, according to Schneider Electric Performance Assurance Support Services, which monitors the ASU figures, are the equivalent of preventing 16,321 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere, operating 3,575 automobiles for a year or saving 4,862 acres of trees.

During the same period, the university’s natural gas usage dropped 43.5 percent, from 63,616 thousand cubic feet to 35,895 mcf, after replacing the main boilers and doing away with steam production. Water consumption, measured by the thousand gallons, fell 10.9 percent from 30,821 units in 2006 to 27,463 in 2009. Total 2006 costs for all three utilities in the academic and administrative buildings were \$2,487,397, compared to only \$1,875,764 three years later.

Even if the residence halls are factored into the equation, ASU’s electrical consumption on campus declined from 2006 to 2009, despite the addition of the 526-bed, 159,000-square-foot Centennial Village to the university power grid in 2008. The entire campus used 36,670,025 kwh in 2006 when campus buildings totaled 1,755,424 square feet. In 2009, consumption had dropped 1,768,419 kwh to 34,901,606 kwh when campus buildings totaled 1,876,985 square feet. At 2009 electrical prices, that reduction translated into a savings of \$76,883.

Though cost savings figures can be tricky, Flage’s best estimates for total savings for all academic, administrative and residential facilities in 2009, compared to 2006, totaled \$491,509.

Savings like that make a persuasive case for designing energy-efficient, environmentally sustainable facilities on campus, a goal



Bruce Flage

FPC Director Russell seeks in every new or renovated building at ASU.

When it opens next fall, the expanded Center for Human Performance with its new student recreational facilities will include an energy-efficient roof, high-efficiency air conditioning and a water-capture system that will funnel rainwater to a 2,000-gallon steel storage tank.

Even some of the energy expended by the rec center’s patrons will be captured to power the control boards and displays on the treadmills and cardio equipment without drawing electricity from wall outlets.

Russell, however, is most excited about Plaza Verde, the roughly 900-bed, three-story residence hall scheduled to replace the high rises next year. Russell is aiming for Leadership in Energy and Environmen-

tal Design, or LEED, Gold certification for the new facility, which will actually be nine residential buildings plus a clubhouse/office building. Each residential floor will have private rooms that open out onto a living area that all residents of that wing share. Hallway space will be virtually eliminated and replaced with the common area to help build a stronger community among the residents of each wing.

Sustainability factors will include insulated walls and roof rated at R-50, plus high-efficiency windows, a rainwater recapture system, a state-of-the-art cooling system that will utilize outdoor air whenever possible to help regulate temperatures inside and possibly a gray-water re-utilization system to make more efficient use of laundry, shower and lavatory water.

If construction goes according to plan, Plaza Verde will be one of the first Gold-certified LEED buildings in West Texas.

Universities nationally have taken the lead in LEED certification. As of this past April, more than 3,850 buildings have been LEED certified on university campuses, the most among any industry nationally.

While Russell is looking toward the future, ASU’s recycling program is focused on the present under recycling administrator Bolding, who began planning the program in the summer of 2009 and then formally kicked it off with a recycling drive in November as part of National Recycle Day.

The goal ultimately is to reduce the estimated 1,086 tons of trash removed from campus annually by Trash-Away Services, which provides dumpsters for the university.

On Nov. 13 after days of encouraging campus-wide participation, Bolding’s crew and volunteers in four hours at a central receiving site collected 3,000 pounds of paper

and cardboard, about nine cubic yards or 150 pounds of plastic bottles, 30 pounds of aluminum cans, 30 pounds of tin cans, 12 pounds of glass and 340 pounds of electronics.

Beginning last fall, Bolding’s office provided containers to all campus buildings where paper and plastics could be deposited. When full, the containers would be emptied into bins in the Mayer Administration and Academic buildings for later pickup and reuse. Campus students, staff and faculty bought into the idea quickly.

“We were doing two pickups a week,” Bolding said, “but it has really turned into an everyday pickup during the work week. The whole campus has really embraced the program. I would say that more than 50-75 percent of people on campus really participate by actively recycling and doing their part.

“Our goal is to expand the program into the residence halls and eventually we hope to have a program that covers the entire campus. We want recycle bins and refuse containers side by side so that people are aware of what actually goes into each. We are hoping during the fall semester to provide a lot more public education on recycling as we will have a whole new group of freshmen coming in.”

Beyond the visibility of the recycling trailer and pickup truck that make the campus rounds between 6-8 a.m. each weekday, the Office of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management has also created a campus sustainability website to help educate the campus and public about recycling.

While the greening of Angelo State has accelerated over the last four years and more is on the horizon, in some ways it is nothing new. After all, green has always been what you get when you mix ASU blue and gold. ■

## Landscaping, Art to Converge

Just as sustainability is receiving more attention in campus planning, so is landscaping and public art.

In some ways, they are merging with sustainability to create a more pedestrian friendly, activity-oriented campus where outdoor sculptures and gathering areas provide spots for contemplation, fellowship or just plain fun.

The addition of more public art is mandated by a Texas Tech University System policy that requires 1 percent of the budget of all new construction and .5 percent of the budget of all renovation projects over \$500,000 be allocated to public art for the campus.

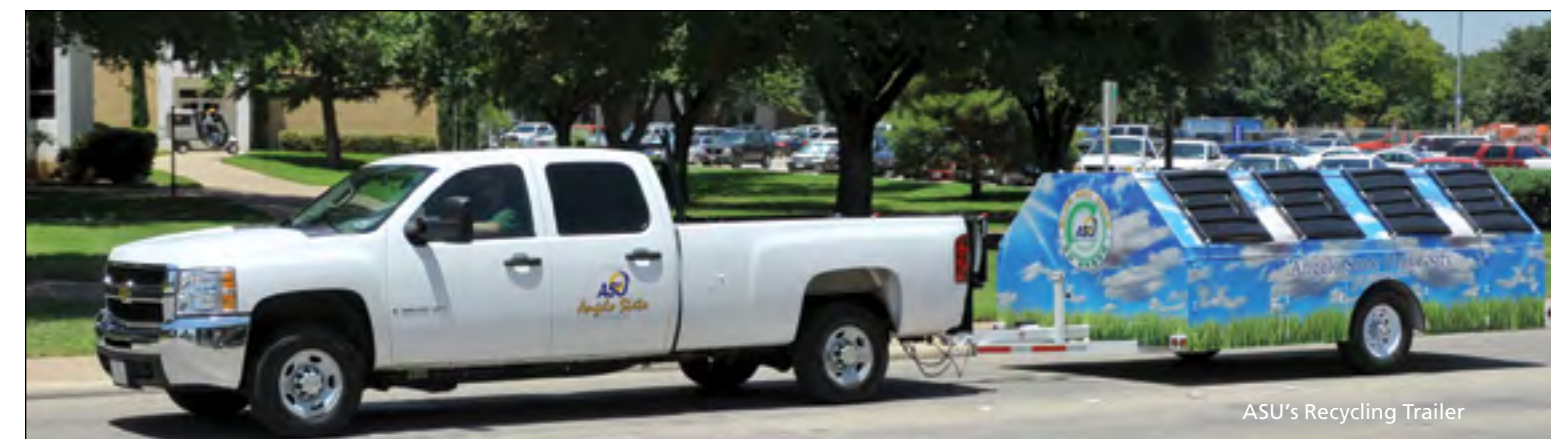
“The resources being devoted to aesthetics in the coming years,” said John Russell, director of facilities planning and construction, “will enhance the beauty of the campus and give it a genuine residential feel.”

With approximately \$113,800 in revenues from the expansion of the Center for Human Performance for a student recreation facility and the renovation of the Porter Henderson Library, ASU’s Public Art Committee has commissioned a public art master plan to tie in with the facilities master plan.

The public art master plan will determine locations and types of art installed across campus. Phase I of the new 900-bed Plaza Verde residence hall will include \$350,000 for art and \$350,000 for landscape enhancement.

Planning for Plaza Verde includes a water basin that will hold rain runoff to absorb the water into the soil, reducing the irrigation needs. For overflow, a dry creek bed feature is being planned along the mall to help drain excess water and to provide a striking visual feature that will help break up the flatness of the mall and offer pedestrian bridges in various locations. Different spots along the planned “creek” will lend themselves to public art.

“Our goal is to provide a park-like environment where students and visitors will want to spend time on campus, exploring the art or just enjoying the outdoors,” Russell said. ■



ASU's Recycling Trailer

# Targeting e-trash



Robert Dowler

See how chemistry is going green in a bonus feature on the ASU Magazine website at [www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/](http://www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/).

With advances in technology making almost any electronic device outdated shortly after it goes on the market, other types of electronics are increasingly being tossed aside in favor of newer models, making programs like the Biology Department's even more important. As a result, the department has expanded its program and can now also accept digital cameras, iPods, laptops, PDAs, DVD players, video games and consoles, and GPS devices.

"In the past, once these things died, there wasn't much you could do with them," Dowler said. "But, there are a lot of these items now that you can turn around and re-use or recycle."

Dowler and his volunteers have also collaborated with a local office supply company on the recycling project.

"Whenever customers bought a new cartridge, Concho Business Solutions would take their old ones for recycling," Dowler said. "They contacted us, and we made arrangements between them and one of the companies we use to have a truck come pick up the cartridges. They had six pallets of them in storage."

"The truck came and picked them up," he added. "They gave the company our account number, and any proceeds from the cartridges came back to us. We got an envelope one day, opened it up and found a check for about \$250. So, that was pretty cool."

All the money raised from the program goes into the Angelo State Natural History Collections (ASNHC) Endowment Fund, which supports collection maintenance and research/student projects associated with ASNHC.

"We started this as a twofold effort," Dowler said. "One is for the recycling itself, and we really pre-dated many of the other green initiatives on campus. The other is to get a source of funding to build this endowment to the point where we can really use it."

To date, the recycling program has raised more than \$1,600 for the endowment fund. That may not sound like a lot, but it represents a lot of work as many phones and cartridges bring in only 10-25 cents each.

"To us, that is actually a significant amount," Dowler said. "It doesn't make any sense to throw these things in the trash when it costs less to remanufacture them. Not only are we making a little bit of money, we are also conserving the raw materials it takes to make these items."

In addition to Dowler coordinating the program, biology faculty Drs. Loren Ammerman, Mike Dixon and Terry Maxwell have pitched in. Several biology students have also joined the effort, but more help is always needed.

"We are glad it is successful," Dowler said. "But, you eventually get to a point when you wonder how to handle it with just a few volunteers. In the back of my mind, I'm a little worried, but I'm sure we will work out something."

Senior biology major Amanda Hicks learned of the program after hearing Dowler speak at the "Bio Lunch" departmental program, and is now one of his main helpers.

"He talked about the recycling program, and I thought it would be cool to help out," Hicks said. "Obviously, it's important to recycle because it helps the environment. This program is also important because it can help people with research opportunities through the Natural History Collections."

So, Dowler and his student volunteers will continue to toil in the Cavness basement where the collected items are stored. Their work will make ASU just a little greener.

"I don't think there is any question that this has been a successful effort," Dowler said. "I wasn't sure what I expected when I started it. I just knew that most of these things were going into the dumpster and any of those that we recycled would be that many more that were kept out of the landfill. From that angle, there is no doubt that we are doing a lot."

"There are a lot of offices on campus that would like to recycle these items if they knew what to do with them," he added. "Hopefully, this will help get the word out that we will take them." ■

## Rather than the traditional

paper, plastic and aluminum, ASU's Biology Department decided to take its recycling efforts in a different and high-tech direction.

Since the spring of 2008, biology professor Dr. Robert Dowler has spearheaded the department's program to recycle used cell phones, printer cartridges and other electronic gadgets, all the while making ASU greener in the process.

"There is pollutant toxic waste, including arsenic, lead and cadmium, associated with cell phones and printer cartridges," Dowler said. "If they are not recycled, they end up in the landfill, leaching all that waste."

To date, Dowler and his helpers have sent more than 2,000 phones and cartridges to various companies for either recycle or re-use. Drop boxes in the Mayer Administration Building and Cavness Science Building regularly overflow with items as more campus offices get on board with the program.

"The thing that nobody imagined was how prominent these things would become or how fast they would become outdated," Dowler said. "Ours is a throw-away society, so these old cell phones and printer cartridges are all being added to the waste stream. From an environmental impact perspective, the primary thing is to keep them out of the landfill."

Columbite-tantalite, or "coltan," is used to make some of the main energy-storing components of electronic devices like computers and cell phones. It is mined primarily in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the excavation and sale of coltan has financed armed conflicts and led to the decimation of the critically endangered Eastern Lowland gorilla.



Biology students Amanda Hicks and Katelynn Frei sort and package used cell phones and printer cartridges for recycling.

Photos by Kimberley Parker

# Homecoming Dinner, Reunion Roundup

The ASU Alumni Association's Wells Fargo Homecoming Dinner will recognize 16 members of the extended ASU family Friday, Oct. 22, during Homecoming festivities on campus.

Association honorees for 2010 are Dan Herrington, Tamara Pearce Olive and Melody Wilkinson as distinguished alumni; Fred Key as honorary alumnus; Ramiro Guzman as Carr alumnus; Lt. Col. Scott G. Book as ROTC alumnus; and Johnny Bailey and Donald Boyd Cox as golden exes.

Other award recipients will be retired faculty member Paul K. "Buddy" Horne and faculty Tom Badgett, Maria Onofre-Madrid, Robert Kelly Michael, Steve Snowden and Roger E. Zarnowski. Outstanding ASU staff members will be honored by the association for the first time this fall with the inaugural recipients being Jo Nell Harlow and Shirley Morton.

The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center. Tickets are available for \$30 per person. Table sponsorships for eight may be purchased for \$300. Patron sponsorships, including a reserved table with preferential seating for eight, are available for \$500.

The ASU Alumni Association will also sponsor a new Homecoming event this year. The Reunion Roundup is scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center for exes who want to reconnect with their former ASU classmates or host organizational or class reunions. Alumni and their families can gather, meet and mingle and watch the bonfire.

Information on the Wells Fargo Homecoming Dinner or the Reunion Roundup is available by calling the ASU Alumni Association at (325) 942-2122 or by visiting the association online at [asuexes.com](http://asuexes.com).

## Alumni Award Criteria

### Distinguished Alumnus

An alumnus previously enrolled at SAC, ASC or ASU and a former student for at least 10 years and recognized by the Alumni Association for outstanding achievement in his/her business, profession, lifework or worthy endeavor.

### Distinguished Carr Scholar Alumnus

An alumnus who attended ASU on a Carr Scholarship and recognized by the Alumni Association for career and/or community service and leadership.

### Distinguished ROTC Alumnus

An alumnus who attended ASU as part of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 and recognized by the Alumni Association for significant impact in his/her career or lifework.

### Honorary Alumnus

A special friend and supporter of ASU who has made a significant impact on the university or the Alumni Association through support, recognition or career.

### Golden Ex of the Year

An individual enrolled at SAC or ASC at least 50 years ago who has continued a lasting relationship with ASU and/or the Alumni Association.

### Outstanding Retired Faculty

A former ASU faculty or staff member who had a distinguished career at ASU and has continued his/her support and involvement with ASU and/or the Alumni Association after retirement.

### Distinguished Faculty Achievement

A current ASU faculty member selected from each ASU college by the Alumni Association for his/her profound effect on the lives and careers of ASU students.

### Distinguished Staff Achievement

A current ASU staff member (outside of faculty and administration) selected by the Alumni Association for outstanding service that goes beyond the job description and is performed in a way that promotes the mission, spirit and/or vision of the university.

# Distinguished Alumni Just Do IT

Using his Angelo State computer science degree as a springboard to success, **Dan Herrington** has helped build the United Services Automobile Association's (USAA) information technology (IT) division into one of the best in the country.

As assistant vice president for IT operations, Herrington played an integral role in vaulting USAA to the No. 1 position on *Computerworld* magazine's 2010 list of "Best Places to Work in IT."

"A financial services company is critically dependent upon technology," Herrington said, "to bring in revenue, to service policies, to pay claims, to make sure there is money in your bank account when you write a check or go to the ATM. When stuff breaks, my organization is responsible for returning it to normal operations as quickly as possible. We've been on the list for 11 years, but this is our first time at the top."

His professional success plus his ongoing contributions as a member of the alumni community has garnered Herrington recognition from the ASU Alumni Association as a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus.

Already on the ASU College of Business Advisory Council since 2002, Herrington recently agreed to also serve on the College of Sciences Alumni Advisory Council. On the business council, he is aiding in the college's efforts to gain accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). His work for the College of Sciences deals more directly with students.

"The idea is to help the university guide the direction of the curriculum," Herrington said, "to make sure it is meeting the needs of the places where ASU graduates are hoping to go to work."

In that way, Herrington also helps himself as the executive sponsor of USAA's University Recruiting Program. He joined the program in 1993, and in 1997 started recruiting ASU students, of which about 35 now work in IT at USAA.

"The kids have a really good foundation when they get out of the computer science curriculum," Herrington said. "The management information systems curriculum is fairly new at ASU, and it is producing some excellent graduates as well."

Initially a business administration major after he transferred to ASU from Texas A&M, Herrington changed his course after taking his first computer science class.

"That is the first class I'd ever taken in college that really lit my fire," Herrington said. "It was like 'this is cool stuff, I could do this.' So, I sort of stumbled onto computer science. Had I not been at ASU, I cannot conjure in my head a path that would've led me to computer science."

After graduating in 1979, Herrington went to work for Aramco Services in Houston, then transferred to Saudi Aramco in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. It was there that he and his wife, Terri, whom he met at ASU, had their kids, Jason, 28, and Stacie, 25. He returned to the U.S. in 1990 to start at USAA.

Throughout his winding path from ASU graduate to one of the top IT executives in the U.S., Herrington has never forgotten what got him started.

"The depth of relationships that ASU faculty form with their students makes for a very different level of education," Herrington said. "They are very passionate about their students and they take a very personal interest in them. That just makes a phenomenal difference, I believe, in the quality of the education. They end up getting more out of their students." ■



Dan Herrington





Tamara Olive

First-generation Hispanic college students with life stories to tell sparked a research project that has led **Dr. Tamara Olive** to international notice as an authority on the Hispanic journey toward college.

A 1978 ASU graduate and an assistant professor in the Department of Education at Sul Ross State University, Olive over the last year has made international presentations in Norway and at the University of Cambridge in England on the factors that motivate Hispanic college students to seek higher education.

She first presented her findings last year in a paper titled “Desire for Higher Education in First-Generation Hispanic College Students Enrolled in a Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program: A Phenomenological Analysis” at the annual meeting of the International Human Science Research Conference in Molde, Norway.

“Based on that presentation,” Olive said, “I was invited to present at Cambridge.”

In August, she addressed the 2010 International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at Cambridge.

“I became interested in the subject at Sul Ross, where I had some great students with some inspiring stories to tell, and that really motivated me to do research in that area,” she said.

Her findings also are scheduled to be published in the *International Journal of*

*Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* as an article titled “A Desire for Higher Education in Hispanic College Students.”

Olive’s work in Hispanic student research and in journal publications along with past involvement with the Rape Crisis Center, Junior League, United Way and Concho Valley Home for Girls led the ASU Alumni Association to honor her as a Distinguished Alumna for 2010.

The San Angelo-based Olive, who also maintains a private counseling practice in San Angelo, travels to Alpine four times a semester per course to conduct classes on the main Sul Ross campus. She also teaches at a new Sul Ross site in Abilene.

Olive limits her San Angelo counseling practice to 20 hours a week because of her classroom obligations.

“My main priority is teaching,” Olive said. “Some is online, but the rest is in intensive format with four weekend sessions a semester per course in Alpine. I’m at home during the week, and when I’m supervising interns, I get to travel all over Texas visiting with them at sites like Marfa, Del Rio, in the Lubbock area and lots of different places.”

Olive began teaching at Sul Ross as an adjunct professor in 2005, returning to the school where she earned a master’s in counseling in 2002. She became an assistant professor in 2009 after earning a doctorate in psychology at the Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco.

Before that, she taught English and speech at San Angelo Central High School, then worked in several capacities with the Shannon Health System in San Angelo, as marketing director at River Crest Hospital and as a licensed professional counselor intern with Live Oak Counseling in San Angelo.

“I really like both clinical work and teaching,” Olive said. “One enhances the other and it’s a really good mix for me. Being a teacher makes me a better counselor and being a counselor makes me a better teacher.”

The Stamford native’s oldest son, Jason Pearce, is a coach and teacher at Crane High School. Her younger son, John Mark Olive, works for his father’s nursery and as a plumbing apprentice in San Angelo. ■



Looking back over her 18 months as 17<sup>th</sup> District Court judge, **Melody Wilkinson** expressed happiness at taking the chance and jumping into the political fray.

“I absolutely love it,” she said. “I’m honored to be in this position.”

In reality, she was almost an accidental candidate.

“I was a last-minute candidate, and I’m glad I went ahead and ran.”

“I thought I might run,” she said, “but I didn’t have any immediate plans. When Judge (Fred W.) Davis announced he would retire, it became a crowded race. I thought the timing wasn’t really right for me. Then one candidate dropped out and I got a ton of phone calls encouraging me to get into the race.”

Wilkinson won a hard-fought Republican primary and then defeated her Democratic opponent in the November 2008 general election. For her standing in the legal community and for her support of ASU, the ASU Alumni Association has named her a Distinguished Alumna for 2010.

“I didn’t really know what to expect,” she said of assuming the role of jurist. “Sometimes, we have some really challenging decisions, but I’m very conscious of them and very mindful that decisions are going to impact so many people.”

Wilkinson describes her court as a general jurisdiction with civil preference.

“Historically, my court has heard civil cases,” she said. “I have a broad background, and there are things I saw in my practice that I see now in court, but there are also things I see for the first time. My background is in civil law.”

After graduating *summa cum laude* from ASU in 1985 with a bachelor’s degree and a double major in government and English, Wilkinson earned her law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law and started a legal career in Tarrant County. She has been an active litigator since 1988 in commercial cases, product liability, labor law and professional malpractice.

Although the bench keeps her closer to her Fort Worth home than did her law practice, the demands on Wilkinson’s time are just as intense.

“I don’t do the traveling that I did in private practice,” she said, “but it still takes a lot of hours because you want to be prepared for trials. When you have trials all day, there is little down time to reflect on decisions, so I always bring something home to read so I can be prepared as best I can.”

Wilkinson is still a leader in both the legal community and in her city as she was before donning judge’s robes. She has served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and as the Tarrant County Bar Association’s president.

“I’m still active with the state bar,” she said, “but I’m more active in the American Bar Association now with chair law and the public service committee for tort challenge.”

Fort Worth has also benefited from Wilkinson’s activism on behalf of the YMCA, the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department’s Sports Advisory Council, with youth volleyball and basketball and in her church.

She also spends as much time as she can with her husband and three children while maintaining her civic volunteerism.

Though her busy schedule prevents her from making regular visits to ASU, Wilkinson still has fond memories of her alma mater.

“I enjoyed my time at ASU,” she said, “and I’m really looking forward to coming back this fall.” ■



Melody Wilkinson

Photo Courtesy of Glenn E. Eilman Photography, Fort Worth





Fred Key

Anyone who has ever listened to an Angelo State University game on the radio or on AngeloSports.com can thank **Fred Key**.

As president and chief executive officer of Foster Communications, Key has long worked with Angelo State University to broadcast Rams and Rambelles athletics on his San Angelo stations KKSA-AM, KIXY-FM, KWFR-FM and KCLL-FM.

In the process, he has given ASU athletics the best broadcast coverage in the Lone Star Conference with football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball regular and post-season games airing locally. Additionally, he has been an active supporter and board member of the Angelo State Athletic Foundation.

The same commitment of time and resources he gives to Angelo State, he also shares with the community. If it is worthwhile and benefits San Angelo, Key is involved and likely in a leadership position, whether with the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, United Way, March of Dimes, San Angelo Symphony, Hospice of San Angelo or San Angelo Convention and Visitors Center. The list goes on.

"Foster Communications is a locally owned company," Key said, "and the community has been good to us. Community service is just my way of giving something back to a community that has been so supportive of us.

I encourage my staff to participate in the community and we currently serve on more than 30 boards and agencies in San Angelo. We live here and we want a quality community to live in."

For his longstanding support of ASU and its athletic programs as well

as his numerous contributions to the surrounding community, Key has been named the ASU Alumni Association's Honorary Alumnus for 2010.

Originally from the Tennessee community of Monterrey about halfway between Nashville and Knoxville, Key came to West Texas courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. While stationed at Dyess AFB in Abilene, he received a job offer from Walton Foster to go into San Angelo radio in 1971.

"I started out as his bookkeeper, then went into sales," Key said. "I've never had but one job after I got out of the service, but this is the only job I've ever wanted. Mine would be the shortest résumé in the business since my career all begins and ends with Foster Communications."

While working at his new San Angelo job, Key resumed his education, originally started at Tennessee Tech, at Angelo State, but his growing business responsibilities and success cut short his time to complete his degree. Even so, his intermittent ASU experience helped strengthen his love for Angelo State athletics as well as for the coaches and athletes who made the Rams and Rambelles successful.

"The quality of coaches and the quality of athletes here has been exceptional," Key said. "They are practically icons to me, people like Phil George, Jim Hess, Jerry Vandergriff and Kathleen Brasfield."

Consequently, Key attends every ASU game his busy schedule will allow and is a regular at ASU Athletic Foundation luncheons. He believes athletics can make a difference in the lives of people, and Key is all about people and working with them.

Perhaps his effectiveness as a leader in business and as a pillar of the San Angelo community is best illustrated by the honoraria bestowed upon him by two presidents-to-be on opposite ends of the political spectrum. He has been designated both as an "Arkansas Traveler" by then-Gov. William J. Clinton and as an "Admiral in the Texas Navy" by then-Gov. George W. Bush.

As one colleague said of Key, "He has a great passion for improving life wherever he is." ■

Raised on a ranch in Mexico, **Ramiro Guzman** always knew he would work with animals and agriculture, but what he did not foresee was how.

A 1995 ASU animal science graduate, Guzman is now the field logistics director for TempTRIP in Del Rio, where he implemented and oversees a temperature monitoring service for meat and agricultural produce. And, that is just his latest accomplishment in the agriculture industry.

"I joined the staff at Purdue University that launched the first distance-delivered M.B.A. in food and agribusiness," Guzman said. "When I came home to the border, I worked with RFID (radio-frequency identification) of cattle in our export business and for feedlots in Mexico, and implemented the system for RFID on all registered sheep in Mexico."

For his outstanding accomplishments in the agricultural technology field, Guzman was named the ASU Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Carr Scholar Alumnus.

During his time at ASU, Guzman received Carr and 4-H Opportunity scholarships as well as the Dooley Freshman Academic Award. He was active in Block and Bridle, Association of Mexican-American Students and Student Senate, which he served as student body president. He was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society and Alpha Chi national honor society. He was also co-winner of the 1995 Presidential Award as the top graduate in his class.

"I was accepted to other schools, but for me, ASU was the 'Goldilocks' combination," Guzman said. "Not too far from home, but not too close; small enough so I could meet someone new every week, but not so small I knew everyone on campus; academically challenging, but still focused on teaching. It was just right."

Guzman also holds a master's degree from Purdue and is a Microsoft Certified Professional. He and his wife, Lizbeth, were married in July. ■



Ramiro Guzman

Distinguished ROTC Alumnus **Dedicated Scholar**

Attending Angelo State University was a life-changing experience for **Lt. Col. Scott G. Book**, this year's Distinguished ROTC Alumnus.

Not only did Book prepare for a career in the Air Force while studying at ASU, but he also met his wife of 19 years, Karin Hardie. The couple now has two children.

Book, a native of Nazareth, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from ASU and his Air Force commission through ASU ROTC in 1988. He completed Undergraduate Navigator Training and served eight years as a B-52 electronic warfare officer.

After deciding to pursue a medical career, he attended graduate school at Louisiana State and then attended medical school at LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport.

Book is now an Air Force physician, serving as a diagnostic radiologist and the chief of thoracic imaging at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base.

"Being a radiologist is intellectually challenging since it is a field that continues to evolve with technology," Book said.

Book said ASU's ROTC program taught him what to expect in his military career.

"The structure of the detachment and day-to-day interaction with the cadre are very representative of the Air Force," Book said. "ROTC also allows you to have a normal college life, unlike the military academies."

He has fond memories of playing ASU intramural sports and building and guarding the bonfire during Homecoming week. Book also enjoyed living on campus in the men's high rise, Robert Massie Hall and Mayer Hall.

Book and his family still occasionally visit San Angelo to see his in-laws, so he has been able to see ASU's changes over the years.

"I was impressed with some of the structural changes at ASU," Book said. "I was amused by the high rise implosion, which I saw on YouTube." ■



Scott Book

## Golden Ex of the Year **A Lasting Impression**



Johnny Bailey

Angelo State University was the ideal institution for **Dr. Johnny M. Bailey** to establish a college teaching career because he valued its small size and strong academic tradition.

Bailey, one of the ASU Alumni Association's 2010 Golden Exes, was hired as an ASU assistant professor of mathematics in 1968. In 1982, he was promoted to department head, a position he held for the next 22 years. Upon retirement in 2006, after 38 years of service to ASU, he received the prestigious designation of Distinguished Professor of Mathematics Emeritus by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System.

He grew up on the family farm in Concho County and attended Paint Rock High School. He enrolled at San Angelo College (SAC) in the fall of 1958 and in his sophomore year was elected president of SAC's honor society.

Bailey attributes his career path to the "outstanding instructors" he had as a SAC student.

"They were individuals with very high personal as well as professional standards who demonstrated a genuine interest in the success of their students," Bailey said. "There is no doubt the inspiration I received from these dedicated faculty members played a major role in my decision to pursue a career in college teaching."

After completing two years at SAC, Bailey transferred to the University of Texas at Austin where he earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics.

Since retirement, Bailey has remained in contact with his colleagues in the ASU Mathematics Department. He and his wife, Carol, are avid ASU softball fans and attend various other ASU sports events as well.

His wife and both their children, Paula and Clinton, also attended ASU. ■

## Outstanding Retired Faculty **Ultimate Experience**

**Paul K. "Buddy" Horne** looks back with fondness at his long-time affiliation with Angelo State University, first as a student, later as a coach and faculty member, and finally as an administrator.

"It has been the ultimate," he said. "It educated me; it provided opportunities; and it gave me two positions that I loved and worked at for 39 years."

Others recall just as fondly his career and his support of ASU since his retirement, earning him the ASU Alumni Association's 2010 honor as Outstanding Retired Faculty.

Since retirement, as Horne described it, "I have managed to stay out of the way but continue my support."

Horne received his associate degree from San Angelo College (SAC) in 1955, then went on to get his bachelor's and master's degrees from Abilene Christian College. After a year as a physical education

instructor at Azle High School, he returned to SAC in 1958 and spent the rest of his professional career on campus.

Horne worked 12 years as a physical education instructor and coach, serving as an assistant in football and basketball as well as head coach in baseball and tennis. In 1970 he became ASU's dean of men, a position that later became dean of students, his post when he retired in 1997.

Highlights of those years were working with Phil George and Max Bumgardner in athletics while he was a coach and with Dr. William O'Zee, Nolen Mears and Susan Brooks while he was an administrator.

He and his wife, Betty, have a daughter, Kathy with husband Randy Matthews, and a son, Paul Horne with wife Shari. Horne's grandchildren are Mason, Brian and Tara Matthews and Kristin and KaraLin Horne. They have a great grandchild, Rian Matthews. ■



Paul Horne

## Golden Ex of the Year **Giving Back**



Donald Cox

**Donald Boyd Cox** embodies the qualities of the model alumnus with his unwavering loyalty, his ongoing assistance to Angelo State University students and his contributions of time and money to his alma mater.

Whether it was his virtually unbroken attendance at football games since 1968, his support of Rambelles softball, or his willingness since 1980 to hire ag students to work on his farm-and-ranch operation, Cox has always been there when ASU needed him. That commitment earned him 2010 recognition as an ASU Alumni Association Golden Ex of the Year.

"ASU gets my attention," Cox said.

Cox graduated from San Angelo College (SAC) in 1961 with an associate degree in animal husbandry. While in school, he worked for the band director for 90 cents an hour and played clarinet in both the marching band and in the Dixie Cats, the basketball spirit band. In 1960, Cox kept the SAC's live

mascot ram at his family's ranch.

Though he went from SAC to Texas Tech University, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degree, his home remained in San Angelo and his heart with ASU.

His commitment to students is unsurpassed as he and his wife, Pat, stay in touch with several who once worked for him. They also established the Donald D. and Fay Cox Endowed Scholarship to benefit future students.

For his long-time service to agricultural students, he was named an honorary member of Block and Bridle in 1987. He still loans the student organization a trailer to decorate each year for the ASU Homecoming Parade. He explains his commitment to ASU modestly.

"I've done it because I've enjoyed it," Cox said.

He and his wife have a daughter, Kim Denise Cox, who received a B.S. and M.S. in animal science from ASU. ■



Photo by Tina Doyle

# Distinguished Faculty Achievement



Tom Badgett



Steven Snowden



Maria Onofre-Madrid



R. Kelly Michael



Roger Zarnowski

## All-Around Excellence

Dr. Tom Badgett's influence on the ASU campus extends far beyond his classroom and his department.

At ASU since 1988 and head of the Management and Marketing Department since 1999, Badgett has provided expertise, leadership and administrative oversight to campus groups and committees involved in everything from strategic planning and curriculum changes to resource allocation and candidate searches for upper-level faculty, staff and administrators.

For his ongoing contributions to the entire ASU community, Badgett has been named the Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award winner for the College of Business.

"When I was a student, I could see that the faculty members who had the highest levels of job satisfaction were those who were fully engaged in the life of the university," Badgett said. "So, I made a commitment to myself, 'if I'm going to do this job, I'm going to do it right,' and that involves more than just going in and teaching."

Badgett earned his B.B.A and M.B.A. from TCU and his doctorate in business administration from Indiana University.

## Chasing the 'A-ha' Moment

When students "get" what Dr. Steven Snowden is teaching, that makes his efforts worthwhile.

"That's the 'A-ha' moment, I guess," he said. "The kids who are really in it to learn are the ones who are the most gratifying."

Snowden's classroom commitment to his students and his service to student athletes the past three years as ASU's Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA has earned him the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award for the College of Education.

He has also served with the Faculty Senate since 2007, the past two years as secretary; the By-Laws and Standing Rules Committee; University Affairs Committee; Gender Equity Advisory Committee; Hall of Honor Committee; and the Compliance Committee, among others.

The associate professor in the Kinesiology Department joined the ASU faculty in 2005. He holds his bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M and his master's degree from Sam Houston State.

## World View

Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid encourages her students to exchange the classroom for the world to better appreciate their lives at home.

Onofre-Madrid does her part to help, leading numerous study abroad trips to Mexico and proposing a trip to Spain in

the summer of 2011 through ASU's Center for International Studies.

For her classroom work with language students, her student mentoring abroad, her active church/community involvement and her example as a strong role model for Hispanic women, the assistant professor of Spanish has been selected for the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts.

Onofre-Madrid joined the ASU faculty in 1978. An ASU alumna with a B.A., she earned her master's degree at the University of Texas at Arlington and did doctoral studies at the University of Texas at Austin before returning to her alma mater to teach in 1984.

She stresses the importance of students experiencing life elsewhere.

"If we can get them to understand what's out there," she said, "they will appreciate what we have here."

## Teaching Innovation

Both students and professors in ASU's Nursing Department benefit from the inventive teaching methods introduced by R. Kelly Michael.

An assistant clinical professor, Michael is studying for his doctorate in education from the University of Alabama. New concepts he has gleaned from his studies are already profiting his ASU colleagues and students.

"From every class, I bring back three or four ideas," Michael said. "I'll say 'let's try this. Here is the research. Let's set something up, pilot it and see what happens.' It's about how to educate, how to take what is in the textbooks and in fun, innovative ways help students create their knowledge."

For his positive influence in the Nursing Department, Michael has been named the ASU Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award winner for the College of Nursing and Allied Health.

Earlier this year, Michael was also honored with ASU's 2010 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching for his college.

Michael earned both his B.S.N. and M.S.N. from the Medical College of Georgia.

## Breaking New Ground

Angelo State mathematics students enjoy more options in the classroom and the research lab due to the efforts of Dr. Roger Zarnowski.

A 19-year ASU faculty member, Zarnowski has been instrumental in initiating the Mathematics Department's new courses and minor in computational and applied mathematics. A firm believer in undergraduate research, he has mentored numerous students on projects that have gained regional and national recognition.

"It's exciting to see students get turned on with new ideas and new knowledge," Zarnowski said. "It's really nice to be able to share that with students and then see them go out and make use of it, either in graduate school or employment."

The ASU Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award for the College of Sciences recognizes Zarnowski for his influence in the Mathematics Department and his impact with students.

Zarnowski earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from Wichita State University. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Indiana University. ■

# Distinguished Staff Achievement



Shirley Morton

## Dedication Personified

Twice Shirley Morton delayed her retirement to provide assistance during administrative transitions at Angelo State University.

That type of dedication exemplified Morton's 42-year ASU career in a variety of staff and administrative positions, most recently as executive assistant to the vice president for strategy, planning and policy. That commitment is also why she is one of the inaugural recipients of the ASU Alumni Association's Distinguished Staff Achievement Award.

Though she did indeed retire from full-time employment at the end of August, she plans to help out in the Athletics Department and still looks back with fondness at her years at San Angelo College as a student and at ASU as an employee, beginning in the fall of 1967.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," Morton said.

Over the years, Morton helped organize the first Discover ASU, modeled the first modern Roscoe costume, sponsored the ASU cheerleaders for 13 years, served as the Lone Star Conference secretary-treasurer for 13 years and directed the UIL 1-4A regional spring meet at ASU for 21 years. She has been inducted into the LSC Hall of Honor and was a 2005 recipient of ASU's Staff Excellence Award.

She and her husband, Charles M. "Chuck" Morton, can be seen these days at ASU athletic events.



Jo Nell Harlow

## Home Sweet Home

Jo Nell Harlow left ASU after earning her B.B.A. and M.B.A. while employed six years in the Admissions Office, but she never got working with college students out of her system.

After staying 11 years at GTE (now Verizon) and three years at a San Angelo elementary school, Harlow "came home" to ASU in 1995 and has been office coordinator for the Mathematics Department ever since.

"Every student who comes to ASU has to take a math course," Harlow said. "So, I see developmental students, our minors, our majors and all students in between. That is what keeps me going, the interaction with those kids."

"Every time I would drive through ASU on my way to GTE," she added, "I would see those kids crossing the street and think 'oh, I just miss that.' I am definitely glad I came home."

That dedication helped earn Harlow one of the ASU Alumni Association's inaugural 2010 Distinguished Staff Achievement Awards.

Though she has also won ASU Staff Excellence Awards in 1999 and 2008, the alumni award holds extra meaning.

"To be one of the first recipients of this award is really special," Harlow said. "I feel truly honored to have been selected." ■



# Exes and O's

by Roy Ivey

**In a state where football** reigns supreme, Angelo State University crowns more gridiron coaches than any other institution of higher education in Texas, regardless of size or NCAA division.

Even though it has been that way for years, no one is quite sure why, though many have their suspicions. And, it's not just quantity of coaches but also quality as ASU grads include multiple state championship winners, the third winningest football coach in Texas high school football history and another coach whose name is forever tied to the phrase "Friday night lights."

As early as the 1950s, San Angelo College was producing coaches like Spike Dykes and Grant Teaff, who at their retirement from coaching were the winningest football coaches in the history of Texas Tech University and Baylor University, respectively. As the executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, Teaff is to this day one of the most influential voices in all of football nationally.

Some say ASU's football legacy is the product of the longevity of ASU's coaching staff. Others believe it is the examples the ASU coaches set off the field as well as on the sidelines. Some think it is the coaching alumni network that is strengthened each June during the Angelo Football Clinic.

Regardless of the reason, as of this summer, 93 active head football coaches in Texas held ASU degrees. In fact, ASU boasted 20 more graduates in coaching than the second place school on the list, said Len Lo Presto, editor of the *Texas Sports Guide of High Schools and Colleges*. The coaches' bible tracks all 1,493 Texas high school football teams.

Lo Presto noted that ASU leads No. 2 Stephen F. Austin State University's 73, Texas Tech University's 63, Texas State University's 60 and Sul Ross State University's 51. Other universities with significant numbers of coaches in the Texas high school ranks include Texas A&M with 42, Abilene Christian University with 28 and the University of Texas with 18.

How a NCAA Division II university with about 6,400 students could graduate so many more football coaches than the other universities in Texas sparks some debate.

"We have talked about that a lot," said Kathleen Brasfield, ASU athletic director. "It could be because a lot of us have been at ASU for a long time."

For instance, retired basketball coach and athletic director Phil George worked 37 years at ASU. Football coach Jerry Vandergriff, assistant football coach Mike Martin and basketball coach Ed Messbarger had all



worked more than 20 years on campus before they retired. And Brasfield has worked in ASU athletics for 32 years.

"When I look back at what was called the Physical Education Department, Charley Shannon had been a coach, Dr. Robert Carter was a former coach, and Dr. Jewell Pye and Earl Yarborough were former coaches," Brasfield said. "I don't know if those professors, because we all taught then, and the coaching staff staying so long had anything to do with it, or if it is a set of circumstances that no one has figured out."

Vandergriff, a founding director for the annual Angelo Football Clinic that draws upward of 2,000 football coaches, said longevity of the coaching staff and the resulting stability likely influenced the school's coaching production.

"I think it's a neat thing for Angelo State," Vandergriff said, "not only from an alumni standpoint, but also because the coaches can interact. Having contacts like that and having people with a common base in the same profession is very valuable to you."

"It's a fraternity of brothers and sisters," said Sterlin Gilbert, San Angelo Lake View head football coach and former ASU quarterback. "You can look at a list of coaching prospects and see all the young men and women who graduated from ASU. You don't have to get a reference first for somebody before you consider them because you know their background."

Brady High School coach Glen Jones, whose team rolled up a 13-1 record last fall and a trip to the Texas Class 2A-Division I semifinals, noticed the link between ASU alumni coaches while serving on the Texas Coaches Association Board of Directors.

"You see connections at every level from 5A to 1A," said Jones, "and then you start finding out that a lot of the older and more successful coaches in the state have ties to ASU. It's not only the coaches, but principals and superintendents. The networking is second to none. I hire people because we both know other people, and I've given people jobs because of their Angelo State ties. It's as simple as that."

Current Rams head football coach Dale Carr said he sees ASU alumni regularly when he goes on recruiting trips.

"I'm surprised at how strong a network they have," Carr said. "A lot of those guys come back to the Angelo Football Clinic, and they see each other at the Texas High School Coaches Association Convention and Coaching School in July."

Carr said ASU graduates in coaching serve as role models for their players.

"Most high school coaches are pretty careful about telling athletes where to go to college," he said. "ASU graduates like it when their players come here, but kids have to be comfortable with it. I wouldn't like to see them pushed too hard because if the kids came here and didn't like it, they wouldn't stay anyway."

ASU assistant coach Matt Fryar liked ASU and has found helpful his ties as an ASU alumnus.

"The most important decision in my career was coming to school here and

meeting the large family of coaches from ASU, especially Coach Vandergriff and Coach Martin," Fryar said. "I also coached for Gary Gaines when he was at Abilene Christian University and then for Jason Herring at Sonora."

Gaines, in his second tour as head coach at Odessa Permian High School, is hoping to match his previous success that included a Class 5A state championship in 1989. That came a year after Gaines and his Permian team were chronicled in *Friday Night Lights*, the H.G. Bissinger book that became a movie and later a popular television series. Gaines' 1988 team made it to the state semifinals.

Gaines said the most important things he learned at ASU were preparation and work ethic, both from the coaches' and from the players' perspectives. Those lessons helped him understand how coaches relate to players.

"After you develop relationships with young people," he said, "they are going to remember how you treated them long after what you teach them has faded. Coaching is really an extension of teaching, and the best coaches are some of the best classroom teachers."

A contemporary of Gaines at ASU, Corpus Christi Calallen head coach Phil Danaher came from Harlingen to play quarterback under Max Bumgardner, who had coached for San Angelo College in the 1950s and re-installed Rams football when SAC became Angelo State College in 1965.

What Danaher learned under Bumgardner and his assistants, Paul K. "Buddy" Horne and Wade Turner, as well as from legendary coach Grant Teaff, has served him well. His overall record of 344-88-4 going into the 2010 season has elevated him to the No. 3 spot on the all-time winners list among Texas high school football coaches.

"They were good men and good coaches," Danaher said of his mentors. "I watched and learned from them how people work, how to motivate kids and have a genuine interest in them."

Bumgardner mentored Teaff, who succeeded him and energized ASU's football program, and then did the same at Baylor University. In a 2007 interview, Teaff identified "the power of influence" as a defining reason for the coaching legacy at ASU.

"The coaches that coached at Angelo State had a great love for the game and the

profession," Teaff said. "Many of my teammates and players went into coaching, as did Jerry's (Vandergriff) players."

A&M Consolidated coach Jim Slaughter, an ASU alumnus, said the coaching culture comes with deep roots.

"I was very fortunate," said the Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor member. "My high school and college coaches were all great people. Bumgardner was the top dog at ASU, and Paul Horne was an assistant. They were extremely hard workers and they made me aware that if you don't take care of the kids, you won't get what you want out of them."

Slaughter also keeps up with his former teammates, many of whom are or have been coaches, such as La Pryor head coach Gary Griffin and Eddie Wolski, an official with the University Interscholastic League.

"We had a Rams reunion in Brownwood organized by Gary Griffin and Eddie Wolski awhile back," Slaughter said. "In the coaching business, we see each other a lot. Some of them are still coaching and a lot have gone on to other things. I've got a lot of buddies, and we like to all go play golf."

Two other ASU alumni learned their skills from Jim Hess, who led ASU to the 1978 NAIA national football championship, and then from Vandergriff, who coached under Hess before taking over when Hess moved on.

Steve Warren, Abilene High School head coach, led his Eagles to the Class 5A-Division II title in 2009, while Gary Proffitt was guiding his Goldthwaite Eagles to the Class 1A state title.

Warren credits ASU's coaches for inspiring him to heed the coaching call.

"If it wasn't for the opportunities I had at ASU under Jim Hess, Jerry Vandergriff, Mike Martin and the others, I wouldn't be a coach," Warren said.

"I started off as an accounting major even though I grew up in a coaching family," he said, "but the ASU coaches really solidified my wanting to be a coach. Most of what I learned about coaching actually came while I was playing football and watching Mike, Jerry and Hardee McCrary, and how they treated the kids."

Like Warren, Proffitt was undecided on a career, but soon found his calling under Hess and Martin.

"After the first year, I knew that was the direction I wanted to go," the three-time state champion coach said.

Sterlin Gilbert's counterpart at San Angelo Central High School, Brent Davis, also hails from ASU. Both consider their collegiate experiences as key elements in shaping their careers.

"Playing for Jerry Vandergriff, Mike Martin, Tim Reid and Hardee McCrary had a positive influence on me," said Davis. "At that age, you don't really understand how much you are learning about things like structure and enthusiasm."

"I was a walk-on," Davis said, "and Coach McCrary treated me with respect and gave me a chance. He coached me as hard as anyone else and did it from the heart. That's just the way he handled kids."

Gilbert came to ASU later than Davis, but found the same philosophy still in play.

"ASU had a huge impact on me with Coach Vandergriff, Reid and Martin, and they produced a lot of other coaches before me," Gilbert said. "It was a known fact that they and the university had been producing coaches. I was fortunate to get my degree from there and play football in the process." ■



Grant Teaff



Steve Warren



Brent Davis

Sterlin Gilbert



Amy Bippert Bohensky

# Honorable Rambelle

**Amy Bippert Bohensky**, one of the greatest track and field athletes in Rambelles history, has been selected as one of two 2010 inductees into the Lone Star Conference Hall of Honor.

"She is," said ASU Athletic Director Kathleen Brasfield, "the epitome of what ASU track exemplifies – a hard-working, committed athlete who makes the most of her opportunity and maximizes her talent through commitment, determination and courage."

In the process, Bippert Bohensky won a national championship, was named female athlete of the year and became a nine-time NCAA Division II All-American.

Bippert Bohensky joined Harvey Martin, a Texas A&M-Commerce defensive lineman who went on to play for the Dallas Cowboys, as the LSC's 2010 Hall of Honor selections.

Bippert Bohensky competed for ASU from 1994-97. During the Rambelles' sixth-place finish at the 1997 D-II national championships, she scored 19 of the team's 37 points. She became ASU's fourth female track and field national champion, claiming the title in the heptathlon. She added a second-place finish in the triple jump and an eighth-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Then-assistant track and field coach James Reid, who guided her in the jumping events when she came to ASU, said her athletic gifts were enhanced by her work ethic, her competitiveness and her goal-oriented outlook.

"In her second year here," Reid said, "we moved her from being a jumper only to being a heptathlon athlete also. This meant learning four new events. Obviously, she accomplished that as she went on to become a NCAA champion in the heptathlon, but I think that was a result of her, from day one, setting that as a goal and working for three years on those 'new' events to eventually mastering them and becoming an NCAA champion."

Bippert Bohensky left ASU as the school record holder in the heptathlon (5,268 points) and in the triple jump (42'4.25") and had the fourth-best performance by a Rambelle in the high jump (5'6.5"). In addition, she finished her career with six of the top 10 all-time performances in the 100-meter hurdles.

After her senior season, Bippert Bohensky was named the LSC Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year. She earned at least one All-America certificate each of her four years as a Rambelle.

Bippert Bohensky was also recognized for her work in the classroom while at ASU. She was honored as a two-time Academic All-American, earning Academic Athlete of the Year for at-large sports as a senior. After her athletic career, she collected the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, becoming the first ASU athlete to earn the honor. Bippert Bohensky was inducted into the ASU Athletics Hall of Honor in 2006.

"Words do not do justice for the type of person Amy was and is, and to the contribution that she made to Angelo State University and our track and field program," Reid said. "She brought national attention to our program and our university, especially women's athletics, and to me that is priceless."

She becomes the ninth ASU athlete, coach or administrator elected to the LSC Hall of Honor. Previous inductees are Kyle Freeman, Phil George, Pierce Holt, Ed Messbarger, Shirley Morton, David Noble, Joshua Owusu and Lloyd D. Vincent. ■



# On Track

**If timing is indeed** everything, then the timing could not be better for Angelo State to add women's indoor track and field to the university's athletic repertoire.

Beginning this fall, Angelo State University will add women's indoor track and field to the Rambelle athletic menu, bringing to eight the number of NCAA Division II sports open to ASU women.

Multiple factors, including gender equity issues, the budgetary impact and ASU competitiveness, entered into the decision to start the sport, said Athletic Director Kathleen Brasfield in making the announcement.

"Women's indoor track and field is an easy addition to our athletic offerings because it enhances our female participation

in line with our gender equity goals and does so without a significant impact on our athletics budget," Brasfield said. "We are excited because it will provide more opportunities for athletic competition for our women."

ASU track and field coach James Reid, whose women's team won the 2010 NCAA D-II Outdoor Track and Field National Championship in May, said the addition of the indoor competition will have little impact on the team's training and practice regimen because the athletes train throughout the school year anyway.

While the training is the same, ASU does not have the facilities to host indoor meets and will be on the road to sites with appropriate facilities. The new sport will

mean travel to three or four indoor meets each winter for the Rambelles.

A major advantage, according to Reid, will be in recruiting.

"Athletes always want more opportunities to compete at the championship level," Reid said. "The addition of the indoor sport has the potential to make our women's track and field program even stronger and help us continue to be a national caliber team. It will definitely give our athletes another chance to bring national recognition to Angelo State and San Angelo."

The NCAA's D-II indoor national meet is conducted each year in March.

ASU's other women's sports are volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, golf, softball and outdoor track and field. ■

# Sports Talk

**Kevin McCarty**, who has worked in athletic media relations at four colleges, assumed duties this past summer as Angelo State University's first director of athletic communications.

In that capacity, McCarty oversees the publicity and promotion of 13 ASU sports, supervises the official athletic website AngeloSports.com, and directs the department's marketing and social media initiatives.

The new position supplants the previous post of sports information director.

"One of the strategic goals for the College Sports Information Directors of America," said ASU Athletic Director Kathleen Brasfield, "is to expand beyond the traditional role of the sports information director as a statistician, game manager and media contact to a broader marketing role. Kevin McCarty will help Angelo State make that transition to a marketing concept in line with both COSIDA's and our vision for the future." ■

The Office of Athletic Communications is charged with extending the outreach of ASU athletics beyond the local media to state and, where appropriate, national media and with engaging the community in strengthening the support of Rams and Rambelles athletics.

McCarty and his wife, Brooksie, came to ASU from Illinois State University, where he earned a master's degree in kinesiology and recreation with a concentration in sport management. While at Illinois State, McCarty served as the media contact for the Redbird baseball team and secondary contact for the Redbird football team. He was co-editor of the football and basketball game day programs.

McCarty earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Kansas State University, where he spent time working as the media contact for the men's golf team and women's tennis team as a student assistant. Additionally,



Kevin McCarty

McCarty served as a student assistant at Oklahoma State University and Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College. He also spent three summers working with Athletes in Action's Texas Collegiate League team in Mineral Wells, Texas. ■

## Football

**Coach:** Dale Carr  
(6<sup>th</sup> year, 23-31 overall at ASU)  
**Last Year:** 6-5  
(5-4, 1-6<sup>th</sup> in LSC; 2-4, 6<sup>th</sup> in LSC South)

**Outlook:** With a strong core of starters returning on both offense and defense, the Rams are looking to take the next step and make the playoffs for the first time since 2005. Fifty returning lettermen, 30 new freshmen and several junior college transfers are expected to give the Rams the depth they need to make a run at the postseason.

**Top Returners:** The Rams have one of the top Lone Star Conference quarterbacks in returning senior Josh Neiswander. Also returning are his two favorite targets, senior V'Keon Lacey and sophomore Dakarai Pecikonis. Juniors Stephen Boyles, Connor Cook and Keefer Preece will lead an experienced offensive line. Senior linebacker Brandon Mayse and senior defensive back Markeith Jones will anchor the defense along with senior nose guard Cody Smith.

**Cotton Bowl:** The Rams will take on the Texas A&M-Commerce Lions in the Harvey Martin Classic on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Cotton Bowl. It will mark ASU's first-ever game at that iconic stadium.

## 2010 Ram Football

<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>Eastern New Mexico</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Sept. 11	vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (Cotton Bowl)	5 p.m.
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>West Texas A&amp;M (Family Day)</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Oct. 2	at Tarleton State	7 p.m.
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M-Kingsville</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Oct. 16	at Midwestern State	8 p.m.
<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Incarinate Word (Homecoming)</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Oct. 30	at Abilene Christian	2 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Southeastern Oklahoma	2 p.m.
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Central Oklahoma (Military Appreciation Day)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>

## Soccer

**Coach:** Travis McCorkle  
(3<sup>rd</sup> year, 20-16-3 overall at ASU)  
**Last Year:** 10-9-0 (4-6-0, 8<sup>th</sup> in LSC)  
**Outlook:** The Rambelles will be counting on a large group of incoming freshmen and the return of three starters from injury to add needed depth as they look to return to the LSC Tournament after a two-year absence.  
**Top Returnees:** Senior goalkeeper Melanie Peterson will backstop an experienced defense that will feature three returning starters in senior Shannon Dean, junior Megan Schaffer and sophomore Karli Maxey. Sophomore Lauren Carnes will anchor the midfield that will also include sophomore Hanna Horeis. Last season's leading goal-scorers, senior Ashley Brown and junior Brandie DeBacker, also return.  
**Top Newcomers:** Twelve new freshmen have been added to the ASU roster. Kaitlynn Glendinning, an all-region selection from Chandler (Ariz.) Hamilton High School, and Katelyn West, an all-district pick from Amarillo High School, will compete for starting roles in the midfield. Forwards Katie Camlin, an all-district performer at Carrollton Creekview High School, and Katie Squires, a former team MVP at Grapevine High School, will add punch to the Rambelles' offense. And, these are just a few of the new Rambelles who will see significant playing time this fall.

## Volleyball

**Coach:** Chuck Waddington  
(3<sup>rd</sup> year, 58-42 overall at ASU)  
**Last Year:** 19-14 (10-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> in LSC)  
**Outlook:** Coach Waddington expects good things from his young team with four starters, a junior and nine sophomores returning from ASU's 2009 LSC semifinalist squad. In addition, the Rambelles are bringing in five freshmen and a junior college transfer, all vying for court time.  
**Top Returnees:** Alex Woolsey, a 5-10 setter, played in almost every game and is expected to be a big factor this year. Kaitlyn Standard, a 6-0 right-side hitter, is rated the best athlete on the team while Claire Chomout, a 5-9 outside hitter, saw a lot of playing time last year. Kayla Smith, a 5-10 junior outside hitter and defensive player, has received significant playing time over the past two seasons. Chelsea Gibson, a 5-10 middle blocker, was first-team all-conference and LSC Freshman of the Year. Caroline Cleveland, a 5-9 outside hitter, received all-conference honorable mention status. Alisa Meredith, a 5-7 utility player; Alexa Williams, a 5-7 defensive specialist; Katie Coleman, a 6-0 middle blocker; and Emily Booth, a 5-9 middle blocker, all saw playing time last year.  
**Top Newcomers:** Junior college All-American Debbie Ohl brings a high level of experience to ASU after helping her team at Hutchinson Community College to top-10 national finishes both years she was there. Kaelen Valdez comes in as a freshman from San Antonio O'Connor, where she earned all-state accolades. Waddington says Shelby Warick from San Angelo Central and Teal Mahan from Midland will add strong defense and ball control to the team. The Colony's Madison Huth brings explosive competitiveness to the middle blocker position. Outside hitter Julie Kennedy, a left-handed all-around athlete from Brownwood, finished as a state runner-up with her high school team as a junior. ■



Photos by Danny Meyer

# Baseball Honors

**ASU senior catcher** Chris Adamson notched his second Daktronics All-America selection to lead the ASU Rams baseball team's postseason honors for 2010.

Adamson also won regional and Lone Star Conference accolades and was joined on the NCAA South Central All-Region first team by senior outfielder Clay Puckett, chosen as a utility player, and senior Isaac Garcia, chosen as a second team outfielder.

The three also landed first team All-LSC honors while senior designated hit-

ter Keith Towne made the second team. Winning honorable mention notices were senior outfielder Dylan Petrich, junior third baseman Zak Leonhardt and junior utility player Travis Lites. Senior second baseman Jason Morris was named to the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll for his scholastic accomplishments.

The Rams' 34-26 season ended with a 6-4 loss to Abilene Christian in the LSC Tournament championship game. The Rams also finished with a 23-20 conference record despite losing their top three pitchers to injuries.

"We had very high expectations going into the season," said head coach Kevin Brooks. "This was the best team we've ever had talent-wise, but we had some injuries on the mound to our top three guys, Sam Janca, Phil Clinard and Sean Winscher."

Although dissatisfied with the season's final outcome, Brooks said the players have a lot to be proud of.

"We did a lot with the cards we were dealt," Brooks said, "but it is disappointing that we didn't get a chance to do what we could have done." ■

# Links Trailblazer

**Raelyn Smith's decision** to transfer to Angelo State University and help start the new women's golf program two years ago proved a boon for both herself and ASU.

Besides playing a big part in getting the program off the ground, Smith earned All-America status twice, the latest in May. That second accolade came as a surprise to the general business major, who will complete her degree in December.

"I played pretty poorly at the national tournament in May," she said, "so I didn't expect to get All-American this year at all."

Smith finished the four-round event in Mesa, Ariz., tied for 18<sup>th</sup> place in the field of 72 golfers. Her efforts for the year, however, convinced the National Golf Coaches Association to name her a first team All-American.

Smith's best outings in 2009-10 were the ASU Rambelle Tournament in October with

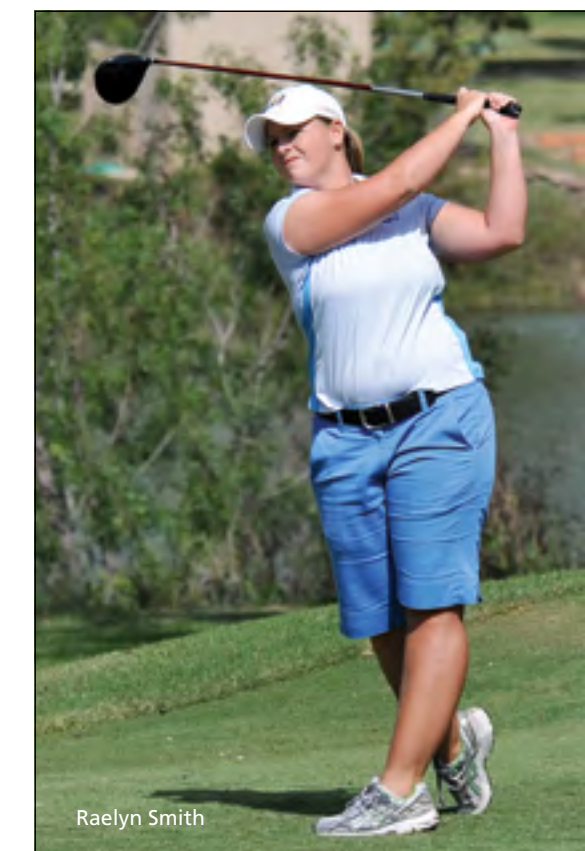
rounds of 70 and 73 to lead the 'Belles to the team win and the UCO Classic in Oklahoma City with rounds of 71 and 65, leaving her 10 strokes better than the next-highest individual.

Dr. Kathleen Price, who will take on the golf coaching duties this fall, followed the team closely this past spring.

"I saw Raelyn play first-hand," Price said. "She had a couple of holes in Arizona that she wishes she could take back, but she played well the last day. She was a joy to watch play and I enjoyed learning from her."

With Smith's eligibility complete, Price will look to several returnees to step up for the team in 2010-11.

"Krista Czarnecki, Maury McCormick and Randee Stegman will return and form a great team nucleus," Price said. "We are also expecting big things from Megan Cisneros, who will be back in the fall." ■



Raelyn Smith

# Back to Nationals

**The 2010 Rambelles** softball team battled its way to a second straight national berth in May, before finishing a hair's breadth out of the title game and winding up in third place in the NCAA national tournament.

The 'Belles reached the championship tournament by beating Midwestern State in the Lone Star Conference tournament and again in the South Central Super Regional best-of-three series.

Then the 'Belles clubbed Metropolitan State, 10-3, in the championship tourney opener, but fell to eventual champion Hawaii Pacific, 1-0, in a marathon 10-inning game. ASU almost supplanted Hawaii Pacific in the winner's bracket, but a spectacular play derailed the 'Belles.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning, ASU senior Megan Pumphrey pounded one into center field, but HPU's Kozy Toriano made a leaping catch to deny the 'Belles the go-ahead runs.

The Rambelles bounced back against Bloomsburg State, 5-4, in an eight-inning loser's bracket game. Another heartbreaking loss, a 3-2 decision to Valdosta State, sent the 'Belles home when Valdosta State's Morgan Johnson homered to break a 2-2 tie.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished," said head coach Travis Scott, "but I'm sick to my stomach at the same time because I knew we had a legitimate chance to win the whole thing. I think our girls feel the same way. They're proud of what they accomplished, but at the same time, they felt like we just left a little bit out there. We did what we had to do to win against Hawaii, but they made some great plays."

The Rambelles made some great plays of their own during the championship tour-

namment and throughout the season while starting pitchers Chelsea Nelson and April Haywood kept the opposition in check.

"You've got to look at what our two pitchers did," Scott said. "Chelsea was a two-year go-to pitcher for us who had a great career here at ASU. She graduated in December with an elementary education degree and stayed here in the spring taking classes just so she could be on the softball field."

Haywood was the No. 2 pitcher, but came on strong in the second half of the season, especially at the South Central Regional Tournament in Emporia, Kan.

"At Emporia," Scott said, "April was our best pitcher. They hit Chelsea pretty good, and we would not have gone to Missouri without April in the circle. She really stepped up and brought the team a lot of energy."

After being ranked No. 2 in the NCAA Division II poll, the 'Belles' mid-season slump dropped them from the rankings. They clawed their way back to No. 19 before the end of the regular season and ended the 2010 campaign ranked No. 3 nationally.

The Rambelles also racked up a 50-15 season, their third 50-win season in the past four years, and four 'Belles were named All-Americans. First baseman Kaycee Taylor, second baseman Alix Dean and catcher Kacie Easley received first team honors on the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America Team that listed 13 players. No other team had more than one first team honoree. Sarah DeMoss, a senior right fielder, earned third team honors.

During the season, Scott won his 300<sup>th</sup> game as ASU's coach and the 400<sup>th</sup> of his career. ■



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Brittney Astle

# Fantasy



# Fulfilled

by Tom Nurre

If she keeps going the way she started, ASU alumna Lucy A. Snyder might one day be mentioned by horror and fantasy readers in the same breath as Stephen King, Anne Rice and Jim Butcher.

Art from the cover of *Chimeric Machines*

A 1992 ASU graduate, Snyder won a Bram Stoker Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Horror Writers Association (HWA), for her poetry collection *Chimeric Machines* during the HWA's 2010 Stoker Awards Banquet in Brighton, England.

"The professional recognition is great," Snyder said. "I'm pleased that other professional writers thought so highly of my first poetry collection."

"There's a certain anti-narrative faction in literary poetry," she added. "These folks think you shouldn't write verse that tells a story, or if you do, you must bury it so far down in the lines that a casual reader has no hope of finding it. Consequently, I had gotten some discouraging comments because I work to make my poetry accessible, and almost all my poems tell stories. But, I thought the work was sound, my editor thought the work was sound, and winning the Stoker Award validates that."

And, it's not just poetry that has readers excited about Snyder's writing. Her first novel, an urban fantasy titled *Spellbent*, was published in December 2009 by Del Rey and was selected for the 2009 *Locus* Recommended Reading List. The sequel, *Shotgun Sorceress*, is scheduled for publication in October.

"It's written in two sequential novellas, and the second part takes place in a fictional town called Cuchillo, Texas, which is based on San Angelo," Snyder said. "A lot of the action takes place at Cuchillo State University, which is loosely based on Angelo State, though I did take some considerable liberties with it."

A resident of San Angelo from age five, Snyder naturally matriculated at ASU, where instead of choosing an English degree plan, she got her degree in biology as an avenue to steadier employment.

"When I was a kid, at first I was fixated on the idea of becoming an archaeologist, and that later morphed into wanting to study life sciences," Snyder said. "I got the degree in biology because of my fascination of the natural world, plus at that point I had already clued into the fact that most people didn't make a living writing fiction fulltime. You also have to have a day job."

She did not abandon her writing, though, and began to hone her talents in Dr. Terry



Lucy Snyder

Dalrymple's creative writing class and by working as editor of the English Department's *Oasis* literary magazine.

"Putting together the magazine was a really neat experience," Snyder said. "It's extremely educational for any writer to go through the process of reading fiction and poetry submissions and to see how things work from the other side of the desk. I also gained a lot of skills working on *Oasis* that I was able to bring to bear on other jobs later."

"Lucy was an insightful reader of literature," Dalrymple said, "and wrote good analytical essays. She was also a talented

creative writer, writing both fiction and poetry. She took a couple of classes from me, including a creative writing class in which she did excellent work."

After graduating from ASU, Snyder picked up a master's degree in journalism from Indiana University and worked as a website managing editor. She is now a computer support specialist at Ohio State University.

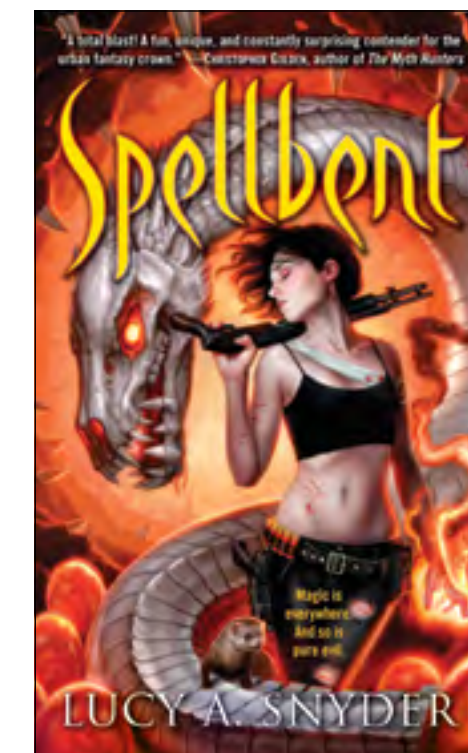
The writing bug never left her, though, and she further nurtured her budding skills at the prestigious Clarion Writer's Workshop at Michigan State University in 1995.

"I had some great instructors there," she said. "It has been described as 'boot camp for writers,' and it's a pretty intense experience. Some people come away from it galvanized and ready to tackle the publishing world. Other people are completely traumatized by it and they never want to write again. I was really fired up by it."

Support for Snyder's writing is also strong on the home front. She is married to fellow author Gary A. Braunbeck, a five-time Bram Stoker Award winner.

"I met him at a local science fiction convention," Snyder said. "We were friends first, and we co-wrote some stories together. We got married in 2004, and things have been

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## In Memoriam

**Megan D. Gilbreath**, 18, freshman nursing major from Clyde, died May 3 in a traffic accident on U.S. 83 near Tuscola.

**Barbara Ann Pickett Sidener**, 68, instructor in the Department of Mathematics from 1981 through 2007, died May 25. While on the ASU faculty, she was active in United Campus Ministries and faculty sponsor for Sigma Phi Lambda.

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going on apace since then. We haven't done a book together yet, but we will soon. In 2011, CGP will be releasing a collection of our co-written horror and dark fantasy stories that will be titled *Catacomb Tangos*."

"The most recent story we collaborated on was for a *Heltraiser*-themed anthology called *Hellbound Hearts*," she added. "It's called 'However...,' and I just found out that the book has been nominated for a British Fantasy Award, which is very exciting."

Just as she was mentored in college and workshops, Snyder is now passing on her knowledge of fiction writing and the publishing world to young authors as director of the Context Writing Workshops in Columbus, Ohio, and as an adjunct faculty member in Seton Hill University's Master of Fine Arts in Writing Popular Fiction program.

"It's rewarding working with pre-professional writers, and Seton Hill has a dynamic program," Snyder said. "I think it is fulfilling a need that had gone unmet for many years. A lot of traditional M.F.A. programs are indifferent or even hostile toward people who are writing genre work. They want you to write purely literary work."

"But what if you want to write the type of fiction that most people want to read?" she added. "Seton Hill welcomes that, and

a lot of writers have been applying to the program. I think the increase in enrollment reflects the desire of students to study popular fiction at a more advanced level."

In addition to gaining the name recognition of authors like King, Butcher and Rice, continued success for Snyder could ultimately help fulfill her lifelong aspiration of becoming a full-time writer.

"That would be my dream goal," Snyder said. "With the book contracts that I have, 30 years ago I would've been able to switch to full-time writing, but in the current economy that is really not feasible. If something crazy happened, like a big film studio optioning one of my books, that would drastically change the landscape. But, the chances of a movie deal are sort of like winning the lottery in terms of both likelihood and payout."

For now, she is content to write entertaining books that people like to read.

"When I started to read and to enjoy the fiction I was reading, I thought 'I really want to do this,'" Snyder said. "In particular, it was the book *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle that really tipped the scales for me because I thought if I could make somebody else feel the way I felt when I was reading that book, that would have to be one of the best jobs in the world." ■



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