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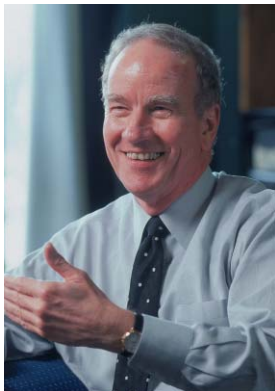
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Neighbors and Partners

George E. Martin, Ph.D.

The strong partnerships that St. Edward's University has cultivated within the Austin community immeasurably enrich our students' educational experiences. Indeed, St. Edward's is what Clark Kerr calls an "integrated university" — where there are no walls between the city and the higher education institution. Kerr, former president of the University of California, contends that such institutions will be essential to improving our world's human resources

in the 21st century. Every day, I am reminded of the positive and reciprocal nature of the university's relationships throughout Austin. For example:

- Internships and service projects provide students with the kind of experiential learning that solidifies career choices and builds practical skills. At the same time, nonprofit organizations and businesses enjoy the resources of talented students anxious to apply theories learned in the classroom. Just this past fall, nearly 180 students earned academic credit for internships they completed in Austin, and more than 160 students participated in five building projects with Habitat for Humanity.

- Math and science majors from St. Edward's work with teachers in five Austin schools to expand hands-on learning opportunities for sixth through ninth graders through the Teacher Scholar Partnership program. Now in its fourth semester, the program has reached more than 700 local middle school students. Originally funded as one of 30 pilot programs nationwide by a National Science Foundation grant to the Council of Independent Colleges, the program will continue next year with funding from the local community

outreach offices of Bank One and 3M Corporation.

- Community leaders advise the university about programs and aid in planning, funding and marketing. In our Graduate School of Management's Executive Seminar Series, students learn from local business executives. Through the university's Business Development Council, local business leaders help St. Edward's with corporate partner-building, speak to classes, serve on advisory councils, act as university ambassadors to corporations and, through their companies, annually contribute funds to support St. Edward's University. In the process, these business leaders network with fellow professionals while strengthening Austin's premier private university.

Every day, I am reminded of the positive and reciprocal nature of the university's relationships throughout Austin.

To me, these are signs that St. Edward's is truly an "integrated university" for the 21st century. As you turn the pages of this magazine, I hope you will celebrate with us the many ways that St. Edward's educates future leaders with help from our community partners in Austin. ■

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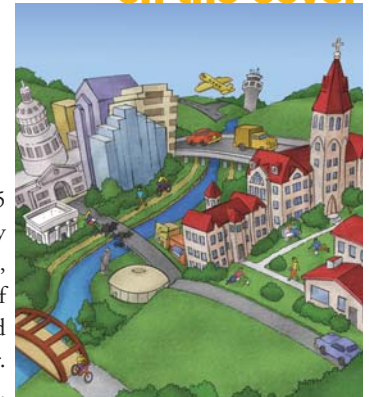
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NEW MBA IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In February, St. Edward's University announced a new daytime MBA in entrepreneurship featuring a nationally recognized curriculum. The intensive, two-semester program was designed to deliver the tools, skills and judgment required to run a successful business. Professors in the program are entrepreneur-scholars who have run successful businesses of their own. The program accepts students with a minimum of two years work experience, instead of the usual five, and is substantially less expensive than many nationally known two-year programs. Admittance will be highly competitive to ensure small classes that maximize student-faculty interaction.

The curriculum, developed by the nonprofit Foundation for Entrepreneurial Excellence, was first taught through the University of Texas and earned national acclaim from *Business Week*, *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Wall Street Journal*. It incorporates many of the most successful elements of entrepreneurship programs at Harvard, Stanford, Wharton, Babson College, UCLA and other top entrepreneurial schools.

To build a world-class MBA in entrepreneurship, St. Edward's is expanding the curriculum from five courses to 12. Courses will use the Harvard-style case method and incorporate service-learning projects. Guest professors will offer supplemental short courses on topics such as negotiations, private company valuation and sales force management. Ongoing alumni activities will include annual continuing-education opportunities, sporting events and social gatherings with faculty.

The program also will provide networking and career advancement assistance. Presently, executives and alumni at more than 60 companies — from corporations and high-tech companies to consulting, investment and private equity firms — have pledged to personally shepherd students from the St. Edward's program through their company's recruiting process.

The priority application deadline is April 15, 2003. The final application deadline is May 15. Classes begin in September, following a one-week "boot camp" orientation, Aug. 25–29. Visit www.stedwards.edu/mbae or call the Center for Academic Progress at 512-448-8600 for more information about the program.



AMANDA O'CONNOR '03

Tom Henricks, a former NASA astronaut who had piloted and commanded the Space Shuttle Columbia, answered questions about the recent disaster and talked about the range of scientific research conducted during space shuttle missions.

2003 BROTHER LUCIAN BLERSCH SYMPOSIUM

More than 300 people joined scientists from NASA and the National Institutes of Health to discuss the life sciences of the 21st century at the third annual Brother Lucian Blersch Symposium on Feb. 7 in the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center. Topics included cancer research, HIV/AIDS, bioterrorism and Spacelab research. The free symposium drew attendees from high schools, colleges and universities around the state, as well as from the St. Edward's community.

Tom Henricks, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former NASA astronaut who piloted two space shuttle missions and commanded two others, originally planned to discuss "Spacelab: Life Sciences in Microgravity." Following the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia on Feb. 1, he refocused his remarks on the Columbia disaster and the future of the American space program. Henricks, who became an astronaut in 1986, had piloted and commanded missions on Columbia.

PRESIDENTIAL DIALOGUES ON ETHICS

The Presidential Dialogues on Ethics, created in 2002, bring together a select group of community leaders to inspire meaningful discussion of a variety of issues within the framework of ethical reasoning. The second in this series of intimate community conversations, "Business Ethics and the Bottom Line," took place Feb. 6.

Led by President George E. Martin and moderated by **Phillip Thompson**, director of the St. Edward's University Center for Ethics and Leadership, the discussion featured a panel of three Austin business leaders who also are winners of the Austin Samaritan Center's Ethics in Business Awards (see story, p. 5): J. Britt Kauffman, president and chief executive officer of Hart InterCivic; Chris Jensen, senior director of human resources at Applied Materials in Austin; and Mike Haney, chief executive officer of the Athens Group.

The Presidential Dialogues on Ethics are sponsored in part by the St. Edward's Center for Ethics and Leadership, which coordinates the university's efforts to provide all students with the tools to think critically and reason ethically.

Two presenters talked about the work of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Carole Hielman, director of the division of microbiology and infectious diseases, addressed "Biodefense: The Role and Response of the National Institutes of Health." Michael Polis, senior investigator in the laboratory of immunoregulation, presented "AIDS at 20: Predictions for the Next 10 Years."

Denise Simmons, an intramural fellow at the National Cancer Institute and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, discussed "Cancer Research: The Nation's Investment."

The symposium was coordinated by **Jean McKemie**, Brother Lucian Blersch Professor, and organized by the School of Natural Sciences at St. Edward's.

The professorship and symposium honor the late **Brother Lucian Blersch, CSC**, who was professor of engineering at St. Edward's from 1938 until his retirement in 1971.

SETON COVE FOUNDER HONORED

St. Edward's University presented Sister Mary Rose McPhee, DC, with the *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time) Award in a ceremony Jan. 16.

She is the second recipient of the award, which honors outstanding individuals whose lives and life's work epitomize the interfaith values reflected in the groundbreaking Vatican II (1965) document of the same name.

Award recipients are honored for their commitment to dialogue, understanding and reconciliation among adherents to differing faith traditions. The first *Nostra Aetate* Award recipient was Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

For more than 60 years, Sister McPhee has steadfastly championed her religious order's commitment to provide love and charity to all, especially the poor and needy. She began her career as a nurse, later becoming a four-

time hospital administrator and provincial and regional executive. Most recently, she created Seton Cove in 1995, an interfaith spirituality center in Austin that embraces a broad definition of health care. She was director until 2000 and is now a consultant for the center.

Sister McPhee earned a nursing degree at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago, Ill., a bachelor's degree at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., and a master's degree in nursing education at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Her numerous honors include an honorary doctorate from Niagara University in Niagara, N.Y., the AGE Community Service Award and the Catholic Health Association Life Achievement Award.



Father Rick Wilkinson, CSC; Sister Mary Rose McPhee, DC; President George E. Martin; and New College Dean Ramsey Fowler at the *Nostra Aetate* Award ceremony.

MEXICAN TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

When most students returned to campus for classes in January, two St. Edward's University students were instead beginning their work as student teachers in Mexico. **Amy McCown, '02**, and **Arica Prado, '03**, both majoring in English and pursuing teaching certificates, are the first to take advantage of a new international student-teacher exchange program between St. Edward's University and the state of Nuevo León in Mexico.

Through the partnership, select students from St. Edward's will spend their required student-teaching semester in Monterrey, trading places with their Mexican counterparts, who will gain experience in Austin schools. The program immerses student teachers in the culture and language of a different country so they can bring cultural and linguistic skills back to their homeland classrooms. The American student teachers will spend time not only in Mexican secondary schools, but also in special teacher training schools. The Mexican exchange students will benefit from learning a more authentic form of English, which they can then pass on to future students. Since many families migrate to Texas from Mexico and the border state of Nuevo León, immigrant children can benefit from teachers who have a better understanding of their native language and educational system.

FOUNDER'S WEEK OBSERVED

St. Edward's students, faculty and staff commemorated Founder's Week with special events Oct. 11–17. Community members kicked off the celebration with a Habitat for Humanity service project sponsored by the Student Life Office and the St. Edward's Habitat for Humanity Organization. "I enjoyed the opportunity to be able to show my appreciation for our founders by helping other people," said **Chase Eastman, '03**, a student volunteer. Other programming included a special Sunday evening mass and performances throughout the week provided by the SEU Madrigal Singers, Omni Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble. In a reception that concluded the week's events, the music program's instrumentalists and the Hilltopper Chorale entertained the crowd gathered to honor the Holy Cross Brothers for their many contributions to the university community.

SEU HONORS

- For the second year in a row, St. Edward's University received a Family Friendly Designation Silver Award from the Fund for Child Care Excellence. The award promotes community-wide responses to the need for accessible and affordable quality childcare in the Greater Austin area. "I'm really proud that St. Edward's has been able to provide family friendly policies," said Haven Street-Allen, director of human resources. "Benefits like parental leave and partial payment for dependent medical insurance help the university hire and retain high-quality faculty and staff. And this positively impacts our students."
- Andrea Hamblin, computer training coordinator for Instructional Technology, received the Accessibility Internet Rally Austin 2002 University Runner-Up Award for her technology circuit web page. Her team consisted of training assistants **Cousett Ruelas, '03**, **Stephenie Corn, '02**, and **Patrick Warren, '02**. The goal for this competition was to create a web site accessible to all people including those with disabilities such as color blindness, blindness, limited hand movement and seizures. Hamblin is now serving on the AIR Austin advisory board and will be involved in planning, recruiting, training and judging for the organization's next event. "While I won't be participating in the competition, I hope for more participation during Spring 2003 from faculty, staff and student workers," Hamblin said.

ST. EDWARD'S MARCHES ON MLK DAY



AMANDA O'CONNOR '03

More than 125 faculty, staff, students and alumni — with children, dogs and wagons in tow — gathered to participate in Austin's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community March on Jan. 20. The march commemorates the many marches led by Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement. It drew more than 15,000 individuals and was the focal event of the city's MLK festivities, the largest event celebrating diversity and multiculturalism in Austin. The St. Edward's group — wearing their SEU shirts and caps — enjoyed a continental breakfast in the lobby of the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center before boarding a bus and vans provided by the university for the drive to Huston-Tillotson College, where the three-mile march to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum began.

TELLABRATION TIME

Tellabration celebrated its 10th anniversary in Austin last November at St. Edward's University. More than 80 Austinites joined members of the St. Edward's community for the annual evening of storytelling and cultural sharing. The event, held around the world on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, started in Vermont in 1989. "On this particular night, stories are being told and encircling the globe," explained **David Thompson, MLA '03**, senior secretary for University Programs. This is the second year that Tellabration has been presented at St. Edward's under the auspices of the master of liberal arts program. "The first storytellers were the moral and historical recorders for

their tribe or group," he said. "Storytelling creates an effective imagination, which uses words to provide a connective thread with the past." A member of The Central Texas Storytelling Guild, Thompson hopes that Tellabration will have a permanent home on the St. Edward's campus.



David Thompson, MLA '03 (second from left), and participants in the 2002 Tellabration, an evening of storytelling and cultural sharing.

GI BILL APPLIES TO PROFESSIONAL ED

The St. Edward's University Professional Education Center received approval from the Department of Veterans Affairs to accept Montgomery GI Bill education benefits for Microsoft and Project Management training. St. Edward's is now the only site in Austin where veterans may apply their GI Bill benefits without committing to a four-year degree plan.

As a Microsoft Certified Technical Education Center, the PEC offers classes toward the Microsoft Certified System Engineer, the most highly sought-after instructional technology certification in the industry.

The Project Management Professional Certification preparation courses offered at the PEC are part of a 12-week, 24-session program designed to expose students to all aspects of project management in a completely hands-on environment.

"By allowing veterans the opportunity to use their GI benefits for certification, St. Edward's can assist them in reaching their career goals without financial hurdles," said Lisa Schwarzwald, director of continuing professional education. "Some veterans who have completed certification programs already have secured jobs in their fields of interest."

MMNT PRESENTS

Last fall, Mary Moody Northern Theatre presented Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, a story about an American family before and after World War II. "Director **Melba Martinez** [associate professor of theater arts] takes the drama slow and steady, allowing her capable actors the time to ground themselves in their characters and the emotions that drive them," said Robert Faires, arts senior editor at *The Austin Chronicle*.

The fall season closed with a story about old-fashioned, land-owning families and radical peasantry entitled *c/o the Grove* — J. Ed Araiza's adaptation of Anton Chekov's *The Cherry Orchard*. Araiza, member of the SIT Company in New York, N.Y., worked with MMNT on the



BRET BROOKSHIRE

MMNT's fall production, *c/o the Grove*, was an adaptation of Chekov's *The Cherry Orchard*.

explores the lives and lineage of three Kentucky families across 200 years in American history, examining the myths of the American past that carry through to today.

The summer production, *Nunsense*, will run from mid-June to late July. Written by Dan Goggin and directed and choreographed by alumni **Kevin Archambault, '99**, and **Cory Cruser, '00**, the play features a fund-raising talent show thrown by the five survivors of the Little Sisters of Hoboken nunnery. Individual ticket prices vary. For information, call 512-448-8484.

ETHICS IN BUSINESS AWARDS

In mid-November, the St. Edward's University Center for Ethics and Leadership collaborated with the Austin Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care to bestow the first Ethics in Business Awards in Central Texas. The winners — three businesses, one nonprofit organization and an individual — were honored for exemplary ethical standards and practices at an awards dinner attended by more than 350 business and community leaders.

The dinner culminated a rigorous, year-long nomination and selection process directed by the Center for Ethics and Leadership. The awards selection committee, co-chaired by Justice Jan Patterson and businessman **Gary Valdez, MBA '78**, utilized intensive research about the business practices of all award

nominees compiled by graduate students in the St. Edward's master of science in organizational leadership and ethics program.

"The awards presented an extraordinary opportunity for our students and the community to raise awareness about ethical issues and practices," said **Phillip Thompson**, director of the Center for Ethics and Leadership. "It is an honor for St. Edward's to participate in a process that helps to recognize those organizations and individuals who exemplify sound ethical practice."

The five award winners included Applied Materials, the Athens Group and Hart InterCivic in the business category. Hospice Austin received the nonprofit award, and accountant Earl Maxwell was chosen in the individual category.

RECEPTION HONORS SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

The Center for Ethics and Leadership at St. Edward's University honored Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account to the Death Penalty in the United States*, at a reception Jan. 11 in the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center. The event coincided with Austin Lyric Opera's production of the new American opera *Dead Man Walking* by composer Jake Heggie with a libretto by playwright Terrence McNally. Among the 300 attendees were Bishop Gregory Aymond from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin and Austin's Mayor Gus Garcia. Participants in the Austin Lyric Opera's Young Artist Program performed two excerpts from the opera. A free screening of the Tim Robbins film *Dead Man Walking*, starring Susan Sarandon, followed in Jones Auditorium. "Considering the university's focus on moral reasoning, it was especially fitting for St. Edward's to pay tribute to Sister Helen and her dedication to shining a light on the moral and ethical dilemmas surrounding capital punishment," said **Phillip Thompson**, director of the center.



J. Britt Kauffman, president and chief executive officer of Hart InterCivic, and **Don Ames**, chair of the Austin Samaritan Center Board of Directors. Hart InterCivic won one of five Ethics in Business Awards presented in November by the Samaritan Center and St. Edward's.

A HOLIDAY GLOW FROM THE HILLTOP

Austin's traditional holiday events would not be the same without the St. Edward's University Festival of Lights. Nearly 500 people gathered on the front lawn of Main Building at the 24th annual event on Dec. 6 for a time of reflection, song, prayers and readings. All attendees received candles, which were lit during the ceremony.

Sponsored by the Student Life Office, this year's ceremony was "truly illuminating," according to Pete Erickson, assistant director of student life and coordinator of the Festival of Lights event. "We significantly increased the number of decorative lights on the lawn and projected powerful colored spotlights onto Main Building," he explained. "And luminarias lined University Circle from South Congress Avenue to East Side Drive."

After the ceremony, attendees were invited inside the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center for holiday fare. A concert took place featuring the St. Edward's University Hilltopper Chorale, the theater program, the Elite Dance Team and the Topper Tappers. The production included elaborate decorated sets, lighting, music and dance.

Las Posadas, a traditional Mexican festival that re-enacts Joseph and Mary's search for room at the inn, also was incorporated into the 2002 festival.

"Lighting the trees in front of Main Building, transforming the choir concert into a holiday show and incorporating *Las Posadas* into the celebration greatly enhanced the Festival of Lights this year," Erickson said.



ALLISON SLOWOWITZ '03

The 24th Annual Festival of Lights featured more lights, an expanded holiday show and *Las Posadas*.

LACROSSE WINS PRESEASON POLL

The St. Edward's lacrosse club team is ranked first in the Lone Star Alliance Division B Spring 2003 preseason poll. The 20-man roster is the largest in the program's four-year history. "Our team's skill level is comparable with Division A teams like UT-Austin and Texas A&M. What separates those Division A teams from us is depth — they have three to four times more players in the top skill echelon," Coach Evan McCurns explained. "We were picked as preseason favorites in Division B because of the strength of our defense and the number of our experienced players. The men on our club team have a high commitment to the organization and university."

SEUGANDA AIDS HOLY CROSS SISTERS

Students and faculty members collaborated last fall to sell and market handcrafted goods made by Holy Cross Sisters in rural Uganda. The SEUganda project netted more than \$2,700 during the four-day, on-campus sale, and all proceeds went directly to the sisters.

Students and professors from the School of Business Administration marketed the project to the campus community and ordered the merchandise — baskets, clothing, purses and Christmas cards made from banana fibers and other natural materials. Volunteers from the School of Humanities arranged and packaged the goods for sale while staff members from the Center for Teaching Excellence created a web site to advertise the project. To educate the campus community, New College students researched and distributed information about historical and contemporary issues faced by Ugandan women.

The idea for SEUganda came from **Frank Krafka**, dean of the School of Business Administration. Krafka had visited Uganda with 11 other administrators from Holy Cross universities and had seen the high-quality work the sisters produced. However, said Krafka,

insufficient technological and transportation resources in Uganda limited the amount of goods the sisters could market. After returning to St. Edward's, Krafka organized a committee to sell goods on campus.

"The response from the St. Edward's community was overwhelming," said Krafka. "The project really embodies the university's mission — providing an international perspective while serving our immediate and broader community." A second SEUganda sale is planned for spring.

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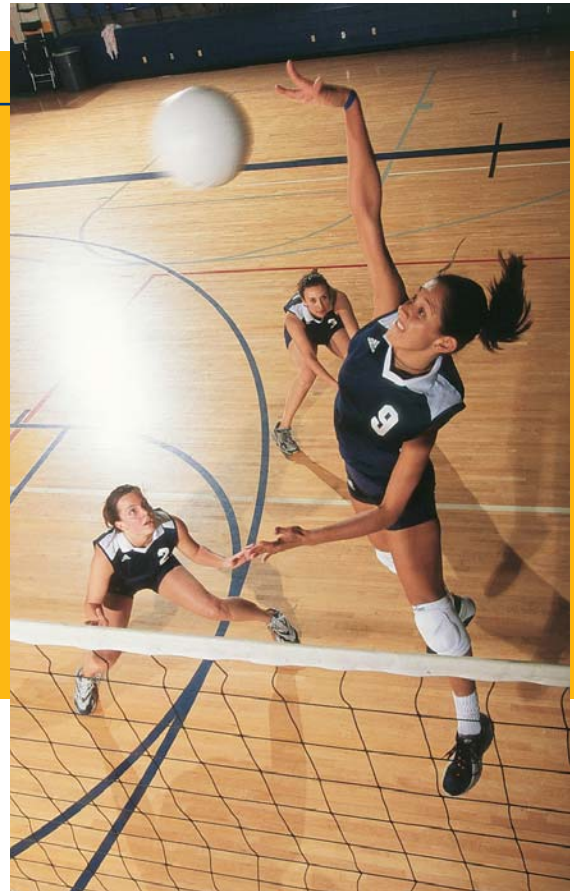
SPORTS STANDINGS

The volleyball team, guided by Coach Sean Donahue, took second place at the Heartland Conference Championship. At the NCAA Southwest Regional Tournament, the Lady Hilltoppers were overthrown by Metro State of Colorado and ended the season 30-9. **Erika Figueiredo, '05**, outside hitter, received the conference player of the week award five times during the 11-week season and also earned her second Player of the Year/Conference MVP award. Figueiredo also made the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America second team. **Ann Brito, '05**, setter, and **Leticia Campos, '04**, outside hitter, made the 2002 Volleyball All-Conference team.

Nearly all of the men's and women's soccer games took place off campus last season because completion of the new soccer field was delayed by bad weather.

Coach Mike Smith expressed confidence about the fall season. "We did fairly well compared to the 2001 season. We were competitive with many of the top teams in the region," Smith said. The men's soccer team completed the season 6-11 and in third place. Forward **Marcelino Uriarte, '06**, and midfielders **Shane Clark, '04**, and **Jon Lucke, '03**, made the 2002 All-Conference team.

Coach Erin Lynch led the women's soccer team to finish the season in third place with a 5-12 record. Lady Hilltoppers **Cindy Wright, '03**, forward, and **Laura Prendergast, '04**, defender, made the 2002 All-Conference team.



JON PATILLO

Erika Figueiredo, '05, was named conference player of the week five times during the 11-week season.

FELLOWS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

In Fall 2002, 56 students were selected for the St. Edward's Fellows Program. Created to provide intellectual, social and service opportunities for highly talented students, the program encourages students to pursue post-baccalaureate scholarships and fellowships.

Fellows meet monthly to hear from guest speakers or attend cultural events on and off campus. They also take part in small group activities that foster intellectual growth outside the classroom.

"It's wonderful to be part of a group of students who are serious about their studies," said **Angelo Keely, '06**. "The Fellows Program encourages students to take their education seriously, both in academic and non-academic settings."

Such scholarly enthusiasm is exactly what the program was designed to evoke, says Shannon Duffy, director of the Fellows Program. "Our goal is for students to apply for awards that they may not have considered if they weren't involved in the program," said Duffy. "Ideally, we would like to see our fellows receive prestigious awards such as the Fulbright grant or a Rhodes scholarship. This would be a true measure of success."

EXPLORING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

The Spring 2003 University Speaker Series concentrated on ethical leadership. The series covered a range of topics — moral citizenship, fair policies for health care delivery, the integrity of leadership in corporate America, and the conflict between ethical and effective leaders. Four scholars from around the country presented lectures.

- Joanne B. Ciulla, holder of the Coston Family Chair in Leadership and Ethics, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., presented "Ethics and Effectiveness: The Challenge of Leadership."
- Kenneth Goodpaster, holder of the David and Barbara Koch Endowed Chair in Business Ethics, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., offered "The Wake of Scandal: New Demands on Corporate Leadership."
- **Carmela Epriht, '90**, assistant professor of philosophy and co-director of the medical humanities program, Furman University in Greenville, S.C., spoke on "Bioethics and Justice: Economics, Care and Conflict."
- Aine Donovan, executive director of the Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., lectured on "Re-examining the Foundations of Civic Virtue."

"In a world that is becoming more 'one,' in terms of communication and technology, more information is needed about what it means to be a leader," said **Danney Ursery**, associate professor of philosophy in New College, who organized the lectures. "The series encouraged current and future leaders to embrace the importance of ethical principles in decision making."

Reporting by Mia Allen, Stephanie Bazan, '02, Cassandra Elizondo, '04, Stephanie Elsea, Stacia Hernstrom, Carrie Johnson and Michelle Martinez, '01.

Philanthropy Update

At the event...



MARC SWENDNER '02

AMD staff members Karin Dicks, director of community affairs for higher education, and Melissa Debes, vice president for finance, at the Business Development Council's Executive Briefing luncheon Nov. 21. Debes was the guest speaker.

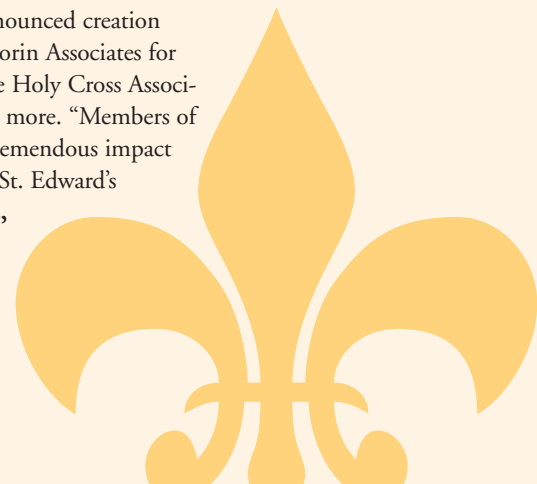
Wells Fargo has joined with St. Edward's to create the Wells Fargo Award for Future Leaders in Business and Technology. Rick Burciaga, regional president of Wells Fargo, has committed \$30,000 over two years for the program. "Wells Fargo is proud to partner with St. Edward's to recognize innovation and excellence by talented American high school students," said Burciaga. Principals at more than 1,000 U.S. high schools have been asked to nominate students in their junior year with excellent academic and leadership credentials who also show promise in the areas of business or technology. Award winners will be honored at their school's spring awards ceremony. Additionally, award recipients will be invited to apply at no cost for admission to St. Edward's and, if admitted, will receive a generous four-year scholarship to attend the university. During their time at St. Edward's, the Wells Fargo Scholars will enjoy networking and enrichment activities with Wells Fargo representatives.

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Robert Ritchey, '00, inspired hundreds of his fellow young alumni to become donors by matching their gifts to the university. His \$20,000 challenge doubled young alumni participation in The St. Edward's Fund from 7 to 14 percent in 2002.

The Office of The St. Edward's Fund announced creation of two new leadership giving levels: the Sorin Associates for annual donors of \$5,000 or more and the Holy Cross Associates for those who contribute \$10,000 or more. "Members of these prestigious giving societies have a tremendous impact on the success of students and the entire St. Edward's community," said **Ann Starr, MAHS '02**, director of The St. Edward's Fund.



St. Edward's Receives \$3 Million to Establish The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance



COURTESY OF THE KOZMETSKYS

By Stephanie Elsea

With a \$3 million gift from well-known Austin philanthropists George and Ronya Kozmetsky, St. Edward's University will establish The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance.

Scheduled to open in Fall 2003, the center will provide leadership in developing ethical methods that promote equitable relationships among countries of varying degrees of socio-economic development, with particular emphasis on Mexico and Latin America. The center will work with government and business leaders to create long-term, broad-based and sustainable financial growth to meet basic socioeconomic needs and human rights in developing countries.

"The gift to St. Edward's University makes a powerful statement," said son **Gregory A. Kozmetsky, '70**, who serves as treasurer of the St. Edward's University Board of Trustees. "My parents chose to make this gift because they

believe in the role St. Edward's plays in providing a values-based education to prepare and develop the workforce and leaders of tomorrow."

"Gifts of this magnitude make a significant contribution toward our goal of becoming recognized as one of the best small universities in the country, and we are grateful to George and Ronya for their extraordinary generosity and vision," said George E. Martin, president of St. Edward's University. "The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance will make an impact far beyond the campus of St. Edward's University, benefiting not only our students but also those individuals around the world who will be affected by sustainable financial stability."

In collaboration with existing faculty, the as-yet-unnamed director of the center will be instrumental in developing curricular programs, projects and special events. A nationwide search for a director was launched in early 2003. ■

Mexico



Hilltop Voices features perspectives on the St. Edward's experience in the words of students, alumni and other members of the university community.

This essay and the accompanying photos are by **Paul Hagey, '02, MLA '03.**

Curiosity and opportunity combined in the midst of my MLA experience at St. Edward's as I traveled to Mexico while studying D.H. Lawrence and the role culture plays in existence. Although not necessarily traveling south because of my classes, both would enhance my trip in unpredicted ways. For six weeks I left America to develop a different understanding of my life.

I sleep two blocks from the center of the universe in my hostel bed in Mexico City. A hundred yards away the Zócalo pulses with the primal suffocation of Tenochtitlán, which lies in ruins beneath the plaza. While walking through the broad open square I feel the air vibrate from the presence of the ancient city below.

According to legend, the nomadic Aztecs observed an eagle perched on a cactus with a snake in its grasp and interpreted the vision as a sign to build Tenochtitlán in that place. In the northeast corner of Mexico City's central plaza the partially excavated Templo Mayor still stands, built directly above the location of the vision of eagle and snake; the Aztecs believed this site to be the center of the universe. This Aztec legend stems from the ubiquitous Indian myth of serpent and eagle, which is manifested in the Meso-American god of Quetzalcóatl, the plumed serpent. The bird of sky, light and infinity blends with the snake of earth, dark and nothingness to complete the cosmos in its form.

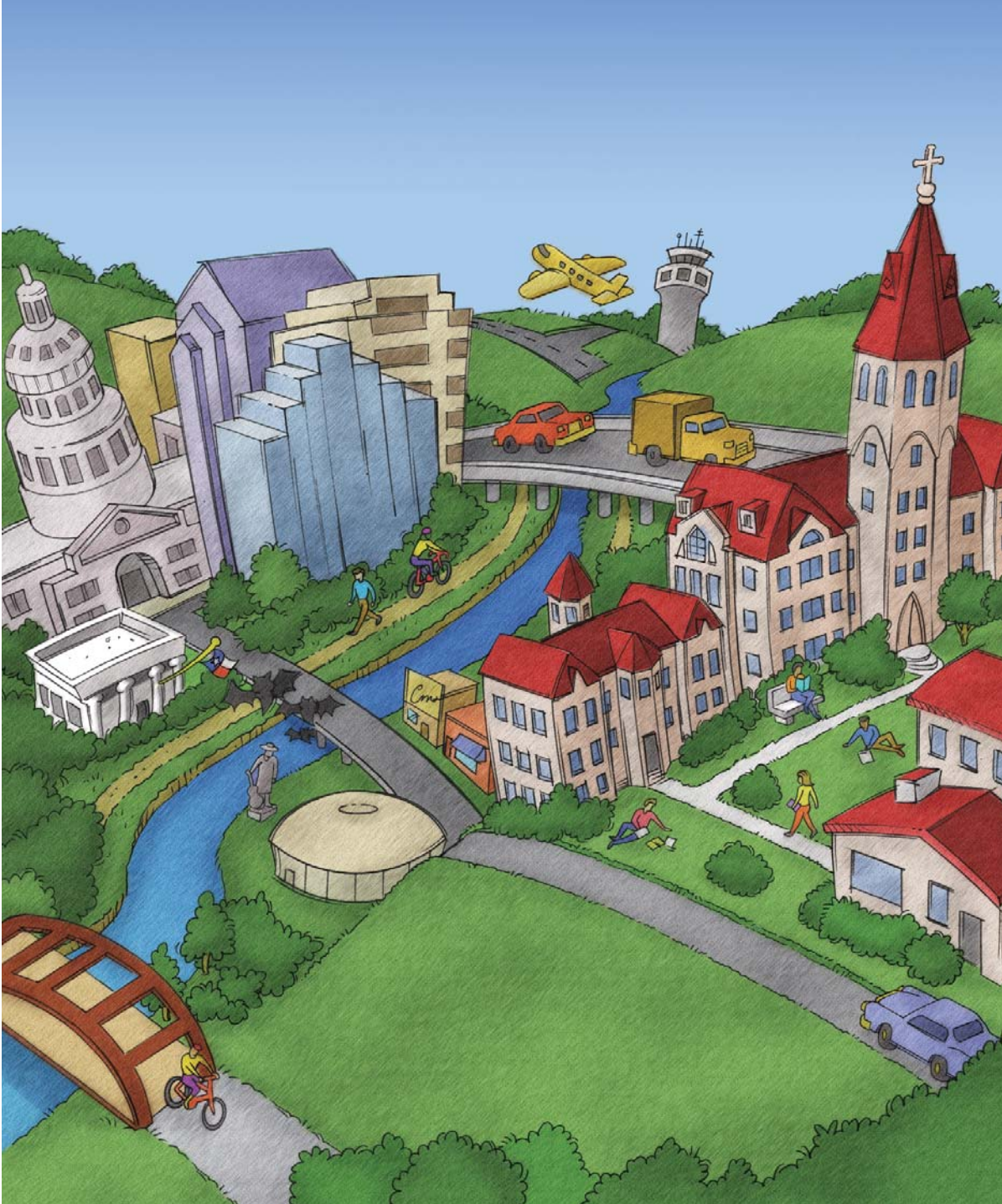
The earth is part of Mexico's myth as well. In Chapala the trees burst with

color and the sky merges with the lake, with mountains ringing in the background; these images brought me not only into a relationship with the nature of Mexico but also into the essence of D.H. Lawrence's writing. The language and images of *The Plumed Serpent* (written by Lawrence in Chapala in 1924) are there in the sounds of birds, the still-gray water of Lago de Chapala and the mountains hanging in the distance. As I lay on my bed at dusk writing, my style subconsciously began to resemble Lawrence's; I discovered for the first time how to blend an experience of place into language. And later, language seemed to manifest into experience in Tepoztlán, Morelos. There I felt the myth of Quetzalcóatl as the wind howled at night mixing with donkey calls and roosters, trapped in the surrounding hills, soaring as a wide inchoate dragon.

I still think about staring at the Aztec stone carvings in the Museo Nacional de Antropología in Mexico City — the best museum of any kind I have visited. The memories twist my mind into a rage of wonder as I attempt to understand the gaping mouths, jaguar humans and fanged, feathered serpents. What went through the mind of the Aztec when carving this stone? What worldview do these images represent? I am left spellbound; the fierce expressions on the carved faces give me intense bursts of inspiration, and at once I feel time expanded to infinity. Those images combine with the raw earth and the graceful chaos of a different world, leaving me upon return to believe in sleeping near the center of the universe and to feel my spirit and culture tumble in an intercourse of myth. ■



(Top) Hagey with villagers in Melaque, Jalisco. (Above, left to right) in the Zócalo, over Tenochtitlán, in Mexico City. At the Templo de Quetzalcóatl in Teotihuacán. The Quetzalcóatl sculpture/fountain in Guadalajara, Jalisco.



More than a neighbor, St. Edward's University is both a resource and a partner for the Austin community. The human benefits that St. Edward's University provides to — and gains from — the Austin community are the most valuable measure of this institution's relationship with the city it calls home.

St. Edward's has a long history of successful contributions to Austin's quality of life as well as its economy — in business, human services and nonprofits, education, government, and the arts.

St. Edward's & Austin



“St. Edward’s truly is Austin’s premier private university,” said **Tracy Manier**, director of undergraduate admission. “And about one-third of our undergraduates are from the Austin area. They choose St. Edward’s for its high-quality academic programs — currently encompassing

more than 50 areas of study — and close-knit community.

“Austin is a city that is very community oriented and engaged.

St. Edward’s instills in its students a commitment to service and responsible citizenship.

This beautiful symbiotic relationship between the city and the university makes students from Austin feel immediately at home at St. Edward’s.”

In addition, adult learners value the flexible course formats and schedules offered by St. Edward’s, says **John Houghton**, vice president of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies, because the majority of them work full

time while pursuing undergraduate or master’s degrees.

In Fall 2002, more than 90 percent of adult students were from the Austin metro area. Furthermore, Houghton notes that roughly one of every 225 individuals between 25 and 44 years old in the Austin metro area is a CPGS

student — that’s about one adult in every six-block neighborhood.

“Through our programs, St. Edward’s has been an important

contributor to building and maintaining a world-class workforce for the city of Austin. In a knowledge-intensive economy, lifelong learning is increasingly crucial. By enabling the educational advancement of Austin’s working population, St. Edward’s has played a major role in keeping the city and its workforce on the cutting edge,” said Houghton.

Since launching its first master’s degree, the master of business administration, in 1970, St. Edward’s has added five graduate programs. These include master of arts degrees in counseling and human services, a master of liberal arts,

and master of science degrees in computer information systems and

organizational leadership and ethics. During the past decade, nearly 1,700 students earned master’s degrees through one of the university’s six programs.

New College, the adult undergraduate program, was launched in 1974. With classes scheduled at times convenient for students who work full time or are their family’s primary caregivers, New College enables students to begin or complete coursework to attain their dream of earning a college degree. The program was identified as one of the top 30 adult education programs in the United States by William Maehl, a leading expert on nontraditional higher education, in his 1999 book, *Lifelong Learning at Its Best*.

New College offers programs in a wide variety of formats, including PACE, or Programs for Accelerated College Education. PACE allows students to complete requirements for one of three degrees — a bachelor of business administration in business and management, a bachelor of arts in computer systems management or a bachelor of arts in organizational communication — in as little as two years.

In a knowledge-intensive economy, lifelong learning is increasingly crucial.

Recent responsive educational programs created by St. Edward’s

Bioinformatics: Launched in Fall 2002, this undergraduate major combines the study of biology, biochemistry, mathematics and computer science. It also prepares highly skilled, adaptable leaders for careers in the rapidly expanding \$6.5 billion, 500-company biotechnology industry in Texas.

MBA in entrepreneurship: Announced in February 2003, this daytime MBA program features a nationally recognized curriculum developed by the non-profit Foundation for Entrepreneurial Excellence. The intensive, two-semester program was designed to deliver the tools, skills and judgment required to run a successful business. It is the first daytime graduate program offered at St. Edward’s. (See “New MBA in Entrepreneurship,” p. 2.)

Building Blocks: Margaret Gomez, '91, MLA '04

By Stacia Hernstrom

Margaret Gomez walked the two and a half blocks to Becker Elementary School eagerly. Her favorite subject as a first grader was reading. In English class, she helped fellow Mexican-American students who were still learning the language. She waited anxiously for summer — when the bookmobile would visit Becker — so that she could check out copies of her favorite books to last through vacation.

When she was six, those two and a half blocks seemed a long way from home. Now, as the first Mexican-American woman to serve on the Travis County Commissioners Court, **Margaret Gomez, '91, MLA '04**, knows that distance is small — small compared to the 2,300 blocks she serves as south-east Austin's commissioner.

As the Precinct 4 representative, Gomez meets weekly with three other commissioners and a county judge. They hear from concerned citizens as they discuss, create and amend local governmental policy, including budget expenditures, fund allocation and tax rates.

Outside court, Gomez frequently meets with her constituents about issues important to them. She represents them on internal county subcommittees and works to connect them with local government officials who can address their concerns. She also serves her constituents — as well as greater Austin — by sitting on several external committees, including the Capital Metro Board of Directors. As vice chairperson for five years, Gomez has coordinated efforts to overhaul the organization and to make it more accountable to the public and legislators.

Acting on behalf of such a diverse group of people is a constant challenge but also a constant motivation. “Helping others through public service provides meaning to my life,” said Gomez. “I advocate for all people, whether they are taxpayers or consumers, and I try to juggle everyone's needs and concerns in order to achieve a balance.”

Gomez realized her love for public service 33 years ago when she began volunteering in local and national campaigns for fellow Mexican Americans. “I connected with people from all walks of life with whom I shared goals for a better Austin,” she said. “I realized Austin was a very special place.”

Gomez's own political career began in 1980. After working for seven years as assistant to a Travis County commissioner, she launched her own campaign for Precinct 4 constable. And she won — defeating a 14-year incumbent and becoming the first Mexican-American woman elected constable in Travis County.

While running her campaign for constable, Gomez enrolled in New College, the St. Edward's undergraduate program for working adults. She served as constable for 14 years and worked toward her bachelor's degree in sociology during 10 of those years. “The fact that St. Edward's gets involved in people's lives and is very welcoming to students of all ages and backgrounds has made a significant difference in my life and in the community,” said Gomez, who graduated *summa cum laude* and is currently enrolled in the university's master of liberal arts program.

Four years after completing her bachelor's degree, Gomez resigned as constable to run for county commissioner of Precinct 4. She defeated another incumbent, becoming the first Mexican-American woman to hold this Travis County post as well. She was re-elected to her third term in November 2002.

Throughout her tenure in county government, Gomez has championed education awareness efforts in the community. She mentors women in her office and precinct. She shares her experiences in New College with constituents who are apprehensive about pursuing their degrees, emphasizing the flexible schedule and personal attention. She speaks frequently at local elementary and middle schools to encourage young students to aim high.

The young students she meets want most of all, she notices, to find out if she is like them. Does she have a car? Is she rich? Did she ever have trouble with her homework? Yes, no, yes. “I am just like you,” I say. “I used to sit where you sit. I walked the same streets you do.” And one day, she promises, they can achieve just as much as she has.



Finding Inspiration, Creating Solutions

Greg Bourgeois, '86

I must confess that I had no strong desire to go to college. I agreed to attend one year at St. Edward's University as a concession to my parents, and by the end of the second semester, I was hooked. The educators at St. Edward's were exactly that — educators. The classes at St. Edward's focused on teaching students *how* to think instead of *what* to think. I learned to be creative and to critically analyze issues from both an ethical and an academic viewpoint. I not only stayed my four years at St. Edward's but also attended law school at Baylor University.

Part of what kept me in college was the dynamic and progressive personality of Austin — the vitality and optimism of a capital city with an exhilarating educational community. Austin was a progressive and creative city, a culture that valued the development of ideas over the attainment of power. From the St. Edward's hilltop, it was easy to feel like I could take part in shaping the future of this town — and the future of St. Edward's.



I had the unique privilege of being president of the student body during the first year Pat Hayes was university president. Her engaging and innovative personality perfectly bridged the traditions of the university and the trends of the town. Under her guidance, St. Edward's invited community leaders on campus to discuss solutions to the challenges that faced both Austin and St. Edward's as the town and economy grew.

President Hayes' example inspired me to look for ways to build a bridge between the traditions of our legal system and the needs of our contemporary social and business realities. Litigation, a remarkable tool for effecting social justice and balancing the distribution of power and responsibility, frequently frustrated me because it could be expensive, slow, unreliable and often

destructive in resolving disputes. In searching for a solution, I became involved in mediation — a voluntary, alternative means of dispute resolution where involved parties help craft their own solution.

Mediation is actually an ancient idea that has found a new application in our traditional legal system. The theory behind it is deceptively simple: disputing parties are put around a table and are guided away from fighting and towards working collaboratively to develop a solution that satisfies everyone. Effectively putting this into practice is precisely what makes the work so satisfying. As a mediator, I neutrally assist those involved with identifying relevant issues, generating and analyzing settlement options, and resolving communication problems or other roadblocks.

Currently, I am managing partner of Galton, Cunningham & Bourgeois, PLLC — an Austin-based dispute resolution firm that founded and runs the Lakeside Mediation Center. Because mediation is still a growing trend, our biggest challenge is educating people about its benefits. My partners and I teach classes, speak frequently about mediation, and recently produced *A Guide to Mediation*, an award-winning educational video outlining the process. The challenges associated with mediation also bring opportunities to shape the field. As a founding board member of the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, I am helping to establish ethical guidelines, a credentialing process and a grievance procedure for the mediation profession in Texas.

Even now, I draw on examples from my first reluctant year of college. I will never forget how **Brother William Dunn, CSC**, responded when I told him I was going to law school. He looked at me solemnly and said, "I am so sorry." I think I know what Brother Dunn was driving at, and I hope he would be encouraged by the growing legal trend towards peaceful, constructive and efficient resolution of disputes. In typical St. Edward's fashion, the university now offers an advanced degree program in dispute resolution — in the master of arts in human services — and it is a tangible example of the university's commitment to the city and the profession. I only hope that I am anywhere near as effective as those remarkable educators and administrators who are the strength and soul of St. Edward's.

Greg Bourgeois, '86, is managing partner of Galton, Cunningham & Bourgeois, PLLC, and co-founder of Lakeside Mediation Center (www.gcbmediators.com). As a St. Edward's undergraduate, Bourgeois studied criminal justice and sociology and participated in the Honors Program. He is immediate past president of the Central Texas Chapter of the Association of Attorney Mediators.

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igh-quality educational programs at St. Edward's, like PACE, are often designed to respond to local needs and benefit from community partnerships. For example, St. Edward's broke curricular ground in 2001 when it became the only higher education institution in Central Texas to offer an undergraduate major in human services. Available exclusively to New College students, the program has four tracks: direct services, criminal justice, addictions and non-profit management.

"Local human services agencies have a great need for employees who possess the kinds of knowledge gained from this major," explained **Vicki Totten**, assistant professor of counseling, who coordinates the interdisciplinary human services program at St. Edward's. Plus, many students in the human services program already work full time in social services, but they can't advance in career or salary without a bachelor's degree. For instance, says Totten, a human services technician at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services who completes a bachelor's degree becomes eligible for a child protective specialist position, which can mean a \$7,000 pay boost.

To encourage more local social services employees to broaden their educational preparation, the university has invited several agency representatives to participate on the Human Services Advisory Board and to establish formal letters of agreement. "Forming community partnerships is an essential component for the success of human services programs across the country," said Totten, who serves on the board of the National Organization for Human Services Education. "Such partnerships help the university place its students in internships and prepare qualified people to fill advanced

positions in social services." She is excited about the agencies' responses so far.

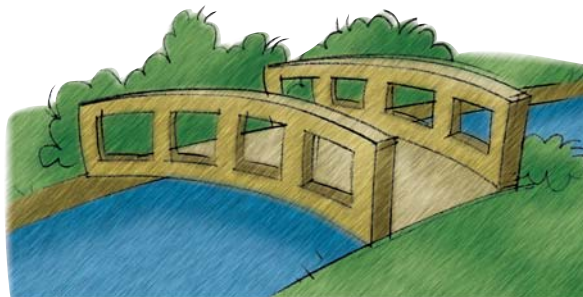
Each of the human services tracks benefit from connections in the Austin community, Totten says. The newest partnership relates to the non-profit management track. In January St. Edward's co-hosted an event for current and prospective nonprofit board members with Greenlights for Nonprofit Success, which provides consulting and education to help Austin-area nonprofit organizations.

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he MBA Capstone program also builds bridges between St. Edward's and Austin. Through this final MBA course requirement, student teams complete experiential, hands-on consulting projects for local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

"As the program has progressed, its visibility and the St. Edward's reputation for quality have increased, as have the amount and scope of work students have the opportunity to do for the community," said **Dianne R. Hill, MBA '77**, assistant professor and Business and Public Policy Chair in the Graduate School of Management, who coordinates the MBA Capstone program.

MBA students revamped Family Eldercare's MIS — and secured project funding.



MBA Capstone

As a final course requirement, MBA students form teams to complete hands-on consulting projects. In Fall 2002, Capstone project hosts included the 13 organizations listed below.

- **Austin American-Statesman's Homework Helpline**
- **American Red Cross of Central Texas**
- **Art From the Streets**
- **Easy Learning, LLC**
- **LCRA**
- **Family Eldercare, Inc.**
- **Private/Public Broadband Startup**
- **White Rock Veterinary Hospital, Pflugerville**
- **Texas Center of Women's Business Enterprise**
- **Community Development Bank Startup**
- **Texas Main Street Program, Texas Historical Commission**
- **Carl Sagan Discovery Program of Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Bronx, N.Y.**
- **Mata Rocks Resort, Belize, Central America**

Organizations interested in hosting an MBA Capstone project may call Dianne Hill at 512-428-1295.

"Last fall, for instance, one of our Capstone teams worked with Family Eldercare. The students not only designed a sound plan to revamp the organization's management information systems but also secured \$1,200 in funding for the project," Hill said. "One of the students on the Capstone team, **Gwen Horlon, MBA '02**, works with Farmers Insurance Group. She told her employer about the project, and the corporation provided seed money for the work."



Economic Impact

Besides doing business with 967 locally owned vendors in the 2001–2002 fiscal year, St. Edward's University invested \$31 million in salary and wages for its 734 full- and part-time staff and faculty and 494 student employees.

In the last fiscal year, St. Edward's spent \$1.5 million for outreach projects in the Austin area, including the CIC Teaching Scholars, Community Mentor Program, ENLACE, Graduation Enhancement Program, Kaufmann Social Entrepreneurship Internships, and Building Teams and Tools for Teaching.

Since 1997, St. Edward's has spent \$34 million on construction projects, including the Robert and Pearle Ragsdale Center, renovation of the Fine Arts Center, phase II of the student apartment complex, Trustee Hall and Basil Moreau Hall. Four architects, two general contractors, a host of subcontractors, and several engineering and specialty consulting firms from the Austin area worked on the projects. Current estimates for remaining construction and landscaping called for in the campus master plan total \$120 million.

The entrepreneurship major in the Undergraduate College's School of Business Administration also utilizes experiential learning. Students complete internships with local successful entrepreneurs or consulting projects for fledgling entrepreneurial businesses. Each student also is paired with a mentor — a successful entrepreneur from Austin — during development of the student's own business plan.

While the program officially began last fall, **Les Carter**, assistant professor of finance and program director, says students' interest in the new program was sparked by a January 2002 entrepreneurship workshop that featured Amy Miller, founder of the successful local business chain Amy's Ice Creams.

"The entrepreneurship program was initially created to provide non-business majors with essential business skills to start their own businesses," Carter explained. "Theater students

wishing to operate their own troupes benefit from classes, as do English writing and rhetoric students hoping to work as freelancers or computer science students wanting to start consulting businesses.

"As word of the program grew, an overwhelming number of business students also became interested, demonstrating the program's broad appeal to our undergraduates. There's nothing like talking to real people who do the job that you're considering every day.

A sound relationship between St. Edward's and Austin is critical to our students.

"Maintaining a sound relationship between St. Edward's and the city of Austin is crucial to developing our students' abilities and providing them with invaluable, hands-on experiences. Such a partnership also helps the university and the city to develop and thrive."

Promoting Commerce: The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

By Sherri Fox, '96

Scott Peters, '02, juggles many duties at the Mexico Trade Center. He works the phones maintaining his contacts in Mexico, facilitates business-to-business match-ups between Austin and Mexico, organizes computer literacy classes, finds teachers for the international business classes the center would like to begin and serves as the office administrator.

The goal of the Mexico Trade Center, which is overseen by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, is to promote commerce between Greater Austin, Texas and Mexico. Peters, who holds a degree in international business with an emphasis in Spanish, is among four students from St. Edward's who have interned at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the past two years. Each internship led to a job with the organization.

Eliza May, executive director for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce said, "I believe that a truly successful internship program and a truly successful partnership with a university is this, what I have experienced at St. Edward's." May contends that the relationship between St. Edward's and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is something President George E. Martin could have been talking about in the November 2001 issue of the *St. Edward's University Magazine*. In it Martin said, "We must be a university that is truly open to partnership with business leaders and community leaders."

May says her own experiences with interns from St. Edward's are an example of what the president meant. "You've got two major civic and cultural institutions in this community that are meeting the needs of one another," she said. "What better story to tell?"

The connection between St. Edward's and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is so strong that current and former students of St. Edward's dominate the organization's staff. Out of 11 employees, six are affiliated with St. Edward's.

Jose "Pepe" Flores, '03, had a three-month internship at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. When it ended, he was asked to continue working part time for the organization. He said, "Overall, my experience at the chamber has been great and has been an awesome learning experience." Flores' main duties involved event planning, and he planned four of the chamber's biggest events in a little over a year.

Erik Luna, '03, who is graduating from St. Edward's in May with a marketing degree, interned for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for three months and then worked part time for over a year. Reflecting on his internship, Luna said, "I gained experience while developing business skills."

Media and Publications Specialist **Gina Lopez, '01**, interned for the chamber the last three months of her senior year. She is now "a critical member of our team," May said.

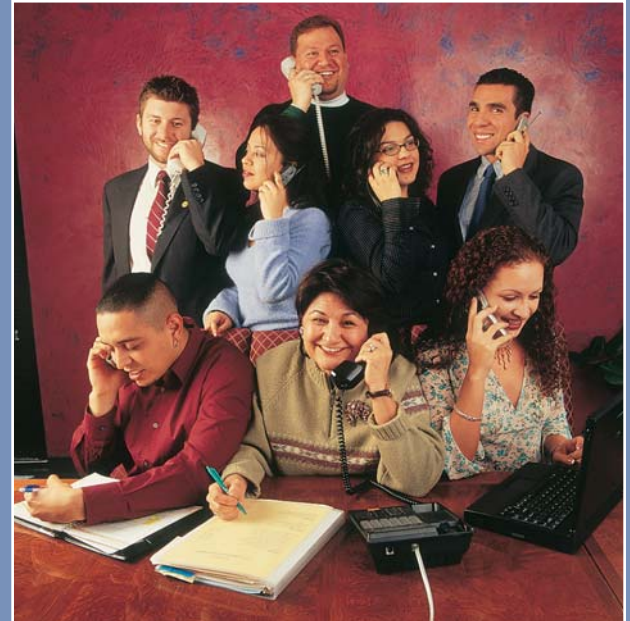
Nazario Rodriguez, director of finance, is pursuing an MBA at St. Edward's. May says Rodriguez's work benefits the organization. "He picks up something in school he gets excited about and connects it to what he's doing for the chamber."

Also, **Marisela Perez, '04**, is completing an undergraduate degree while working at the chamber as manager of tourism and conventions. "Mari has been promoted twice," said May about Perez's achievements in one year with the organization. There also is a new intern from St. Edward's, **Judy Razo, '03**, who started in November 2002.

The former interns credit St. Edward's with teaching material in the classroom that helped them on the job. "When talking to contacts in Mexico, I use the business vocabulary that I learned at St. Edward's," Peters said. Flores concurs. "It was nice to see that you can use the things that you are learning — I was using it at my job. That was pretty cool."

The Career Planning and Experiential Learning Office at St. Edward's facilitates this bridge between education and work experience. Internship Coordinator **David Uribe, MSOLE '04**, has worked closely with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and its interns. He said, "It's a strong complement to what's going on, on campus. Learning from hands-on experience in a professional setting where students gain practical experience they'll utilize when they graduate — that is basically the mission of St. Edward's University."

May says the missions of both St. Edward's and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce serve the city of Austin as the students and graduates implement the chamber's programs. "The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's mission is to serve as a business resource providing quality services to members and advocating economic benefits to the city of Austin. Stop and think about all the students do, every single one. They are a business resource in their own right."



(clockwise from bottom, center) May, Flores, Peters, Lopez, Uribe, Razo, Rodriguez and Perez

Feeding Entrepreneurs: Taco Shack

By Stephanie Bazan, '02

In education there is a saying that full stomachs equal productive minds, and that is what two St. Edward's University alumni have been banking on. Since 1996, **Orlando Arriaga, '89**, and his wife **Yolanda (Rivera) Arriaga, '88**, have been providing breakfast to more than 1,000 high school students during state proficiency test week. Nourishing bodies is just one way the Arriagas, founders of four Taco Shack Mexican food restaurants in Austin, are making a difference in their community.



"The business community can play a vital role in education," said Orlando, which is part of the reason he and Yolanda have adopted McCallum, Anderson and Connolly high schools — one school for each of their first three restaurants. The couple not only sponsors breakfast for students, they also have supplied food for teachers at staff appreciation luncheons and back-to-school breakfasts. In their efforts to enhance the lives of students, they also give money to the McCallum baseball boosters and grant \$500 scholarships each year to deserving students in AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program designed to help underserved students prepare for and enter college. Orlando, a graduate of McCallum High School, said they have sponsored the McCallum band's performance at Carnegie Hall and a football game between McCallum and Anderson, appropriately named the "Taco Shack Bowl."

Before Orlando and Yolanda were successful entrepreneurs, they were students on the St. Edward's campus. "I had the greatest experience any college student could ever have," said Yolanda. Orlando pointed out the profound impact people like James Keller had on his life. Keller was inspirational not only as a baseball coach and friend but also as a mentor helping with his aspirations in the business world.

Orlando vividly recalls the path that eventually led to opening the restaurant. He was running a successful landscaping business, and Yolanda was in her second year of teaching biology for Round Rock ISD. Orlando remembers repeatedly passing a small barbecue restaurant on Medical Parkway and telling Yolanda they should think about opening a taco restaurant if the building should ever go up for lease. Five years later it did. On March 16, 1996, after 34 days of signing paperwork, gaining permits, purchasing equipment, undergoing construction and learning things along the way, the Arriagas opened Taco Shack #1 at 4412 Medical Parkway in the Rosedale neighborhood.

They were met by lots of hungry customers, and at one point they had such a line that Orlando had to leave the restaurant to catch his breath. Business remained steady, and three years later they opened a second location at Spicewood Springs. Locations off Metric Boulevard and Guadalupe soon followed. Taco Shack was a bigger project than the Arriagas had anticipated, but friends in the community were very supportive.

"I never thought I'd be in the business world because I was a teacher, but my whole experience at St. Edward's prepared me for anything I choose to do," said Yolanda. "[Business] uses the same principles, just a different medium."

The Arriagas are grateful for all of their customers, but they especially love when St. Edward's alumni visit "the shack." Among the many familiar faces who still frequent the restaurant are **Stephen Muir, '88**, and **Lisa (Nolen) Muir, '88**, "Taco Shack's #1 fans."

Besides providing them with a built-in fan base, say the Arriagas, St. Edward's has made other valuable contributions to the community. When they think of St. Edward's, they see a university that is pro-business and pro-growth and has a clear vision for the future. Yolanda says she is proud of the relationship St. Edward's has with Austin and likes to hear how the university helps students through its partnerships with different businesses.

As their business grows, the Arriagas will continue to do their part in helping enrich education. They already have won numerous awards, including the 2000 Austin ISD Partners in Education Good Things Come in Small Packages award.

"Being able to give back to the community and come full circle is most important," said Orlando. Recognition of their hard work and contributions is just a bonus.

The university also partners with the Austin Independent School District, which provides a training ground for students in the education program at St. Edward's. Hundreds of students have completed the teacher certification program at St. Edward's, which involves multiple field experiences including a six-credit-hour course that places students in Austin-area classrooms to teach under the supervision of a mentor teacher and a St. Edward's faculty member.

"Student teaching is the culmination course," explained **Barbara Frandsen**, associate professor of education. "It provides the ultimate level of application, synthesis and professional judgment."

Before they begin student teaching, students complete internships with area schools. This enables students to gain field-related experience, learn about

St. Edward's can support classroom mentors in their own reflection, goal setting and achievement of enhanced teaching effectiveness."

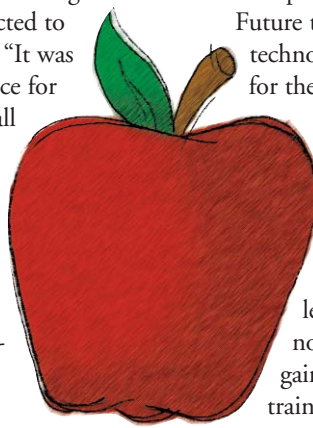
One avenue of support is a new initiative, dubbed BT3 — Building Teams and Tools for Teaching. Begun in Summer 2002, it provides training, resources and support for integrating technology into teaching. Through BT3, all student teachers, their Austin ISD mentor teachers and the St. Edward's faculty members who supervise student teachers completed 60 hours of advanced technology integration training

together. They were joined by faculty and student teachers

from Concordia University and the University of the Incarnate Word as well as teachers from Judson ISD in San Antonio.

The program's impact is threefold. Future teachers learn to incorporate technology into the classroom for the demands of real-world teaching and in preparation for the state certification exam, which emphasizes technology integration.

Mentor teachers and university faculty members learn to incorporate technology into their lessons while gaining valuable experience and training that allows them to serve as more effective role models for future generations of teachers and students. And, collaboration between all parties is strengthened.



St. Edward's is strengthening the educational grid in Austin.

every aspect of the educational environment, and support the teachers and students at local schools.

In Spring 2002, interns worked at Austin's Blackshear Elementary with a group of children who were failing reading and were not expected to succeed on the state exam. "It was quite a wonderful experience for our students to learn that all of the children involved with our program passed the state reading test," Frandsen said.

"When our students are sent into the community to learn, they are commissioned to give as well. Service learning such as this — besides preparing our students for student teaching and for becoming the finest teachers possible — extends the quest. It asks how

Continuing Professional Education

St. Edward's offers an array of high-quality continuing professional education programs especially designed to meet the needs of Austin's working professionals. Programs enable adult learners to acquire new skills for professional development and certification for career advancement. Courses are offered on the main St. Edward's campus and at the Professional Education Center in the Arboretum area.

Courses and certification preparation offerings include:

- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
- Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA)
- Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA)
- Microsoft Certified Applications Developer (MCAD)
- Cisco Certified Network Administrator (CCNA)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- A+
- Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification
- Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Preparation
- Professional Development Workshops for Licensed Professional Counselors, Psychologists and Social Workers
- Certificate in Basic Mediation Training
- Estate Planning for CPAs

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Next year, the program will include more university faculty members and three additional independent school districts. Plus, St. Edward's recently received a grant of nearly \$85,000 from the state's Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board to open a teaching computer lab in the School of Education. The lab will open in Spring 2003.

The BT3 program follows a curriculum created by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. **Brother John Paige, CSC**, dean of the School of Education, serves on the laboratory's board. "Education, technology and outreach are important areas where St. Edward's is helping to strengthen the educational grid in Austin and Central Texas," he said.

New program offers Catholic school religion teacher certification

In Fall 2002, St. Edward's and the Texas Catholic Conference's Education Department launched a first-of-its-kind collaborative effort to prepare students for certification to teach religion in any of the 46 Catholic high schools in Texas. Students meet the TCC requirements by completing their bachelor's degrees in religious studies, including courses for Texas teacher certification. The TCC is the authorized accrediting institution for the 261 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Texas.

Students and staff at St. Edward's bolster the university's educational outreach by mentoring local schoolchildren. For the past 12 years, the university has sponsored the Community Mentor Program, which pairs students from St. Edward's with local elementary schoolchildren to promote academic achievement and community service. In all, the program's mentors annually provide about 25,000 hours of academic tutoring and mentoring support to Austin ISD.

The program has garnered local, state and national recognition. In 1996, the CMP received Austin ISD's Hispanic Heritage Award and the Partners in Education Hall of Fame Award. That same year, it was recognized as an exemplary program by former President Bill Clinton at a White House ceremony.

Currently, more than 350 children at Becker, Linder, Dawson, Houston and Travis Heights elementary schools are mentored by 60–70 university students each year. "Children from these schools usually go on to attend high schools with high dropout rates," said Donna Hagey, CMP director.

"Our mentors help children identify and work toward personal and

academic goals that help them become engaged and experience success in their learning environments."

CMP mentors receive training in character education, classroom management, conflict resolution, leadership development, multiculturalism, service learning and tutoring-for-literacy strategies. As a campus-based AmeriCorps program, the CMP provides an education award for mentors of \$3,375 for 450 hours of service per year. This helps many students offset their educational costs at St. Edward's. Plus, mentors who complete either a one- or two-year term of service are eligible for a post-service education award of up to \$2,342.

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Although students from all academic majors at St. Edward's may serve as mentors, Hagey says that many CMP mentors use the opportunity to explore career options in education. Each year, as many as one-third of mentors pursue teaching careers after graduation. In fact, she says several former mentors are now teachers hosting CMP mentors in their classrooms.

"The program is helping to inspire the next generation to actively address the educational needs of their communities," said Hagey.

Students from St. Edward's also earn service-learning credit for helping students at Johnson High School with the college admission and financial assistance processes through the Austin ENLACE partnership, which includes Austin Community College, public schools in the Montopolis neighborhood, and a coalition of businesses and churches. Utilizing a four-year grant for \$1.5 million from the Kellogg Foundation and a \$375,000 grant from the Houston Endowment, ENLACE aims to produce more Latino and Hispanic high school and college graduates by strengthening the educational pathway from kindergarten through college. Through the Austin ENLACE initiative, the St. Edward's CMP assisted Austin Community College last year with the development of a mentor program based on the CMP model. As a result, 125 children are receiving mentoring and tutoring from ACC students.

Via ENLACE, the university also has established a student teacher exchange program with the state of Nuevo León, Mexico (see "Mexican Teacher Exchange Program," p. 3). The program will help prepare future teachers for bilingual classrooms.

Operation Pen Pal

Since 1994, students, faculty and staff have traded journals with elementary schoolchildren who participate in the Community Mentor Program. This program-within-a-program brings the pen pals together each February for a party and tour of the St. Edward's campus. Operation Pen Pal complements the CMP's goal of encouraging schoolchildren to include college in their educational plans while offering additional adult role models and encouragement from the St. Edward's community.

Studying Sleep: David Duhon, '72

By Stephanie Bazan, '02

When **David Duhon, '72**, went into medicine, he was looking for something different and challenging. What he did not realize was the significant difference he would be making in the lives of his patients. He now runs the Sleep Disorders Center of Central Texas, the largest practice of its kind in the area.

"I've never seen medicine as a mission," said Duhon. "For me the practice of medicine has always been about the patient in front of me. When I can make a difference, I feel very privileged."

Duhon starts off most mornings at his desk sifting through piles of paperwork and stacks of mail. Today, among the bills, reports and medical charts lies a postcard from Europe. It is from a young woman who at one time was having difficulty with her undergraduate studies because of excessive sleepiness. Now, thanks to his diagnosis and treatment of her narcolepsy, she is doing well medically and is attending graduate school.

About 60 percent of Duhon's patients have obstructive sleep apnea and are treated with a special respiratory device. In addition, he and his staff diagnose and treat patients for narcolepsy, insomnia, restless legs syndrome, and other "grab-bag" sleep disorders such as sleepwalking, sleep-eating and night terrors. His sleep lab schedules approximately 700 sleep studies each year, and for a number of years he has provided sleep services free or below-cost to city and county indigent-care programs.

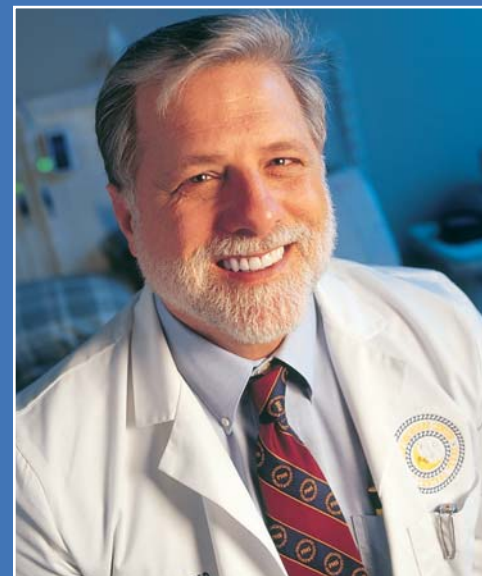
Duhon, who majored in biology as an undergraduate, had not initially planned to be a doctor or even attend school in Texas. He started college as a seminarian, and later came to St. Edward's on the advice of friend **Chris (Johnson) Plaque, '71**. Duhon left his home in Louisiana and made his first trip to Austin to begin classes in Fall 1968. "St. Edward's was one stop along a circuitous path for me, but one of the most important and influential," he said.

After graduating from St. Edward's University, he was admitted to graduate school for biochemistry at Louisiana State University. Dissatisfied with laboratory science, he later switched gears and applied to LSU's law school. Duhon completed his law degree and was nominated to the bar review, but after practicing law in a legal aid firm in Louisiana for five years, he became interested in medicine.

He had taken all the college science courses required for entrance to medical school, so he applied and was admitted. He graduated from LSU Medical School in New Orleans, then completed an internship in internal medicine at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans and a residency in neurology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. During his residency, he was diagnosed with narcolepsy and decided to focus on sleep medicine. He completed a residency extension at the Mayo Sleep Disorders Center before coming to Austin. He opened his current practice in 1993.

Some of the choices Duhon made along the way surprised even him, but he is thankful for his decision to attend St. Edward's University and continues to maintain ties with the university by serving on the School of Natural Sciences Advisory Board.

"The greatest challenges in medicine are maintaining a level of enthusiasm and curiosity and keeping abreast of the increasingly rapid advances in diagnosis and treatment," said Duhon. He hopes to continue making a difference in the world one patient at a time.



The university community's commitment to service extends to many areas besides mentoring. Students — individually, through one of the university's nearly 50 student organizations or as a member of a Hilltopper intercollegiate athletic team — volunteer with a variety of Austin-area nonprofit and service organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Capital Area Food Bank and AIDS Services of Austin. Students also find many role models for service among the university's staff members, says Dave Dickson, vice president for financial affairs.

"The St. Edward's mission speaks of service to the broader community and confronting the critical issues of society. Staff members take this mission to heart and provide many fine examples of service for students to emulate," he said.

Because of his expertise in fiscal management, Dickson is sought by nonprofit organizations for their boards of directors. He is in his seventh year, and just completed a term as chair, on the board of directors for SafePlace, which works to end sexual and domestic violence and abuse through prevention, intervention, education and advocacy services. Previously, he was a longtime volunteer with the Dispute Resolution Center, which provides volunteer mediation services. He spent six years on the center's board of directors, including work on the executive committee and as chair.



Developing Identity & Community

By Nancy Flores, '03

On the outside, it seems like a typical neighborhood. Children play. Couples sit on their porches. Women water their lawns. However, inside is where they keep their stories of struggle, resistance and hope. Almost every other person who lives on the East Austin street of Alf has some form of cancer.



Ten years have passed since a fledgling environmental organization and East Austin residents took on six multinational corporations and won — forcing the companies to close a toxin-spewing fuel storage facility known as the tank farm. Today, as the community continues to work on ensuring a proper clean up, I am revisiting the lives of those professionals and community members who were involved, documenting the struggles that led to their victory.

I didn't know what I would find when PODER, People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources, the now-thriving environmental group that was on the forefront of organizing East Austin residents, handed me piles of archival materials and media coverage to research.

Then I found inspiration. During an interview one day, an East Austin woman told me she had breast cancer, most likely caused by the high levels of benzene the tank farm released daily. But she continues to fight — for her family, for her children. She didn't speak much about her illness, but I found that her eyes told the stories of strength.

Writing the history of the tank farm issue will provide strategies for other communities facing similar problems, but simply being given the opportunity to talk with people who carry such tenacity is, for me, an opportunity of a lifetime.

Susana Almanza, director of PODER, is one of those people. She planted the seeds of my awareness about social justice issues. Susana came to speak to my Native American and Chicano Communication class, taught by **Tere Garza** [instructor of communication]. I never would have guessed the impact this presentation would have on my life.

I have worked with PODER as an intern and volunteer for three years now. I began writing for their newsletter, which has led to bigger projects over the years such as organizing youth to present juvenile justice issues to AISD and the city of Austin.

Many times students lose sight of what is important, focusing their college careers only on grades and forgetting that people are actually living the history-making activism that appears in textbooks.

Classes such as Cultural Foundations build the basis and give students the tools necessary to learn about social problems, but it is our responsibility to take that knowledge a step further and apply it to our neighborhoods, our community and our school. Because receiving an "A" in American Dilemmas does not mean that much if you choose to accept the problems around you.

Taking the material beyond the classroom is nothing new for professors like Garza and **Brion Champie** [instructor of English], who do more than try to develop good students — they develop good people. From freshman to senior year, they have seen me grow as a person and have always encouraged me to take what I learn to the next step, for it is only through understanding that I can create change.

Nancy Flores, '03, is a communication major and English writing minor. She is a College Assistance Migrant Program scholar who will graduate in May. Flores is one of 16 students nationwide selected for the 2003 Poynter Institute News Reporting and Writing Journalism Fellowship in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dickson is strongly committed to both organizations — and to maintaining the university's involvement with them. He has recruited Haven Street-Allen, director of human resources, for the board of the Dispute Resolution Center and Sandra Pacheco, vice president for student affairs, for SafePlace's board. "Sharing the expertise of our staff members with organizations in our local community ultimately benefits our students," Dickson said.

Dinah Sbelgio, an admission counselor at St. Edward's, agrees. She co-founded a youth empowerment program for girls at Fulmore Middle School called Morning Star Rising. A native Austinite, Sbelgio attended Fulmore and her mother, Tamara, taught eighth grade U.S. history there before they created Morning Star Rising three years ago. Students and staff from St. Edward's have volunteered with the program since it began.

Open to all interested eighth grade girls, the program is divided into four phases: vision past, personal power, vision future and social power. During after-school and summer meetings, each girl is guided through self-examination of her past, her potential, her aspirations, and what she can do to be productive and successful in accomplishing her goals. The program offers monthly field trips and movie nights.

Additionally, the girls develop individual community service projects and take part in a little-sister program with sixth- and seventh-grade girls at Fulmore.

"The curriculum of Morning Star Rising promotes the concept that every child has something to offer, and it's a matter of creating a framework for the child to explore and develop into what she wants," Sbelgio explained.

"Morning Star's philosophy is really in line with the St. Edward's commitment to being a personalized community where every student is important."

Many alumni of St. Edward's express their commitment to service in the public sector — in the Austin area, across Texas, and around the nation and globe. Some hold elected or appointed offices. Others serve as staff members in government, political organizing, lobbying and advocacy.

To prepare students for careers in politics, the university offers an academically rigorous program coupled with an internship program. **Neal Wise**, professor of political science, coordinates the program and has helped more than 200 students gain real-world experience in the public sector since 1988.

"The political science internship program has a good reputation, which our students safeguard by performing well," Wise said. In fact, the St. Edward's internship program is

a well-used resource at the Texas legislature. "The phone starts ringing at my office about two months before each legislative session," Wise laughed. "The legislature is in many ways like a small town, and staff passes the word about the quality of interns from St. Edward's. Just last week, two state representatives' offices called looking for interns to help out in their always understaffed offices."

St. Edward's also invites professional practitioners to teach political science courses, particularly in its relatively rare undergraduate track in political management. Wise cites adjunct faculty like **Robert Early**, a lobbyist and former five-term state representative; **Brother Richard Daly, CSC**, who manages intergovernmental relations for the Texas Catholic Conference; and **Geronimo Rodriguez, '90**, who previously worked for the Texas Attorney General, White House and U.S. Department of Labor.

"Our location in Austin has helped shape the political science program at



St. Edward's," Wise said. "Nearly all of the internships are done here. Our students are required to attend local and state governmental and agency meetings for certain classes. And, the talent pool for adjunct faculty wouldn't have such breadth and quality anywhere else in the state."

Texas legislative staff passes the word about the quality of interns from St. Edward's.

Austin also provides a creative talent pool that enriches the arts faculty at St. Edward's. **Everett Lunning**, assistant professor of theater arts at St. Edward's, says that theater professionals in Austin are eager to work on St. Edward's productions at Mary Moody Northern Theatre.

Count Lunning as an example. He has worked for several theaters in town, including Zachary Scott Theatre Center, Onstage Theatre Co., Austin Theatre for Youth, Austin Musical Theatre and — of course — Mary Moody Northern Theatre. Most recently, he performed the role of Nils Bohr in *Copenhagen* at the Austin Playhouse. He also serves as chair of the Austin/San Antonio Liaison Committee for the Actors' Equity Association. His colleagues in the theater program, adjunct instructors **Bill McMillin** and **Annie Suite**, sit on

By Toby Hammett Futrell, '88

Serving my City

By Michael C. McDonald, '95, MSOLE '03

I developed an interest in law enforcement at an early age. As a child I spent countless hours with my great-grandmother — who was one of my biggest role models and staunchest supporters — watching police dramas on television and dreaming about the day I would have my own badge. I've carried that badge for 20 years now, and the sense of pride and satisfaction I feel from positively impacting the community where I grew up has never diminished.

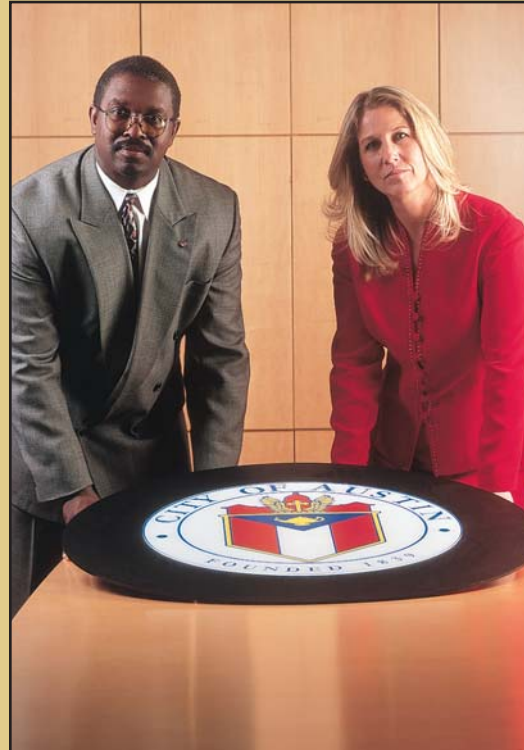
I joined the Austin Police Department specifically to make a difference, but I knew that my options would be limited without a college degree. I continued to work hard and was rewarded with promotions and increased responsibilities, but I wanted more. With my sight set on an assistant chief of police position, I enrolled in the New College program at St. Edward's University. Like most other New College students, I was struggling to juggle the demands of my career, college and a growing family. While there were no shortcuts, there was a definite sense of community, and the classes were challenging but flexible. With credits for my work experience, I was able to earn my bachelor of liberal studies in criminal justice.

As I had hoped, I got the assistant chief job. What I had not expected was the phenomenal impact education would have on me personally and professionally. I have always thought of myself as a problem solver, but because of my experiences at St. Edward's, that role has deepened. I learned to use moral reasoning to make ethical decisions, which are based on a foundation of critical analysis and reflection.

It is one thing to manage people and problems, but it is quite another thing to be a leader. Recognizing the need to cultivate those officers who aspire to lead, APD committed to sending a number of top brass through the newly created master of science in organizational leadership and ethics program. I was thrilled to go back to St. Edward's as part of the first cohort and to build upon the insight I had gained through New College.

As an assistant police chief and acting assistant city manager for the city of Austin, my duties have changed, but not my commitment. I see this new role as an extension of my responsibility as a community resource and problem solver. In addition to my APD duties, I now oversee five city departments that affect each and every Austinite. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than doing my best to make this city a better place for anyone who visits and for every family that calls Austin home.

Michael C. McDonald, '95, MSOLE '03, is an assistant police chief and assistant city manager for the city of Austin. A native Austinite, McDonald was the first African American in APD history to be appointed assistant police chief. In this role, he has managed every bureau in the organization and was named the first APD chief of staff in 1999. Three years later, he was appointed acting assistant city manager.



When it comes to career paths, I like to say I took the scenic route. Each misstep and detour taught me a valuable lesson that eventually prepared me for my role as Austin city manager.

I am often amazed at how far I have come from the Army brat teenager who moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas. Back then, I had no ambition to become city manager — and little ambition for classes either. I dropped out of college and became a classic Austin slacker, drifting for a number of

years. Eventually, I realized it was time to get serious about my life. Fortunately, I found someone who believed in me, and that has made all the difference.

In 1976, I took a job that changed my life. It certainly did not appear special at the time — an administrative clerk within the Health and Human Services Department and the lowest-paid entry-level position within city government.

One day my director told me that he knew I was capable of doing more, but to realize my full potential I had to complete my degree. He even offered to help me pay for school. I knew he was right. I really wanted to go back to school, but I was married, working full time and keeping up with household obligations.

Then I found St. Edward's University. It seemed that New College was tailor-made for me. Since it was created for working adults, I could keep my day job and take evening classes. Initially, I was intimidated by the idea of competing with younger students, but my classes were filled with people just

like me. The curriculum was challenging, but the faculty was warm and supportive and understood the competing demands of family and work. I was pleasantly surprised that I could earn college credits for my real-world experience. As I became engaged in the education process, I gained more self-confidence, which spilled over into my professional life. And I began to move up in the ranks of city government.

In my current position as city manager, I often face difficult situations without clear answers. I repeatedly return to the tools I gained at St. Edward's, which help me through the decision-making process. The university's values and mission, including ethics, were interwoven in every course and transcended every topic, so I learned a way of conducting myself and gained a template for success.

While I entered St. Edward's hesitantly, I definitely roared out! It took me two years to earn my bachelor of liberal studies, and when I accepted my diploma in 1988, I could not have been more proud. I felt I owed it to my parents, and even though my boss had offered to help, I had paid for it myself. Enthusiastic about education, I enrolled in graduate school and earned an MBA from Southwest Texas State University in 1991.

I may have taken the scenic route — from city slacker to city shaker — to reach my dreams of helping Austin be one of the best cities in America, but the view is just as sweet.

Toby Hammett Futrell, '88, took over the reins of Austin government on May 1, 2002, as the 22nd city manager. Futrell brings a strong sense of public service through personal experience to her position atop the 11,000-employee city of Austin organization. In 2002, she was named Outstanding Public Administrator of the Year by the American Society for Public Administration, CenTex Chapter.

the National Committee for AEA. These are important links for St. Edward's, home of the only undergraduate Actors' Equity program in the United States.

"Membership in Actors' Equity makes you part of the most distinguished body of professional actors and stage managers in America," Lunning said. Theater majors at St. Edward's can earn a substantial number of points toward the 50 needed to qualify for AEA membership.

Students and alumni also are eagerly sought by local theater groups to participate in their productions, according to Suite, who serves as business manager for Mary Moody Northen Theatre. "Because of their dedication, talent and training, they are employed as actors, designers, technicians, box office personnel and more," she said.

Lee Eddy, '00, agrees. "The theater program at St. Edward's is respected throughout Austin," she said. Eddy has performed with Salvage Vanguard, Hyde Park Theater, Dirigo Group and Iron Belly Muses. In 2001, she won the Austin Theater Critics' Table award for best actress in a comedy for her role in *Desdemona: A Play About a Handkerchief*. Currently, she's performing in *Bash*, a set of three one-act plays, and preparing for the late April production of *LadeeLeroy*, a comedic, one-person show that she wrote.

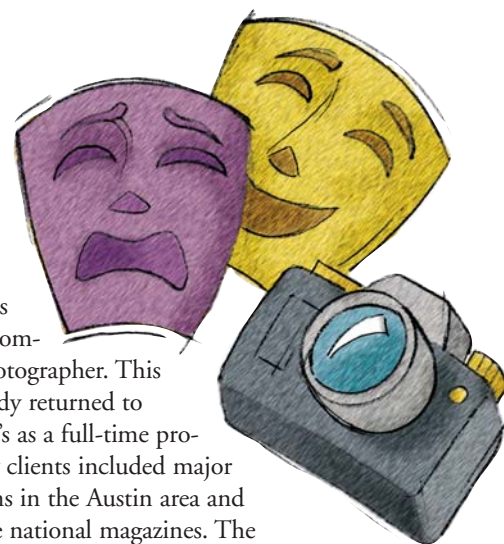
"Professors in the theater program at St. Edward's are major players in Austin theater, which makes it very easy to get streamed into the theater scene," Eddy said.

Professional connections also strengthen the educational experience for visual arts students at St. Edward's, says **Bill Kennedy**, associate professor of photocommunications. In 1981, Kennedy helped create the university's photocommunications program. A former newspaper photojournalist, he taught full time in the program until 1991, when he switched to part-time

teaching so he could focus on his work as a commercial photographer. This fall, Kennedy returned to St. Edward's as a full-time professor. "My clients included major corporations in the Austin area and most of the national magazines. The contacts I made in my 15 years as a successful commercial photographer based in Austin have definitely created connections for students in our program, especially for internships," he said.

Primarily, Kennedy and his colleagues in the photocommunications and arts programs exhibit nationally, but their work also may be seen locally. Recently, prints by **Jill Thrasher**, an adjunct art faculty member, were included in the Austin Museum of Art's "22 to Watch" exhibit. Pottery by **Stan Irvin**, art area coordinator, is sold at three galleries in the Austin area: Clayways, Sunset Canyon Pottery and Heartworks. In March, **Joe Vitone**, professor of photocommunications, presented an illustrated lecture about his time as a Fulbright Scholar in Costa Rica at the Society for Photographic Education national convention in Austin. And in May, **Sybil Miller**, professor of photocommunications, will offer a preview exhibit of "Statesmen: Pictures in the 50 State Capitols," a reinterpretation of governors' portraits on display in all 50 U.S. states. Her work on the project, which began in 1996 and will continue through 2004, was supported through a Presidential Excellence Summer Scholarly Activity Grant from St. Edward's and will be displayed in the St. Edward's Fine Arts Gallery.

The gallery, besides exposing students to a range of artistic work through exhibitions, is a teaching tool. "We have an Art Exhibition Techniques course where students learn all aspects of mounting a gallery show — from





(from left) Peterson, Painting and Sexton

Entertaining Austin: Mainline Theater Project

By Susie Watson, '04

Josh Painting, '99, co-founder of Austin's Mainline Theater Project, recalls his amazement at being cast in a show during his first day as a student at St. Edward's. To him, it typifies the intensive educational opportunities that St. Edward's provides for theater majors. Painting credits the inspiration for Mainline Theater Project to the education that he and fellow alumni co-founders **Jeremy Sexton, '97**, and **Bryan Peterson, '97**, received at St. Edward's.

Since St. Edward's has the only undergraduate Actors' Equity program in the nation and offers students opportunities to work on stage with professional actors, Painting says it's understandable that young, aspiring actors are drawn here.

"St. Edward's prepares students to become producers, designers, actors and technical directors," said

Painting. "Plus, alumni and faculty from St. Edward's are running things at theaters around Austin. Everywhere you turn, there is someone from St. Edward's."

Painting, Sexton and Peterson put their well-rounded knowledge to use to produce David Mamet's *Edmond* in January 2002 at FronteraFest, an annual event sponsored by Hyde Park Theater — a performance space and production company co-founded by **Annie Suite**, adjunct instructor of theater arts and business manager for Mary Moody Northen Theatre at St. Edward's. Encouraged by the success of the production and a favorable review from *The Austin Chronicle*, the three men co-founded the independent, nonprofit troupe.

"We have joined together to create quality art," Peterson said. Sexton, who grew up watching world-class performances at the Alley Theater in Houston, concurs. "I would love to see Mainline Theater Project produce at that level of professionalism here in Austin."

The troupe's work will not be confined to one genre or to productions that are "easy," according to Painting. "We want to produce works of theater, film and music. We believe it is important to push ourselves as actors and directors, to perform new and classical works, and to strive to perform at the highest level possible."

This commitment shone through in the troupe's November 2002 three-week run of *Billy Budd* at the Dougherty Arts Center. They coordinated every aspect of the production, including design and assembly that transformed the stage into an authentic 18th-century warship.

Working on a low budget out of necessity, they have become professionals at all aspects of the theater business. Peterson acts, designs and produces. "We aren't doing our own writing, but we are interested in working with local playwrights," he said. Sexton has plans to pull back from acting and devote himself to directing and writing a screenplay for a feature film. Painting is currently focusing on acting.

While Mainline Theater Project keeps them busy, their day jobs pay the bills. Sexton is a dispatcher at Action Traffic Services, a company responsible for road closings. Peterson works in sales at local software company journyx Inc., and Painting works at the Hyatt Regency, also in sales.

Mainline Theater Project is working toward owning its own theater and producing at least four shows a year. They have no political or social agenda — their goal is simply to produce quality works of art that attract the novice as well as the seasoned theater lover in Austin.

Mainline Theater Project's next production, Saved Or Destroyed by Harry Kondoloen, runs Thursdays–Saturdays, March 20–April 5 at The Off Center in Austin. Tickets: www.austitx.com or 454-TIXS.

selecting and arranging the work to managing mailing lists and designing invitations. The course helps students develop portfolios and professional practices that will serve them throughout their careers," explained Irvin, who directs the fine arts exhibit program.

Students discover how their work can be socially and ethically relevant.

The space also is a resource for local artists and the community, he says. "Austin doesn't have many galleries for local artists, and our space is accessible to them. Plus, we try to draw artists not only from the region but also from around the nation."

Austin provides abundant source material for students in photocommunications, as well. "Every fall, I teach Photography in the Humanities, where students identify a project that has a social purpose," said Miller. "I've had students photograph the work of Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity in Austin. Part of the project includes giving the organization the option of using the images in their publicity materials. Students learn from observing the organizations they are documenting and discover how their work can be socially and ethically relevant."

The university's civic investment — in business, human services and nonprofits, education, government, and the arts — underscores its mission of service to the broader community. The many alliances between St. Edward's University and the city of Austin strengthen the educational experiences available to students at St. Edward's. Together, as neighbors and partners, St. Edward's and Austin are shaping one another and transforming lives. ■

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Bernard Emmett McGill, '46, of Austin keeps himself busy "praying, playing, traveling, eating and sleeping."

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Jack S. Snowdy, '52, of Reserve, La., helped instigate a canonization cause for his deceased pastor, Monsignor Jean Martin Eyraud of St. Peter Church. This year the Vatican gave Monsignor Eyraud the title "Servant of God." The cause for Monsignor Eyraud's sainthood continues. Jack considers this cause to be "one of the most rewarding of life's experiences."

Paul P. Farrell, '55, retired after nine years as vice chair of the Board of Directors at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Ind.

Jerome J. Ziliak, '59, teaches spouses of international graduate students at Notre Dame. His wife, Barbara, is director of music and liturgy for the Holy Cross Sisters at St. Mary's in South Bend, Ind.

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Robert L. Downtain, '60, of Bedford teaches part time at Tarrant County College since retiring from full-time teaching in 1997.

Joseph M. Hogan, '60, of Albany, N.Y., retired from teaching in 1991. He has enjoyed 12 years of golf, travel and two grandchildren, Evan Michael, 4, and Connor Thomas, 8 months.

Bernard R. Cleary, '61, has been director of the Retired Activities Office, Naval Support Activity, in New Orleans, La., for the past two years. The volunteer organization holds an annual information fair to update retirees about their entitlements. Bernard's wife, Laura, helps by brewing coffee and guarding the donuts.

Brother Stephen B. Walsh, CSC, '62, finished a nine-year term as headmaster of Holy Cross School in New Orleans, La. He has moved to

Austin to assume full-time responsibilities as assistant provincial for the South-West Province of the Holy Cross Brothers.

Tom Pevoto, '63, became a VISTA volunteer at the end of August 2002. One of his orientation instructors was **Joe Bruch, '61**. Tom enjoys working with the Jesse Tree, a nonprofit in Galveston and Texas City.

Fred McNair, '63, '67, was named a 2003 Elementary School Distinguished Graduate by the National Catholic Educational Association. Fred received the award for exhibiting the highest possible professional and personal standards and for putting into practice the values he learned in Catholic elementary school.

Alfred E. Morrey III, '64, of Houston retired in January after working for 35 years at NASA.

Ted Benton, '65, of Winchester, Mass., co-authored "Hypnotherapy for AD/HD: Preliminary Evidence for its Effectiveness," which was presented in August 2002 at the 110th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Brother Roy Smith, CSC, '65, is assistant athletic director at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Ill.

Michael J. Croston, '66, of Priest River, Idaho, has been married for 35 years and has three children. He is currently the administrator/principal at the House of the Lord Christian Academy.

Patrick T. McDermott, '66, of Wylie accepted a position as an immigration judge with the U.S. Department of Justice.

James M. Plutte, '68, was elected in November 2001 to the Board of Education for Darien, Conn. He has been married to his wife, Kerry, since 1974, and they have one daughter, Courtney. James said, "I still draw on the wisdom of Brother Edmund Hunt, Brother Fabius



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Alumni Community:

Reunion was a great success. From the pictures on pages 30–31, you can get a sense of the weekend as alumni from all over the country gathered with faculty, staff, students and their parents. The community spirit on campus and in our chapters is growing stronger all the time. Reunion was evidence of the positive impact St. Edward's has on all of our lives.

In this issue of the magazine we are unveiling the new Alumni Association logo (above). The alumni board and alumni volunteers across the nation have been working hard to promote and establish a stronger association. Alumni participation in association activities has increased by 69 percent since last July.

The Alumni Association is expanding its benefits through a Texas license plate (see back cover) and development of a new credit card. You will receive information this summer from MBNA, the bank that will support the St. Edward's University affinity credit card. This is a great way to show your pride, support the school and encourage others to attend St. Edward's.

Finally, I ask each of you to remember **Brother William Dunn, CSC**, our longtime Holy Cross representative to the Alumni Association, who died Feb. 12. In many ways, he represented the mission and values that we hold so dearly. Thanks for your continued support of the Alumni Association.

— **Paul Tramonte, '91**
Chair, Alumni Association Board

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Welcome to the Alumni Association party
for May graduates: May 4, 2003

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Remembering Brother William Dunn, CSC



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Brother William H. Dunn, CSC, died Feb. 12, 2003, at Dujarié House in Notre Dame, Ind. He was 84 years old and in his 60th year as a religious of Holy Cross. Brother William taught at St. Edward's for more than 40 years and was named a Piper Professor in 1986. A historian and writer, he authored *Saint Edward's University: A Centennial History* in 1986. The book is now given to every incoming freshman. He also published studies of Texas Catholic history and, in 1989, earned the Foik Award for Excellence in Texas Catholic History. Brother William retired from full-time teaching in 1993 but continued to serve as an adjunct faculty member until 2000, when poor health took him to Dujarié House. Following his death, services were held at the Chapel of Dujarié House and at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at St. Edward's. He was buried at Assumption Cemetery near the St. Edward's campus on Feb. 18.

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Brother Richard Critz, CSC, '72, provincial superior for the Congregation of Holy Cross, South-West Province, eulogized Brother William at a Mass of Christian burial in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. A portion of his remarks follows.

I suppose that on this solemn occasion, I should pass over the fact that Brother William once told me I looked like a drowned muskrat.

Brother William's life might best be summarized as a response to this call from the prophet Zephaniah: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed God's law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger."

In 1942, at age 23, desiring to serve God as a religious brother,

William entered the juniorate program for the Congregation of Holy Cross. The following month, he was admitted to St. Joseph Novitiate, where as a sign of becoming a new man, he received the religious habit and the name that he used for the next 31 years, Brother Fabius. He taught for nine years at Holy Cross high schools and studied at Notre Dame during summers, earning a master's degree in 1951.

In 1953, he was assigned to "the finest country in the world," Texas, to teach at St. Edward's University, which became his beloved home. In 1962, he completed his doctorate in history at the University of Texas. He served with the historical associations of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the state of Texas and the Texas Catholic Conference.

Brother William's teaching style was marked with scholarly thoroughness,

personal attention and gentle encouragement. To the story of humankind, he brought a sensitive conscience. With disarming gentleness, he asked unsettling questions. He shed light on inequities global and local and provoked action. His were lessons from the heart.

Now, after a lifetime of seeking peace and making peace, he has found everlasting peace. May God give rest to our dear Brother William.

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Brother Richard Daly, CSC, '61, offered reflections at the wake for Brother William. Excerpts follow.

Brother William was an incredible teacher who introduced all of us to the intellectual life. In high school, I was never especially interested in the study of history, but Brother William piqued my curiosity about the larger world.

William's interest in his students was evident. If we needed to visit him in his office, which also was his bedroom, in Holy Cross Hall where he was a prefect, we were always fascinated by his filing system: piles of books and papers on his bed.

Brother William was from Wisconsin, a state usually associated with progressive populism. I do not think that William was a populist or even progressive — he was a radical socialist! His views on a wide range of social issues, of course, provided the opportunity for him and his very dear friend, **Brother Daniel Lynch**, to engage in lively conversations about the state of the nation and of the universe.

William Dunn was one of the most beloved and respected members of the Holy Cross community. But he also was for many, many years an integral part of the larger St. Edward's community. In his view, there were no menial tasks on this hilltop. He considered every person he encountered a person of great dignity and due the same respect that we all expect — a lesson he taught by example to all of us.

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Many alumni shared remembrances and prayers, such as those that follow, for Brother William.

I am so sorry that I am reading this message [about Brother Dunn's death] after the wake. I am sure he is with his longtime friend, Brother Daniel Lynch, in heaven. I have been in Guatemala on a mission trip — something Brothers Dunn and Lynch got me started on in the late 1960s. I owe my Central American missions entirely to these wonderful mentors.

— *Chris (Johnson) Plauche, '71*

I lived in Vincent Hall and served for a year as Brother William's secretary, mostly correcting papers. He once gave me a reality check when I needed it. I had said to him, "I think I may be taking too many classes. I am not keeping my grades up so that I can get into a good graduate school." Brother William looked at me and said, "It is said that there is no school too poor for a good student, and no school good enough for a poor student. I can understand, you being here cut off from the world, thinking you have a problem, but there are people in the city who don't have enough to eat." That evening has stayed with me for 40 years, reminding me of my privilege and responsibility. He was uncompromising on the topics of justice, war and race. He knew not only where we had been in history, but where we needed to go.

— *Richard J. Hesse, '66*

Forty years later, I still hear Brother William's gentle voice. I owe my love of history to the echoes of the past he instilled, poignant and vivid, in my memory.

— *Norman DeTullio, '63*

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(William Dunn), Brother Simon Scribner, Pete Pesoli and Richard Hughes."

Paul Seals, hs '68, '72, enjoys watching his oldest daughter, Anna, play volleyball at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. It creates an interesting situation for a former Hilltopper basketball player when St. Edward's plays the Rattlers. Paul's youngest daughter, Mary, is a junior at Austin High School and is on the volleyball and basketball teams.

Bert S. Chu, '69, of Snellville, Ga., is in his 31st year as a high school physics teacher. During his career, Bert has taught all levels of physics including physical science, technical, college preparatory, honors and advanced placement. In addition to his teaching career, he is "happily married and has two wonderful adult children."

Bill Hopfensack, '69, lives in San Antonio with his wife, Virginia, and stepson, Matt. He enjoys scuba diving, tennis and traveling.

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Pierre N. Allaire, '70, is vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Ingrid M. Flores, '70, teaches math methods in the teacher credentialing program for fifth-year graduate students at California State University in San Marcos, Calif.

Al Shen, '70, and wife, Sue, live in Shanghai, China, and just returned from a vacation in Xinjiang Province. They visited Urumuchi, Turpan, Illi and Kashi. Al said, "the scenery was great, and we all had great fun."

John Bradley, '71, of Berwyn, Penn., is spending more time in Texas these days. His daughter, Lauren, is in her second year at Southern Methodist University. She is on the varsity women's rowing

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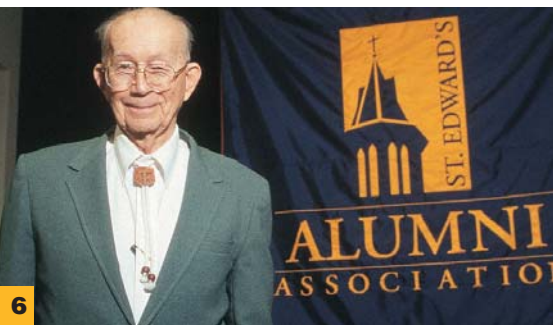
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1. Reunion banners featured archival images from each decade at St. Edward's.

2. The Berry family enjoyed the Tailgate Party. They attended Family Weekend with their daughter **Zsatasha Scott, '04** (not shown), who plays basketball for the Lady Hilltoppers.

3. During Reunion, attendees perused photocopies from the archives, which were placed throughout campus to celebrate the St. Edward's spirit.

4. **Claudia Cortazar, '04**, and **Aloysius Thaddeus, '40**, chatted at the reception after President Martin's presentation on the progress and future of St. Edward's.

5. **Clay Weatherford, '99**, tried out his door prize, a chair featuring the university seal. He also won tickets to Reunion at an Austin Alumni happy hour.

6. **Brother Simon Scribner, CSC**, celebrated his scholarship, now fully endowed, with fellow attendees at the Golden Guard luncheon.

7. **Frank Moore, hs '63**, **Willie Williams, hs '64**, and **Brenda Moore** discuss the changes and constants on campus. "The profound impact the brothers had on my life has remained even today," Williams said. "That moral, ethical value system permeates all their activities and behaviors, and I think it's something that should continue to grow."

8. **Florentino Sanchez, '68**, reviewed past yearbooks at the opening reception.

9. **J.D. Strickel, hs '45**, and **Jaime Maytorena, hs '47**, enjoyed catching up during Reunion.

10. **Homer Avila, hs '48, '55**, and **Jaime Maytorena, hs '47**, with Maytorena's grandsons and friend **Margarita Garcia** after the Golden Guard luncheon.

11. **Lindsey Tucker** shows her spirit at the Lady Hilltoppers basketball game against Lincoln University. Tucker is cousin to freshman forward **Jennifer Knight, '06**.

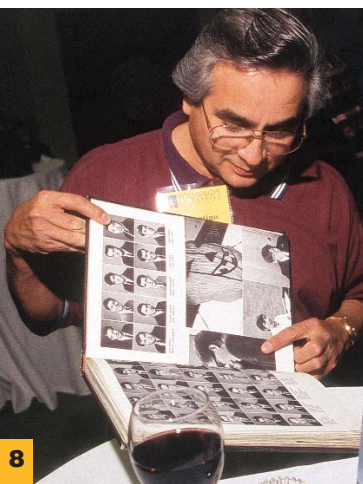
12. **Daniel Ramirez, '99**, and **Sylvia Mena-Ramirez, '99**, celebrated Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. They met as undergraduates at St. Edward's. "Without St. Edward's, I wouldn't be where I am and I wouldn't be happy," Daniel said.

13. **David Paschall, MLA '04**, and **Topper**, the St. Edward's University mascot, compared their beards. **Denise Valporto de Sa, '04**, is in her fourth year as the beloved mascot.

14. **Patty Ortiz, '01**, and **Ben Lyman, '01**, attended the T-shirt and tennis shoe reception. "This function, where former athletes come back, shows that they really care," Lyman said.

15. **Dennis Kaman, '62**, and wife **Barbara** enjoy the swinging Cajun beats of Dr. Zog during the tailgate party.

Photography by Jon Pattillo





Reunion celebrates alumni love for the university

Love was certainly in the air on the St. Edward's campus this Valentine's Day. Alumni Reunion, Parents Weekend and Homecoming Weekend were all held Feb. 14–16, and the events provided a little something for everyone in attendance. This special weekend marked the first time in history that alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff gathered together to celebrate the spirit of St. Edward's.

Alumni Reunion, hosted by the Office of Alumni Programs, gave former students an opportunity to celebrate their experiences at St. Edward's. On Feb. 14, participants got reacquainted with classmates and faculty at the opening reception in the Mabey Ballroom.

On Feb. 15, Reunion activities included a Wildflower Center tour led by Professor of Biology and Computer Science

Bill Quinn, a presentation by President George E. Martin on the strategic priorities and an alumni softball game. Later that day, couples renewed their marriage vows at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel. **Father Rick Wilkinson, CSC**, presided.

The same afternoon, alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff cheered on the Hilltopper basketball teams as they played the Lincoln University Blue Tigers. Later that night, the Residence Hall Association sponsored a casino night where alumni and students tried their luck at the casino tables.

The weekend concluded with Mass followed by Sunday brunch in the Reunion tent. The lasting sense of community, said many participants, made their weekend most memorable.

More reunion photos online:

www.stedwards.edu/alumni/Reunion_2003



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Rebecca Ramirez, MAHS '89



Rebecca Ramirez, MAHS '89, makes it home to Texas about twice a year. She, husband Albert, and children Alicia and Aaron visit family, frequent their favorite eateries, take in a football game or two, ride the roller coasters at Six Flags and swim at Barton Springs. As their vacation ends, they begin to feel homesick — not for Texas or the United States — but for the countries they live and work in as human rights workers with the International Catholic Migration Commission.

And for the cultures they encounter with every new assignment.

“Being in the United States is more the exception than the rule,” said Rebecca, who grew up in Vietnam as the daughter of Baptist missionaries. “Albert and I are part of an international community that comes to the aid of people who need assistance as a result of migration.”

Six months after they were married, they moved to Hong Kong to provide psychological assistance to Vietnamese refugees who had been denied asylum and were living in prison-like conditions. Two years later, they accepted positions with ICMC in the Philippines. Rebecca counseled youths facing the decision to stay in a country where children of American servicemen were unwelcome or to come to the United States without their families. Albert worked in the same program preparing necessary legal documentation for the young people. Daughter Alicia was born in Manila, and son Aaron arrived three years later during an assignment in Thailand.

Currently, the Ramirez family lives in the former Yugoslavia. Rebecca, based in Sarajevo, provides economic assistance to individuals hoping to rebuild their homes and restart their businesses. Albert, based in Kosovo, helps refugees return to towns they were once forced to flee. Alicia and Aaron attend an international school with classmates from around the world.

“As we grow as a family, I constantly try to find balance in my responsibilities as wife, mother and humanitarian,” said Rebecca, who met Albert during her MAHS internship at an Austin psychiatric treatment center where he also was working.

“What we do is family-based, individual-focused. We try, family by family, to help individuals see the strength within themselves to carry on.”

— *Stacia Hernstrom*

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team. His son, Andrew, is a junior at Valparaiso University in Indiana and is a varsity baseball player.

John Flood, '71, of Chalfont, Penn., re-started a manufacturers' representative business, John Flood Enterprises, calling on fund-raising distributors in 14 northeastern states and Canada. He currently represents 11 companies.

Donald Willett, '72, won the 2001–2002 Neches-Gulf Marine Award for Teaching Excellence from Texas A&M at Galveston.

Roberta “Bobbie” Morales, '74, is working for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in her hometown, Laredo. Bobbie says that she is “thrilled and honored to have been given the opportunity to go back to my roots to engage in empowering my community on this very important issue.” She may be reached at maddlaredo@aol.com.

Daniel J. Schmotzer, '74, of Hartsville, S.C., was named Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference Golf Coach of the Year. He has taken the Coker College golf team to NCAA Division II nationals for the past two years.

David A. Schmotzer, '74, of Hartsville, S.C., has been teaching and coaching for 24 years on the collegiate level. He is currently in his 11th year as head baseball coach and assistant professor of physical education and sports studies at Coker College. David is 32 wins away from his 500th career-coaching win.

Hartzell Stringer-Sager, '76, and her husband, Erik, of Luray, Va., may travel to Austin during the Memorial Day weekend for their first mini-triathlon.

Jeanne Beechwood, '77, is celebrating the 18th season of running a melodrama and vaudeville theater in Kansas City, Mo., along with her husband, Dan, and her daughter,

Cassandra. They opened a second theater in November 2002.

Robert M. Cartwright, '77, and his wife, Beth, of Pflugerville will celebrate 25 years of marriage in May 2003. Robert started a compensation consulting firm, Intelligent Compensation, in 1996.

Lynn Hayden, '78, of Austin continues to teach and lead workshops on time management and work organization in Singapore, Hong Kong and Guatemala. Next year she hopes to teach in Beijing.

James F. King, '78, of Austin retired from Sears after 16 years of service.

Dwight M. Webster, '78, of Austin is a retired major in the U.S. Air Force.

Robert J. Reifsteck, '79, of Harrisonburg, Va., has been employed with Packaging Corporation of America for 26 years in several different positions. His wife, Judy, teaches at James Madison University. They have two daughters and a son.

80s

Kelly Latz, '80, and his wife, Carla, live in Austin and have five children: Travis, 15, Brenna, 6, Blake, 4, Drew, 3, and Devin, 3 months.

Michael R. Goehring, '83, has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 21 years. He was promoted a year ago to a GS-14 project manager in education. Michael just completed building his dream home with views of downtown Austin, the Hill Country and St. Edward's University.

Henry E. Thames, '83, recently moved back to Michigan where he grew up. He is teaching at Battle Creek Central High School and coaching baseball at Kalamazoo College.

Ken Thomas, '83, and his family recently moved into a new house in

Buda. Ken is currently working on the film *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, starring Jonathan Lipnicki.

Juan J. Zevallos, MBA '83, accepted a new job assignment with Kraft Foods International and will be moving to London as the manager of human resource operations.

Lester N. Mayfield, '84, worked in the Grand Teton National Park this past summer and "enjoyed the great outdoors."

Colleen (Cole) Ogno, '84, is president of Austin-based JOSCO Products. In July 2002, the company was listed among the Top 25 Women-Owned Businesses in Austin based on gross receipts.

Anthony B. Ross Sr., '84, was appointed to the behavioral enforcement committee of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and elected as the state director of the Texas Society of CPAs. Anthony and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on Aug. 14, 2002.

Martha A. St. Romain, '84, recently moved to Los Angeles, Calif. She is assistant vice president for development at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Elise C. Wagner, '84, is working towards her master's degree at Montana State University in Billings, Mont. She is student coordinator for the NIMH research project "Athletics and Eating Problems in Native Americans and Caucasian Youth."

Rosalinda Rodriguez, '85, is a physician assistant in San Antonio. She has been a practicing PA for four years.

Joan Johnson Culver, LMSW-ACP, '87, was re-appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as chair of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners in August 2002. The nine-member board regulates the social work profession in Texas. She was first appointed to the

Alumni Association Community Service Project

Alumni rolled up their sleeves for the annual community service project on Dec. 14, 2002. The Dallas Chapter, led by **Frontaine Freeman, '84**, organized a volunteer day at the Salvation Army's Christmas Assistance Center. Alumni from the Austin area helped out at the Capital Area Food Bank.



Alumni Programs

Austin Chapter Happy Hour

Java and other goodies from Ruta Maya Coffee House fueled discussion of plans for the Alumni Association's Austin Chapter. Alumni from the classes of 1990–2002 gathered Jan. 23 at a happy hour planned by **Mia Hosty, '98**, **Deborah Hujar, '94**, **Allison McKissack, '98**, Alumni Association Board Member **Fred McNair, '63**, **'67**, **Perry Pack, '97**, **Robert Ritchey, '00**, **Jill Seidenberger, '96**, **Tony Slagle, '92**, and **Clay Weatherford, '99**. ■





Lozano-Hoang wedding Nov. 2: Jesse Saucedo, '93, Mike Trevino, '99, Carlos Cantu, '98, Melonie Martinez, '02, Nicole Guerrero, '99, Danilo DeJesus, '00, Jesse Butler, '99, Esme (Lozano) Hoang, '99, Thuy Hoang, '99, Luis Serna, '99, Father Rick Wilkinson, CSC, Josh Painting, '99, Anne Marie Painting, '02, Sonya Gonzalez, '99, Marco Vergara, '00, and Steven Pinkenburg, '98.

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board in 1998. Joan also is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapists.

Gale Greenleaf, '89, completed a master's degree in journalism at UT-Austin and, in August 2002, earned a doctorate in American studies from UT-Austin.

90s

Eduardo Resende, '90, of Cotia, Brazil, would like to get in touch with the friends that he made at SEU. He may be reached at eresende@aol.com.br.

Gaynelle Marie Caldwell, '91, made her off-off-Broadway debut in *Songs of Paradise*, a campy musical based on the book of Genesis. She also appeared in *Antigone* during the summer of 2002. Gaynelle is presently developing a dance/theater piece titled *Where*

Were You? with the Demetrius Dance Company in Lake Worth, Fla., where she lives.

Margaret Juarez Gomez, '91, was re-elected as a Travis County commissioner on Nov. 5, 2002. She was sworn in Jan. 2, 2003.

Bernadine Rose Rettger, '91, is recovering from a stroke. She works in a small library in Kane, Pa., and has a voiced role in the town's hit play, *Joseph*.

Randy Geier, '92, has been owner and president of EEC in New Orleans, La., for four years. He may be reached at randygeier@yahoo.com.

Kevin Wallace, '92, and his son, Joey, have moved to Amarillo. He is a teacher and the softball coach at River Road High School.

Ron Bennett, '93, of Austin has accepted a supervisory position at the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. SCJC is responsible for investigating allegations of judicial

misconduct or judicial disability and for disciplining judges.

Martha "Gigi" Valerie Cantu, '93, received her juris doctorate from Texas Southern University in May 2000.

Miguel A. Castillo, '93, is a curriculum specialist with Laredo ISD. He is working towards a doctorate in bilingual education from Texas A&M at Kingsville. He may be reached at mcastillo@laredoisd.org.

John Guttery, '93, was promoted to division vice president with Hilti. He and his wife, Amy, along with their children, Kate, 4, and Julia, 3, will be relocating to Tulsa, Okla.

Amy Hobson, '93, got her teacher's certificate in 1997 and taught elementary school in Austin for four years. She needed a break and wanted to travel, so she went to Sasebo, Japan, to teach English. Amy said, "It was great there, and I got to travel to Taiwan, Thailand, Korea,

MARRIAGES

Bill Hopfensack, '69, to Virginia Hopfensack in 2000, living in San Antonio.

Sharon Cox, '88, MBA '93, to John Kennedy Carney on Sept. 7, 2002, living in Round Rock.

Martha "Gigi" Valerie Cantu, '93, to Javier Garcia on April 1, 2000, living in San Antonio.

Christine (Reddish) Mullin, '94, to Timothy Mark Mullin on Nov. 30, 2002, living in Forest Hill, Md.

Alan "Arty" Gonzales, '95, to Celine M. Gomez on Nov. 1, 2002, living in Plano.

Joe Kucera, '95, to Gina Hargrove on July 7, 2001, living in Austin.

Jeanne Po, '96, to David Prior on May 25, 2002, living in Boston, Mass.

Sharon (Ley) Gilman, '97, to Lieutenant Ben Gilman, '01, on Sept. 28, 2002, living near Fort Rucker, Ala.

Kerry Lynn (Gallagher) McAda, '98, to Adam W. McAda on May 25, 2002, living in Austin.

Esmeralda (Lozano) Hoang, '99, to Thuy Hoang, '99, on Nov. 2, 2002, living in Austin.

Sara (DiGaetano) Riddles, '99, to James Riddles on Feb. 2, 2002, living in Austin.

Robin (Lucash) Yeamans, '00, to Doug Yeamans, '00, on July 20, 2002, living in Austin.

Jennifer (Wiatrek) Bland, '01, to Jason Bland, '00, on Jan. 19, 2001, living in Austin.

Tricia Renee (Guinsler) Shevlin, '01, to Michael Shevlin on April 6, 2002, living in Austin.

Mitsi Gabrielle (Carpenter) Chambliss, '02, to William Kendrick "Chip" Chambliss on Oct. 5, 2002, living in Austin.

Cindy (Beltran) Ferguson, '02, to Stephen Ferguson on Oct. 12, 2002, living in Austin.

Danielle (Cook) Noonan, '03, to Chris Noonan, '01, on June 15, 2002, living in Houston.

Indonesia and Japan." Now, she lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and teaches third grade. She may be reached at sheepy_house@hotmail.com.

Steven McGlaun, '93, has served as the campus minister for Saint Agnes Academy in Houston for the past three years. He moved to Winona, Minn., in December after accepting a job with St. Mary's Press as a development editor for high school curriculum. He has completed his first year of work towards a master's degree in pastoral ministry.

Edie Hernandez Putt, '94, continues to work in the field of domestic violence and has opened a private practice as a licensed professional counselor in the Dallas area. Also, Edie has been accepted into a doctoral program in clinical psychology.

Patrick Valdez, '94, of Victoria was recently appointed director of the HACU/Kellogg MSI Leadership Fellows Program by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Robin Blackburn-Jerkins, '95, left her job as assistant managing editor of the *Gazette-Enterprise* in Seguin and is now living in her hometown of San Marcos. She works at the *San Marcos Daily*

Record and devotes her free time to writing poetry and short fiction.

Joe Kucera, '95, has been tennis coach for Midway High School and Junior High School in Waco for the past five years. In January 2000, he became assistant principal at Midway Middle School.

Timothy Trenerry, '95, of Austin is employed by Rocket Expedited Services, a division of Towne Air Freight.

Vanessa (Villalon) Cardenas, '96, and her family were transferred to Savage, Minn., from Scottsdale, Ariz., due to her husband's position with General Mills. They are enjoying the four seasons and may be reached at envcard2@aol.com.

Rita Lynn Nokes, '96, is working on a doctorate in molecular and cell biology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Jeanne Po, '96, lives in Boston with her husband, David Prior, and is working on a doctorate in English literature.

Heather Gray, '97, finished a master of arts in writing and publishing at Emerson College in Boston. She taught English in Istanbul, Turkey, for one and a

Regan Giese, '92

Regan Giese, '92, likes to honky-tonk.

As a South Texas native, he and his dance partner of 36 years — his wife, Karen — are regulars at the annual Kerrville Folk Festival and Cowboy Symposium. Avid swing dancers, they relish cowboy poetry and country music.

Giese's love for the genre extends to the landscape that inspires it, too. A trained archeologist and anthropologist, he is vice president and area manager for CH2M Hill, the world's largest environmental engineering firm. Based in El Paso, he works to protect the Rio Grande while helping local water utilities cope with the region's lack of water.

Giese is active in BECC, the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission created as part of NAFTA.

"Through the partnership, we provide water, treat water and build facilities for communities on both sides of the border," said Giese. "Together with Mexico, we prevent raw sewage from being dumped into the Rio Grande."

Giese recently completed plans for the country's largest inland desalination plant — the only one of its kind to be built for a major metropolitan area. He also coordinates efforts to reduce arsenic levels in drinking water as required by the federal government. He conducts vulnerability studies to determine the impact of a terrorist attack on water resources and is developing an international water-testing laboratory on the U.S. border with Mexico.

Yet serving his community while advocating for the land's resources has only been his life's work for a decade. He spent more than 20 years in the business world before enrolling in New College at St. Edward's University, where he studied anthropology. He earned his master's degree in archeology from New Mexico State University and joined CH2M Hill two years ago.

Giese credits New College with much of his success. "New College offered exactly what I needed," he said. "I was able to take advantage of my life's experience and earn credits, which New College encourages. I was in very small classes and was able to meet one-on-one with my professors. I could never have gotten where I am without New College."

— Stacia Hernstrom



COURTESY OF REGAN GIESE



Sharon (Cox) Carney, '88, MBA '93, married **John Kennedy Carney (right) Sept. 7, 2002**, in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, their hometown. **Dolores Rangel, '92, MBA '97**, served as maid of honor.

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half years. Now she is back in Houston working as a marketing manager for a technology company. She may be reached at heatheranngray@yahoo.com.

Cheryl Sennett, '97, of Austin has taken a new position as account coordinator with Traq-Wireless. She may be reached at csennett@austin.rr.com.

Stephanie A. Wickes, '97, of Sterling, Va., recently returned from a tour in Lagos, Nigeria, where she

served as the acting public affairs officer for the U.S. Consulate.

Judy (Murdock) Hargrove, '98, and **Brian Hargrove, '98**, of Austin would love to hear from everyone. They may be reached at bhargro2@yahoo.com.

Tim "Sam" Sprockel, '98, and his wife, Martha, are living in Gonkra, Germany. Tim currently works for private investigators.

Shannon Martiuk Barnett, '99, is in her second year of law school at Oklahoma City University.

Olivia T. (Zamarripa) Brown, '99, of San Antonio teaches physical education at Royal Ridge Elementary School in North East ISD. She is also the sponsor of the Runners' Club.

Sergio Lozano, '99, is a newly licensed attorney practicing in Laredo.

Alejandro G. Meade III, '99, lives in Brownsville with his wife, Elizabeth, son Sebastian, 2, and daughter Emily, 11 months.

David B. Sanchez, '99, of Redondo Beach, Calif., was promoted to assistant athletic director for corporate sales with the University of Southern California Trojans.

operations at the Capital Area Food Bank in Austin and was named employee of the quarter for the second quarter of 2002.

Lorena (Lopez) Rivera, '00, recently moved back to Mission, her hometown, with her husband and son to be closer to family and friends.

Shane Agüero, '01, graduated from officer candidate school in September 2002 as a Second Lieutenant. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Jesus Alonso, '01, began his year of novitiate as a member of the South-West Province at the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo.

Joseph C.K. Chor, '01, is in the chemistry master's degree program at Southwest Texas State University.

Chris Noonan, '01, of Houston works for Mercer Human Resource Consulting as an actuarial analyst.

Janelle Triana, '01, was promoted to account coordinator at Tocquigny Advertising Interactive + Marketing in Austin.

David Edward Zieba, '01, is pursuing graduate studies at Tulane University and undergraduate studies at the University of New Orleans. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Walter R. McAtee, '30, of Victoria on April 1, 2002.
James F. Wittenburg, '36, of Rocksprings on Aug. 3, 2002.
Henry V. Seger, '37, of Houston on Nov. 30, 2002.
Robert M. Doetsch, '42, of Austin on Jan. 23, 2002.
Leigh Ellis Jr., '42, of Austin on May 17, 2002.
Frank D. Mackin, '43, of Beaumont on Feb. 21, 2002.
J. Winston Morrison, MD, '43, of Houston on Sept. 21, 2002.
Marvin G. Janca, '44, of Fort Worth on Jan. 2, 2001.
Charles Robery Groux, hs '45, of Apopka, Fla. on Jan. 13, 2002.
Joseph M. McHale, '50, of Houston on Aug. 31, 2002.
Charles J. Hoffman III, '51, of Fort Worth on Oct. 24, 2002.
Brother Richard T. Burgie, CSC, '52, of Brazil on Nov. 27, 2001.
John J. Walsh, '52, of South Bend, Ind., on Nov. 16, 2002.
Timothy R. O'Keefe, '55, of Alpharetta, Ga., in Nov. 6, 2002.
Joseph Murray, '56, of Austin on Nov. 20, 2002.
Philip J. Jordan Jr., '60, of Sawyer, Mich., on Dec. 4, 2002.
Ernest G. Joseph Jr., hs '61, of Austin on Oct. 1, 2002.
Ronald J. Wietlispach, '61, of Burlington, Vt., on June 2, 2001.
Daniel E. Ruiz, '63, of Austin on March 25, 2000.
Marcus R. Curvey, hs '65, of Houston on May 30, 2002.
Charles E. Klobe, '67, of Arlington in Dec. 11, 2002.
Duane A. Ranft, '71, of North Carolina on Nov. 16, 2000.
Estelle M. Frerichs, '72, of San Antonio on Nov. 24, 2001.
Harvey M. Hightower, '77, of Burleson on June 30, 2001.
Juan R. Morin Jr., '80, of Austin on Aug. 27, 2002.
Lois L. Counts, '82, of Harwood on Oct. 5, 2001.
Ronald Johann Gressel, '85, of Gilbert, Ariz., on April 19, 2002.
James D. Herbert, '87, of Austin on June 13, 2000.
John R. Stroupe, '89, of Round Rock on May 27, 2002.
Esperanza N. Reyes-Thompson, '91, of Austin on Dec. 1, 2001.
Catherine R. Balog, '93, of Austin on Dec. 11, 2002.
Kathleen Anne Hesler, '94, of Henderson on April 20, 2002.
David Marlowe Lopez, '96, of Austin on Oct. 15, 2002.
Stephanie Van Doren, '98, of Austin on Nov. 2, 2002.

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Reanna Nicol Clifton, '00, of Victoria is pursuing a master's degree in both counseling psychology and school psychology at the University of Houston-Victoria.

Arlene Marie Glowe, '00, recently had a 21-day adventure across the United States before beginning her second year teaching fourth grade at St. Brendan's in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Angela Keller, '00, was promoted to a management position in



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To **Kelly Latz, '80**, and Carla Latz of Austin, son Devin Thomas on Nov. 22, 2002.

To **Terri Anspach-Garza, '90**, and **Jaime (Jay) Garza, '89**, of Helotes, son Joseph Adam on July 8, 2002.

To **Sylvia Maria Mena, '92**, and **Daniel Paul Ramirez, '99**, of Corpus Christi, daughter Kathleen Maria on Aug. 15, 2002.

To **Melisa (Collier) Pashley, '92**, and Andrew Pashley of Trinidad, son Darin Mark on March 4, 2002.

To **Rebecca Pineda Thomason, '92**, **MAHS '00**, and **Karl Thomason, '92**, **MBA '97**, of Austin, daughter Lauren Rose on April 12, 2002.

To **Ruben M. Villarreal Jr., '92**, and Cynthia Silva Villarreal of Laredo, son Joel Tomas on Aug. 12, 2002.

To **Jacqueline (Janoura) Bernard, '93**, and Michael Bernard of Trinidad, son Jake Michael George on May 11, 2002.

To **Martha "Gigi" Valerie Cantu, '93**, and Javier Garcia of San Antonio, son Demitri Andres on Dec. 5, 2001.

To **Marci Landy, '94**, and **Keith Landy, '94**, of Lindenhurst, Ill., son Colton Chase on May 28, 2002.

To **Rachel Olivarez-Clymer, '94**, and **Bob Clymer, '95**, of Oklahoma City, Okla., daughter Kathryn Rose on July 31, 2002.

To **Heidi (Dorko) Wolff, '94**, and **Chris Wolff, '94**, of Austin, son Trent Marshall on March 4, 2002.

To **Vanessa (Villalon) Cardenas, '96**, and Efrain Cardenas of Savage, Minn., son Efrain Aaron on July 21, 2001.

To **Blanca (Lesmes) Buentipo, '97**, and Ben Buentipo of Kyle, son Isaac Dominic on Nov. 11, 2001.

To **Amy E. Howard-Blackburn, '97**, and John Blackburn of Beaumont, son John Robert on Oct. 3, 2002.

To **Heike (Hitschfel) Youde, '97**, and Blake Youde of St. Louis, Mo., son Evan Robert on Dec. 28, 2001.

To **Judy (Murdock) Hargrove, '98**, and **Brian Hargrove, '98**, son Ethan Anthony on Aug. 27, 2002.

To **Alejandro G. Meade III, '99**, and Elizabeth Meade of Brownsville, daughter Emily on April 19, 2002.

To **Heidi E.H. Partian, '99**, and Robert Partian of Lake Oswego, Ore., daughter Veronica Isabel on March 8, 2002.

To **Carmen Aceves, '00**, and Juan Ramos of Del Valle, son Joel Ramos on Feb. 7, 2002.

To **Lorena (Lopez) Rivera, '00**, and Jesus Rivera Jr. of Mission, son Isaac Joaquin on Oct. 21, 2002.

To **Tiffany (Harrison) Heffernan, '02**, and Mike Heffernan of Dallas, daughter Taylor Skye on Nov. 7, 2002.

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