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Regent's speech combines humor, good advice

CU confers 800 degrees on class of '98

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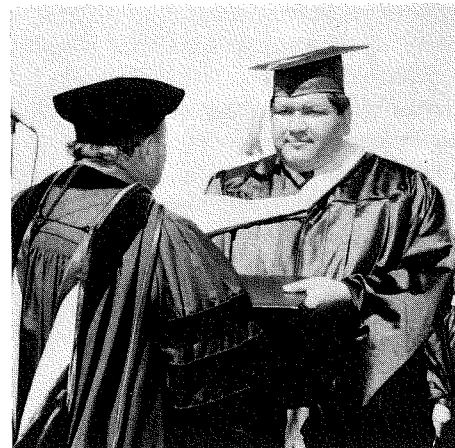
"If you're not happy where you are, you won't be happy where you're going."

That was one of several pearls of wisdom passed along by State Regent Bill W. Burgess Jr. to Cameron University's nearly 800 graduates during spring commencement exercises May 9.

Burgess, a Lawton attorney and investment corporation chairman, was a living example of the potential of a Cameron product.

He graduated from Cameron with high honors in 1978. While here, Burgess served as student body president and led the university's debate team. He was listed in *Who's Who in American*

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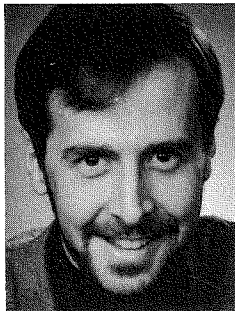


Gary Don Unap of Carnegie was the first member of Cameron's Class of '98 to accept a diploma from President Don Davis.

Unap received his masters in teaching, then again crossed the stage to accept his MBA.

Cameron alum takes baton for McMahon event

When Dr. Evgeny Rivkin sat down at the piano to perform his award-winning version of Rachmaninoff's



Kalbfleisch

"Concerto No. 3 in D minor," he was backed with a 48-piece orchestra filled with local talent and led by a Cameron graduate.

Jon Kalbfleisch, a 1985 Cameron graduate currently living in Washington, D.C., is associate conductor for the National Touring

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Open for business

Dignitaries dedicate Sciences Complex

Years of planning and construction came to a successful end in late January when Cameron formally dedicated its \$12.5 million Sciences Complex in a ceremony attracting state and university regents, elected officials, faculty, students and members of the community.

Primarily financed with funds raised through a 1992 statewide bond issue elec-

tion, the Sciences Complex also benefitted from 500 gifts, grants and university funds totalling \$2 million.

The celebration gave Cameron officials an opportunity to recognize those whose donations made the facility possible.

The new facility is four times larger than the space previously devoted to the studies of physics, chemistry and biology and boasts a computer lab and state-of-the-art construction and operational technology that gives Cameron the means to prepare students for competition in a global economy.

"I remember when South Hall and Cameron Hall were here," noted Oklahoma House Speaker Loyd Benson in his keynote address. "Isn't it great to see what has



Dr. Don Davis, State Regent Bill Burgess, and OU-CU Regents Mary Jane Noble and Steve Bentley cut the ribbon Jan. 24, officially opening Cameron's Sciences Complex.

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Group recognized during annual gala

Foundation welcomes 19 new President's Partners

Dr. Don Davis welcomed 19 new individuals and couples to the President's Partners of the Cameron University Foundation Feb. 28, taking membership in the organization past 200.

New Partners were announced during a gala at Fort Sill. The event recognized those individuals and businesses who annually help Cameron University meet its short- and long-range financial commitments to provide a quality education for Southwest Oklahomans. Donations give the university an added dimension in its efforts to improve educational opportunities beyond that possible through tuition and legislative appropriations.

To become a President's Partner, an individual pledges a minimum \$1,000 annual contribution to the Cameron University Foundation. Lifetime memberships are given those who donate \$10,000 to the foundation.

Up to half of the donation may be designated for special use and can be used to provide scholarships, encourage research, improve campus facilities, assist recruitment or endow academic positions.

Past contributions by the President's Partners have allowed Cameron to establish a faculty development endowment, enhance its honors program, make improvements to its child development center and help equip the Sciences Complex.

New Partners consist of Richard Allen, June Barnett, Craig and Janie Billingsley, B.H. Brewer, Joe and Mollie Burton, Felton and Edna Dean, Dr. Wade Harrison, Robert and Lois Jean Hinman, LaWayne Jones, Farrel and Diana McGoohan,



President's Partners and guests danced to the big band sounds of the Al Good Orchestra during the organization's annual gala at the Fort Sill Officers Club. The gala served as an opportunity to recognize the newest President's Partners.

David and Sylvia Miller, George and Tresea Moses, Johnny Owens, Bob and Lori Payton, Buster and Pearl Dean Scott, Dr. Ben W. Slaybaugh, Tom and Sharon Sutherlin, Ted Warkentin and Ken and Dorothy Youngblood.

The names of these donors have been added to a special plaque which hangs in Cameron's administration building. There are now 205 President's Partners.

Individuals interested in joining the President's Partners may contact Dr. Don Sullivan, Cameron's Vice President for Development, at 580/581-2999. ■

Davis takes ASCOG seat

Cameron University President Don Davis has been selected to fill a position on the board of directors of the Association of South Central Governments.

Davis, selected to serve as a "citizen-at-large" representing Comanche County, was sworn in by District Judge George Lindley during ASCOG's March meeting.

ASCOG is a regional association that assists local communities in their economic development efforts and municipal government needs. ■

Cameron VP named to position on state attorney oversight panel

Louise Brown, Cameron's Vice President for Student Affairs, has been appointed by House Speaker Loyd Benson to a panel that reviews disciplinary cases against Oklahoma attorneys.

The Professional Responsibility Commission of the Oklahoma Bar Association is a seven-member panel that works under the authority of the state Supreme Court.

Brown oversees operation of Cameron's registrar, admissions, public safety, student activities, multicultural, veteran's affairs and student development programs.

She will serve a two-year term on the panel. ■

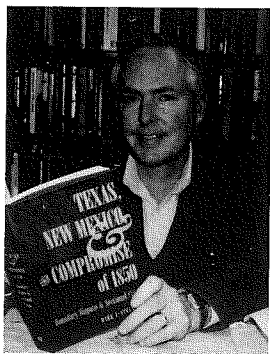
Stegmaier book wins New Mexico award

A historical work by Cameron professor Mark Stegmaier has won yet another literary award.

Texas, New Mexico and the Compromise of 1850: Boundary Dispute and Sectional Crisis, first published in 1996, has been presented the Gaspar Perez de Villagra award for 1998.

The award is given by the Historical Society of New Mexico to recognize outstanding publications by individuals.

Texas, New Mexico and the Compromise of 1850 had already been honored by the Texas State Historical Association as the best book on Texas history published in 1996, earning it the Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize. Dr. Stegmaier's work was also a finalist for best non-fiction work in the 1997 Oklahoma Book Award Competition, sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for the Book. ■



Stegmaier

Five of Cameron's eight teams make a run in the polls

'97-'98 a year that ranked for CU sports

BY JASON WEST
CU SPORTS INFORMATION

Cameron experienced a breakthrough 1997-98 season as the Aggies rejoined the Lone Star Conference. For the first time in school history, the university's athletic department had the majority of its sports either regionally or nationally ranked. Five of eight varsity sports at CU were ranked at the end of their season, with two sports qualifying for national championship tournaments and one other losing in the regional final.

Six of the eight teams were competing for conference championships at their respective season's end as well.

The year started off with a bang as the volleyball team jumped out to a 9-1 start and ranked as high as fifth regionally — the lone loss coming to nationally ranked Southern Colorado. The team finished 19-9 overall, qualified for the Lone Star Conference Tournament and ranked seventh regionally. Junior setter Luz Fernandez and sophomore outside hitter Shawna Sears were named to the North Division All-LSC first team, while senior outside hitter Shelly Urban and freshman outside hitter Lora Spencer earned second team honors.

Coach Jerry Stone continued the winning ways of the men's basketball team as the Aggies were able to end a second consecutive winning season. CU got off to a fast start by winning its first four games. Cameron will be led next season by Tony Phillips. "Big Tony," a 6-7 center from Clinton, averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds in conference play and was named All-LSC Honorable Mention. Phillips led the LSC in rebounding and finished third in shooting percentage.

Although the women's basketball team had some growing pains last season, the spirits remain high for this season. After signing a dozen new recruits, the Aggie women are confident they will be able to contend for an LSC championship. There are some big shoes to fill with the departure of three seniors, who were also three of the top four scorers. Senior Martina

Tadic will be the top returnee with a 10.8 points per game average and a team high 6.7 rebounding average.

The Aggie softball team also continued its success with its first winning record in recent history. After finishing with a 29-20 record, even more honors came in as three Aggies were honored on the All-Region team and six were honored on the All-LSC team. Senior first baseman Maria Gonzalez led the team with a .405 batting average, earning second team honors on both the All-Region and All-LSC teams. Sophomore

Chrystal Lasell led the team in homers, earning first team All-Region honors and second team All-LSC.

The Cameron baseball team will look toward next year with high hopes. Sophomore T.J. Lowder played in all 53 games this spring, batted .317 and pitched in 11 games. The Aggies are competing in the South Division of the Lone Star Conference as they look to improve on last season's 16-37 record.

The women's tennis team earned its second consecutive trip to nationals with a 21-4 record and a No. 18 national ranking. After graduating only two seniors, the team is looking to gain even more experience with four sophomores on this year's squad.

The men's tennis team finished last season still hungry. For the second year in a row the men's team ended the season in the regional finals only to lose a heartbreaker. With three graduating seniors to replace, Coach James Helvey will have his hands full as both tennis teams compete in one of the toughest conferences in the nation. The Aggies were ranked No. 22 nationally in the final poll last season.

The Cameron golf team found the right time to peak. After six top five finishes last season, the Aggies were able to bring home runner-up honors from the West Regional and qualify for nationals. A very experienced team, the Aggies will look toward senior Jason Jeter for leadership. Jeter finished fourth at the regional and had a 74.8 stroke average last season.



What are you doing now?

The alumni notes section of *Cameron Today* is an excellent way to update friends and former classmates on where you are and what you are doing. Let us hear from you if you have any major news or accomplishments to report.

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Address (include city, state and zip code): _____

Graduation Date (or last year attended): _____ Telephone: _____

Tell us about yourself ... job info, honors, marriage, etc.: _____

Send to: Office of Alumni Relations, Cameron University, 2800 W. Gore Blvd., Lawton, OK 73505

E-mail: alumni@cameron.edu

CU campus rates among safest in U.S.

Cameron University's overall crime rate continues to decrease yearly, allowing it to rank in the top 10 percent of the nation's safest campuses.

The overall campus crime rate last year was 6.3 incidents per thousand students, a drop from 7.5 incidents per thousand the previous year. The current crime rate is also a significant drop from the 9.9 incidents per thousand reported during 1995, according to Cameron Public Safety Director Neil Springborn.

"Violent crimes – rape, murder and aggravated assault – have been nonexistent," Springborn said. "The major problem on campus involves property crimes, which account for 81 percent of all incidents reported." These primarily involved larceny and vandalism.

But Springborn noted that Cameron also experienced a significant drop in the number of crimes reported – from 68 in 1995, to 47 in 1996, to 38 last year. The dollar loss from campus crime has dropped drastically – from approximately \$16,800 in 1996 to slightly more

than \$8,000 last year.

Springborn noted that his 1997 data included all reported crimes. Federal agency data covers different aspects of those statistics, giving the university an even lower reported crime rate.

The Department of Justice's *Crime in the United States: Uniform Crime Reports* indicates that Cameron's crime rate is 3.3 per thousand students, while

"Violent crimes ... have been nonexistent."

– Neil Springborn
Director, CU Public Safety

data collected through the U.S. Department of Education's Campus Security Act show the university with no incidents per thousand students.

He believes that Cameron's impressive showing in the Justice Department data resulted in its inclusion in *Dangerous Colleges*, a comprehensive study of college crime in the United States. The report evaluated 383 accredited four-

year schools and ranked them numerically according to a three-year average of their crime rates, with a lower number indicating a safer campus.

Cameron ranked 32nd in the nation among the schools surveyed, placing it in the top 10 percent of safe campuses.

Springborn feels that Cameron's ongoing educational programs play a key role in reducing campus crime.

The Office of Public Safety conducts seminars on self defense, the dangers of date rape and tips on property protection. Additionally, the campus has neighborhood watch and "crimestoppers" programs, and the department offers free, uniformed escorts for students traveling across campus at night.

The department maintains a 24-hour emergency phone hotline and last year the university installed improved nighttime lighting across campus.

All of these, plus a full-time public safety department, combine to promote a safer campus, he said. ■

Cameron professor's work merits human rights award

Sharon Methvin, an associate professor of sociology at Cameron, was recently honored with an award from the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

The 1997 Human Rights Award was presented to Dr. Methvin in January during a ceremony marking the 14th Annual Human Rights Day.

Methvin was selected for the honor because of her contributions to human rights in Oklahoma, based largely on her research into poverty and its related issues which was chronicled in her 1997 book, *Women's Choices and the Risk of Poverty: Case Studies in Breaking the Cycle*.

The professor researched the experiences of 47 Oklahoma women living in poverty, examining the relationships between age, motherhood and marital status and how they relate to risks for entering and exiting poverty.

Her research debunked many myths surrounding welfare and the plight of poor families while focusing on employer discrimination toward pregnant women, gender-based wage discrimination, the complexities of moving from welfare to work under federal assistance policies, the availability of contraceptives for young women and the failure of the present health care system. ■

Math journal seeks out Argyros for editorial board

Cameron math sciences professor Ioannis K. Argyros has been named to the editorial board for a new quarterly mathematics journal.

Plenum Publishing Co. will print the journal, *Computational Analysis and Applications*. The first issue is expected out in January.

Plenum spent two years doing a peer-assisted, exhaustive search to compile a list of 25 internationally recognized experts in various areas of mathematics. These 25, including Dr. Argyros, will make up the editorial board for the journal. He will serve as a lifetime member.

Argyros recently completed his third book, *Polynomial Operator Equations in Abstract Spaces and Applications*. He has also written *The Theory and Applications of Iteration Methods* and *Computational Methods for Abstract Polynomial Equations*.

Argyros has authored more than 200 research papers and presented more than 50 lectures at American and European scientific meetings.

At Cameron, Argyros founded the *Southwest Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics* and serves at its editor-in-chief. He also edits the *Korean Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics*. ■

Degree dilemma

Decision to watch husband, daughter graduate nets a special reward

It was a tough call.

One family, two graduations. Same day, 120 miles apart.

In the end, Jodi Davis decided she'd rather attend Cameron's May 9 commencement and see her husband, Jerry, and daughter, Jennifer, receive their bachelors degrees in elementary education, instead of driving to Ada to accept her own masters in education degree from East Central University.

She had only one request: Would it be possible for her to wear her graduation attire and accompany her family across the stage when their names were called that Saturday morning?

Cameron president Dr. Don Davis went one better.

After learning of Jodi's dilemma -- and her ultimate decision -- he picked up the phone and telephoned Dr. Bill Cole, president of East Central. Explaining the situation, Dr. Davis asked ECU's top administrator for permission to confer Mrs. Davis' degree on behalf of the university.

Dr. Cole agreed and Jodi not only was able to see her family celebrate their accomplishments, but also turned Cameron's 1998 Commencement into a true family affair.



East Central degree candidate Jodi Davis accepts a diploma from Dr. Don Davis at Cameron's commencement. When Mrs. Davis decided to skip her ceremony to see her husband, Jerry, and daughter, Jennifer, graduate, CU's president sought permission from administrators at the Ada university to confer Mrs. Davis' degree in Lawton.

CU virtual tour wins web honor

Cameron's Internet website was honored in January as a "four-star" award recipient for a virtual tour developed to show off its campus.

Cameron was chosen as the honor by CampusTours, a website devoted to assisting prospective college students in their search for a university. Cameron is one of only 13 universities thus far selected for the honor -- and currently is the only university in the central United States to receive the award.

CampusTours gives students an opportunity to make "virtual visits" to schools across the United States quickly and easily from their computers. While the website doesn't suggest that prospective students make a decision based solely on the virtual tour, it provides a much better look into the physical aspects of a college or university.

To be eligible for the award, a university must post on the World Wide Web a narrated tour, photo gallery, interactive map, brief video clip or realtime video

images of its campus. Cameron offers both a map and narrated tour.

"Cameron ... has developed a terrific online expedition, using frames to simultaneously display an interactive campus map, (photographs of buildings) and even direct links to each location on campus," the website noted in its review of the Cameron website. "The university's tour and map appear together and provide a very intuitive and sensible interface, allowing visitors to quickly and easily navigate the campus."

CampusTours links directly to hundreds of online tours developed by colleges and universities throughout the U.S. These links provide students an excellent means of contacting universities directly.

Cameron computer support specialist Julie Duncan is in charge of the university's website.

The site can be accessed at http://www.cameron.edu/info/campus_map/index.html. ■

Smith wins outstanding teacher honor

Cameron forensics director Richard Smith has been named the Outstanding Young College Teacher of 1997 by the Oklahoma Speech Theater and Communication Association.

Dr. Smith, an assistant communications professor, received the honor during the association's annual convention in Edmond.

Smith joined the Cameron faculty in 1994. He graduated from Cameron with a bachelors degree in 1987 and was awarded his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 1991. His professional experience includes coaching the debate team at Eastern New Mexico University and practicing law in Watonga and Lawton.

Last year, Smith was named the D.J. Nabors Forensic Coach of the Year, an award also presented by the OSTCA. ■

Cameron alums: What are they doing now?

Alumni who received more than one degree are listed by year of the most recent degree. Those who attended, but did not graduate, are listed under the year they would have graduated; or in some cases, the last year they attended Cameron.

1945: Dorothy Pittman Carter, Gillette, Wyo., owns Powder River Office Supply.

1948: Robert D. Mitchell, Lawton, is retired.

1949: Darrell H. Bolich, Ada, is a member of the alumni board at OBU where he received his bachelors degree. He visited Cameron recently and reminisced about his college years. He served in the military during World War II and the Korean War, then lived in California where he did ministerial work at the State Penitentiary in San Luis Obispo. He moved to Ada in 1976. **Joan G. Hellbusch Smith** farms near Loveland.

1950: W. C. Burris, Mead, is the retired president of Western Oklahoma State College.

1951: Warren C. Weaver, Duncan, is retired.

1960: Linda J. Levy, Denver, Colo., is a systems consultant for Paradigm Technology.

1961: Katherine Upjohn Upton, South Portland, Maine, is an underwriter for Commercial Union Insurance.

1962: Dr. Don Beavers, Faxon, is a veterinarian and owner of Beavers Animal Hospital in Lawton. He was named Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association's Veterinarian of the Year. **Jim Jones** is chief operating officer for Edmond Public Schools. Diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1994 and later with leukemia, he is recovering from a bone marrow transplant.

1970: Jim Smith, Beijing, PRC, is

Asia Pacific regional vice president for corporate accounts with Ecolab Inc. He served as a Marine officer for three years and has worked with Ecolab for the past 21 years. He would like to hear from his classmates via e-mail at jsmith@public.east.cn.net.

1971: Christine Freese Heuer, Dearing, Ga., is a registered nurse in emergency at McDuffie County Hospital in Thomson, Ga. **Richard Horton**, Edmond, is senior vice president of commercial banking at BankOne and has 25 years experience in the industry. He is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City and other community groups.

1973: Jose A. Rivo Jr., Saint Hedwig, Texas, is a retired Army colonel.

1974: Tom Crossland, Lawton, works for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He married **Debbie A. Crossland**, '96. **John C. Farley**, Houston, Texas, is a senior account executive for RPS.

1975: Robert Madayag, Columbus, Ga., is an application support tech for the Muscogee County School District. **Michael E. Strohm**, Wahiawa, Hawaii, is an Army chaplain. **L. David Williams**, Cypress, Texas, is a senior design supervisor for Brown and Root Inc. **Patty Wininger, RN**, is emergency department nursing director at Duncan Regional Hospital.

1977: Robert M. Hanefield, Oklahoma City, is director of operations for DD Martin Surfacing.

1978: Terrence R. Redding, West Palm Beach, Fla., has obtained his Ph.D. **Paul O. Welker**, Lawton, is a retired policeman. He worked for the Lawton Police Department and was chief of police in Cache.

1980: Mario G. Bianco, Lawton, is a special agent and federal criminal investigator.

1981: Jay A. Head, Duncan, is a captain with the Lawton Fire Department. **Donald Ralph Tysdal**, Guthrie, married Lu Anne Hamilton in October. He is an elementary teacher for Moore Public Schools.

1982: Karin Shaul Davis, Aurora, Colo., has two children and is married to **Stanley Davis**, '84. **Teresa C. Musgrove**, Faxon, teaches in Chattanooga.

1983: Stanley Davis, Aurora, Colo., has received his masters. He has two children and is married to **Karin Shaul Davis**, '82. **Sharon L. Lynn** is a medical transcriptionist for Duncan Regional Hospital. **Nathaniel B. Thomas**, Lawton, is an education specialist for the Department of Defense.

1984: Les J. Banks ministers Tesca Baptist Church in Frederick.

1985: Leslie R. Black, Watauga, Texas, is a project manager for Menasco Aerospace. He moved to Texas from California where he worked for 11 years with McDonnell/Douglas Boeing. **Al Serradell**, Oklahoma City, has published his autobiography, *Chorizo and Eggs on Sunday*, through 1st Books Library, an international online bookstore. The book is about survival and includes his mother's battle with lung cancer and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. He is working to publish *Bloodliner*, a series of young adult thrillers.

1986: Dr. Michael Geiger, Snyder, has opened an optometric practice in Altus in association with Dr. Bennett Wray. He specializes in glaucoma, cataract and diabetic care, as well as general optometry. He and his wife, Shaun, a former CU student, have five children, including quadruplets. **Patricia J. Hardie**, Wilsonville, Ore., is director of operation at the University of Phoenix, Oregon campus.

1988: Lori Scarbrough and Joe Kip

Cameron alums ...

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Cummins live in Lawton. Lori is vice president of community relations and marketing at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. She is on the board of directors of the CU Alumni Association. Kip is vice president of ancillary and support services at Comanche County Memorial Hospital.

1989: Bryan Dupler, Norman, is an attorney and serves as appellant defense counsel for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense Systems. Mark Anthony Prater, Lawton, married Shelly Lynne Williams in December. He works for Prime Advantage HMO at Comanche County Memorial Hospital.

1990: Michelle Gray, Duncan, has been promoted to investment officer at AmQuest Bank. She is director of the Duncan Arts and Humanities Council. Daniel J. Haveman, Elgin, S.C., is warehouse manager for Pontiac Foods. Robert Miller, Lawton, designs training and educational materials for government and industry at LB&M Associates and has assisted Cameron in developing curriculum for its new multimedia degree program.

1992: Linda Lowry, Marlow, is a registered nurse and manager at Duncan Regional Hospital. Kirsten Moots Pettus is visual merchandising manager for AAFES in the United Kingdom.

1993: Kevin K. Alexander, Dallas, married Diane Castro in February. He is senior consultant and computer programmer for Center Technology. Michael David Baughman, Wichita Falls, married Allyson Atchley in December. He is a teacher and coach at Kirby Junior High. Kristi Roberts Beets, Jenks, is training assistant for Commercial Financial Services. She is married to Kevin Beets, '95. Jeffery Alan Carter, Colorado Springs, Colo., has been promoted to captain in the Army and is serving at Fort Carson. He and his wife have two children. Jacinta Bonita Davis Hines, Phoenix, Ariz., is quality assurance auditor for McKenzie

Laboratories Inc. Randy Meshell, Fletcher, has been promoted to assistant fire marshal for the city of Lawton. He received the 1996 Rookie of the Year award. He has a daughter. Penn V. Rabb III, Albuquerque, N. M., is general banking administrative representative for Nations Bank. Richard Zamarripa, Abilene, Kan., is a communications chief and master sergeant with the Army.

1994: Mark E. Frost, Richardson, Texas, is an economics instructor and Ph.D. student at the University of Texas at Dallas. Kris T. Ledford, Tulsa, is a lawyer practicing insurance defense and general litigation. He is an associate in the firm of McKinney and Stringer.

1995: Richard Curtis is director of marketing and public relations for CommuniComm Services in Durant. He was formerly operations director for KBZQ Radio in Lawton. Charles Gabriel Kever, Oklahoma City, is branch manager of Norwest Financial, Oklahoma City. Frances L. West, East Haven, Conn., is a homemaker.

1996: William Claude Ashmore and Demra Danyelle Davis, Lawton, were married in December. Demra is a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves. William is a second lieutenant in the Army. Bobby Lamar Boose, Fort Sill, is a supply systems technician with the Army. Cyrus T. Cady is an Army officer stationed in Germany. Johnny Cardoza, Duncan, works in the trust department of AmQuest Bank. Debbie A. Crossland, Lawton, is research lab coordinator at Cameron. She serves on the board of directors of the CU Alumni Association. She is married to Tom Crossland, '74. Cynthia Lewis Hernandez, Lawton, is employed by Marie Detty Youth and Family Services. Donald G. Mitchell, Las Vegas, Nev., is a warehouseman in the convention and trade association.

1997: Cynthia Christine Aswell teaches at Leilehua High School in

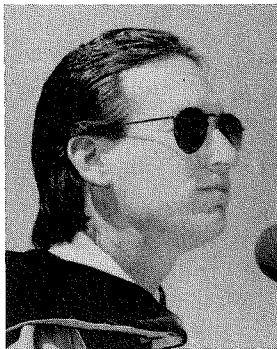
Wahiawa, Hawaii. Shannon Dale Bandy, Comanche, is a well control service operator for Halliburton Services. Stuart Douglas Beck, Lawton, is pursuing his M.B.A. Ouida Devonne Corbin, Ruston, La., is continuing her education. Teah Corley, Cleveland, works in the trust department of AmQuest Bank, Duncan. Pierre Fernandes, Fort Worth, Texas, works for Motorola paging group as a software engineer. Todd A. Ferris, Lawton, is a histo tech for Southwestern Pathology. Ronald Lee Goodman Jr., Wray, Ga., plans to continue his education. Linda Dianne Holt, Lawton, is a social worker for the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare. Carole Johnson Palmer, Lawton, is a preschool teacher at Northside Headstart. James Edward Johnson, Lawton, is self-employed. Charles E. Maxey, Lawton, works as an associate at Sam's Club and plans to teach. Elaine Whitford Monette, Schweinfurt, Germany, married Lukus James Monette in January. James R. and Kay Flurry Nimmo live in Wichita, Kan. James is an assistant manager at Jumbo Sports. James P. Scribner, Korea., is a staff sergeant in the Army. Robin Lea Slater, Anadarko, is a legal secretary for Amos E. Black III. She is married to Raymond Chance Slater, '96. Wanda Fay Smiling, Eldorado, Ark., is a registered nurse. Hadley Christian Tolle, Snyder, is youth director at Snyder United Methodist Church. William S. Trice II, Lawton, is a teacher at Eisenhower High School. Cheryl Renee Von Staden, Lawton, is a self-employed transcriptionist. Patricia A. Waggoner, Lawton, is pursuing her MBA. Ann Ellen Webber, Augsburg, Germany, is a home visit coordinator with the Army. Sandra Bennie James Wimbrey Jr. is a substitute teacher for the Lawton Public Schools. Jennifer Ann Woodworth, is a shift leader at Zapata's in Lawton.

Commencement --

Colleges and Universities.

After graduation, Burgess earned his law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1980.

He served as president of the CU Alumni Association and has been honored as one of its outstanding alumni. He and his wife, Sylvia, were honored with Distinguished Alumnus



Burgess

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awards from Phi Kappa Phi, and in 1994 he was awarded the university's Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the university.

He was appointed to a term on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in 1993 -- one of the youngest men ever appointed to that board.

He currently chairs the Citizen's Commission on the Future of Oklahoma Higher Education, a group appointed by State Regents to examine and recommend ways colleges and universities can improve the quality of their product. He also remains active in Lawton civic activities.

Burgess used humor and such adages

as, "If you give your word casually, people will casually take your word," to prepare this year's graduating class for the road ahead.

During the ceremony, the university also recognized six retiring faculty -- Dr. Wanda Stevens, Dr. Jan Karasz, Dr. Dick George, Dr. Don Chenoweth, Walter Tallent and Jean Michener -- for their service to Cameron.

Afterward, associates, bachelors and masters candidates from the schools of Science and Technology, Liberal Arts and Graduate and Professional Studies accepted their degrees from CU President Don Davis in an outdoor ceremony held in Cameron Stadium. ■

McMahon --

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Company of "Les Miserables," but returned to his hometown to conduct the orchestra for the final rounds of the Louise D. McMahon International Music Competition in early April.

More than 100 pianists submitted applications for the 14th edition of the event. Some entrants lived as far away as Finland, Italy and Russia.

Those entrants included Russians Rivkin and Irina Vorobieva, and Canadian Adam Aleksander. The trio were among eight semifinalists invited to compete for \$10,000 in prize money on the Cameron campus.

The competition was made possible

through a grant from the McMahon Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Dallas-Fort Worth Professional Musicians Association, the Music Performance Trust Fund, the Oklahoma Arts Council and the Lawton Arts and Humanities Council.

The event was something of a homecoming for Kalbfleisch.

A McMahon Scholar, he won Cameron's Presser Award, given to an outstanding senior music student. After receiving his bachelors degree in piano performance, he earned a masters degree in orchestral conducting from Southern Methodist University. ■

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evolved from those days?

"If you go the extra mile, you'll find it's never crowded. Southwest Oklahomans can be proud of the fact we've gone the extra mile and have something the entire state can take pride in."

Following the ribbon-cutting, visitors were given tours of classrooms and laboratories in the 100,000-square-foot building and treated to scientific demonstrations. ■

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