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National ed organization taps university for award

## Value of CU degree recognized

BY KEITH MITCHELL

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National organizations are starting to notice what alumni of Cameron University have known for a long time -- a degree earned here is an excellent value.

Cameron is one of only two Oklahoma institutions of higher education to receive the 1997 "Good Work!" award by Critical Comparisons of American Colleges and Universities, an organization of education professionals that researches education-related databases to determine which ones are working the hardest to provide superior education values.

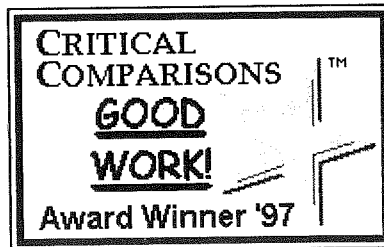
Cameron and the University of Oklahoma were among 86 colleges and universities selected for the national honor — less than seven percent of institutions in the U.S. to be so recognized.

The Critical Comparisons "Good Work!" Award is given to schools that hold the line against spiraling tuition costs while managing to provide competitive levels of services, resources and safety.

To qualify, a school's tuition increases must average no more than 4 percent per year over the last three years and must be within or below the norm of all schools. In-state tuition, out-of-state tuition and on-campus violent crime rates must all fall within or below the norm of universities nationwide.

Additionally, the school must be within the national norm in such areas as room and board charges, overall scholarly reputation of faculty, overall funding of library and student services, percentage of total revenues derived from tuition and expenditures for institutional scholarships.

Information used in making the comparisons is compiled from U.S. Department of Education databases, studies conducted by the National Research Council, and crime statistics compiled by universities in compliance with federal law. Uniform criteria, interactive graphs and statistical analyses of each school's report make it possible for prospective college students to compare and contrast institutions to determine



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## Time to get in the spirit

### Campus pride activities planned in February

Are you "Mad About CU"?

If so, you're a prime target for 1998 Spirit Week activities at Cameron.

"Mad About CU" has been selected as the theme for this year's activities, which run from Feb. 2-7. Costume contests, athletic events and a bonfire are just some of the things planned, according to Lori Bradshaw, Director of Student Activities at Cameron.

Alumni are encouraged to return to campus and participate in the celebration.

Although Spirit Week doesn't officially get underway until Monday,

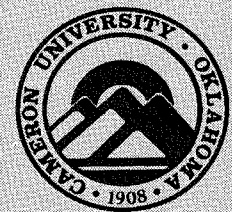
Feb 2, students will get an early jump on activities by voting for Mr. and Ms. CU the previous week.

Ballot boxes will be set up in the reading room of the Davis Student Union, the Library and the Shepler Center. Ballots will be cast Jan. 27-28 and a runoff, if needed, will take place on Jan. 29.

Winners will be announced at the halftime of the men's basketball game Feb. 7.

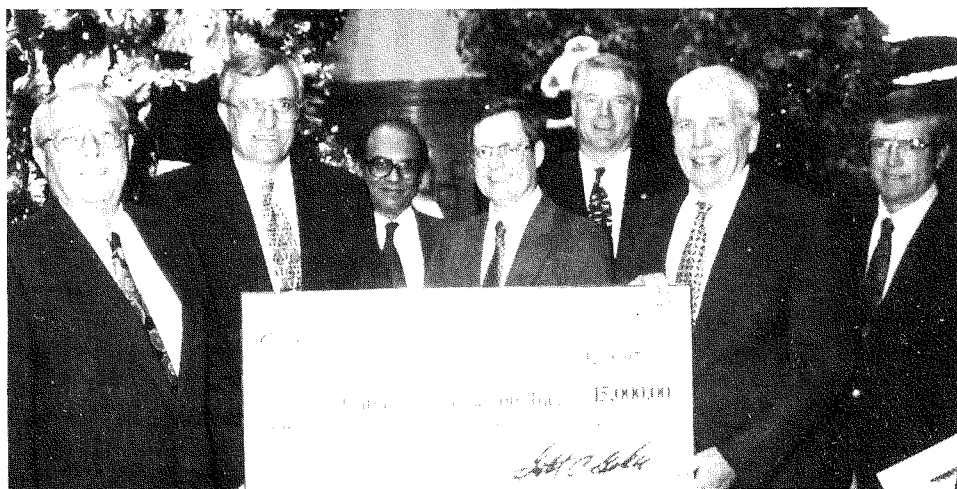
A theme has been selected for each

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*Citizens Bank recently presented \$15,000 to the Cameron University Foundation as a result of the successful handling of the foundation's financial portfolio by CU business students. On hand for the presentation were (from the left) foundation chairman Ken Kleypas, Fort Sill commander Maj. Gen. Leo Baxter, Cameron business professor Dr. T.K. Bhattacharya, Dean David Carl, Citizens Bank president John Womack, Citizens Bank board chairman Dr. Gilbert Gibson and Cameron controller John Sterling.*

## Local bank, investment management classes team to help Cameron Foundation's portfolio

It's not every day that a college student studying investment management is able to gain important job skills using real stocks and bonds — and someone else's money. But at Cameron University, students in the Portfolio Management I and II classes have been able to do just that for nearly 10 years, gaining experience while helping provide for the school's needs.

In 1988 Cameron and Citizens Bank in Lawton established a student-managed, fixed-income securities portfolio. Under an agreement with the Cameron University Foundation, Citizens Bank agreed to loan the foundation \$500,000, which would allow students to manage an active securities portfolio. The loan amount was later increased to \$700,000 line of credit.

The portfolio management classes are unique because they use real money to teach students how to manage investment portfolios, said Dr. T.K. Bhattacharya, an associate professor of business at Cameron.

Students meet weekly to present and analyze proposals to buy and sell government and corporate bonds, as well as common stock. Students review the economic environment and the performance of the portfolio, making recommendations for buying and selling securities.

"Each class member votes on strategies which may affect the performance of the portfolio," Bhattacharya said. "Our goal is to make a yearly profit of at least \$10,000, which goes to support university needs."

This year, the portfolio management classes' efforts resulted in a \$15,000 payoff for the Cameron University Foundation, Inc.

At the end of each semester, students present the results of the portfolio's performance at a banquet hosted by the bank. This year's report was delivered Dec. 4. Bank officials were told that the portfolio gained approximately 2 percent, despite last October's major drop in the stock market.

While other universities have also established similar programs, the Citizens/Cameron project was among the first

student-managed real-money investment portfolios in Oklahoma and one of few in the U.S. that uses borrowed money as its funding source.

The portfolio management program has become a permanent part of Cameron's financial curriculum. A representative of Citizens Bank serves as advisor. ■

## CUAA benefit tournament draws field of 117 golfers

Eddie Hamra, Paul Korhonen, Chuck Klein and Scott Hatch teamed to shoot a 15-under-par 57 to win A-Flight in the Cameron University Alumni Association's benefit golf tournament Sept. 12 at the Fort Sill Golf Club.

That team beat out the combined play of David and Linda Cameron and Steve and Suki Jang.

The Sohl Paint and Decorating team of Gene Sohl, David Martin, Mike Landmark and Sam Carroll took first place in B-Flight, beating out J. Max Murdock, Chuck Murdock, Jon Suttle and Matt Taylor.

In C-Flight, the Johnny Owens Commercial Properties team of Johnny Owens, Richard Allen, Jerry Pippin and Mark Wade placed first, ahead of the team of Bobby Taylor, Herb Jacobs and Johnnie Bell.

The low-gross traveling business trophy, sponsored by KSWO-TV, went to the Jolly Paint Contracting team of Dennis Jolly, Jerry Jolly, Ron Barnett and Nick Thomas.

Scott Michener won closest-to-the-pin honors, while long-drive honors went to Steven Mallow.

Now in its 12th year, the tournament was the most successful to date, benefitting such CUAA projects as its alumni scholarship fund. ■

## Aggie netters crack top 25

# Men's tennis squad ranked nationally

BY JASON WEST  
CU SPORTS INFORMATION

The Cameron men's tennis team received some good news from the national ranking committee as the Aggies sit at 22nd in the nation, according to the Rolex/ITA Collegiate Rankings.

"We have an extremely deep team this year," said head coach James Helvey. "I think our depth makes a very strong program, and that certainly helps you get noticed by the ranking committee."

The Aggies finished the fall schedule with a 4-0 dual record, and strong showings at the Lone Star Conference Individual Championships and the Rolex Regional Championships.

"We are very excited to be in the top 25 in the nation," said Helvey. "To be ranked that high in NCAA Division II is quite an accomplishment because there are so many quality teams across the country. This puts us in a good spot for spring, because it gives us realistic goals — goals like reaching the top 16, especially since we are already at 22. There are teams above us that that will give us challenges when we play in the

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## Jones predicts rebuilding year for women

BY JASON WEST  
CU SPORTS INFORMATION

The ever-positive Joe Jones, Cameron's women's tennis coach, is extremely excited about this "reloading" year for his team. Even Jones would be the first to admit that the road to Springfield, Mo., where the NCAA Division II national championships will be held, is longer and has more curves than ever before.

"When you've gone to the national tournament four of the last five years, you tend to think it becomes automatic," said Jones. "A return trip is certainly a possibility this year, but we're going to need a lot of help compared to years past."

The team was hit extremely hard after last season. Gone from the team — which made the elite eight — are the Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6 singles players, including a nationally ranked player and an academic All-American. Three of the four girls were also four-year players, and the fourth had been with the team for 2½ years. This year's squad is almost completely new.

"The last four years have been pretty easy, relatively speaking," said Jones. "The girls were convinced and sold on my philosophy of what to do on the court to be successful. We just aren't there yet with this team."

Jones is confident the team will find success. In fact, the Aggies have already found some — they are currently ranked No. 7 in the region. Senior Erica Consen and sophomore Andrea Webb have teamed up in doubles, and are ranked No. 9. Consen is also ranked in singles at No. 14. She finished

### Cameron Men's Tennis

#### Spring 1998 Schedule

Feb. 20	at Midwestern State (Texas)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Collin County (Texas)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Texas Wesleyan	10 a.m.
March 7	at Drury (Missouri)	9 a.m.
March 7	at Southwest Missouri	2:30 p.m.
March 8	at Southwest Baptist (Missouri)	2 p.m.
March 9	at Truman State (Missouri)	4 p.m.
March 20	Nebraska-Kearney	TBA
March 21	Midwestern State (Texas)	2 p.m.
March 24	at Southwestern OSU	2:30 p.m.
March 25	Collin County	2:30 p.m.
March 27	Central Oklahoma	2 p.m.
March 28	Washburn (Kansas)	9 a.m.
March 28	Mesa State (Colorado)	2 p.m.
April 2	Southeastern OSU	2:30 p.m.
April 7	at Central Oklahoma	2:30 p.m.
April 14	Southwestern OSU	2:30 p.m.
April 23-25	Lone Star Conference Team Championship	
May 1-2	NCAA Regional Tournament	
May 7-10	NCAA National Tournament @ Springfield, Mo.	

last season at No. 15 nationally — the first All-American for Cameron since its return to Division II.

"All our players have talent. We have a good nucleus and another good player coming on after Christmas," said Jones. "We will be successful; we just need to bond. Will we make the regional tournament? Yes, I think that is an obtainable goal. There are certainly more pluses than minuses at this point." ■

### Cameron Women's Tennis

#### Spring 1998 Schedule

Feb. 24	at Southern Nazarene	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Midwestern State (Texas)	2:30 p.m.
March 4	at Texas Woman's	3 p.m.
March 6	Abilene Christian (Texas)	2:30 p.m.
March 19-21	Eastern New Mexico Invitational @Portales, N.M.	
March 24	North Central Texas College	2:30 p.m.
March 25	Collin County (Texas)	2:30 p.m.
March 26	East Central	3 p.m.
March 30	Central Oklahoma	2:30 p.m.
March 31	Southern Nazarene	2:30 p.m.
April 2	Texas Woman's	3 p.m.
April 7	at Central Oklahoma	2:30 p.m.
April 8	Midwestern State (TX)	2:30 p.m.
April 9-11	Indianapolis Invitational (Indiana)	
April 14	East Central	3 p.m.
April 16-18	Central Oklahoma Team Tournament @ Edmond	
April 22-25	Lone Star Conference Team Championship	
Apr. 30-May 2	NCAA Regional Tournament	
May 7-11	NCAA National Tournament @ Springfield, Mo.	

# Cameron golfers nationally ranked, again

Cameron University is once again ranked among the top golf teams in the nation. In its most recent Division II poll, the NCAA have the Aggies tied for ninth in the nation with perennial powers Florida Southern and South Carolina-Aiken. "We had a solid fall, but we haven't played as well as we would like or feel we can," said golf coach Jerry Hrnciar. "Our goal this spring is to have four guys play a solid tournament at the same time. We've had good rounds but they've come at different times."

Cameron will host the West Regional in March. The region stretches from the Mississippi River to Hawaii. The Aggies are currently fourth in the region, which boasts 12 of the top 25 ranked teams in the country.

"We're in a very competitive region this year," said Hrnciar. "Central Oklahoma is ranked second in the nation right now. In our six tournaments with them, we have beaten them once and tied twice. Only six strokes have kept us from beating them in four of the tournaments where they won or we tied. Out of 2,962 shots, had we been able to cut six shots off our scores, we would have been 4-2 against them. We are certainly within striking distance."

Also included in the West Region are No. 5 Cal State-Bernardino, No. 8 Central Missouri, No. 14 Western New Mexico, No. 15 Grand Canyon (Ariz.), No. 16 Texas A&M-Commerce, No. 17 Cal State-Stanislaus, No. 20 Arkansas Tech, No. 21 Abilene Christian (Texas), No. 24 Washburn (KS) and No. 25 California-Davis.

### Cameron Aggies Golf Spring Schedule

March 29-31	Arkansas Tech Invitational @ Russellville
April 5-7	UCO/Kickingbird Invitational @ Edmond
April 19-21	Lone Star Conference Tournament @ Tanglewood, Texas
May 3-6	NCAA Regionals @ Edmond
May 17-22	NCAA Nationals @ Orlando, Florida

Lawton Eisenhower-product Sam Vardeman finished the fall schedule with a 74.6-stroke average in 13 rounds. Fellow juniors David Studebaker and Jason Jeter averaged 74.7 in 15 rounds and 75 strokes in 14 rounds for the Aggies in the fall. Freshman Spike Seals (75.5 in 13 rounds) and senior Chris Gruetzner (76.6 in 15 rounds), round out the top five.

"We played six rounds in poor weather this fall," said Hrnciar. "Better course management and straighter tee shots will do the most to improve our averages. The difficulty in courses will be very similar to ones we played this fall. We just hope for better weather."

As a team, the Aggies averaged 300.7 strokes per round. Cameron has finished in the top five in six of its seven tournaments thus far, including a second-place finish at the Oklahoma Christian/Oak Tree Invitational.

Currently, Cameron ranks first in District 6, according to the new regional qualifying procedures. There will be three designated "qualifying" tournaments throughout the year. After the first tournament, Cameron tops the poll. ■

## Cameron softballers aim to improve on '97's success

Every team wants to improve on last season's accomplishments. This year's edition of the Cameron softball team is no different. At first glance, the Aggies still have a lot of room for improvement. However, utilizing a team with only two returning starters and four starting freshmen, the Aggies still finished with a school record in victories. Cameron also finished with the program's first winning record at home.

"I'm very excited about this year's recruiting class," said head coach Gladys Renneker. "Balanced with a good group of returners, I am very optimistic about this year."

Returning this year are the squad's top pitcher, leading hitter, leading scorer, leading base stealer and defensive player. These starters, combined with six other returners, brighten Cameron's hopes for a Lone Star Conference title.

Last season, the Aggies rejoined the conference, competing in its north division. Mother Nature didn't help CU out during the regular season, raining out all six conference games. With the rainouts, the team finished in a division tie

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### Cameron Aggies Softball 1998 Schedule

Feb. 18	at Southeastern Oklahoma	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Abilene Christian (Texas)	1 p.m.
March 3	Central Oklahoma	2 p.m.
March 4	at East Central	2 p.m.
March 5	Oklahoma Baptist	2 p.m.
March 6-7	Lone Star First-Pitch Preseason Tournament @ Lawton	
March 11	*at Northeastern State	2 p.m.
March 12	*at Northeastern State	2 p.m.
March 13-14	Missouri Southern State Tournament @ Joplin	
March 20-21	Cameron Invitational	
March 24	*Southwestern Oklahoma	2 p.m.
March 25	Doane (Nebraska)	2 p.m.
March 27-28	OCU Invitational @ Oklahoma City	
April 7	Abilene Christian	2 p.m.
April 8	at Texas Woman's	4 p.m.
April 11	*Southeastern Oklahoma	5 p.m.
April 14	*at Southwestern Oklahoma	2 p.m.
April 16	*at Central Oklahoma	2 p.m.
April 22	East Central	2 p.m.
April 24	at Central Arkansas	5 p.m.
April 25	at Central Arkansas	5 p.m.
April 28	at Oklahoma Baptist	2 p.m.

\* Lone Star Conference North Division Games  
All non-tournament games are 7-inning doubleheaders.

## Ihler welcomes opportunity to return to LSC play

# Baseball team to build on experience in '98

BY JASON WEST  
CU SPORTS INFORMATION

Some might say that if it weren't for bad luck, the Cameron baseball team might not have had any luck in 1997. After a season-opening series with nationally ranked Pittsburg State (Kan.), the Aggies lost their No. 1 pitcher to a season-ending injury. In the third week of the season, the No. 2 pitcher was lost to an arm injury. By the end of the year, Cameron's top pitchers were its opening-day third baseman and its right fielder.

However, that was last year and everything starts new in 1998, including the schedule. "Pitching is always a concern in baseball, especially at this level, were you don't always have the quantity of pitchers you see at upper levels," said head coach Ron Ihler. "I think our staff will be much improved. We're very balanced. I don't even know who will be in the starting rotation yet because it could be any one of six guys. That's a good problem to have."

Cameron will be competing for a Lone Star Conference Championship for the first time since 1993. The Aggies already have one LSC championship under their belts with a 1992 title. The Aggies will try to improve on last season's 19-26 record as they compete in the LSC South Division.

"We're excited to be back in the LSC. It is a very good conference, especially for Division II," said Ihler. "With Central Oklahoma making the NCAA Division II title game

and almost winning the championship, it just adds to the validity of our conference. The addition of other Oklahoma schools will make this a very tight race. I am extremely excited to be facing and working with the teams and coaches of the LSC again."

The Aggies will look to a pair of returning hitters for onfield leadership. Senior Todd Holland and junior Jeremy Wagner top a group of eight returnees. Wagner led hitting with a .407

average and a team-high four triples. Holland led the team in home runs (8), doubles (15), and slugging percentage (.660). Cameron was hit hard by graduation last season as seven seniors finished their careers.

"Although we lost a lot from last year's squad graduation, we return the 3-4-5 hole hitters from last year. Our top two hitters are back and we will certainly look to them for leadership," said Ihler. "We still need some of our new guys to step up and fill a few holes, which I think they are capable of doing."

Offensively, there are still questions concerning power potential. However, the Aggies ability to hit is not in question.

"I don't know about our power, but I do think that we will hit for average. We have guys that swing the bat pretty well," said Ihler.

Cameron starts the season at home when it hosts Pittsburg State Feb. 7. ■

Feb. 7	Pittsburg State (Kansas)	(DH)	1 p.m.
Feb. 8	Pittsburg State		1 p.m.
Feb. 16	Oklahoma Panhandle State		2:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Oklahoma Panhandle State	(DH)	Noon
Feb. 19	at East Central		2:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Phillips	(DH)	1 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Dallas Baptist (Texas)	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 3	Central Oklahoma		2:30 p.m.
March 4	at Texas-Arlington		2 p.m.
March 7	East Central	(DH)	Noon
March 9	Dakota State	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 12-14	Lone Star First-Pitch Preseason Tournament		
March 17	Southern Nazarene		2:30 p.m.
March 18	Peru State (Nebraska)	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 20	USAO	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 24	at Southwestern OSU	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 28	at USAO	(DH)	1 p.m.
March 31	Southeastern OSU	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 3	*at Texas A&M-Kingsville	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 4	*at Texas A&M-Kingsville	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 10	*Tarleton State (Texas)	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 11	*Tarleton State	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 14	at Southeastern Oklahoma	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 17	*at West Texas A&M	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 18	*at West Texas A&M	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 21	Southwestern Oklahoma	(DH)	1:30 p.m.
April 24	*Eastern New Mexico	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 25	*Eastern New Mexico	(DH)	1 p.m.
April 28	at Central Oklahoma		3 p.m.
May 1	*Abilene Christian (Texas)	(DH)	1 p.m.
May 2	*Abilene Christian	(DH)	1 p.m.
May 8-10	Lone Star Conference Tournament		
May 15-17	South Central Regional		
May 23-30	NCAA Division II World Series		

\* Lone Star Conference South Division Games  
DH denotes doubleheader. All doubleheaders are 7 innings, single games are 9 innings.

## Men's Tennis - (Continued from Page 3)

spring." While the Aggies are ranked as a team, individually the doubles combination of seniors Todd Chapman and Hayden Perez are nationally ranked at 17th.

Cameron is sixth in the regional poll. Five of the top six spots are taken by Lone Star Conference teams, including

Abilene Christian (Texas) and Central Oklahoma. Both ACU and UCO were national contenders last year in Springfield, Mo.

Cameron also has its share of regionally ranked individuals. Senior Ebben Abban is ranked 20th in singles, while Chapman is No. 30. Chapman and Perez are the No. 6 doubles team in the region, with Abban and Josh Horn teaming up at No. 12. ■

# CU Foundation officers named for 97-98

Ken Kleypas and Dr. Robert Drewry have been named to the respective offices of chairman of the board and president of the Cameron University Foundation, Inc.

The foundation — now in its 26th year — collects, administers and disburses gifts and endowments to Cameron University. It works with Dr. Don Davis to promote the university's cultural interests, scholarship program, faculty endowed chairs and assists in charitable, educational and scientific operations.

The foundation is governed by a 23-member board. Six directors serve on an executive committee which handles the foundation's legal and financial responsibilities.

Jere Barnthouse, Jim Cantrell, Donnie Gaskins and Kathryn Newport were elected to three-year terms on the foundation board. Melinda Madden was appointed to fill the remainder of a term vacated by Artie Straehla and will serve until October 1999.

Reappointed to terms as directors were Sam Ard, Virginia Brewczynski, Dorothy Carter, Diane Denham, Charles S. Graybill and Cheryn Lee. Each will serve through October 2000.

Remaining board members are Carol Crawford, Wilma Davis, Linda Grantham, Kenneth Kleypas, J.P. Richard and Cora Scott, each beginning the second year of their terms; and Richard Dixon, Robert Drewry, Aulena Gibson, Jeannie Montague, Larry Neal and Roma Lee Porter, each in the final year of their terms.

Brewczynski, elected by the board to serve as secretary, and Barnthouse the new treasurer, will serve until 1999.

Cantrell was elected vice president of

the foundation and will automatically become president in 1999. Dr. Drewry automatically became president because of the foundation's ascension rule, while Kleypas advanced to the board chairmanship.

Grantham, the chairman emeritus of the board, will serve as the foundation's representative to the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma (HEACO), a statewide organization that promotes improved funding for higher education. ■



*These are the new officers of the Cameron University Foundation, Inc.: (left to right) chairman emeritus Linda Grantham, board chairman Ken Kleypas, president Robert Drewry, vice president Jim Cantrell, treasurer Jere Barnthouse and secretary Virginia Brewczynski.*

## Cameron leads state ROTC programs in test scores at Advanced Camp

Cameron University's Reserve Officer Training Corps posted the highest ranking among Oklahoma's four universities participating in Army Advanced Camp training, according to an announcement by LTC Thomas Mayock Jr., chairman of the school's military science department.

Cameron registered unit scores above camp averages in four different areas of assessment, leading the university's ROTC contingent to a total score of 820.5 -- well above the camp average of 787 and more than 20 points ahead of Oklahoma State University's score of 798.3, which ranked second among state ROTC programs attending Advanced Camp.

Fifteen Cameron cadets scored above the camp average. One cadet was selected as a distinguished honor graduate and another received a leadership award.

Cadets from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma were also among the 3,800 Advanced Camp participants. UCO posted a score of 793.4, while OU ranked last among state ROTC programs with a 786 score. ■

## Softball preview --

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for third place. The top two teams in each division continued on to the conference championships.

"We have a very good chance of competing for the post-season playoffs," said Renneker. "During the summer we've matured as a ball club in attitude and playing ability."

Sophomore Tobi McCauley returns to the outfield this season after splitting time in right field and shortstop last year. The Sterling native finished second in the conference last season with 28 stolen bases. The 47-game starter hit .368 and scored 38 runs.

Senior Debi Covarrubias, a right-handed pitcher from Oxnard, Calif., brings her team-low ERA and 157 innings pitched back to Cameron. Last year she set school records in victories, strikeouts and shutouts and hit .347.

Senior catcher Jenny Hall also returns. Last season, Hall hit .286 in 43 games, but proved more inspiring as a defender. Second on the team with 171 put-outs, she led the Aggies with a .974 fielding percentage. ■

### **Dedication ahead ...**

*Cameron University will formally dedicate its Sciences Complex, the school's newest campus facility, on Saturday, Jan. 24. The \$12 million center, which features a computer center, state-of-the-art scientific equipment and classrooms, was put into service last spring. The dedication, which is open to the public, begins at 1:30 p.m.*



## **Curriculum organization honors CU professor**

Cameron University education professor Karen McKellips was selected to receive the Oklahoma Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's 1997 publication award.

The OASCD is a group of principals, administrators and teachers working to promote educational excellence in Oklahoma through the development of education leaders, better student learning and presentation of programs that reflect the interests and needs of its members.

Honorees are annually selected in four different areas: publication, community service, education leadership and distinguished service within the organization. The publication award was the hardest to receive, since the recipient must author work which deals with the development of curricula and instruction to promote student learning.

Dr. McKellips, who has been a member of the Cameron faculty since 1968, was selected for the honor based on the

massive body of papers she has published in recent years on a variety of educational subjects. Many of her most recent publications reflect her current research interests: cultural foundations of education, Native American educational history and educational biography.

They include "Is Hank the Cowdog Racist?" "The Deaconess Appeals to the People: Popular Support for American Indian Missions" and "The Fellas Helped Me: Being Female in the Higher Education Desegregation Battle."

Her favorite piece is one about her father — "Kenneth Sweeney: Rural Oklahoma Educator," which appeared in the October 1986 issue of *Prairie Lore*.

Internet users can find a listing of McKellips' writings on her page of the Cameron University website — <http://www.cameron.edu/~karenm/index.html>. ■

## **Cameron professor Robert Holloway succumbs to cancer**

Dr. Robert T. Holloway, an assistant criminal justice professor at Cameron University, died May 26, 1997, after a lengthy struggle with cancer.

Holloway, 61, had been on the Cameron faculty since 1977 and was instrumental in developing the school's criminal justice program into the largest in Oklahoma and one of the largest in the nation. He was a veteran with more than 20 years U.S. Army service, including two combat tours of Vietnam.

A licensed marital and family therapist, Holloway gave much of his private time to helping people in need of treatment, especially Formerly Abused Children Emerging in Society (FACES).

He often was a consultant to law enforcement, corrections, and therapeutic programs involved in the prevention and treatment of all forms of abuse.

Holloway was a quiet and unassuming person who purposely diverted attention and praise away from himself and toward others. A very private man, he was quick to surrender such privacy when others needed him. As an example, he was among the first therapists on the scene following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City where he consoled and comforted victims as well as those working in the aftermath.

"Dr. Holloway and I were friends for

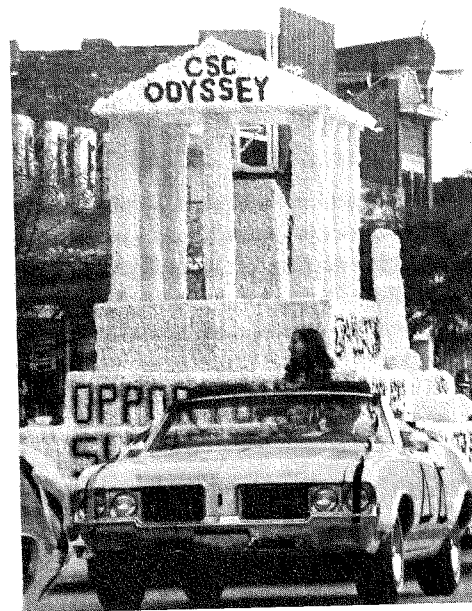
many years," said President Don Davis. "I have known Bob since the early 1970s when we both had involvement in Oklahoma's first meaningful experiment in local corrections. I found him to be a very progressive thinker and he was seen by some as revolutionary because of his advanced ideas about corrections. He took his scholarship into the real life world of corrections where he proved many of his principles. A very decent person all around, Dr. Holloway cared deeply for his colleagues and his students and we will truly miss him."

Holloway is survived by his wife, Haruko, a daughter, Sandy, and three sons, Fred, Jim and Patrick. ■

*Right: Delta Chi Delta and Chi Delta Chi demonstrated their school spirit with a float in Cameron State College's 1970 Homecoming Parade.*

## Cameron in the late 1960s

# The quest to become a four-year college



**(Editor's Note: This is the eighth installment in *Cameron Today's* history of the university, from its inception until today. This segment covers the years 1962-1973.)**

BY SALLY SOELLE

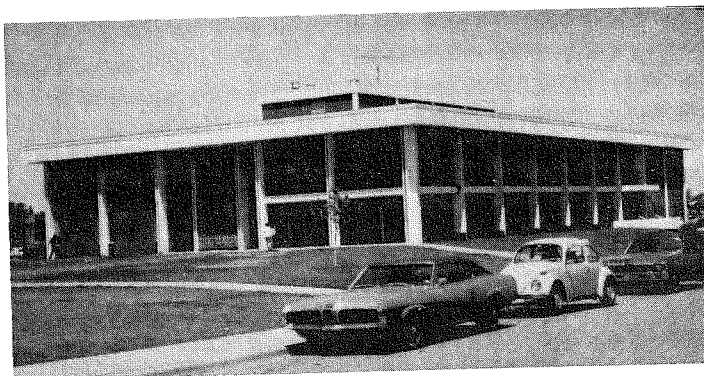
Significant changes to Cameron's physical plant characterized the school's growth during the 1960s.

The Clarence Davis Student Union opened in 1962 and the library/administration building opened its doors soon afterward. College administrators sought funds for badly-needed classroom space, student housing, expansion of physical education facilities, and a press box at the stadium.

In March 1966 state regents approved \$54.7 million for these structures. The largest of the planned facilities was a technical/military building, located ultimately north of the physical education building.

To accommodate growing enrollment, Cameron planned additional men's and women's dormitories and married housing. The veterans' village (roughly east/southeast of the new Sciences Complex) was razed to create parking. Plans were begun for a modern classroom building across from the physical education facility and a Fine Arts building north of present-day Howell Hall.

Later in the decade the present administration building was completed. The three-story men's residence, formerly known as Dorm A, was renamed Howell Hall (it's today's Business building) and was made available to married students with children. In 1969 the football stadium was named for President Richard Burch for his contributions to Cameron. The school planned an 18-hole golf course and a baseball diamond to be built



*Burch Hall became part of the campus profile in 1968.*

in a pasture west of the campus. Cameron officials met with the Lawton Chamber of Commerce to request land cleared by urban renewal east of the campus for future expansion. The land acquired was to be used for the future Louise D. McMahon Fine Arts complex, classroom space, a library and research facilities. School officials also discussed a 32-space trailer park for married students.

As the campus appearance changed dramatically, other changes were apparent. Faculty modified the curriculum to accommodate the needs of baccalaureate students, administration hired faculty and staff to offer new programs and several faculty sought doctoral degrees in their fields. Officials modified the governance structure of the school, the college engaged in its first comprehensive long-range planning effort and, once again, discussion arose about changing Cameron's name to something more fitting its new function and role.

Even before Cameron received notice of its elevation to four-year college status, the Cameron College Committee of the local chamber of commerce met with President Richard Burch to discuss the type of college Cameron might be if it became a four-year school. They examined the merits of developing as a liberal arts, technology, agriculture or fine arts college and an appropriate title for the college was discussed.

They were no doubt influenced by a self-study of Higher Education in Oklahoma in which the state regents recommended that "the names and titles of institutions in the state system be made consistent with current institutional functions and programs."

In their report, evaluators concluded that at two-year colleges with "A&M" in their titles, only 2½ percent of credit hour production was actually in agriculture,



providing an appropriate occasion to change the school's title from Cameron State Agricultural College to Cameron State College.

State senators Al Terrill and Jim Taliaferro called for a separate board of regents, explaining that the school would fare better with one focused solely on Cameron's interests. A controversy erupted over the issue of an appropriate governing board -- one faction arguing that the A&M Board was doing a credible job and had been helpful to Cameron during its transition to four-year status; a second arguing in favor of a constitutional board requiring statewide approval; and a third calling for a local board.

The chamber's college committee supported a name change to the University of the Great Plains and suggested that the school become affiliated with the Museum of the Great Plains by offering programs in the studies, concepts and values of the Great Plains region.

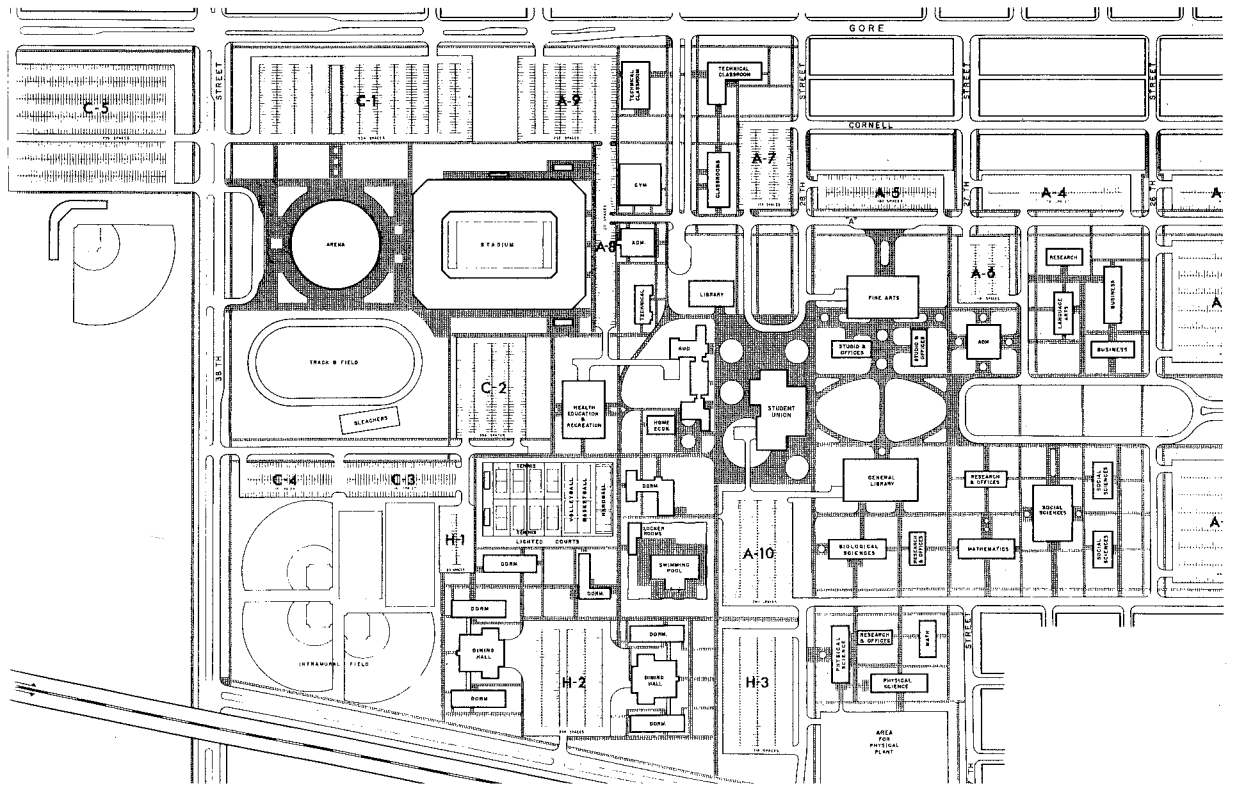
The chamber supported a constitutional board and joined the debate with senators, who determined that the name change to University of the Great Plains was not possible because of the word "university." They believed that the Legislature would not support such a change and argued in favor of a statutory board.

As the issues affecting Cameron's future were debated, the McMahon Foundation provided \$25,000 to support a comprehensive campus physical development plan. As Cameron added new facilities, including the Shepler Center dorms, officials recognized the need for an organized physical plan that was conducive to movement around campus.

Planners envisioned a concentrated central zone which would include the library, student union and Fine Arts complex. Around these would be housed study centers for core-disciplines, including the arts and sciences, education, and business. In an outer "ring" would be located technical and military sciences, physical education and other disciplines. There was to be no through-traffic; all parking was planned for the periphery of the campus. This theoretical campus could serve 10,000-12,000 students through the year 1985.

During the 1960s the college also sought accreditation by the North Central Association as a four-year institution. However, evaluators identified a number of shortcomings on the campus, including a lack of rank and tenure policy, a failure to develop a faculty governance plan, inadequately-credentialed faculty to offer upper level courses, and a substandard library, as justification for denying accreditation the first time it was attempted. (Cameron had given up junior college accreditation when it accepted four-year status.)

It is unclear to what extent the failure to win accreditation influenced Burch's request for early retirement, which the A&M Board of Regents granted. While regents may have held him partly accountable for the failure to win accreditation,



*A 1968 McMahon Foundation study envisioned how Cameron's campus should look by 1985, filling nearly the entire area from 25th Street west to Arlington and bordered by Gore on the north and F Avenue on the south.*

the team leveled charges against regents for a variety of things -- allowing a leadership change at a critical time, inadequate financing, especially for the library; failure to invite faculty to help choose a new president; and failure to approve a faculty affairs committee rank and tenure policy.

The report complained of no clear procedures for revising curriculum or development of new courses, and no attempt to involve chairs in the budgetary process.

Evaluators criticized Cameron's excessive control over student life and for the absence of controversial speakers at campus programs. There were too few student activities, and they urged officials to tolerate debate, dissent, and difference of opinion in the campus newspaper. They also advised that students should be allowed variation in appearance.

The report credited Burch with fixing a number of problems

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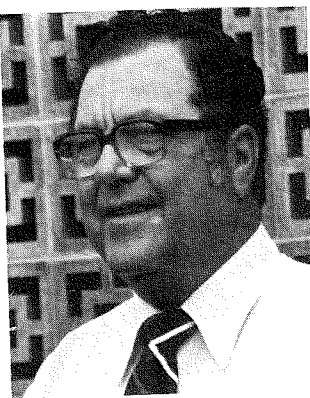
*A view from the top of the library, taken in the early 1970s, shows the Administration Building, gymnasium and North Hall.*

and serving well, especially for obtaining junior college accreditation. Allegedly, one regent implied that Cameron had simply requested accreditation too soon.

In 1969, Don Owen replaced Burch as president. Owen was Shawnee's 41-year old superintendent of schools at the time of his appointment. The Fletcher native had attended Cameron, received a B.S. degree in math and science from Central State College, his M.S. from OU, and a Doctorate in Education in School Administration. He taught in public schools in Luther, Fletcher and Lawton, and served in public school administration in Chickasha, Arapaho, Clinton and Shawnee.

In September 1969 Owen announced that Cameron was on the threshold of a new era free of all traces of junior college and high school attitudes and reputation. *Collegian* writers observed that change was indeed in the air, that the faculty seemed more enthusiastic, dedicated and competent; students more cosmopolitan and energetic.

The football stadium seemed full at games, dances drew crowds, and people walked the sidewalks after 3:30 p.m., according to the paper. Lawton citizens seemed interested in the activities of the college.



*Dr. Don Owen*

Reacting to the failure to win accreditation on its first try, members of Cameron Council decided to apply for "correspondent" status with the North Central Association, a preliminary step which did not guarantee accreditation but was a formal, publically recognized relationship leading to that goal.

As the faculty worked toward the goal of accreditation, Owen requested additional legislative funds for salaries and maintenance. He oversaw the naming of the new high-rise dormitories for former publishers of the *Lawton Constitution and Morning Press*, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shepler, and the naming of the stadium for former President Burch.

He recommended the sale of the dairy herd and milk processing equipment no longer used in instruction and thus no longer cost-effective, and he urged the construction of a golf course and baseball diamond on school land.

Owen also met with the chamber of commerce, requesting land cleared by urban renewal east of the campus to be used for the fine arts complex envisioned by planners.

Administrators continued to assess the college's needs with respect to curriculum, and grappled with issues of housing, dress and behavior. Students, faculty, and administrators debated the merits of long hair and beards and explored an appropriate policy for dress on campus.

They also discussed the implementation of a housing policy for single students in order to fill the new Shepler dorms and meet bond payments on the building.

Cameron won the "correspondent" status it sought from the NCA, which enabled campus officials to secure an NCA consultant to help it address deficiencies such as library resources, the organization of student services, the low occupation of housing, and the level of faculty salaries.

In 1970, a state regents review team visited the campus and awarded Cameron full accreditation as a four-year institution.

On May 28, 1970, Cameron graduated its first baccalaureate class of 280 students. By that fall, it had added 35 new faculty (some of whom remain at Cameron today), expanded the curriculum, and relaxed dress and behavior codes.

Faculty increased involvement in campus governance, organizing such committees as Student Affairs, Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs. They developed a 10-year curriculum projection, added 15,000 books to the library, reorganized student services, and invited the FAA and the Department of Public Welfare to occupy dorm space to help meet Shepler Center bond payments.

Finally, on April 4, 1973, the struggle for NCA accreditation ended successfully and Cameron had "come of age" according to its student publication.

Accreditation assured greater access to grants, improved graduate school admission, helped assure credit transfer and aided recruitment.

More importantly it was a significant step in assuring an excellent education and in guaranteeing confidence in a Cameron degree. ■



*The Cameron Singers, were busy in 1970, performing with the Oklahoma City Symphony and making a trip to Chicago.*

## 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.

**1930: Margie Shwen**, Lawton, is a retired bookkeeper.

**1940: Delie Lucille Cagle Pinneo**, Springfield, Ill., has retired from Illinois Bell Telephone Co. **Alma L. Greenlee Wagnon**, Los Angeles, Calif., was honored in 1996 by Santa Monica UCLA Medical Hospital for 30 years of service as a nursing assistant.

**1941: E. Lenora "Scotty" Barris**, Clovis, N.M., retired from full-time employment but still works part time as a receptionist. She taught school and is a registered nurse, coordinating school health for Clovis Public Schools. **Loren V. Fullerton**, Albany, Ga., is a former teacher and retired Air Force lieutenant colonel.

**1942: Don W. Hooper**, Fletcher, farms and has worked in insurance sales for Oklahoma Farmers Union. **Pete Howenstine**, Lawton, owns Pete Howenstine Investment Co.

**1947: Annabelle Nelson Lassetter**, Norman, is a director and teacher at McFarlin Weekday School. Her husband, **Donald Lassetter**, attended Cameron in the 1940s. **Betty Mitchell Morgan**, Frederick, and her husband, Rex, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. She was employed by Halliburton and farmed and ranched with her husband before retiring in 1994. **Dorothy Chaat Tomah**, Walters, is retired from the agriculture business. Her husband, **Lawrence Tomah Jr.**, attended Cameron in the 1940s. **Juanita Davis Walton**, Bartlesville, is retired from Tri-County Vo-Tech as curriculum director.

**1948: L.W. Duncan**, Lawton, owns L.W. Duncan Printing Inc.

**1949: James Eddie Phillips** and **Ruby Phillips**, '73, Faxon, have been named Comanche County's Farm Family of the Year. Besides farming, James Eddie spent 35 years as math teacher at Lawton High and Cameron where he currently teaches a trigonometry class. Ruby has been a substitute teacher and is active in the Farm Bureau Women's Day activities.

**1953: Dorothy "Ginger" Simpson Conrad**, Redondo Beach, Calif., started *Minority Business Entrepreneur Magazine* in 1984. The magazine, with 60,000 circulation, focuses on minority and women business development issues. She co-founded *Women's Business Exclusive*, a national newsletter on business development issues. She received the National Minority Business Council's Media Award for outstanding performance in communications to minorities.

**1956: Gene Brooks**, Lawton, received the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award in Music from OU. He also received a Profile in Excellence Award and a Distinguished Alumni Award in Music from OBU. A former choir director and chairman of the music department at Cameron, he has been executive director of the American Choral Directors Association since 1977. He has served as guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator and speaker in 37 states, and countries worldwide.

**1957: Julia Fullerton Bell**, Cache, is a former teacher.

**1958: Jary S. Mayes**, Claremore, is a biochemist and professor at OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**1960: John S. Cunningham**, Lawton, is retired.

**1961: Leslie F. Hastings**, Lawton, is a retired teacher and principal. **Robert A. Kelley**, Foster City, Calif., is a computer shift manager for Knight-Ridder Information Inc. **J. Max Murdock**, Duncan, is retired. **J. Glen Smith**, Cache, is vice president of Security Bank and Trust.

**1967: Ron Frost**, Edmond, is public affairs director for Fleming Companies.

**1970: Col. Terry W. Bullington** has been named Inspector General for Oklahoma. His duties focus on supporting the Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard units statewide. **Paula K. Bushnell**, Lawton, is an accountant for Sterett and Ward. Retired **Lt. Col. Michael A. Corley**, Coppell, Texas, consults for Price Waterhouse. Western Oklahoma State College athletic director **Fannie Johnson**, Altus, has taught 26 years in the business department. **Janet Smith**, Tustin, Calif., teaches at California State University and is a self-employed musician. Retired **Army Maj. Jesse L. Taylor**, Excelsior Springs, Mo., is pastor of Paradise Baptist Church.

**1971: James David Alexander**, Lawton, is a self-employed refrigeration engineer. **Janet E. Giffin**, Yorktown, Va., is organist and choir director for Chapel of the Centurion. **Gary L. Rasmussen**, Cache, is health care contract administrator at Reynolds Army Hospital, Fort Sill.

**1972: Ronald E. Fones**, Easley, S.C., is a teacher. **Jeremiah P. Griffin**, Escondido, Calif., is retired. Native American women's and human rights activist **Beverly Horse**, Cache, was inducted in September into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame by the Commission on the Status of Women. She has been displaced homemaker-single parent coordinator for Great Plains Vo-Tech School since 1980, a CETA training counselor and Off-Reservation Manpower program director for the Mississippi band of the Choctaws. **Robert D. Jones**, Fort Washington, Md., is a retired Marine colonel. **Eric L. Poindexter**, Lawton, is a school bus driver. First grade teacher **Patricia Stewart** is Ringling's 1997 Teacher of the Year. She once before received the honor during her 23-year career. **Constance Vermillion**, Roanoke, Va., is a homemaker and community volunteer.

**1973: Robert B. Adair**, Dayton, Ohio,

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is a museum conservation specialist at the United States Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He has been employed there for 14 years. **Dr. H. N. Booth**, Alexandria, Va., is a consultant. **Michael E. Ossenkop**, Oklahoma City, is an elementary principal. **Donna Rombold Smith**, Tipton, retired after teaching secondary English for 23 years. She was twice named teacher of the year. **Edwin M. Stinnett**, Oklahoma City, a senior territory manager for Ross Pediatrics, married Edna Stanley in September. **George F. Williams**, Korea, is corporate vice president for NCH and general manager for NCH Korea.

**1974:** **Audrey B. Carter**, Lawton, is retired. Retired Army Lt. Col. **Terrance M. Davis**, Oklahoma City, is employed by Integris Mental Health. **William R. Miller**, Brooklyn, N. Y., is a pilot and captain for AIG Inc.

**1975:** **Robert F. Henry**, Colorado Springs, is a certified public accountant for El Paso County. **Joan F. Hunt**, Lawton, is a teacher. **Raymond G. Kaping**, Shell Knob, Mo., is retired. **Kevin L. Monroe**, Houston, Texas, is a senior piping engineer for Rathcon Engineers and Constructors Inc.

**1976:** **James D. Carreer**, Bagdad, Ky., is a state judge. **Sally A. Greenlee**, Lawton, is a school principal. **John M. Grijalva**, Austin, Texas, is a systems support manager. CPA **Vickie L. White**, Lawton, is CFO, vice president and cashier at Security Bank and Trust. She serves on the the board of directors of the Cameron University Alumni Association.

**1977:** **Cynthia J. Davis**, San Antonio, Texas, is an Army lieutenant colonel. **Charles J. Dorrough**, Yukon, retired as personnel manager for the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. **Sharon Neasbitt** is an instructor in the school service programs department at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

**1978:** **Bill W. Burgess Jr.**, Lawton, is an attorney with Burgess and Burgess Inc.

He chairs the Oklahoma Commission on Higher Education and is secretary of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He married **Sylvia M. Kasper Burgess**, '79. **Robert J. Jordan Jr.**, Lawton, is retired. **Bobby J. Randolph**, Duncan, is operations manager for Le Norman Energy Corp. He married **Jill D. Randolph**, '87. **Dr. R. Mark Russell**, Tucson, Ariz., is a physician at Thomas-Davis Medical Centers. **Vista E. Wilson**, Box Springs, Ga., is a retired youth center director. **Linda A. Evans Zimmerman**, Columbia, Mo., is a registered nurse.

**1979:** Attorney **Sylvia M. Kasper Burgess**, Lawton, is Cameron's assistant provost. She married **Bill Burgess**, '78. **Steve Cherry**, Lawton, is owner of Mt. Scott Feed and Seed. He married **Celiece Woods Cherry**, '94. **Gary T. Jackson**, Lawton, is program director for the school of medical technology at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Cindy Kaspereit John**, Tulsa, teaches. **Claudine B. Lee**, Lawton, is a public school counselor. **Brigit M. Shepherd**, Lawton, is a social worker for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. **Gail E. Southers**, Slidell, La., is purchasing agent for Heritage Plastics. **Georgia L. Williams**, Huntingdon, Pa., is retired.

**1980:** Attorney **Bradley W. Burgess**, Lawton, is managing partner of Burgess Law Firm. He married **Karen R. Clodfelter Burgess**, '80. **Mitzi Dickerson**, Altus, is an academic skills advisor for the POWER program at Southwest Technology Center. **Christopher Engelman**, Richardson, Texas, is a marketing representative for Alden Risk Management Services. **Ella J. Gipson**, Lawton, is a medical clerk for Civil Service. **Thomas S. Grodecki**, Hudson, Wis., is a consultant for U.S. West Communication. **Elijah Mitchell**, Altus, pastors New Hope Baptist Church. **Donna E. Walker**, Hot Springs Village, Ark., is an agency field consultant for State Farm Insurance.

**1981:** **Linda J. Brots**, Somerville, N. J., is a senior stability scientist for Smith Kline Beecham Consumer Healthcare.

**Vincent C. D'Andrea**, Newport R. I., is a postal worker. **Linda L. Hubbard**, Hermitage, Tenn., is a registered nurse at Summit Medical Center. Elementary school counselor **Susan Jackson**, was Mrs. Green Country and second runner-up in the 1997 Mrs. Oklahoma Pageant. Frederick City Manager **Robert Johnston**, is the new president of the Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma. He was formerly Tonkawa's city manager.

**1982:** **Faye A. Bradley**, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., works with Hospice of Norwest Florida and Concerned Care Home Health. **John E. Burton**, Lawton, owns Automated Lawn Systems. He married **Mary M. Burton**, '85. **Cheryl L. Gibson**, Opa Locka, Fla., is a business analyst for Olsten Corporation. **John A. Hughes**, Yorktown, Va., works for the U.S. Postal Service. **Dana Malone Klusener**, Guthrie, teaches in the Coyle Public Schools. **Bill Ray**, Duncan, teaches chemistry at Marlow High School. **Warren E. Smith**, El Centro, Calif., is a teacher at Central Union High School. He married **Lorraine B. Smith**, '84. **Clarence W. Thomas Sr.** and **Sarah E. Bethea Thomas**, Lawton, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in October. Clarence retired from the Army as a noncommissioned officer. Sarah is a special education teacher at Western Hills Elementary School.

**1983:** **Gordon E. Gowing**, Lawton, is a plumber and pipe fitter for Berger Engineering. **Stephen K. Groner**, Marion, Iowa, is an information technologist for Cedar River Paper Company. **Richard L. Heelan**, Duncan, is a real estate appraiser. **Patricia J. Kennedy**, Woodlawn, Tenn., is guidance counselor for Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools. She married **Patrick J. Kennedy**, '84. **Ramona G. Noble**, Snyder, is a social worker for the State of Oklahoma. **Jennifer A. Hill Ozuna**, Lawton, is a first grade teacher at Almor West. She married **Emilio H. Ozuna**, '96. **Bedford F. Rowland Jr.**, Altus, is director of special services at Southwest Technology Center. He has taught automotive technology at

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the center since 1992. **Donna R. Scott Schmulbach**, Lawton, is office manager at Oklahoma Abstract Co.

**1984:** Merrill Lynch financial consultant **David Lee Denham**, Lawton, married Diana Cox in August. **Tina L. Harmon**, Indianapolis, Ind., is a staff accountant for the U.S. Customs Service. **Patrick J.** and **Patricia J. Bowles Kennedy** live in Woodlawn, Tenn. She is a school guidance counselor and he is a flight simulator instructor. **Curtis A. Richardson**, Anchorage, Alaska, is a software applications supervisor for Alaska Railroad Corp. Teacher **Lorraine B. Smith**, El Centro, Calif., married **Warren E. Smith**, '82. **Ty K. Valentine**, Irving, Texas, is a special claims representative for Farmers Insurance.

**1985:** **Mary M. Burton**, Lawton, is employed by Cameron. She married **John E. Burton**, '83. **Lorraine Cadwallader**, Las Vegas, Nev., is a project assistant with Cadwallader and Associates and an international technology consultant. She and her husband are working in Colombo, Sri Lanka, with the Urban Development Authority developing a Geographic Information Systems program for use in developing new towns, information for investors and government lands. **Rodney J. Dover**, Carrollton, Texas, is accounting manager for Blockbuster Entertainment Group. **Sharon K. Madewell**, Poteau, is director of a women's crisis service. **William T. Prince**, Rosenberg, Texas, is a security manager for Camden Property Trust. **Judy F. Sterling**, Bartow, Fla., is office manager for Eagle Business Forms Inc.

**1986:** **Daryl Wayne Andrews**, Hastings, is an Army major. **Aletha J. Bolt**, Yukon, is an Internal Revenue Service agent. Social worker **Judy A. Branaugh**, Carlisle, Pa., is a counselor for Domestic Violence Services. Analyst **Arthur L. Briggs**, Stafford, Va., is an Army computer programmer. He married **Sheri L. Briggs**, '87. **Sara A. Talley**, Owasso, is a software engineer. **Eddie Young**, Santa Ana, Calif., is employed by Tyco Financial and Insurance Services.

**1987:** CPA **Jill D. Randolph**, Duncan, works for the National Rural Water Association. She married **Bobby J. Randolph**, '78. **Karen Sue Baker**, Fort Sill, is a Civil Service training and curriculum specialist. **M. Kandance Black**, El Paso, Texas, is an auditor and assistant field director for the U.S. Customs Service. **Sheri L. Briggs**, Stafford, Va., is a Department of Defense budget analyst. **Connie Dominguez**, Lawton, is a senior probation and parole office with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. **Nelson Hernandez**, Broken Arrow, is a customer service coordinator with SABRE Technology Solutions. **Richard W. Smith**, Lawton, is an assistant professor and Cameron's director of forensics. **Kathleen A. Stewart**, Lawton, is a school counselor. KWTV news anchor and reporter **Robin Marsh**, Oklahoma City, has been elected to the board of The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma.

**1988:** **Michael W. Bowers**, Fayetteville, N. C., is an Army major. **Rolanda M. Cole**, Lawton, is a child welfare specialist with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. **Brian D. Connors**, Fort Myers, Fla., is a senior foster care counselor for the State of Florida. **Chris Crabtree**, Clinton, manages Tautfest Furniture and Appliance. **Cyndy Cunningham**, Lawton, is a Cameron English instructor and a book reviewer for *The Lawton Constitution*. **David Greer**, Oklahoma City, is a personal financial adviser at American Express Financial Advisors. He was selected as the only Oklahoman for Harvard Business School's executive education program for management development. **Robert C. Mitchell**, Fort Worth, Texas, is a teacher and coach. **Richard R. Rivas**, Fredericksburg, Va., is an insurance underwriter with Government Employees Insurance Co. **Linda V. Stanley**, Walters, is an administrative assistant for Gibson's Discount Centers in Lawton. **Steve L. Suzuki**, Denison, Texas, is manager of information services for Highland MSO Inc.

**1989:** **Marilou D. Atwell**, Danville,

Va., is a case manager for the mental retardation division at Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services. **Lori L. Bridges**, Lawton, is a pharmacist at Wal-Mart Pharmacy. **Justin Quint Foust**, Lexington, is a ranch foreman. Safeguard Health Enterprises employee **Craig Alan Hill**, Carrollton, Texas, married Carrie Lynn Drier in September. HSB Reliability Technologies' human resource administrator **Gerald Scott Holland**, Woodbridge, Va., married Catherine Page Bentzel in September. Army **Capt. Scott B. Jackson**, Federal Way, Wash., is a field artillery officer. Army **Maj. Ruben** and **Virginia Navarro** live in Lansing, Kan. Virginia is a librarian at the Army Command and General Staff College.

**1990:** Department of Defense environmental protection specialist **Charles Neal Cox**, Cache, married Mary Annette Givan in September. **Elaine K. Farley**, Lawton, teaches at MacArthur Junior High. **Ron L. Forrest**, Lawton, is an agent for State Farm Insurance. **Kammy J. Hoskins**, Lawton, is a teacher. **James Michael Lewis**, Edmond, is employed at Waterloo Road Baptist Church. He married Jenifer Kay Lowder in August. **Elizabeth L. Perry Mackall**, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is an Air Force section commander. **Thomas Mike Renyer**, Duncan, is an attorney. **James F. Ronan Jr.**, Apache, is a deputy sheriff for Comanche County. **Brad M. Rutledge**, McAlester, is a Department of Defense quality assurance specialist in ammunition surveillance. **Kelly S. Seymour**, Irving, Texas, is marketing coordinator for The Associates. **Franklin L. Shealy**, Doraville, Ga., is an electronic technician for L3 Communications. **O.L. Corky Stringham**, Gardena, Calif., is senior coordinator for EG & G Dynatrend. **Mickey D. Weaver**, Lawton, is a computer programmer for AST.

**1991:** **Anne Beltrane McClure**, Lawton, is a physical therapist at Lawton Physical Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation. **Janet L. Durbin**, Cocoa, Fla., is an RN at Cape Canaveral Hospital.

**1992:** **Debra Renee Carter**, Lawton,

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works in human resources at ASCOG.

**Jeffery E. Czaja**, Eastampton, N. J., is a sergeant first class in the Army. **Shelly D. Douglass**, Dallas, Texas, is a senior financial analyst in acquisitions at Matrix Rehabilitation. **Narcisa S. Pedrena**, San Diego, Calif., is a Defense Finance and Accounting Service accounting technician. **Jodie J. Price**, Harlem, Ga., is a physical education teacher and coach for basketball and track at Augusta Christian School. **Harry J. Shappell**, Geronimo, is a field service technician for DME. **Imelda J. Weddington**, Birmingham, Ala., is a registered nurse at a Veterans Administration medical center. **Billy R. Wells**, Lawton, is a Defense Finance and Accounting Service accounting technician. **Jerry L. Williamson**, Lake Jackson, Texas, is a postal service carrier.

**1993: Retired CSM David B.**

**Chappell**, Lawton, is a JROTC instructor at Eisenhower High. **Karen J. Cooper**, Mangum, owns and operates Cooper Package Store. **Linda K. Hotchko**, Lawton, is a driver for Celadon Trucking Services. **Cynthia G. Jackson**, Marina, Calif., is human resources specialist for New Star Fresh Foods. **William D. McCallum**, Lawton, is an accountant at Citizens Bank. **Karlotta S. Milton**, Lawton, is a programmer and analyst at AST. **Elana Callen Owens**, Lawton, is a medical technologist at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Paula J. Phillips**, Coral Gables, Fla., is an attorney with Jeff Norkin P.A. **Sue G. Roth Sampson**, Lawton, is an elementary school teacher. **Audra Welch Scearce**, Oklahoma City, was selected to serve a four-year psychiatry residency at Griffin Memorial Hospital in Norman after graduation in May from the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. She married **Joe L. Scearce**, '89. **Mary E. Watson**, Altus, is a civil engineer customer service supervisor at Altus AFB. She married **A. J. Watson**, '85.

**1994: Julia K. Baughman**, Tallahassee, Fla., is a lab supervisor and environmental analyst at Savannah Laboratories. **Rebecca I. Bryles**, Lawton, is an aircraft maintenance instructor with the 362nd

TRS at Sheppard AFB. **Sharon E. Burum**, Duncan, is a teacher. Civil Service transportation assistant **Celiece Woods Cherry** married **Steve Cherry**, '79. **Gary D. Cunningham**, Marlow, is a petroleum geologist. **Stephanie Ann Ellis Davis**, Lawton, married Richard Alan Davis in August. **Elizabeth E. Hickenbottom**, Wellington, Texas, is a housewife and mother. She is married to **Kendel Hickenbottom**, '91. **Nicholas B. Klaus**, Arlington, Va., is a major in the Marine Corps. **Henry F. Laurent**, Pittsburgh, Pa., is an investment banker with Grant Street Advisors. **April E. Lynn**, Enid, is an admission counselor at Phillips University. **Alan L. Robinson**, Lawton, is director of transportation for the Lawton Public Schools. **Becky K. Sanner**, Duncan, is a process coordinator for AmQuest Bank. **Julie Ann Jung Walker**, Lawton, is a design drafter for M. J. Lewis and Associates Inc.

**1995: Accountant Janet E. Adkins**, Duncan, is director of financial services at Duncan Regional Hospital. **John L. Blodgett**, Norman, is an OU law student. He married **Melissa D. Blodgett**, '96. **Jacqueline Cox**, Lawton, is enrolled in Cameron's CAMSTEP program. **Shelley Rice Deutsch**, Lawton is working toward a masters degree. **Cristina A. Flockoi**, Lawton, is a bookkeeper at Southwest Chemical and Restaurant Supply. **Dana M. Hardacker**, Lawton, works for Civil Service. **Christopher Harrell**, Lawton, is in insurance sales with Allstate. **Roy M. Helmka**, Lawton, is chief of accounting at Fort Sill Lodging. **Keith W. Howard**, Ennis, Texas, is a coach and teacher. **John R. Hughes**, Lawton, is a student and employed by Herb's Foods Inc. **Synthia A. Kirkpatrick**, Walters, farms. **Jaylene Bonner Lander**, Lawton, is president of Human Development Center Inc. **Marisol Rosero**, Belgium, works in records and evaluations for the U.S. Government. **Rose M. Sauseda**, Lawton, is a secondary math teacher with Cache Public Schools. **MSgt. Bradley A. Ward**, Altus, is an Air Force quality assurance manager. He has received his M.B.A. and a masters in business and human resources.

**1996: Colin R. Barry**, Japan, is a Marine staff sergeant. **Melissa D. Blodgett**, Norman, teaches at Bodine Elementary in Oklahoma City. She married **John L. Blodgett**, '95. **Edward N. Collins**, Edmond, is a project manager for American Fidelity Assurance. **Linda Jean Croke**, Lawton, is working toward a bachelors degree in computer information systems. **Jeanna Lister Groner**, Duncan, is a teaching assistant for Duncan Public Schools. **Sharon Kay Harms**, Duncan, owns Blackberry Ink. **William T. Hutchins II**, Stillwater, is pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine at OSU. **Benjamin R. Jones**, Winter Haven, Fla., is outreach recruiter for Polk County Schools. **Joe R. King**, Lawton, is a Learjet technician. **Latasha R. Mason**, Lawton, is an OPAT parent educator for Lawton Public Schools. **Rose A. Meadors**, Elgin, teaches third grade. **Donald G. Mitchell**, Las Vegas, Nev., is a recovery specialist. **Jason Mitchell**, Tyrone, works in the Marietta Public Schools in athletics and as high school and middle school speech coach and middle school health teacher. **Evelyn Indira Montalvan Hawk**, Oklahoma City, is employed at Apollo and Hilldale Elementary Schools in Putnam City. **Emilio H. Ozuna**, Lawton, is a youth guidance specialist at Lawton Boys Group Home. He married **Jennifer A. Hill Ozuna**, '83. **Raymond Chance Slater**, Anadarko, is employed by Great Plains Correctional Facility in Hinton. He married **Robin Lea Lovell Slater**, '97 in August. **Cheri D. Spurgin**, Duncan, is pursuing degrees in deaf, elementary and music education. **Stephen T. Wilson**, Oklahoma City, is a computer programmer and filter writer for University Microfilms Inc.

**1997: Davina L. O'Neal Clardy**, Lawton, is featured on Oklahoma City's KVSP-AM Open Mike morning talk show and coordinates and produces the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show. She was a deejay with Lawton's KJMZ-FM and was a news producer for

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# Is it time to change CU's mascot?

## Student government survey seeks suggestions from students and alumni

BY THE CUSGA MASCOT COMMITTEE

The Cameron University Student Government Association (CUSGA) is seeking help from alumni, current students and faculty to determine if the "Aggies" should remain as the school's mascot and the use of "Ol' Kim" continue.

Five years ago, all 24 members of the CUSGA voted on whether to keep or change the school's mascot. Balloting culminated in a 17-to-7 vote to change the mascot to something other than "Aggies" (Aug. 31, 1992 CUSGA minutes).

Since then, the appearance of Ol' Kim the Aggie has dwindled. Many concerned students and athletes have approached CUSGA about this issue.

This year, a team of student senators, called the Mascot Committee, has set forth to find out what alumni, students, and employees really want as a mascot.

The project consists of three phases. This article and the accompanying survey are a large part of the initial



*What lies in the future for the Aggies and Ol' Kim?*

phase. From the survey, the committee will determine whether students and supporters want CU's mascot to remain the Aggies.

If the survey indicates a desire to change mascots, it will prompt a semifinal phase. In it, the committee will ask supporters to pick two potential mascots to become finalists.

The final phase will determine what students and alumni want for a new mascot.

An active mascot can play a major role in campus spirit and Cameron Pride. It can bring humor to sporting events and it can bond students. An active mascot can influence the way others view Cameron.

*Cameron Today* readers are asked to support efforts to impartially determine the future of the CU mascot. Your participation can make a real difference.

### Student/faculty/staff mascot survey

Social Security No. : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major/Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check which applies to you:  Student  Faculty/Staff

(Social Security Number is needed so that CUSGA can verify student/employee status. It also ensures no one submits more than one survey. No response without this information will be counted. Social Security Numbers will not be made public, nor will this information be used for any other purpose.)

1. Would you like Cameron's mascot to remain the Aggies?  
 Yes  No
2. Suppose the mascot is changed. Please select five choices for the "new" CU mascot from the following list and rank them in preference from 1 - 5 (1 = favorite; 5 = least favorite).
 

_____ Coyotes	_____ Mustangs
_____ Calvary	_____ Kildees
_____ Gold	_____ Condors
_____ Longhorns	_____ Buffaloes
_____ Bison	_____ Falcons
_____ Prairie Dogs	_____ Lions
_____ Hawks	_____ Rhinos
_____ Wildebeests	_____ Other (Specify)
_____ Leopards	_____

Please mail or return in person BEFORE Feb. 2, 1998 to:  
 CUSGA Mascot Committee; Student Activities Building;  
 2800 W Gore Blvd; Lawton, OK 73505  
 Questions? Call 580/581-2444.

### CU alumni mascot survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Graduated from Cameron: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and address are needed only so that CUSGA verify alumni status and enable the committee to contact you for input at later phases. It also ensures no one submits more than one survey. No response will be counted without this information.)

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## Good Work! award --

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which one can provide them the best educational value. According to the organization's analysis of U.S. Department of Education data, Cameron's in-state and out-of-state tuitions ranked among the lowest charged by institutions of its type. Room and board charges are substantially lower than average.

In recent years, annual tuition increases at Cameron lagged behind the U.S. inflation rate, earning a rank well below the norm.

In exchange for the comparatively low tuition they pay, students at Cameron gain library services supported at levels considered typical for its class of institution. Overall, campus crime rates are unusually low.

According to federal education data, Cameron's full-time undergraduate student body is considerably larger than average, but is an unusually small fraction of its total student body. The male-to-female ratio is near average, as is the ethnic diversity of the student body. A few majors (most notably Education, Social Sciences and History) are unusually dominant among the degree-granting programs at Cameron.

Cameron's financial endowments are fairly typical for an institution of its type, but its annual revenues are exceptional, the report noted.

For the full report, check the Critical Comparisons website at <http://www.memex-press.com/cc/reports/notes/goodwork.html#winnerlist>. ■

## Spirit Week --

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day of Spirit Week. Cameron students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in all events.

Monday, Feb. 2, will be "Pajama Day" on campus and will culminate with a "Mad About CU" double dare contest at 7 p.m. in the Shepler Mezzanine.

"Dork Day" is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3. The RIB Comedy Club -- Rock Ruben, will be featured at 8 p.m. in the Shepler Mezzanine.

A scavenger hunt is just one of several activities planned for "Backwards Day" on Wednesday, Feb. 4. Student organizations will participate in building decoration and window painting contests commemorating Spirit Week. Judging will take place at 3 p.m. Feb. 4.

The men's and women's basketball squads will take on the University of Central Oklahoma at 6 and 8 p.m. to highlight "Black and Gold Day" Feb. 5.

Feb. 6 will be celebrated as "Dress Up Day" on campus and will end with a 7 p.m. bonfire, followed by a dance at the Fort Sill Officers Club.

A second "Black and Gold Day" is planned for Saturday, Feb. 7, when the Aggies and Lady Aggies take on Northeastern Oklahoma State University at 6 and 8 p.m.

Activities will start with wagon-float and banner contests at 5 p.m.

Those events will be followed by the crowning of Mr. and Ms. CU at the halftime of the men's game. ■

## Where are they now?

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KSWO-TV in Lawton. **Army 2LT Elvis Coronado**, Fort Bragg, N. C., married Kimberly Ann Findlay Coronado in August. **Anastasia Mary Doan**, Altus, is a preschool teacher at Altus AFB Child Development Center. **Andrea Michelle Encalade**, Lawton, works for Protocol NCOIC at Fort Sill. **Jayson G. Evans**, Duncan, is pursuing a masters in business administration and a screen writing career. **Rhonda G. Gettig**, San Angelo, Texas, is an Air Force general education and training specialist. **Carolyn Kay Gilbreth**, Duncan, is continuing her education at Cameron. **James O. Havens**, Lawton, plans to be a high school teacher. He

married **Janice V. VanGundy Havens**, '93. **Freddie Elane Jackson**, Lawton, is a first sergeant in the Army. **Eva Marie Jacobs**, Indianapolis, Ind., is an accounting tech for J. Steve Fite, CPA. **Robert Edward Lewis**, Lawton, is a sales clerk at Circle K. **Rufus Calvin Lindsay**, Lawton, is an elementary teacher. **Maxine M. Logan**, Fort Sill, teaches French and Spanish. **Isiah Edward Martin**, Lawton, serves in the Army at Fort Sill. **Patricia A. Mitchell**, Duncan, is pursuing a bachelors degree. **Grady Lee Morgan**, Lawton, serves in the Army at Fort Sill. **Richard Allan Sprinkle**, Fort Sill, is a sergeant (E-5) in the Army. ■

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