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Cabinet nominee addresses faculty, students at Convocation

Technology: new 'coin of the realm'

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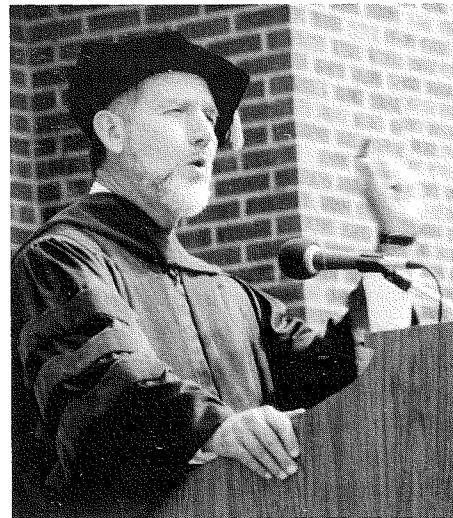
Just as land was one of the nation's most valuable assets going into the 20th Century, technology-based knowledge will serve that same function going into the 21st Century. The only difference is that the tangible has been replaced by the intellectual.

Dr. W. Arthur Porter, nominated by Gov. Frank Keating to be Oklahoma's first cabinet secretary of science and technology development, made that observation as he addressed Cameron University faculty and students during the 1998 Academic Convocation Sept. 18.

Porter described knowledge as becoming the accepted "coin of the realm" in today's world, making universities increasingly important in the process of training leaders for a knowledge-based

industry and economy.

Porter vitally understands the impact of technology development. As Vice



Dr. W. Arthur Porter

President for Technology Development at the University of Oklahoma and dean of its College of Engineering, he is a former chief executive officer of the Houston Advanced Research Center and professor of electrical engineering at Texas A&M University.

Educational institutions are now challenged with empowering students to create new technology and to create new jobs in Oklahoma, thus preventing a loss of the state's brightest talent to adjoining states. There's no reason, he said, that Lawton could not become an equivalent of California's Silicon Valley -- a place attracting high-tech businesses.

Universities must take a stronger role in society, he noted, and praised Cameron for its efforts to link technol-

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Cameron alumni website goes online

Cameron's alumni relations office and the CU Alumni Association now have links on the university's Internet website!

Alumni can find information about reunions, the annual benefit golf tournament, awards, merchandise, the CUAA board of directors and membership. Alumni will also soon be able to update addresses and other information online.

Check it out at www.cameron.edu/alumni. ●

School's goals focus on technology in 98-99

Cameron University's campus vision has focused on technology and will use it to expand offerings to current and future students, President Don Davis said during his annual address to faculty and staff Aug. 21.

Davis traditionally presents a "state of the university" speech each fall, using it to review the progress of past plans and set goals for the coming academic year.

Among the leading goals for the university in 1998-99 is the estab-

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ogy and economic development through its involvement in OneNet, an expanded MBA program and a collaborative effort with other educational institutions to promote distance learning.

Convocation has been a tradition at Cameron since Dr. Don Davis instituted it nearly 20 years ago as a celebration of dedication to academic excellence. Student members of Cameron's 16 honor societies, as well as McMahon

Scholars and Presidential Leaders and University Scholars, are recognized

during the event.

Convocation also serves as a vehicle

for Dr. Davis to honor citizens who make significant contributions to the area's education, economy and quality of life through the presentation of Distinguished Service Awards. This year's awards were given to Rudy J. Alvarado, the chief executive officer of Advancia Corp., Maj. Gen. Leo J. Baxter, commanding officer of Fort Sill, and Altus banker and civic leader Ken Ferguson. ●



Joining in Academic Convocation festivities were (from the left) university regent Steve Bentley, Distinguished Service Award honorees Maj. Gen. Leo Baxter, Ken Ferguson and Rudy Alvarado, guest speaker Dr. W. Arthur Porter, CU president Dr. Don Davis, and State Regent Bill Burgess.

Davis outlines CU's goals --

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lishment of Cameron's new MultiMedia degree program as an academic and entrepreneurial unit. This will be done by completing recruitment of team members, fine tuning the curriculum and coordinating activities with economic development efforts.

Cameron will continue its partnership with the University of Oklahoma to implement a Master of Business Administration program at nine European sites — a project that presents logistical challenges, but provides opportunities for distance learning and development of web-based courses.

Cameron is already working with Fort Sill on a task force promoting mutual interests and will expand that relationship with MultiMedia learning, environmental studies, research opportunities and modeling and simulations programs.

Technology will also play a role in the automation of management systems — a critical part of providing quality service efficiently.

CU will continue to develop collaborative degree programs in technology, primarily through associates degrees and work in manufacturing technology, environmental sciences, health sciences and energy management.

A "students first" concept will be foremost in the continued automation and delivery of services. A prime example is the development of "one-stop shopping" for such student services as admissions, enrollment, career services, financial assistance and tuition payments.

Cameron will use technology to promote economic development in Southwest Oklahoma by pursuing promotion of "smart companies," establishing a lecture series on high technology and business leadership, and expanding involvement in local economic development groups.

Accreditation is a key word in the coming year, as Cameron prepares for a North Central visit and works on programs with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and State Regents.

Construction projects include renovating the Physical Sciences building, relocating the student union and tennis complex and establishing a family residency clinic.

Many of the 98-99 goals are a continuation of work begun last year, such as the MultiMedia program, North Central preparation and automation of services.

Other highlights of last year included:

— Building on recent academic successes through promotion of CAMSTEP as a national example, taking the MBA degree into new markets, and continuing cattle embryo research with the Noble Foundation.

— Capitalizing on distance learning opportunities through desktop video conferencing, designation as a teacher training center and remote delivery of the MBA program.

— Initiating collaborative programs with OU and Fort Sill.

— Working to increase enrollment by revamping program schedules and augmenting recruiters with faculty and coaches.

— Unifying campus master plan projects, updating planning documents and reviewing critical locations for traffic, parking and pedestrian movement.

— Promoting such high-tech economic development ideas as "smart companies" and expanding links with defense industries and high-tech companies. ●

Cameron spikers win LSC volleyball title

BY JASON WEST

CAMERON SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

WOW! It may sound simple, but there is no other way to explain Cameron University's 1998 volleyball season.

The Aggies not only rewrote record books, not only had three first team all-conference players, not only won the program's first conference championship and not only qualified for national playoffs, they also finished the season as the 24th ranked team in the nation -- the highest in the program history.

"This was a great season," said Vinson. "Our kids kept their focus the whole year. We wanted it to go further, but we certainly have nothing to hang our heads about. We were able to accomplish all of our goals with the obvious exception. We wanted to hang a banner in the gym, and we will with the conference banner. We wanted to win the North Division to host the title match, and we did. Overall, I have to say the season was a major success."

The season started off with a bang as CU went north to compete in the University of Alaska-Anchorage Classic. The first match was against the host school, UAA, and went five games in front of a raucous crowd. Cameron went on to win the tournament title in a rematch with UAA.

That tournament got the season off to a great start as the Aggies went on to win 22 consecutive matches. The feat set a new school record at Cameron for a women's program, shattering the old mark of 18 consecutive wins.

Coach Kim Vinson also got her 300th career win in an exciting three-game victory over rival Central Oklahoma.

As post-season honors keep coming in, there are plenty to go around.

The team won the Lone Star Conference championship over nationally ranked West Texas A&M in front the school's largest crowd ever for a volleyball match.

Before the match, the LSC All-Conference teams were

CU tennis standout wins

NCAA postgrad scholarship

Erica Consen, a member of Cameron's women's tennis squad, is one of 107 student-athletes who received postgraduate scholarships from the NCAA. The \$5,000 scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative grade-point average (on a 4.00 scale) and perform with distinction in varsity competition.

The NCAA annually awards scholarships to student-athletes who excelled academically and athletically and are in their last year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

Consen, a biology major at Cameron, was a 1998 NCAA all-American, a three-time NCAA tournament participant, a four-time NCAA regional qualifier and owns school record for most career wins. She will pursue a master's degree in physical therapy. ●

released, with sophomore Lora Spencer, junior Sharlene Marschall and senior Luz Fernandez all named to the first team. Freshman Megan Carter was named to the second team, with senior Hilary Baggett receiving honorable mention.

Marschall was named the LSC North Division Player of the

Year and Vinson was named the division's Coach of the Year. After the match, Baggett was named the tournament Most Valuable Player with Marschall also being named to the all-tournament team.

Although the conference championship did not automatically guarantee a regional berth for the Aggies, it certainly helped. In Denver, CU faced the No. 4 team in the country on their home floor.

Cameron lost to Regis (Colo.) University in four games, as the Lady Rangers went on to win the regional tournament and moved on to the Elite Eight in Florida.

The Aggies got the job done not only athletically, but academically. Baggett and Spencer were named to the LSC All-Academic squad, as well as nominated to the All-Region Academic Team. ●



Cameron Aggies Women's Basketball

1999 Schedule

Jan. 2	at Southwestern OSU	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Southeastern OSU	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	at East Central	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	Harding (Arkansas)	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	4 p.m.
Jan. 21	Central Oklahoma	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Northeastern State	6 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Midwestern State (Texas)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Southwestern OSU	8 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Central Oklahoma	6 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Northeastern State	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	Southeastern OSU	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	East Central	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Harding (Arkansas)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	2 p.m.
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Cameron Aggies Men's Basketball

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Jan. 9	at East Central	4 p.m.
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Jan. 21	Central Oklahoma	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	Northeastern State	8 p.m.
Jan. 27	at University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Southwestern OSU	6 p.m.
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Presentations made during annual reunion

Phillips, McKellips receive CUA A faculty honor

BY SANDY JOYNER

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The history of Cameron University is interwoven with the careers of this year's Faculty Hall of Fame recipients.

James Eddie Phillips, emeritus associate professor, and Dr. Terral McKellips, Provost, received the Cameron University Alumni Association's Faculty Hall of Fame award at the organization's reunion luncheon Oct. 3.

The CUA A presents the award annually to honor outstanding current and retired faculty for teaching effectiveness, positive impact on students' lives, and involvement outside the classroom and in the community.

Here are brief sketches outlining the accomplishments of this year's recipients:

JAMES EDDIE PHILLIPS

James Eddie Phillips' commitment to education and his civic and agricultural endeavors complement Cameron's mission as an interactive university.

Phillips taught math for 34 years, first in high school and then at Cameron where he still teaches as an adjunct. At the same time, he has farmed and raised cattle. More than 25 boards and organizations have benefited from his involvement.

"Cameron's caring teachers and administration taught that I could compete and do whatever I wanted to do," Phillips recalls.

That caring became an integral part of his own teaching career. Anyone who was one of Phillips' students is still considered one of his "kids," and it's likely he'll remember their names and the years he taught them. He is a regular at Lawton High School and Cameron reunions.

Born in 1929 at Lawton, he was valedictorian of his class at Faxon High School and earned an associates degree in math from Cameron State Agricultural College in 1949. He later earned a B.S. in math education and an Ed.M in school administration from the University of Oklahoma and a M.A. in mathematics from Louisiana State University. He was a National Science Foundation scholarship recipient, as well.

Phillips initially planned to become an engineer, but decided he wanted to teach during his senior year at OU. He taught math and history at Lawton High School for 11 years and math at Cameron from 1967 until his retirement in 1990.

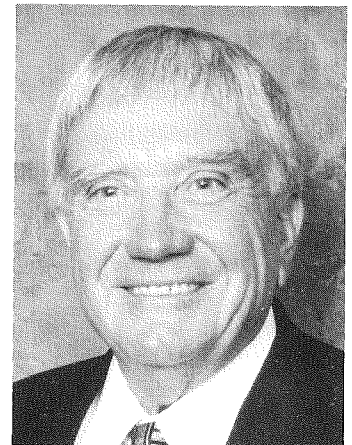
While teaching he was always involved with his students. He served as sponsor of the LHS Key Club for nine years and was faculty advisor for the CU Student Senate for 14 years. At Cameron he served on a faculty committee to select a new president, the education committee and several North Central committees.

Among his many careers is service as a sergeant with the 45th National Guard Division during the Korean War. He was a member of OU's advanced Air Force ROTC program and served as a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

Phillips' love of farming has been a lifelong one. He grew up on a farm and bought one of his own in 1944 with earnings



James Eddie Phillips



Dr. Terral McKellips

from his state fair prize-winning hog. He still farms nearly 1,400 acres, raising cattle, cotton, wheat and maize. James Eddie and his wife, Ruby, were named Comanche County Farm Family of the Year in 1997.

In addition to careers in farming, ranching and teaching, Phillips worked for the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and as a civil servant.

His service on a multitude of boards and organizations includes the Lawton Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, 4-H, FFA, Comanche County Excise/Equalization Board, the Water Resources Board, the Camp Fire Board, the Museum of the Great Plains Board and Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. He has chaired the Comanche County Excise Board, the County Flood Plain Board and the Tri-Creek Preservation Association.

Phillips is a past president of the CU Alumni Association and has been involved in several education associations. He is a member of six honorary education societies.

He and Ruby, Cameron Class of 1973, are charter life members of CUA A and are annual donors to CU's President's Partners.

The family's loyalty to the university extends to their children, who are all Cameron graduates and life members of CUA A: Eddie Mitchell, '78; Polly Belle Krasser, '80, and Michael Duane, '82.

TERRAL MCKELLIPS

Dr. Terral McKellips, who has played a major role in the evolution of technology at Cameron, can remember when the computer in the Administration building had far less memory than his wrist watch does today.

"The progress to where we are today did not simply involve waiting for the technology to develop," McKellips says, "it required a lot of hard work by staff and faculty and some courageous decisions by the administration."

Born in 1938 at Terlton, he received his B.S. from South-

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CUAA hall of fame awards presented —

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western State College and his M.S. and Ed.D degrees from Oklahoma State University.

He began his teaching career at age 23 in Southwestern's mathematics department. During the next six years he merged his teaching career with pursuit of advanced graduate study in mathematics at Tulane University, the University of California-Santa Barbara, and at OSU.

During that time he was awarded several National Science Foundation fellowships, including being named a Science Faculty Fellow in 1966, enabling him to complete his doctorate at OSU in 1968.

Cameron was enrolling its first junior class that year and McKellips was asked to organize and chair a math department to serve the needs of a newly established baccalaureate program. He took that challenge and arrived in Lawton to find he was the only full professor at Cameron and one of only three doctorates on the campus.

"The challenge proved to be more than I had anticipated as the college encountered accreditation problems with North Central Association, had its senior level administration replaced and struggled to develop a faculty and curriculum of competitive quality," McKellips recalls. "However the department of mathematics and the institution in general were able to recruit a strong contingent of dedicated faculty and those early problems were gradually erased."

During 15 years as department chair, he was named to two panels of the Mathematical Association of America's Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics. He also served on MAA's national consulting bureau for 17 years.

In 1972-73, he was a visiting professor at OSU.

At Cameron, he served as division chair and then as dean of the School of Mathematical and Applied Sciences from 1983-89. During that period, he became interested in academic leadership training and headed several leadership institutes under the auspices of the American Council of Education.

In 1989 he was appointed the university's chief academic officer, then titled Vice-President for Academic Affairs and later Provost. In 1997-98 he served as chair of the Council on Instruction, an advisory body to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

McKellips says of his philosophy of teaching: "The purpose of teaching is to stimulate learning. I made the transition from being a competent mathematician to being a competent mathematics teacher when I recognized that the presentation of a mathematically correct exposition rarely produced the desired

learning outcome even among those students who were prepared to understand the concept. It took me much longer to understand that my determination to teach had to yield to the necessity to allow the student to learn. I now believe that 'learner-centered' teaching is far more powerful than 'teacher-centered teaching.'"

McKellips is a strong supporter of the United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill. He and his wife, Karen, a professor in CU's education department, are annual donors to the CU's President's Partners.

Their son, Bret, attended Cameron and their daughter, Marty, is a 1981 graduate. ●

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Join CUAA and share your pride

If you're not an active member of the CU Alumni Association, it's time to join! Membership lets you to keep in touch with CU and take pride in its past and future.

Members enjoy national and local discounts, such as car rentals and hotels. They receive each quarterly issue of *Cameron Today*, selected discounts for CU athletic and fine arts events, check-out privileges for books at the CU library, and discounts on imprinted bookstore items. Dues help support scholarships and programs beneficial to alumni and the university.

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1998 CUA A Distinguished Alumni announced

Alumni honorees illustrate ideals in lives, careers and service to their communities

BY SANDY JOYNER

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The newest recipients of the Cameron University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards exhibit their leadership abilities in a variety of ways.

Clodus and Paula Smith, 1948 Cameron grads, have devoted their lives to education and community service, while Ginger Simpson Conrad (Class of 1953) has promoted women's and minority business issues through a career in publishing. Dr. Bud Sahmaunt (Class of 1958) has distinguished Cameron through his service to higher education and his dedication to American Indian ideals.

These Cameron products were recognized for their work at a luncheon during 1998 reunion activities in October.

The CUA A presents the annual awards to alumni who make significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to Cameron by either distinguishing themselves in their careers, through community service or through continued support of the university.

Here, in brief, is a profile of each of the recipients:

PAULA CHAAT SMITH AND DR. CLODUS R. SMITH

For the Smiths, their relationship and distinguished careers began at Cameron where they met and fell in love.

Paula, a member of the Comanche tribe, was born near Lawton. She graduated from Lawton High and received her associates degree in music at Cameron in 1948. She also holds bachelors and masters degrees in elementary education from Oklahoma State University. At Cameron, she was a member of the girls' octette, the glee club and Aggiettes. She was also the school's Ittanaha Club princess in 1947, and accompanied the football team to California.

"Making the football trip to the Little Rose Bowl in Pasadena was one of my most memorable moments at Cameron," she recalled. "I represented the Ittanaha Club and rode in a convertible around the stadium."

Mrs. Smith began her teaching career in a small rural school in Bradley, where her husband taught vocational agriculture. Her teaching career spanned 24 years, three more states — Texas, New York and Maryland — and the birth of three children.

She became active in local, state and national education groups and was appointed to the First American Task Force of the National Education Association, assisting in hearings and meetings which led to the Indian Education Act of 1971. A move to Cleveland in 1974 led to a position as an equal opportunity specialist in the Elementary and Secondary Education Division of the Office for Civil Rights.

In 1977 she was appointed project director of the Indian Education Services for the Cleveland Public Schools and served as a visiting instructor at several universities.

Mrs. Smith has been involved with numerous boards and organizations through the years, including the Ohio Women's Policy and Research Commission, Humane Society of the United States, National Indian Education Association, Lake County Committee on Domestic Violence, WomanSpace of Cleveland, the Cuyahoga Community College advisory board, Women's Law Fund, National Indian Education Association and American Association of University Women, where she currently serves as executive vice president for Oklahoma. She is also involved in Church Women United, YWCA, United Way and the Women's Fair Planning Committee for Oklahoma.

Among her many honors are the Career Woman of Achievement award from the YWCA and SOHIO of Cleveland, and the



Paula Chaat Smith and Dr. Clodus R. Smith

Tower of Strength award from the Cleveland Association of Multicultural and Bilingual Educators. She is listed in the *Professional American Indian/Alaskan Native Women Directory*, *Who's Who in the Midwest*, *Who's Who of American Women* and *OHOYO One Thousand*.

Dr. Clodus R. Smith, a native of Blanchard, graduated from Dibble High before earning his associates degree in agriculture from Cameron in 1948. He holds bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University, and his EdD in agricultural education, sociology and counseling from Cornell University.

He worked for his room and board and finished in three semesters, leaving little time for outside activities at Cameron. He did, however, organize and coach a winning intramural

basketball team, Smitty's Hot Rocks.

"Cameron was the place where I developed my own interests and found myself as an individual," Dr. Smith said. "What I learned and how I developed here — with virtually no resources — marked the enthusiasm, drive and determination that guided my career in education and leadership roles in higher education."

Dr. Smith served higher education for 39 years, including 11 as a chief executive officer, 10 as a dean and 10 as a vice president.

He was president of the Oklahoma Independent College Foundation/Oklahoma Association of Independent Colleges and Universities — a public advocacy organization serving 11 state institutions — from 1992 until his retirement in 1996.

His career began as a secondary education teacher in Oklahoma and Texas, then progressed to higher education in 1959 at the University of Maryland. While there, he directed UM's summer school and was administrative dean of summer programs. He also founded and was the first president of the North American Association of Summer Sessions, an organization that evolved into an international association.

Dr. Smith also created the University of Maryland International Piano Competition and Festival, an annual event which holds its finals accompanied by the Washington Symphony in Kennedy Center each August.

In 1973 he became assistant to the president of Cleveland State University and was vice president for university relations until 1983. In the mid-1980s, he simultaneously served as president of both private and state-supported community institutions, Rio Grande College and Community College in Ohio. In the late 1980s, he played a key roll as president in bringing full accreditation to Lake Erie College in Ohio.

Dr. Smith has authored two books,

numerous publications and is listed in a dozen *Who's Who* and other biographical listings. He has addressed national and international conferences and consulted for such organizations as the National Education Association, Department of Vocational Education, Office of Economic Opportunity, Job Corps Program and the Education Development Center. The Smiths work with the aging and are active community volunteers. Dr. Smith works with the homeless in Oklahoma City and is on the cabinet for the City Rescue Mission's Seeing the Light Campaign.

The couple are lifetime members of the Cameron President's Partners and recently established the Clodus and Pauline Chaat Smith American Indian Endowed Scholarship at the university.

GINGER SIMPSON CONRAD

Ginger Simpson Conrad of Redondo Beach, Calif., was known by her given name Dorothy when she attended Cameron in the early 1950s. The local native is a Lawton High grad.

During the first week of classes at Cameron in 1951, a headline in the *Collegian* announced that she had recorded the highest score in school history on the English placement exam.

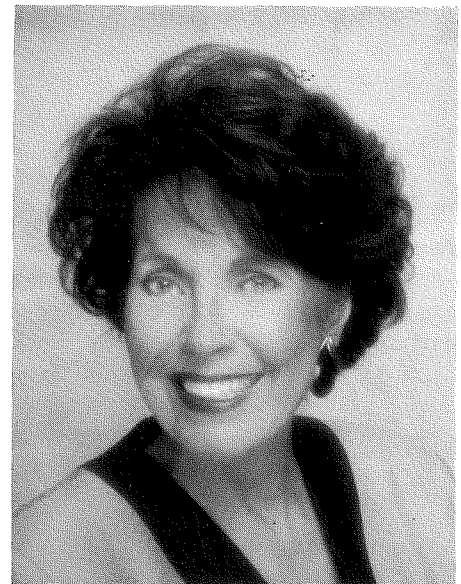
While at Cameron, she worked at the *Collegian* and belonged to the Pep Pirates. She received an associates degree in speech and English in 1953 and later earned her bachelors in theatre from Valparaiso University. She became active in community theater groups, designing costumes and appearing in a variety of roles.

Conrad's magazine career began in 1969 as assistant to the head of Bobit Publishing. She became responsible for the production of 14 trade publications, several of which covered transportation. In 1980 she became associate publisher for IEEE Computer Society.

When Congress passed the 1982 Surface Transportation Act requiring

federally funded transportation projects to meet a 10 percent goal with minority-owned businesses, she saw a niche for a new publication. She started *Minority Business Entrepreneur (MBE)* magazine with a second-hand typewriter and an old typesetting machine. Conrad handled advertising, writing, editing and layout, while her husband, Jim, typeset the stories for the first issue.

Today the Los Angeles-based magazine has seven employees and a 60,000 circulation, reaching minority and female business owners nationwide, along with corporations and government agencies concerned with minority



Ginger Simpson Conrad

and women's enterprise development.

MBE examines affirmative action procurement and contracting programs in the public and private sectors, and features success stories of entrepreneurs whose accomplishments inspire others.

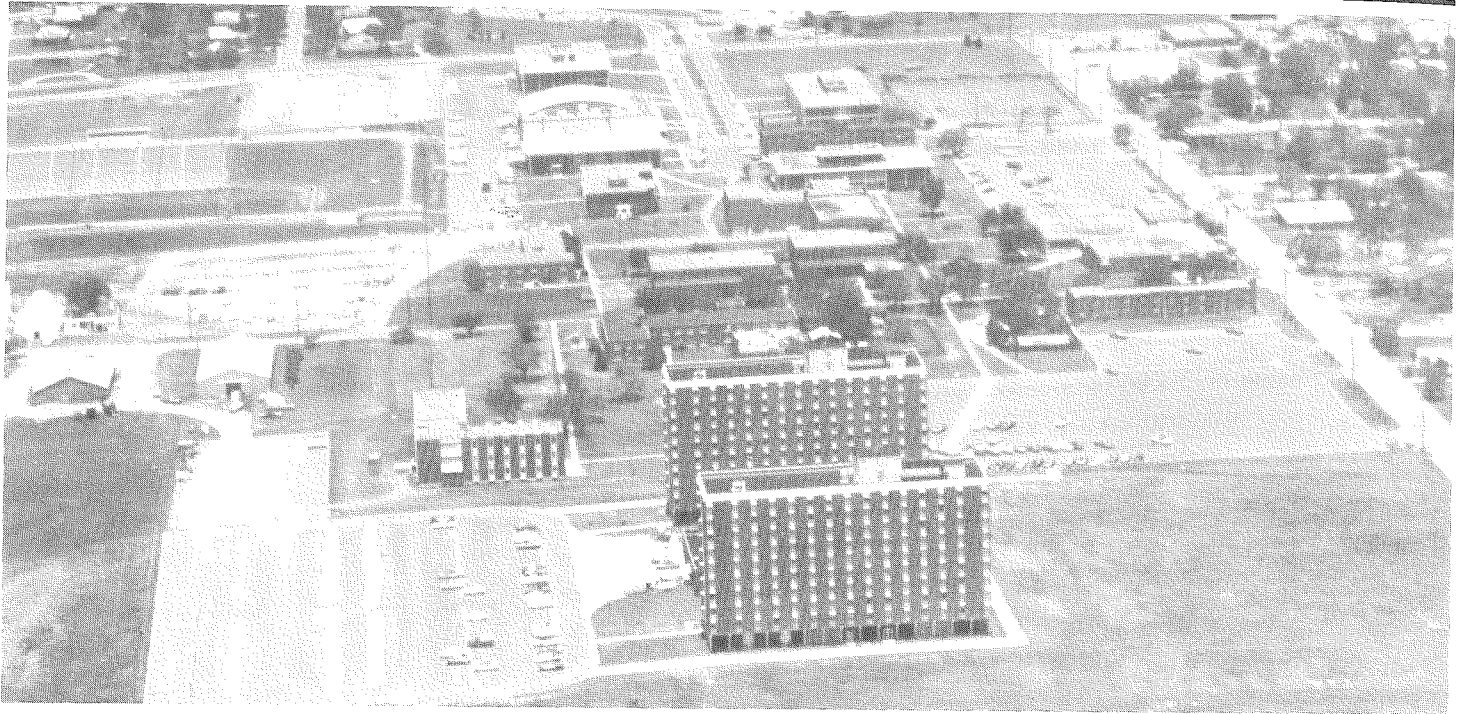
A nationally known expert on business development issues, Conrad has appeared on syndicated television shows and has served as a keynote speaker and panelist at numerous events.

She was named 1992 Media Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration's Los Angeles District and received the 1993 Media Recognition Award by the National Minority Business Council. In 1997 Conrad received the MED Week Cornerstone Media Award and recently was recog-

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The campus of Cameron College begins to take on familiar features as the new Shepler dormitory highrise (built in 1969-70) dominates this aerial photo, taken in the summer of 1971. Noticeably absent are the tennis courts, which weren't built until 1978. That year, a Lawton Urban Renewal project would make possible the McMahon Fine Arts Complex, located east of the main campus. Cameron would also acquire the Baptist Student Union through Urban Renewal, which became the present-day Student Activities Building. (U.S. Army photograph)

College life in the Seventies

Cameron earns title of 'university'

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 1970s.)

BY DR. SALLY SOELLE

The decade of the 1970s was a complex era at Cameron, characterized by change and adjustment, satisfaction and frustration, exhilaration and cynicism.

Although Cameron secured North Central accreditation in 1973, administrators and faculty were forced to take a hard look at long-standing issues and concerns which North Central evaluators identified during the evaluation.

One area they cited as inadequate, for example, was Cameron's general education program. The 1971-72 catalog noted that general education was to "acquaint students with the major areas of knowledge and experiences which are generally recognized as the common possession of educated persons, so that their understanding and appreciation of their cultural heritage would enrich their personal and community lives, and serve as a basis for

vocational success and good citizenship."

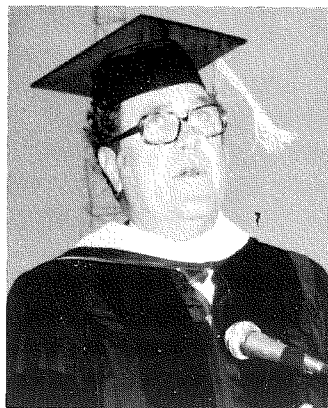
Despite these lofty goals, the visiting team concluded that the college's general education offerings lacked innovation and creativity, and that the program was "conventional and traditional in the extreme."

Cameron administrators seemed divided on the issue of the quality of the general education program, some defending it as adequate and appropriate, others conceding that the vested

interests of departments often seemed more important than the needs of students. Some administrators acknowledged that Cameron students tended to be "vocationally oriented" and unable to see general education courses as worthwhile.

North Central evaluators also commented on what they perceived as Cameron students' provincial outlook and suggested that the college seek opportunities to enrich their cultural experiences by taking advantage of resources available to them at Fort Sill.

Cameron officials tasked the members of the Academic Affairs Committee with addressing the evaluators' concerns regarding general



*Don J. Owen
1979 Commencement*



The year was 1973. President Nixon was declaring, "I am not a crook," and Watergate was becoming an all-too-familiar word to the American public. With political cynicism on the increase, Interfaith Council members Diane Bartlett and Allan Sanders took time during Cameron's homecoming parade to encourage the public to exercise the right to vote.

education deficiencies. Members of the committee recommended broader choices for students but avoided sweeping change.

By June 1974 they had suggested only modest changes to general education requirements, including increases in the required hours in communication skills, behavioral sciences and humanities, and the addition of courses which satisfied a new economics requirement.

Students participated in the development of a teaching evaluation instrument, in response to an observation of the North Central team that Cameron lacked a faculty evaluation process. Since teaching was of primary importance at Cameron, evaluators judged it appropriate for students, through the Student Senate, to play a role in this process. Faculty and students debated the merits of the resulting questionnaire, the rationale for evaluation of faculty, and the role of departmental chairs and professors in initiating the process.

The issue of faculty evaluation remained a topic of concern on campus for a number of months and resulted ultimately in the adoption of departmental evaluation forms.

While faculty and students sought solutions to a myriad of campus concerns, President Don Owen sought funding for the renovation of several buildings on campus, an addition to the library, and permission to raze the outdated North and South Halls. He also requested \$2.5 million for a new fine arts complex, for which the McMahon Foundation had committed \$600,000.

In October 1973, the state regents granted \$4 million for modifications outlined in a campus master plan. These changes included renovations to the physical sciences lab, the fine arts area in the auditorium (which was to be converted to office space for use by the Social Sciences and Education and Psychology departments), the biology building, and the former library building (which housed nursing and language arts). The

classroom portion of Nance-Boyer Hall was also slated for much-needed updating, including the installation of air conditioning.

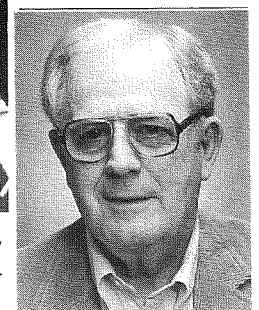
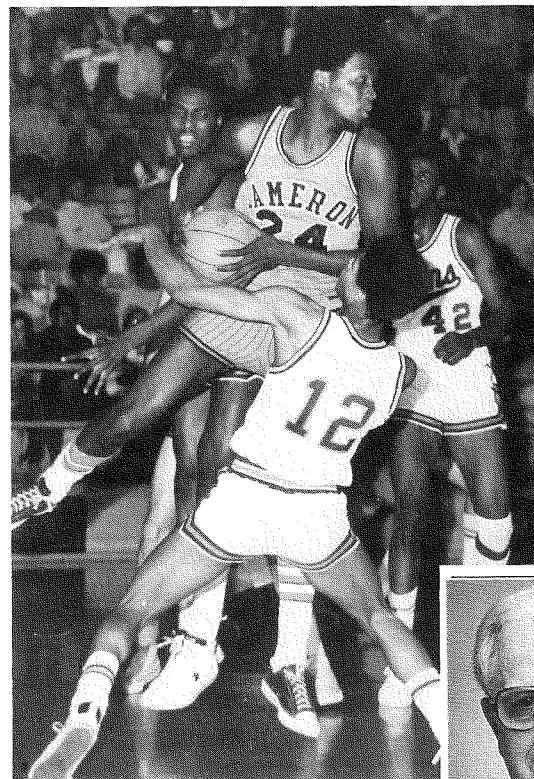
The Fine Arts complex, planned for a location east of the main campus, was to include an auditorium, classrooms, practice rooms, and a rehearsal hall. The departments of Art, Speech-Communication and Music were to be located in the new complex, which administrators believed would attract students to the study of fine arts at Cameron.

Cameron appeared to struggle with its growth and maturation during these years, alternately attempting substantial changes to its programs, and addressing issues which resulted from such rapid development and adjustment. The institution expected its faculty members to upgrade their academic credentials during the school's transition from a junior college to a four-year school in order to add appropriate new courses to the curriculum. In 1969, only six faculty members held doctorates; by 1976, more than 30% had earned that distinc-

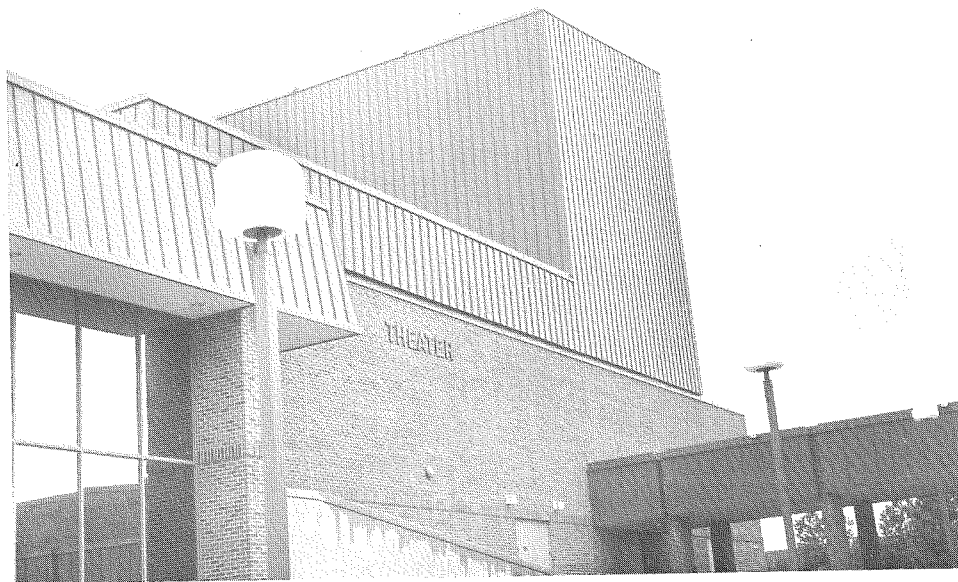
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As credentials improved and the university's curriculum

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Terry Martin (24, above) played a key role on the court in the 1970s, helping lead coach Red Miller's Aggies to a 25-5 record in 1974-75. Miller (right) coached the Aggies to Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference titles in 1973 and 1974 and earned a trip to the NAIA national tourney in '74.



A mid-1970s Urban Renewal project allowed Cameron to expand its campus eastward with the McMahon Fine Arts Complex. In 1978 the University Theater (left) opened and quickly became an integral part of the university's mission to bring the arts to Lawton.

An early theatrical production (below) was "Die Fledermaus" with Kathy Cosby and Mark Meyers.

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changed, members of the academic community questioned the public perception of the institution. According to a 1976 interview with Dean Robert Quinten, Cameron faculty and students made conscious attempts during the transition to a baccalaureate degree-granting school to change the "Aggie" image to one that they perceived as more cosmopolitan and mature. By 1976,

more students majored in business than any other field, with social sciences, education and agriculture following in descending order.

During this period of growth and change, the campus community also engaged in dialogue and debate about social issues and athletics. They struggled with concerns such as the appropriateness of co-ed dorm visitation, funding for athletics, and support for alternative activities such as lectures and concerts.

A 1976 *Collegian* editorial criticized the administration's support of football on campus, when according to the author, academic needs were not being met. Student writers argued that funding for faculty positions, library and bookstore improvements, concerts and lectures appeared to take a back seat to athletics at Cameron. They urged reform in these areas and requested additional academic offerings, possible graduate programs, and better communication.

The university did mature in a number of important areas. It created the new position of Dean of Instruction to coordinate and direct academic matters. The Music Department earned associate membership in the National Association of Schools of Music, an important step in its academic maturation. The History Department offered a section of U.S. History as a pilot course for an honors program, and the university offered courses in African-American literature and history for the first time.

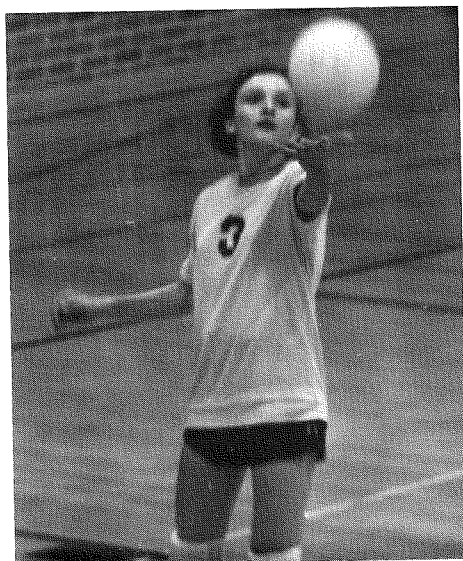


Student organizations flourished.

Cameron athletic teams enjoyed several very successful seasons. The newly incorporated Cameron Foundation accommodated growing donations to the university. Cameron entered into an agreement with the Lawton Urban Renewal Authority which constructed to the east of the student union a park the university agreed to maintain.

Cameron became fully involved in the technological revolution, joining 26 other Oklahoma colleges and universities as participants in the Televised Instruction System, a model statewide system.

The university purchased a new computer system which made student enrolling simpler and faster. By 1977 the computerization of scheduling made one-stop enrolling and payment pos-



The success of this year's Cameron volleyball squad isn't new. The Aggiettes won back-to-back state titles back in 1977-78, earning trips to the Southwest Regionals. The 1978 squad finished the season with a 41-9 mark. Helen Fisher, shown above, was a Cameron spiker in the 1970s.

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Cameron alums: What are they doing now?

Alumni who received more than one Cameron degree are listed by year of 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.

1940: Sarah M. Atkins Grant, Hurst, Texas, is retired.

1941: Dorothy Jetty West Kizer, Ames, Iowa, is a retired professor who travels and is involved in community activities.

1952: Gerri Hair, Lawton, is the Center for Creative Living's program coordinator.

1963: John Earl Maxwell, Salt Lake City, Utah, is a Utah State Department of Workforce Services investigator.

1970: Doyle Blackburn retired from the Lawton Public Schools after 29 years. Now a private contractor, he directed maintenance and transportation at the time of his retirement. Charles Ralph Willis, St. Louis, Mo., is an attorney.

1971: Roderick L. Ganus, Janesville, Wis., is an engineer for General Motors. Lucille Robinson Smith, Idabel, has retired from teaching.

1972: Mary Virginia Mansell Fraser, Richardson, Texas, is a management analyst for the IRS. Harolodean Cowdrey Hogan, Lawton, is a teacher and reading specialist for the Lawton Public Schools. William P. Long, Petaluma, Calif., is a U.S. government management analyst.

1973: Iris L. Brown, Lawton, has been a first grade teacher at Douglass Learning Center for 24 years. Geneva Joyce Chapman, Toledo, Ohio, is a behavior management specialist and has co-authored a Juneteenth curriculum guide. She is listed in *Who's Who in*

American Education.

1974: Col. James R. Chambless, Fort Sill, is serving in the Army as commander of the Fire Support Test Directorate. Ralph Richard Jackson, Oklahoma City, is a retired Army lieutenant colonel.

1975: Dale Cagle, Lawton, is warden of programs at Wackenhut's Lawton Correctional Facility. He recently retired as a case manager supervisor from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections after a 22-year career.

1976: Joan L. Wiseman Jackson, Lawton, is a registered nurse. She administers outpatient chemotherapy at the Cleo Craig Cancer Clinic. Lt. Col. David R. Little, Albuquerque, N.M., serves in the Army. Dr. R. Brent Smith has been re-elected president of the Oklahoma State Board of Health. He has a private practice with a specialty in family practice and a subspecialty in geriatrics. Mark E. Wilcomb, Arlington, Va., works in management at GTE Internet Working.

1977: Tom Ciskowski, Coppell, Texas, is a scout for the Dallas Cowboys. Previously, he had a 15-year coaching career. Melissa Sue Boyd Moore, Walters, is a family child care director for the Army. Terri Lynne Sowers Hanger, Elk Grove, Calif., is an RNC at Mercy Healthcare and is the charge nurse of the neonatal intensive care unit.

1978: Bill W. Burgess Jr., Lawton, has been named vice chairman of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He has been a regent since 1993. He is senior partner of Burgess Law Firm and is CEO and board chairman for Vortex Inc.

1979: Connie J. Leggett Barton, Friendswood, Texas, is operations manager of CWT/Amedd Travel.

1980: Carlton H. Berry Jr.,

Walters, is a manager and production specialist at Goodyear. Dr. Anthony L. Claxton, Norman, has been appointed as associate professor of psychiatry at OU Health Science Center. Curtis A. Collier Jr., Bellevue, Wash., is an investment officer for the city of Seattle. John Edmund Lapham, Frederick, Md., is a systems/logistics engineer and division director for Information Network Systems Inc. A retired Army major, he is reminded daily of his alma mater since he lives on Cameron Way. Janel K. Dasinger Nash, Fairfax, Va., is a housewife. Sharon R. Williams Backenstose, Columbia, S.C., is a librarian for the Army.

1981: Gary L. Ensley, Frederick, is vice president of First National Bank where he serves as lending officer and office manager. He has been in the banking business for 16 years. Julieann Gomski Filippo, Gurnee, Ill., is a teacher, volleyball coach, and mother of three children. Barbara Anne Eades Floyd, Mars Hill, N.C., recently returned after eight years in Saudi Arabia. She cleaned birds damaged from the oil spill and returned them to their migratory route. She also worked as an M.T. in a clinic. Michael E. Jones, Edmond, is the new grants manager/planner for the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council. Robert Johnston is Frederick city manager and has been elected to the board of the City Management Association of Oklahoma. Susan Carden Jackson, Broken Arrow, has won the title of Mrs. Oklahoma 1998. She is an elementary school counselor in Sapulpa. Lt. Col. David H. Ross, Springfield, Va., works for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1982: Toni K. Shoemaker Johnson, Austin, Texas, a field specialist with the School of Social Work at the University of Texas, received the 1996 Excellence in Teaching award. Maj. Linda M. Simmons Thomas, Montgomery, Ala., serves in the Air Force. She was promoted to major below-the-zone (early) and was selected to attend the

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Air Command and Staff College. She received the Best in Air Force Award for her speciality in 1991 and 1993.

1983: Maj. Michael D. Avery, Jacksonville, Ala., is executive officer of the 82d Chemical Battalion at Fort McClellan where he trains incoming civilians to be the Army's newest chemical soldiers. **Lorren Ray Britton**, Eules, Texas, is employed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. **Ed Huffine**, Middletown, Md., is chief analyst with the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in its mitochondrial DNA section. In June the lab identified the remains of Lt. Michael Blassie, who had been interred in the tomb of the unknowns in 1984 to represent those killed in Vietnam. Huffine taught at Cameron for three years before working in forensics with the Federal Aviation Administration until 1994 when he joined AFDIL as a senior DNA analyst.

1984: Jeanette Bridges, Ypsilanti, Mich., is a social worker and supervisor at the Judson Center. She is married to **Wallace Bridges**, '83.

1985: James T. Irwin, Norman, is a CPA and works with Allstate Insurance. **Mary Kay Polsin McCullough**, Port Wentworth, Ga., is a homemaker and mother of three. **Mark Mitchell** is fire marshal of the Lawton Fire Department where he has served since 1986. **Constance K. Stokes**, England, a homemaker and mother of one, teaches aerobics part-time while taking a break from her work as a software engineer.

1986: Rev. Joe Lee Canada, Knoxville, Tenn., is an assistant principal at Alcoa High School. He is married to **Barbara Joyce Canada**, '86. **Chris D. Ingram**, Alpine, Texas, is self employed and is a graduate art student working toward his teacher's certificate. **Kenny White** was selected Snyder's 1998 Teacher of the Year and was named 1998 All-Area Coach. He teaches physical education and coaches

girls basketball. **Judy Elaine Bell**, Winston Salem, N.C., is a veteran's advocate for the State of North Carolina. **Laura L. Leshner-Moyers**, Westminster, Md., is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Diana Lynn Hare Stinnett**, Lawton, teaches math and history at MacArthur Junior High.

1988: Dr. John P. Hennessee, Lawton, is medical director of Southwestern Medical Center's Reflection Program. He also has a private psychiatric practice serving adults and older individuals. **Capt. David C. Foreman**, Waipahu, Hawaii, is serving with the Army. In February he will be an instructor at the U.S. Defense Special Weapons School at Kirkland AFB, N.M. **Wayne E. Harvey**, St. Paul, Minn., is a software engineer at Interim Technologies. **Lois M. Bordner Lochary**, Oilton, is owner of Riverbend Rabbitry. **Scott C. Brammer**, Milwaukee, Wis., is an auditor for Days Inn Hotels. **Maria J. Gonzalez**, Puerto Rico, is an English teacher with the Department of Education. **David Dolch**, Anadarko, owns Dolch Cattle Service. He is involved in ranching and beef cattle genetic sales.

1989: Clinton D. Kerr, Walters, is a special education teacher at Burkburnett High School. He is married to **Shelly Kerr**, '89. **Lisa Brown**, Duncan, is a CPA and works as a loan review analyst at AmQuest Bank. **Henry J.P. Croes**, Norman, is working toward his MBA. Elementary principal **Diane L. Cook O'Rear**, Wellington, Texas, is married to former Cameron student **Ronnie O'Rear**.

1990: Jerrie L. Core, Leavenworth, Kan., is self employed in graphics. **Candy Kauley Morgan**, Allenhurst, Ga., is assistant news director at WJCL-TV in Savannah, Ga. **Ronald Forrest**, Lawton, owns a State Farm agency and serves on the board of directors of the CU Alumni Association. **Rita McBeth Mahoney**, Hinesville, Ga., is a network administrator for the Army. **Michele**

Lynn Moody Rogers, Edmond, works in personnel at Sutherlands. **Chris Veit**, Norman, is director of the Integris Sleep Disorders Center and Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

1991: Teacher and athletic trainer Jeffrey Dewayne Howard, Brownsboro, Texas, is married to former CU student **Pamela S. Howard**. **Mia A. Feliciano**, Youngstown, Ohio, is a therapeutic staff support worker for Associates in Child Guidance. She has completed her masters and is working toward a Ph.D. in human services with specialization in criminal justice. **Steven D. Ford**, Lawton, is facility security officer at Advanced Systems Technology Inc. **Phillip "T.J." Anthony Hay II**, Rapid City, S.D., is a teacher and coach. **Andrew King** is a computer operator in Germany.

1992: Sabrina G. Brooking Adams, Lawton, is assistant branch manager of City National Bank and Trust's Wal-Mart branch and is active in community programs. She married Cameron student **Raanon Adams**, a member of the Lawton Fire Department. **Antonio Aguilera**, Waurika, is a deputy in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. **Thomas K. Bertelsen**, Tallahassee, Fla., is a CSA for Sears Automotive. **Jo Ellen Jennings**, Walters, is a pre-first grade teacher at Walters Elementary and is on the staff of America Online's Academic Assistance Center which assists students by tutoring and answering questions. She was the 1997 Outstanding Educator at her school. **Isaac Monroe**, Spanaway, Wash., has completed law school and works in corrections for King County. **Kevin Smiddy**, Bethany, is an insurance adjuster and investigator for Crawford and Company. **Jerry Dee Williams**, Lawton, is a salesman for MoorMan Manufacturing/ADM. He married former CU student **Vonda Gay McCune Williams**.

1993: Raven M. Capps-Crowl, Colorado Springs, is a self-employed

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photographer and mother. **Maj. James W. Colman Jr.**, Beaufort, S.C., is serving in the Marine Corps. **Amy Dickson Cook**, Mustang, is a travel agent for Bentley Hedges Travel. **Lisa Webb McWilliams** of Downingtown, Pa., a prevention specialist for the Council on Addictive Diseases, received her masters. **Randall D. Meshell**, Fletcher, is assistant fire marshal and an assistant fire investigator for the Lawton Fire Department. **Erma M. Pregler**, Bixby, is pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church in Tulsa. **Lori Ann Spear Rich**, Durham, N.C., is a school teacher. **Audra Christian Welch Scearce**, Norman, has received a degree in osteopathy and is a psychiatry resident at Griffin Memorial Hospital. She and **Joe Scearce**, '89, have two children. **Michelle A. Williams**, Columbus, Ga., serves in the Army.

1994: Dr. Chris Crimmins and **Melissa Beth Cothren Crimmins**, Rochester, Minn., were married in June. He is a urology resident at the Mayo Clinic; she is a speech pathologist. **Lorinda Michell Jolly Lockard**, Norman, married James H. Lockard in June. She is an English II teacher and yearbook sponsor at Blanchard. **Leslie M. Haworth Martinez**, Nixa, Mo., is a kindergarten teacher. **Darren Smiddy**, Bethany, is an officer with the Oklahoma City Police Department. **Audrie C. Watts**, Lawton, sells cars at Cecil Lawson Buick-Cadillac. **Sgt. Rodney L. Williams**, Colorado Springs, serves in the Army. He is married to former CU student **Bridgette R. Haight**.

1995: Mary Kathleen Westmoreland Beydler, Lawton, is a nursery worker at Central Baptist Church and a mother. **Christopher Harrell**, Lawton, is an insurance agent with Towe, Hester and Erwin. **Shawn P. Healy**, Washington, D.C., is a security console operator at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. She has served in the Army as a first lieutenant and was a liaison officer for Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia. **Stanley Richard Holder Sr.**,

is a commissioner on the Wichita Industrial Development Commission, an adjunct professor at USAO and an internationally certified drug and alcohol counselor. Parole officer **Robert Francis Hutchings**, Mesquite, Texas, married Brandy Marie Purdy in July. **Sherron Denise Jones** is a Tulsa police officer and received an M.S.M. degree. Eisenhower Elementary teacher **Shelly E. Turner Musser**, Lawton, married Mark Anthony Musser in August. She was featured in an article, Inner Fitness, in the June issue of *Shape* magazine. **Jeremy Shumaker**, is an accountant at Wackenhut-Lawton Correctional Facility. **Suzanne Cartwright Smeltzer**, Lawton, married Peter Smeltzer in May. She is admissions coordinator for Cameron's School of Graduate and Professional Studies. **Cheryl Lynn Seymour Walker**, Lawton, married Arthur Doak Walker in May. She is a pharmaceutical representative with Merck and Company.

1996: Cindy Anderson, Wilmington, N.C., produces the noon show at WECT-TV. **Kelli L. Hadden Elliott**, Lawton, married Daniel G. Elliott in June. She is a sixth grade teacher at Pat Henry Elementary School. **Amy Rebecca Glenn Harnish**, North Topsail Island, N.C., married Brett Michael Harnish in September. **Michael Wayne Harris**, Bellevue, Texas, is a church deacon and is active in veteran's groups. He is married to **Carmen Adelle Harris**, '91. **Jennifer Garrett Morrow**, Lawton, married Kenneth R. Morrow in June. She is a sixth grade teacher at Sheridan Road Elementary School. **Michelle Renee Offutt**, St. Petersburg, Fla., is a registered nurse at Largo Med Center and is pursuing her B.S.N. **Ross M. Parmley** married Heather K. Hagler in May. He is a business education teacher and head wrestling coach at Ardmore High School. **Clarissa Donnell Pyeatt**, Abilene, Texas, is director of admissions at the Stenograph Institute of Texas. She earned a master of arts in human communication receiving a 4.0 and was named Graduate Teaching

Assistant of the Year. She is married to **Kenan Pyeatt**, '97. **T.J. Seymour Sr.**, Burkburnett, Texas, is a fifth grade teacher at Hardin Elementary. **Cheri Michelle Woodward Hensley**, Oklahoma City, married Michael R. Hensley in July. She is employed by Oklahoma City Public Schools.

1997: Dallas and Jamie Bayless live in Great Bend, Kan. Dallas received his master of music degree in May and is teaching middle school and high school band. Jamie is a sixth grade teacher. They have a two-year-old daughter. **Eric Lee Bradford** and Cameron student **Shannon Brooke Norman**, Lawton, were married in June. He is employed by Cellular One. Howell Elementary teacher **Kristina Lynn Turner Burd**, Lawton, married Jason Alan Burd in May. **Amy Lynn Sawyer Butler**, Lawton, married Bryan James Butler in May. She works at Yeast Furniture. **Michael Joshua Consiglio**, Fort Sill, is a signal officer in the Army. **George Hermann Flores**, Lawton, married Debra Lee Madsen in April. He is a senior drafter at Haliburton Industries in Duncan. Banker **William Allen Gates**, Duncan, married Keri Renee Graham in June. **Delia Gilbert**, Lawton, teaches the four-year-old program in Snyder. **Jaquetta Ann Hall**, Lawton, is pursuing a masters. **Clinton D. Kerr** is a special education teacher at Burkburnett High School. He is married to **Shelly Kerr**, '89. **Tracy Lynn Korn**, South Bend, Ind., is employed by Elkhart Community Schools. **Sheila Lofton-Sharp Moreland III**, Lawton, married Arthur H. Moreland III in April. She is office manager for the sports medicine department of Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Kenan Pyeatt**, Abilene, Texas, is a sales consultant for Arrow Ford. He is married to **Clarissa Donnell Pyeatt**, '97. **Carrie Cote Woodard**, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, is a hairdresser at Illusions Styling Salon.

1998: Erica Consen, Lawton, has been selected as a 1998 All American

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Tennis player, a second time honor. **2nd Lt. Robert Gerard Dickinson Jr.**, Ocean Springs, Miss., is in the Army. **Darrell Edwards**, Duncan, is pastor of Parkview Baptist Church. **Amy Christina Hirsch** is finance manager of Brad Fenton Auto in Ardmore. **Esley J. Holmes**, Altus, is a student success counselor at Western Oklahoma State College. **Elliott Huff**, Duncan is a guidance worker for Youth Services of Stephens County. **Glenn Nelson Hyde III** is a computer operator for Lawton Public Schools. **Richard Andrew Laing**, Lawton, is assistant battalion operations officer in the Army. **Kristina Lynn McKune**, Altus, is a drug and alcohol counselor and clinical supervisor for SOAARR in Lone Wolf. **Thomas Michael Mode**, Cache, works in transportation for the Lawton Public Schools. **Clark C. Nazaire**, is a training NCO and canoneer chief in the Army. **Tommy Dean Orndorff**, Lawton, is an information management specialist for SWAHEC/HEOC at Cameron. **Linda Ann Phillips**, Waurika, is an assessment specialist at Cameron. **2nd Lt. Tyquese L. Pratt**, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, is in the Army. **2nd Lt. Samuel Rosario-Valentin**, El Paso, Texas, is in the Army. He is married to **Lori C. Rosario**, '97. **Margaret D. Slee**, Ft. Sill, is a mental health therapist at Cedar Crest Nursing Home. **2nd Lt. George Albert Typhair**, Gouverneur, N.Y., is a platoon leader in the Army at Ft. Drum. **Allison Lynn Vavouyios**, Lawton, is a registered nurse at Memorial Pavilion. **Beverly June Williams**, Duncan, is a victims advocate for Stephens County Volunteers for Crisis Intervention. **Sgt. 1st Class Edward Lee Wilson**, Germany, is serving in the Army. **Sharta J. Wilson**, Lawton, is a mortgage officer at First National Mortgage. ●

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sible. Cameron students were the only students in the state offered such convenience at that time.

During this period of growth, an amendment to a House of Representatives bill called for Cameron and the other regional colleges in the state to change their titles to "university." Officials expected the name change to enhance Cameron's reputation and bring new funding opportunities.

Some individuals, including several observant college students, believed that Cameron was gaining an impressive title before it developed impressive programs. In a 1976 *Wichita*, students asserted that Cameron's title change to university had thrust it psychologically into the "big time," which they believed had given the institution a false sense of its mission. Students urged faculty and administrators to make appropriate reforms before moving forward.

Despite such concerns, Cameron officials forged ahead with an exploration of a possible graduate program, which was part of a larger self-evaluation slated for 1977. Faculty and administrators formed a steering committee, hired a consultant, and prepared for their self-study and review visit. However, members of the Cameron Council, identifying a number of areas still in need of improvement, recommended a separate feasibility study about a possible graduate program, and voted to postpone the NCA evaluation until 1979.

Cameron underwent changes in the 1970s for which the institution was not fully prepared. Attempts at accreditation predated adequate program development, governance, and student satisfaction. Officials began discussions about a graduate program before undergraduate offerings reached maturity.

Solutions to these problems fell to a new administration, for in 1979 President Don Owen announced that he was considering the political race for Fourth District U.S. Congressional Representative. At a 1980 Board of Regents meeting, he announced his retirement as Cameron's president. The A & M Regents organized a Search and Screening committee, including students, professors, and alumni to select his successor. State Representative Don Davis, the son of former president Clarence Davis, became Cameron's new leader.

Davis faced a wide range of issues as president, including accreditation, the development of a graduate program, funding for facilities and programs, the development of technology and curricular reform. His presidency, the longest in Cameron's history, has been like most before it, one of response to growth and change. Unlike most before it, his tenure in office has also been characterized by initiatives made possible by technology and made necessary by an increasingly competitive, globally oriented society. ●

CUAA golf tourney winners

Here are the winners of the Cameron University Alumni Association's 13th annual benefit golf tournament, held Sept. 11, at the Fort Sill Golf Club:

KSWO Low Gross Traveling Business Trophy: Bar-S Foods (Don Bohnsack, Mike Roberson, David Buckner and Brent Bryd).

A-Flight 1st Gross: David Cameron, Linda Cameron, J. Han, Master Jang.

A-Flight 2nd Gross: Eddie Hamra, Guy Erwin, Joe Dabney, Tom Balistreri

B-Flight 1st Gross: Sohl Paint (Gene Sohl, David Martin, Sam Carroll, Mike Landmark).

B-Flight 2nd Gross: Jim Cincala, Jim Eason, Jeff Henderson.

C-Flight 1st Gross with a 65: Hossein Moini, Phil Kennedy, Steve Buck, Jay Holland.

C-Flight 2nd Gross: Joe Koob, Glen Gillis, Jeff Lawson.

Closest to the Pin: Joe Dabney.

Longest Drive: Mike "Smoke" Winham. ●

In Memoriam...

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of these alumni and Cameron employees, present and retired, who are deceased. In updating records, the alumni office has only recently learned of some deaths which occurred many years ago. These alumni are included along with those who passed away during the past year.

CSSA (year unknown): Katherine Ray, 85, Geronimo, July 13, 1998. Irene Heinz Hankins, 90, Lawton, May 15, 1998. Ellen Wood, Harrah, Aug. 28, 1996.

1920s

1922: H. Truman Maxey, 94, Oklahoma City, Aug. 19, 1998. Richard P. Maxey, Stillwater, January 7, 1997. Lavell Franklin "Chuck" Smith, 90, Cache, Sept. 30, 1997. **1925:** Doris J. Albright Drew, born July 27, 1908, Holts Summit, Mo. **1926:** Evelyn Hankins Heinz, 92, Sugar Land, Texas, Aug. 27, 1998.

1930s

1930: Mabel Jennings, 89, North Hollywood, Calif., March 1998. **1931:** Rev. Allen N. Talla, 85, Broken Arrow, June 11, 1997. **1933:** Margaret T. Washburn, 84, Lawton, March 13, 1998. **1936:** Kenneth D. Moncrief, 83, Lawton, May 1, 1998. T.R. Stephens, 84, Lawton, Oct. 6, 1997. **1937:** Nell Washburn Crossland, 81, Grandfield, Feb. 26, 1998. Jeanette Kirk Prichard, 82, Greeley, Colo., Aug. 3, 1998. Ruth Maye Shaw Roberson, 81, Lawton, April 8, 1998. **1939:** Norma Stinger Baker, 79, Lawton, Nov. 30, 1997. Norvel Penuel, Pauls Valley, June 17, 1998.

1940s

1940: Aldine Jane Brace Cash, 91, Santa Rosa, Calif., June 21, 1998. Lloyd Fuller, Rogers, Ark., Jan. 6, 1997. **1941:** Lloyd R. Bain, 76, Federal Way, Wash., Sept. 17, 1997. Jimmie Cain, 78, Walters, July 10, 1998. Fred L. Hooper, 75, Walters, April 8, 1998. Etta L. Burton Sullivan, 76, Lawton, April 26, 1998. Harvey Murl Venard, 76, Moore, Jan. 14, 1998. Donald L. Williams, 77, Fletcher, April 25, 1998. **1942:** Marjorie Hancock, 76, Germantown, Tenn., May 28, 1998. **1943:** J.C. Colhouer, 76, Lake Oswego, Ore. **1947:** Guy L. Shull, 72, Elgin, Dec. 24, 1997. **1948:** Rebecca Kinzer Adcock, 73, Lawton, June 25, 1998. **1949:** John Cecil Harmon, 75, Lake Texoma, Sept. 20, 1997.

1950s

1950: Roy Mack Arnold, 80, Chelsea, Nov. 16, 1997. Charles V. Bishop, 68, Oklahoma City, October 1996. Thomas H. Easterling Jr., 69, Lawton, Nov. 1, 1997. M. Geraldine Lorah Bourlier, 66, Norman, June 22, 1988. **1951:** Max Mapp, 73, Chattanooga, Aug. 29, 1998. **1954:** Elmer Kent Pennington, 63, Thomas, Jan. 18, 1998. **1956:** Robert H. "Bob" Mitchell, 61, Lawton, Feb. 26, 1998.

1960s

1961: Ramey Leo Carpenter, 27, missing since 1969 during a reconnaissance mission over Laos. His remains were identified this year, and he was buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 7, 1998. Michael K. Eilerts, 54, Oklahoma City, Aug. 15, 1997. **1962:** Jimmy Dean Jones, 56, Oklahoma City, July 31, 1998. **1965:** J.C. Kimbro, 81, Lawton, Aug. 11, 1998.

1970s

1971: Mary M. Crook, 65, Lawton, Aug. 11, 1998. Jeanne Schreck Lee, 57, Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 5, 1998. Jimmy O. O'Neal, 49, Berlin, Germany, Aug. 12, 1998. **1973:** Connie Jaree New Gulley, 45, Chandler, Nov. 22, 1997. **1975:** Frank Davis Jr., 70, Lawton, Feb. 7, 1998. **1977:** Mike Clemons, 43, Warner, March 6, 1998. Ronald Jay Shelton, 52, Lawton, Feb. 26, 1998. Joseph A. Smith, 52, Lawton, Sept. 11, 1997. Gwendolyn Faye "Gwen" Tartsah, 52, Cache, Aug. 30, 1998. Conrad J. Tillick Jr., 68, Lawton, March 6, 1994. **1978:** Leonard L. Walker, 67, Fort Smith Ark., May 30, 1998. **1979:** Eddie Gene Rhea, 62, San Antonio, July 25, 1998.

1980s

1980: Juanita Thompson, 71, Lawton, Dec. 24, 1997. **1981:** John H. Cunningham Jr., 51, Lawton, Aug. 28, 1998. **1982:** Luis Angel Fernandez III, 40, Norman, Jan. 7, 1998. Percy H. Henderson, 62, Lawton, March 23, 1995. **1983:** Willie Hopkins Jr., 69, Lawton, July 10, 1998. John G. McKee, 37, Rocky, Nov. 18, 1997. **1984:** David Chase, 64, Lawton, Jan. 15, 1998. **1986:** Frank Brown, 66, Surprise, Ariz., July 19, 1998. **1987:** John Wesley "Nicky" Bruce Jr., 49, Verden, Oct. 4, 1997. Elizabeth J. Marceau Wilson, 42, Olney, Md., Feb. 17, 1998. **1989:** Billy Tyson Tisdale, Grandfield.

1990s

1990: Robert Wayne "Rob" Miller, 26, Lawton, Aug. 11, 1998. **1991:** Barbara Ann Pascoe, 54, Frederick, Feb. 25, 1998. Jose Skeete, 54, Lawton, April 22, 1998. Cynthia Ann Balmas, 41, Lawton, Nov. 20, 1997. **1996:** Michael Scott Bryant, 28, Altus, Sept. 9, 1997. **1997:** Christina F. "Tina" Cremer, 25, Lawton, Aug. 11, 1998.

Cameron Faculty and Staff: MG Charles P. Brown, 80, Lawton, June 28, 1998, Cameron administrator, 1975-87. John H. Cunningham Jr., 51, Lawton, Aug. 28, 1998, Cameron staff since 1990. Irma Howard, Tonkawa, Cameron faculty 1937-48. Raymond "Red" Miller, 76, Lawton, June 30, 1998, Cameron athletic department 1965-67 and 1970-85. ●

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nized by the Black Business Association for entrepreneurial achievements.

She serves on the board of the Minority Business Development Group of the National Association of Purchasing Management and has been appointed to NASA's Minority Business Resource Advisory Committee.

She is also co-founder and publications director of the bimonthly *Women's Business Exclusive*, a national newsletter for entrepreneurs.

Conrad has three sons and a daughter.

DR. JOSEPH "BUD" SAHMAUNT

Dr. Joseph "Bud" Sahmaunt of Oklahoma City was born in 1938 at the PHS Indian Hospital in Lawton. He graduated from Elgin High School and received his associates from Cameron in 1958. He went on to earn a bachelors degree in history from Oklahoma City University, a M.A.T. from Southwestern State University and his EdD from the University of Minnesota.

Sahmaunt played on Cameron's varsity basketball and baseball squads and was named the school's outstanding basketball player and MVP of the Lawton All-State Jaycees Tournament. He played on the All-American Junior College Basketball Team, as well as serving on the student senate and as president of the ROTC Club.

"The many caring persons who worked at Cameron made sure a naive person like me was led in the proper



Dr. Joseph "Bud" Sahmaunt

direction," Sahmaunt says. "I feel that much of my success was due to the excellent counsel I was given."

At OCU, he was named MVP of the 1958 All-College Tournament. He was named to that event's All-Tournament team in 1958 and 1959. He was a member of the *Daily Oklahoman's* 1950's All-Star Basketball Team.

Sahmaunt was a coach, teacher, counselor and administrator in the Mustang and Cache schools. He led his teams to numerous athletic titles, including two conference championships, two district titles and a regional

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championship. His efforts at Cache earned him the honor of Conference Coach of the Year.

In addition to his public school career, Sahmaunt served as assistant administrator for the Indian Education Section of the Oklahoma State Department of Public Instruction.

Returning to OCU as a faculty member, he is a full professor of education and is in his 12th year as athletic director. During that time, the school's teams have won 10 NAIA national championships in tennis, softball and both men's and women's basketball.

He has been an associate dean and served the university as faculty athletic representative and an overseas ambassador. He is also dean of the Office of American Indian Services.

Sahmaunt is a member of the American Indian National Sports Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City University Sports Hall of Fame and the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He received OU's Ambassador Award for his service to American Indians. He is vice chairman of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and is a Kiowa Gourd Clan member.

Sahmaunt's mother, 93-year-old Carrie Sahmaunt of Meers, attended Cameron when she was a seventh grader. Three sisters, a niece and nephew are also Cameron alumni and a grandnephew is scheduled for graduation this year. He has a son and a daughter. ●

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