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Davis outlines Cameron goals for 1997-98

Success hinges on global vision

BY KEITH MITCHELL

To survive and prosper, a vision is necessary.

Cameron University's vision will be global in nature as it moves closer to the millennium, Dr. Don Davis told faculty during his annual president's address Aug. 20.

"We want to move Cameron into the 21st Century as Oklahoma's interactive university," Davis said. "Interactive means that, rather than being an enclave of knowledge, the university must extend itself into the societal, cultural and economic fiber of the community it serves, interact with it, and become part of it."

To create a global campus, it will be necessary for Cameron to develop programs which meet the needs of a diverse and highly technical society. Programs must be developed with an understanding that many students who attend college will not do so with the goal of earning a degree, although a need will remain for the traditional model of higher education.

"There must be stronger links between economic development and higher education," Davis said. "We must rely on

technology and work toward more institutional collaboration."

With the Internet comes the concept of "cyber universities," meaning less identification with — and loyalty to — a single university. Understanding that, and encouraging innovation in academics and administration to promote quality programs will allow Cameron to remain a leader into the next century.

Maximizing the effectiveness of human resources, applying new technology to the delivery of educational services and becoming a leader in economic development are some of the ways Cameron can realize its vision.

It is a continuous process — Davis called it an "institutional effectiveness system" — involving faculty and staff.

Last year's goals: Were they met?

Looking back to the goals proposed in 1996, Davis noted that most were met during the past year.

A fiber optics network was completed and interactive classrooms were installed at Cameron and its distance learning site in

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A new era ...

Lawton resident Kimberly Walker (left) ushered in a new era at Cameron last month when she became the first student to enroll in the university's four-year nursing program. The program is a cooperative effort between Cameron and the University of Oklahoma and replaces a two-year program previously offered by CU. This program is one of several recently instituted to meet the training and educational needs of Southwest Oklahoma residents. She's seen here finalizing tuition paperwork with Linda Holte, a member of Cameron's business office staff.

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Presentation planned during Oct. 4 reunion luncheon

Hines, Miller tapped for CUA A faculty honor

BY SANDY JOYNER

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Jessie May Hines and Dean David Miller have been selected as 1997 inductees into the Cameron University Alumni Association's Faculty Hall of Fame.

The alumni association annually makes the award to current or retired faculty who teach a minimum of five years at the university.

The award is intended to honor faculty for teaching effectiveness, positive impact on students' lives and involvement outside the classroom and in the community.

Here are brief biographical sketches of this year's honorees:

JESSIE MAY HINES

Jessie May Hines fondly remembers a telephone call from Cameron President Charles M. Conwill on May 1, 1946, asking her to join the faculty.

"It happened to be my birthday and the call seemed like a birthday gift — the realization of my goal to become a college teacher," she recalled.

Hines came to Cameron from Lawton Junior High and the age difference in students was a challenge, since many were veterans of World War II. She found Cameron's family of faculty and students to be closely knit and made enduring friendships. She still exchanges Christmas letters with many of her students.

Her philosophy of teaching was not confined to presenting subject matter in the classroom; she believed in helping the whole person, something which has been verified by many former students.

Hines received an associate degree with majors in Latin, English and music at Central State College, a masters in English at Oklahoma State University and did post-graduate hours at the University of Oklahoma. She studied abroad, attending seminars at Cambridge, Stratford-on-Avon, Edinburgh and at the University of London with professors from Oxford and Cambridge.

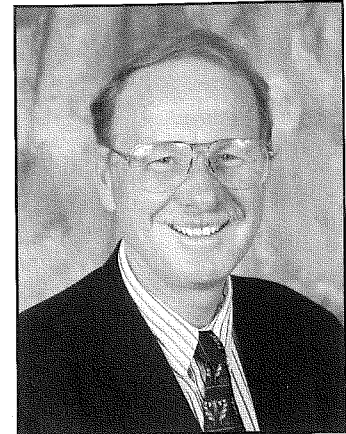
She taught 20 years, mostly on the secondary level, before coming to Cameron and logging 30 more years in the classroom before her retirement in 1976.

At Cameron she taught varied English courses and a general humanities course and was department chairman. She co-chaired the curriculum committee for both junior college and four-year status in the North Central accreditation process with Blanche Beavers, a fellow professor emerita and CUA A Faculty Hall of Fame recipient.

Hines organized and co-chaired the Cameron Student Education Association, and was sponsor of the International Students Club. She was a charter member of Cameron's Phi Kappa Phi chapter and received its Meritorious Service and Meritorious Life Member awards. She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and received its Certificate of Recognition.



Jessie May Hines



Dean David Miller

Although not a Cameron alumna, Hines received the 1985 CUA A Distinguished Alumni Award for supporting the university. She was Cameron's Teacher of the Year in 1967 and received Central State's Distinguished Former Student Award that year.

A board member of the Cameron Campus Ministry since 1973, she has been honored with its Saint Emeritus Award and Board Member Emeritus award. She has been an active member of local, state and national education associations and local community service organizations.

Hines was a charter member of the Lawton Woman's Forum and worked with its allied students' sponsor program. She is a member of the American Association of University Women and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She directed choirs and choruses for many years, including the Schubert Club Women's Chorus.

She continues to support the university through donations to the Cameron Foundation, the Sciences Complex and KCCU-FM. She was instrumental in establishing the Jessie May Hines Language Arts Scholarship.

DAVID MILLER

Among the titles describing Dean David H. Miller are scholar, administrator, professor, advisor, mentor, translator, consultant and author.

Miller received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Utah and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. He was also a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Cologne, Germany.

Miller joined Cameron in 1970, serving as department chair and division head before becoming dean of the School of Liberal Arts in 1990.

"When I came to Cameron as a freshly minted Ph.D., the campus was a far different place than you see today," Miller

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Cameron gets grant for embryo research

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded an \$80,000 grant to Cameron University in late August, providing new funding to continue the university's ag department embryo transplant program initiated during the 1996 academic year.

During the next two years, the department will treat selected donor cows with fertility drugs, causing them to produce multiple eggs. These will be fertilized through artificial insemination and subsequently retrieved and transferred to recipient cows.

The entire process will be documented in a video showing the processes involved in embryo development, according to Dr. A.C. Bennett, chair of Cameron's agriculture department.

Through the matching grant, Cameron will also develop an interactive CD-ROM and other educational software to assist researchers in understanding animal reproductive morphology and physiology.

The embryo transfer program will involve several Cameron departments. Outside experts and institutions will work cooperatively with the university and its agriculture department.

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation will provide donor females and semen from its herd — referred to as the "Noble Line," a composite breed of cattle developed during the past 20 years by scientists at the Ardmore foundation.

Dr. John Winder, an animal scientist with the Noble Foundation, will explain the development and characteristics of the Noble Line cattle and how embryo transfer technology is being used to increase numbers of the high quality breed. With the assistance of Winder and the foundation, Cameron's ag department expects to develop its own herd of Noble Line cattle over the next several years.

James Keeter, a veteran cattle producer and science instructor at Big Pasture High School, is an experienced user of artificial insemination and embryo transfer technology.

Keeter, who was an adjunct instructor for Cameron animal science courses last year, will continue to assist the university with the embryo project, providing technical services and expertise regarding superovulation, synchronization, estrous detection and artificial insemination.

Faculty Hall of Fame honorees announced --

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recalled. "When I set up my office in South Hall in early August, the thermometer stood at 108 in the shade — but there wasn't any shade other than a couple of insect-ravaged Chinese elms and a few dead saplings. None of the older buildings on campus, including mine, had air conditioning."

"At my first faculty meeting, the chair issued each member a pen, a legal pad and a box of chalk," he said. "The campus was facing one of its perennial financial crises and these were to be our supplies for the year. There was only one phone in each department."

Cameron had graduated its first baccalaureate holders that spring, but most programs were in need of serious improvement, Miller said. He became involved in developing history and graduate programs and helped establish the original university honors program in 1971. He organized the sociology major and helped revamp Cameron's general education component in the early 1970s.

"The campus has come a long way during the past quarter century, transforming itself into a modern university," he noted. "My department had a few old filmstrips and little money to rent 16-mm films from the OSU library. The only copier on campus was in the library. We didn't purchase calculators until the mid-1970s. Desktop computers were still years away and words such as "Internet" and "World Wide Web" were not yet in our vocabulary.

"One of the remarkable things I experienced was to see Cameron evolve into an educational technology leader, developing truly innovative programs to serve student needs and to see it recognized as one of the region's outstanding universities," he said.

Although holding an administrative assignment during most of his career at Cameron, Miller has continued to instruct courses each semester, teaching an estimated 12,000 students on and off

campus. In keeping with his notion that learning also occurs outside the classroom, he encouraged the development of intellectual life on campus and played an active role in Cameron's three academic festivals.

He is a charter member of Cameron's Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Theta chapters and belongs to Gamma Theta Upsilon and Phi Sigma Iota honor societies. He received the Distinguished Faculty Award from Phi Kappa Phi.

As well as being an author, Miller has consulted for the Amon Carter Museum, the Washington University Gallery of Art, and the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. He participated in the Newberry Library/UCLA Conference on the impact of Native Americans on the teaching of U.S. History and as an intern at the Institute for Editing Historical Documents in Wisconsin.

He has served on the boards of the Lawton Arts and Humanities Council and the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities.

Miller said Cameron has always been blessed with outstanding and motivated students, as well as a dedicated faculty.

"Teachers often wonder whether they have any impact on their students," he said. "Rewards are not always immediate, and their ultimate impact may not be evident for many years. One of the pleasures of looking back over a quarter-century of teaching is to reflect on the many students who passed through my classes and see how many of them developed successful careers and are living fulfilling and productive lives.

"It is truly gratifying to have witnessed Cameron's maturation as an institution and it has been a lot of fun participating in that process. I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

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Forging new partnerships ...

Jointly, education and industry can improve the economy

BY DR. DON DAVIS

PRESIDENT, CAMERON UNIVERSITY

Last fall, State Regents appointed 30 of Oklahoma's brightest leaders in business, industry, government and education to the Citizens Commission on the Future of Higher Education and asked them to define roles and missions for Oklahoma higher education.

State Regent Bill W. Burgess Jr., a Lawton attorney and Cameron graduate, was selected to chair the commission, which will issue its report later this fall.

In each of its monthly meetings, the commission devoted some of its time to discussing higher education's role in economic development. Clearly, the consensus of the commission is that higher education should be providing more leadership in boosting the state's economy.

We at Cameron University concur with the commission's conclusion. Oklahoma higher education must assume greater leadership responsibility if our economy is to provide the opportunities we want for ourselves and our families.

In the past, Oklahoma has relied on low taxes, cheap labor, free facilities and even bonus payments to lure industry to the state. Global competition against lower foreign wages and other costs have made this traditional approach impractical.

We cannot "out-cheap" our competitors. We must "out-smart" them.

At Cameron we believe that growth industries for the 21st Century will be knowledge-based and that universities — particularly regional institutions like Cameron — must take the lead in developing partnerships with private firms to nurture their growth.

The summer edition of *Cameron Today* pointed to several locally-grown "smart companies" which have prospered as defense contractors through the accumulation and utilization of intellectual capital. Those companies included Northrop Worldwide Aircraft, Telos, LB&M, Advanced Systems Technology, Eagle Systems and Tech Masters, Inc.

To support this growing community of defense industry firms, Cameron established its Fire Support Models and Simulations Institute (FSMSI), which utilizes classified DoD computer programs to evaluate weapons, munitions and management systems. Several firms utilized FSMSI's services to pursue defense contracts.

While collaborating with local firms on global projects, Cameron has identified multimedia training as another market niche which holds great promise for both the university and the economy of Southwest Oklahoma.

Multimedia training involves delivering by computer or other electronic means an educational product that combines

text, graphics, sound, animation and video. It is one of the most rapidly growing knowledge-based industries.

A recent survey of organizations having more than 100 employees indicated 48% are using computer-based training. Twenty-seven percent are using multimedia systems and 43% are using some type of distance learning system to deliver training.

Among Fortune 500 companies, 35% of training will be technology-based by 1998 and that more than half the firms have, or plan to establish, special departments to deliver technology-based training.

Local employers cannot find the multimedia training analysts, designers, developers, teachers and managers necessary for performing contracts they have been awarded. Their alternatives are to import multimedia specialists or relocate business activities.

In response to this need, Cameron is creating the Institute for Multimedia Curriculum Design which will prepare professional multimedia practitioners at the associate, bachelors and masters levels. The sought-after result will be local jobs for Cameron graduates and expanded capacity for local employers.

Cameron's experience with its defense industry partners suggests a strategy which could be implemented throughout Oklahoma to help the state build its future on knowledge-based industry.

Oklahoma's regional universities and Southwest Oklahoma's smart companies identified in these two articles increasingly rely on the same techniques for success. These include niche marketing, use of applied research, application of technology in their operations and collaboration with partners in their ventures.

A subtle but significant shift in focus for higher education toward greater leadership in economic development could not only bring these techniques into play, but could also implement higher education's greatest asset — the incredible intellectual power of the faculty.

Each regional university could be assigned areas of academic specialization which have strong potential for economic growth. Using its specialization as a hub, each college should work to create and nurture knowledge-based industry within its area of responsibility.

Areas of specialization would be identified and developed by each university, but several possibilities quickly come to mind, such as aviation, environmental regulation or processing Oklahoma's agricultural products.

These partnerships between higher education and industry are worth exploring. We know Oklahoma is a great place to live. Let's make it a great place to work.

CU volleyballers expect more success in '97

BY JASON WEST
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The best words to describe the 1997 Cameron Lady Aggies volleyball team might just be "experienced" and "hungry."

The Lady Aggies return five starters and two key players off the bench from a squad that won the most matches in recent history last year.

As for "hungry," although they won 25 games — including victories over nationally ranked West Texas A&M and Texas Women's, the Lady Aggies found themselves passed over for post-season play.

"We're looking forward to this year because of the success we had last season," said CU head coach Kim Vinson. "We only lost two people and bring back a lot of experience. The biggest key for us is how we handle the expectations. We really didn't have a lot going into last season. This year, however, the women have seen the light at the end of the tunnel and know they have what it takes to get there."

The light at the end of the tunnel is a bid for post-season play — a goal not out of reach for Cameron. This will be the first season since 1993 for the Lady Aggies to compete in the Lone Star Conference. Cameron is predicted to finish third in the North Division, a position Coach Vinson likes.

"Being third going into the season is better than being first, I feel," she said. "At least we have something to strive for. Being in the Lone Star, we have a tougher schedule this year. The players are excited, they see the goal and are committed to reaching it."

As a team, the Lady Aggies rewrote the record book, breaking four records: attack percentage (.206), assists (1,478), service aces (289) and total blocks (345).

Cameron Lady Aggies Volleyball

Remaining Games

Sept. 23	at Central Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Harding (Arkansas)	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	2 p.m.
Oct. 3	West Texas A&M	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Eastern New Mexico	2 p.m.
Oct. 10-11	Drury Classic @ Springfield, Missouri	
Oct. 17	at Texas A&M/Kingsville	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Texas A&M/Commerce	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Texas Women's	3 p.m.
Oct. 28	Central Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Harding (Arkansas)	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	2 p.m.
Nov. 14-15	Lone Star Conference Tournament	
Nov. 21-22	NCAA Regionals	
Dec. 6-8	NCAA Nationals	

Cameron Men's Tennis

Fall 1997 Schedule

Sept. 25	Texas Wesleyan	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 28-30	Lone Star Singles & Doubles Tournament @ Edmond	
Oct. 3	Southeastern OSU	2 p.m.
Oct. 4	Southwestern OSU	9 a.m.
Oct. 4	Midwestern State (Texas)	2 p.m.
Oct. 10-12	ITA Rolex Midwest Regional @ Topeka, Kansas	
Oct. 23-26	ITA Rolex Nationals @ Memphis, Tennessee	

Cameron Women's Tennis

Fall 1997 Schedule

Sept. 28-30	Lone Star Singles/Doubles Tournament @ Edmond	
Oct. 2-5	Rolex Tournament @ Maryville, Missouri	
Oct. 14	North Texas	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 23-26	National Rolex Tourney @ Memphis, Tennessee	

Cameron Aggies Basketball

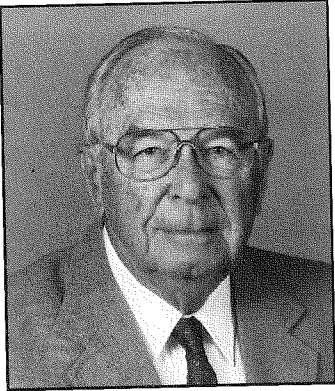
1997-98 Schedule

Nov. 14-15	Midwestern State Tournament @ Wichita Falls, Texas	
Nov. 17	at University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma	8 p.m.
Nov. 20	Eastern New Mexico	8 p.m.
Nov. 22	West Texas A&M	8 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Texas College	7 p.m.
Nov. 28-29	Colorado-Colorado Springs Tournament	
Dec. 4	at Tarleton State (Texas)	8 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Midwestern State (Texas)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Southwestern OSU	8 p.m.
Jan. 8	Southeastern OSU	8 p.m.
Jan. 10	East Central	8 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Harding (Arkansas)	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	2 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Central Oklahoma	8 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Northeastern State	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Southwestern OSU	8 p.m.
Feb. 5	Central Oklahoma	8 p.m.
Feb. 7	Northeastern State	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Southeastern OSU	8 p.m.
Feb. 14	at East Central	8 p.m.
Feb. 16	Texas College	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	Harding (Arkansas)	8 p.m.
Feb. 21	Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	4 p.m.
Feb. 24-28	Lone Star Conference Tournament	

Cameron Lady Aggies Basketball

1997-98 Schedule

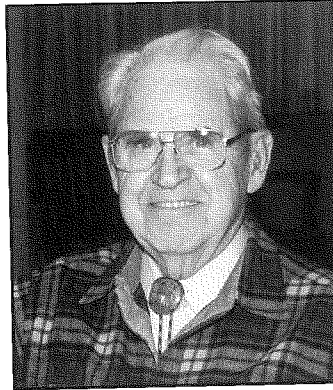
Nov. 13	at Oklahoma Panhandle State	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Eastern New Mexico	6 p.m.
Nov. 21	Texas Women's	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	West Texas A&M	6 p.m.
Nov. 28-29	PowerAde Classic @ Lawton	
Dec. 4	at Tarleton State (Texas)	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Midwestern State (Texas)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11-13	West Texas/Dr Pepper Tournament @ Canyon, Texas	
Dec. 30	Pittsburg State (Kansas)	2 p.m.
Jan. 3	Southwestern OSU	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	Southeastern OSU	6 p.m.
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Dr. Byron Aycock



Zoe W. DuRant



Dr. Laddie J. Elling

The Cameron University Alumni Association annually presents Distinguished Alumni Awards to those who have distinguished themselves and Cameron through their careers, service to their communities, or through continued support of the university.

1997 CUA A Distinguished Alumni named

Medicine, education, research benefit from accomplishments of Cameron grads

BY SANDY JOYNER
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The 1997 recipients of the Cameron University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards exhibit leadership in three distinct areas. Dr. Byron Aycock, a 1935 Cameron grad, went on to a remarkable career in medicine, while Zoe W. DuRant has served higher education through her work at Cameron, and Dr. Laddie J. Elling distinguished himself in the field of research.

These Cameron products will be recognized for their work at a luncheon during CUA A reunion activities Oct. 4.

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

DR. BYRON AYCOCK

Dr. Byron W. Aycock, born in 1915, graduated from Lawton High School in 1933 and was named the outstanding male student in his class by the American Legion. The Lawton native is an Eagle Scout and was active in the same Boy Scout troop as two other CUA A Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Dr. Herbert S. Orr and Dr. Robert E. Kuntz (both members of the Class of '36).

Aycock took his pre-med courses at Cameron, receiving his associates degree in 1935. While at Cameron he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the male quartet and chorus, and sang a baritone solo at the 1935 Baccalaureate Service. He received his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Oklahoma and completed a residency in ophthalmology and otolaryngology at Wesley Hospital in Oklahoma City.

After serving as a naval medical officer on the Aleutian Islands of Attu and Adak and at the Parris Island Marine Corps base during World War II, he returned to Lawton to establish a private eye, ear, nose and throat practice.

He was certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology in 1947, becoming Lawton's first board-certified physician in any speciality. He also became a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Aycock also served as an assistant professor of otolaryngology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, a consultant for the 4th Army in Otolaryngology at Fort Sill's Station Hospital and conducted weekly ear, nose and throat clinics at the Fort Sill Indian Hospital.

He has been a member of the American Medical Association, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and is past-president of the Comanche County Medical Society. He served as chairman of the medical staff at Comanche County Memorial Hospital and on the medical staff at Southwestern Hospital.

Aycock's scientific papers have appeared in *The Oklahoma State Medical Journal* and *Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Digest*.

Aycock retired after a 42-year career in medicine, but remains active in the community. He has served on the boards of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Kiwanis, Museum of the Great Plains, Hospice, Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra, Southwest Oklahoma Opera Guild and as chairman of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the choir.

Since retirement, he and his wife, Doris, have volunteered to assist the Mobile Meals program. He is a member of Cameron's President's Partners and donated funds to furnish a biology lab in the new Sciences Complex.

His wife, their four children, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren have also attended Cameron.

ZOE DURANT

Zoe W. DuRant was born in 1953 in Atlanta, Ga., and graduated from Hapeville High School. She received her bachelors from North Georgia College, followed by her masters degree from Cameron in 1990. She was a recipient of a McMahon scholarship for behavioral science graduate students.

Her career in higher education began in 1983 as assistant registrar at Roosevelt University's Hawaii extension. From there she became education counselor at Pearl Harbor Submarine Base.

She joined Cameron in 1988 as director of placement and testing and became admissions director in 1990, a position she still holds.

DuRant "demonstrates unwavering devotion to her duties as director of admissions and to those organizations which are privileged to have her as a member," according to a letter of nomination for the alumni honor.

As Cameron Director of Admissions, she restructured the orientation program for incoming students and is a member of various campus committees working to enhance student success. Among those committees are academic appeals, advisement retention, entry-level assessment,

Who's Who selection and Top 20 selection.

She advises both the Aggie Ambassadors and sorority Sigma, Sigma, Sigma.

DuRant was Cameron's Advisor of the Year in 1991.

DuRant's professional affiliations include a term as president of the Oklahoma Association of Collegiate

Registrars and Admissions Officers, where she also directed the planning of a state conference and workshop. She is an active member of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, National Association of Foreign Student Advisors, Oklahoma Colleges Student Personnel Association, and National Orientation Directors Association.

She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and has been an officer and state committee member. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church serving as deacon and charter member of Presbyterian

Mariners.

Both her husband and son have attended Cameron.

DR. LADDIE ELLING

Dr. Laddie J. Elling was born in 1917 in Lawton and graduated from Cache High School.

He was Cameron's Outstanding Agriculture Student in 1937, the year he received an associate degree in agriculture. Elling was a member of Cameron's Aggie Club, Phi Theta Kappa and YMCA/YWCA. As president of YMCA/YWCA, he remembers leading members to Douglas High School to meet with students and

retiring as professor emeritus in December 1985. He taught courses in plant breeding, crop production, and crop identification, coached the intercollegiate crops team and advised and assisted the Plant Industry Club.

Those who know him say he can be characterized by his interest in youth in the community, church and university. Many of those he influenced attained their Ph.Ds or made significant achievements in the commercial world.

In research, he organized and led the Alfalfa Improvement Project from 1947-1965. It is now the leading alfalfa project in the U.S. under the leadership of one of his students. Elling developed

and led the Grass-Legume Seed Production Research Project in northern Minnesota, 1965-1986, developing techniques and practices for working with nine or more species.

He resides in St. Paul, Minn., and has been active in the Methodist Church, serving as lay leader, teacher,

Reunion, awards luncheon approach

Where will you be Oct. 4? If your answer isn't Cameron University, you're going to miss out on a chance to relive college memories, build new ones and honor "Distinguished Alumni" and "Faculty Hall of Fame" award recipients.

Reunion activities will highlight the Cameron State School of Agriculture high school years and the junior college era of the 1940s and prior years. However, all alumni and friends are welcome. Special recognition is planned for the Class of 1947. Alumni attending who graduated 50 years ago or more and who have not already received Golden Associate Certificates will receive one.

The reunion begins with a reception at 10 a.m. followed by an awards luncheon at noon. Both will take place in the North Shepler Tower. The awards luncheon will feature a roll call of classes and presentation of the Cameron University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Hall of Fame awards.

The Cameron University Alumni Association directors appoint a committee to review Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Hall of Fall nominations and make recommendations. This year's honorees are featured in this edition of *Cameron Today* and will be formally recognized Oct. 4.

Reservations are \$15 and may be made at the Cameron Alumni Office, 405/581-2988.

parents in 1937.

Elling received his bachelors from Oklahoma A&M and his masters and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, training as an airplane mechanic and later attended Officers Candidate School. He served in 19 countries, attaining the rank of captain with the 320th Bombardment Group — the only Allied unit decorated twice with the Croix deGuerre. He twice received the Presidential Citation.

His civilian career has been in education, research, Extension work and community involvement. He returned to the University of Minnesota in 1946 as a research assistant and taught there until

chairman of the official board and president of its men's club.

He has been involved in numerous community organizations, including the YMCA and Torch International. Professional memberships include the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America.

Elling's honors include induction into the Red River Valley Winter Shows Hall of Fame for dedication and service to northern Minnesota agriculture. He is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America.

Among Elling's relatives who attended Cameron, are two brothers, a sister and several nieces and nephews.



1958: Cameron students take care of their studies in the old library, then located at the south end of Nance-Boyer. The present library was constructed during the administration of Dr. Richard Burch. (from the Cameron University archives)

The Davis and Burch administrations

Cameron's early modern years

(Editor's Note: This is the seventh installment in Cameron Today's history of the university, from its inception until today. This segment covers the years 1957 through 1966.)

BY SALLY SOELLE

Cameron State Agricultural College continued to expand and mature during the 1950s and 1960s.

President Vernon Howell oversaw a steady increase in enrollment, \$1 million in physical improvements, and an expansion of Cameron's academic programs and extracurricular organizations. As he left office in 1957 following 10 years as president, the Oklahoma Legislature honored him for meritorious service and the Cameron Student Senate passed a resolution acknowledging his achievements on their behalf.

Years of persistence on the part of administrators and local supporters had brought Cameron to a new level of maturity.

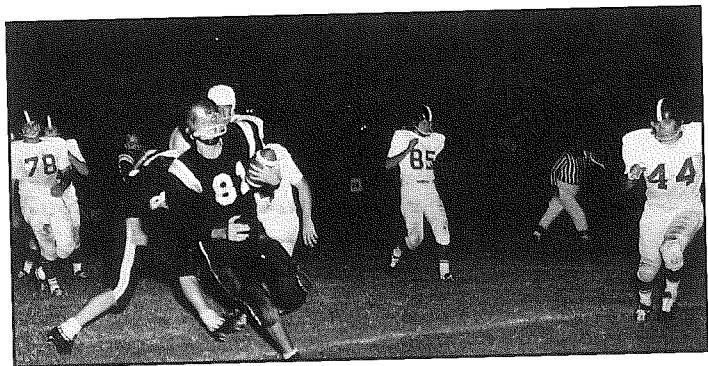
Howell's successor, President Clarence L. Davis, helped usher in a new era characterized by a quest for academic excellence and recognition by the North Central Association, the accrediting organization of institutions of higher learning.

Davis was well-suited to the task. Educated in public school administration (with a masters from Oklahoma A&M), he served as superintendent of public school systems in Walters and Velma-Alma prior to his arrival at Cameron. He was also president of the Oklahoma Education Association in 1952-53 and served as a member of its legislative committee.

The new president lost no time in pursuing accreditation.



Clarence L. Davis



Cameron's athletic program enjoyed several very successful seasons in the late 1950s. The Aggies are pictured here during action from the 1958 football season.

In 1957 he organized a faculty steering committee to explore the process. Members visited colleges that had been accredited and began an internal review of Cameron's academic programs in preparation for the anticipated visit by evaluators.

Administrators expected accreditation to formally acknowledge the excellence of Cameron programs as well as facilitate the transfer of credits from other schools. They pursued every avenue for a successful evaluation, including hiring a consultant. When the first accreditation attempt proved unsuccessful in 1958, faculty and administrators persisted in improving programs and physical facilities in readiness for a second attempt.

While campus committees evaluated programs in preparation of the North Central visit, Davis pursued other major goals. He urged the construction of a much-needed student union on campus and initiated a program of renovating and remodeling the existing North, South, West and Cameron Halls. He also created parking lots adjacent to the dorms for student convenience.

Students seemed aware of the changes on campus during

these years, both with respect to its physical growth and its efforts to be recognized as an accredited institution.

In a 1957 *Cameron Collegian* article addressing the campus environment, students concluded that a name change to Lawton State College, Cameron State College or Southwestern Oklahoma State Junior College might appropriately reflect what they perceived as Cameron's changing mission. They asserted that Oklahoma and Cameron were no longer predominantly agricultural, but cosmopolitan, with students enrolled in many areas. They protested giving prospective students a sense that the 'horse and buggy' days were still a feature of one of Oklahoma's largest junior colleges.

Gov. Raymond Gary's Commission on Higher Education, organized to study institutions and make recommendations to the Legislature and the public, visited the campus during this period. It reported Cameron was one of the finest junior colleges in the nation, whose president was doing a "splendid job."

However, the commission recommended that the school acquire additional classrooms, laboratories, dormitory housing and faculty in order to accommodate a growing student population. A 1958 tuition increase provided an additional \$10,000 in Cameron's budget, making possible only modest increases in faculty salaries and maintenance.

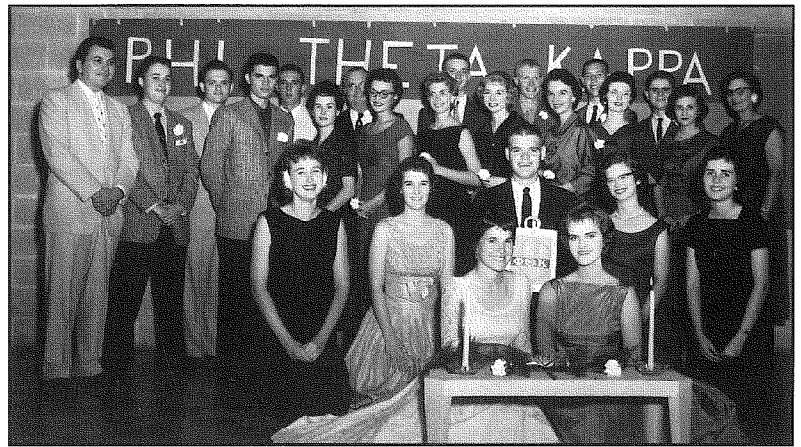
As Cameron addressed needs identified by the commission and by campus committees exploring accreditation requirements, the student body grew and organizations flourished.

Cameron's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, the junior college honor society, hosted a national convention, was named the most active chapter in the nation, and sponsored a national officer. The campus hosted numerous regional music contests and events, and expanded its band and chorus programs.

Cameron took top honors at the annual Oklahoma Junior College Speech tournament, at which the Cameron Players also successfully entered productions. A Cameron agriculture student was named Top Field Crop and Seed Judge in state competition. The ROTC program was highly successful and popular among students.

Athletic teams won a national championship in baseball, a conference championship in football, and an invitation to a post-season bowl game. The basketball team recorded 27 straight victories and won a place in national competition.

Growth could be measured academically as well. Cameron added a practical nursing program and enhanced its agriculture program by developing one of the best dairies in the Southwest through the acquisition of a pasteurization plant, homogenizing equipment,



Cameron's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the junior college honor society, was widely known in 1958. It was named the most active chapter in the U.S. and sponsored a national officer. Members are pictured during their induction ceremony that year.

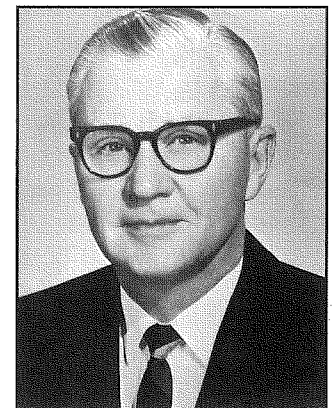
holding tanks and milking system.

The school hired additional faculty to accommodate the growing enrollment. The campus environment improved with assistance from horticulture students, and a cooperative program between the college and the Oklahoma Highway Department resurfaced Cameron's streets. The construction of the student union and a new dormitory for boys (separate from the union) answered two of the most pressing needs on campus.

In April 1960, U.S. Sen. Fred Harris asked State Regents for Higher Education to make Cameron a four-year institution (a goal that would be reached six years later).

By the end of the 1959-60 academic year, many of Davis' goals had been realized. The first steps toward accreditation had been made and a new student union and a boys dormitory were under construction. Many campus improvements had been completed and legislators had proposed Cameron's elevation to four-year status.

In the summer of 1960, Davis suffered a heart attack. His



Dr. Richard B. Burch



Cameron students prepare to travel to Hutchinson, Kan., to attend the 1959 National Junior College Basketball tournament. This shot is taken just south of the former biology building looking northwest toward West and Jed Johnson halls.

death ended a pivotal period in the college's history, paving the way for North Central accreditation and a dramatic change in mission as a four-year institution. The faculty, together with the Cameron affiliate of the Oklahoma Education Association, created a scholarship in Davis' name, and students dedicated the 1961 *Wichita* to the president, whose memory they said inspired them to seek learning and recognize quality in education.

Dr. Richard B. Burch took over Cameron's helm following Davis' death. Burch attended school in Maud, receiving his bachelors degree from East Central State College in Ada. He earned his masters and a Doctorate of Education at the University of Oklahoma. He served as superintendent in several state communities before beginning his tenure at Cameron.

Burch pursued the unfinished projects of his predecessor and initiated new ones. He opened the 1961 fall faculty meeting declaring that junior college accreditation was a top priority. He noted changes to the campus, including better parking and renovations to Jed Johnson Hall.

A \$30 million bond issue passed by Oklahoma voters in 1960 would provide four new campus buildings: an administration-library building, a science building, a men's dormitory and a cafeteria. The former library/administration building was converted to classrooms; the science/home economics building was modified for biological sciences. Additional housing for married students, a building for technical programs and additional classrooms were also planned.

In early 1962, Cameron realized its goal of junior college accreditation. In the final report, evaluators concluded that the campus was impressive, the administration effective, and the college successful in its long-range planning. Evaluators also concluded that Cameron rendered an important service to the region.

However, evaluators identified several problems, such as inadequate distribution of library holdings, poor upkeep of buildings, disproportionate assistance to athletes and a fuzzy concept of general education. Burch assigned these issues to

faculty committees to address. He also announced Cameron would initiate higher standards for faculty, including mandatory masters degrees with 48 hours of university credit in members' teaching fields, and regular continuing education.

The new Student Union, named for Davis, opened in January 1962, offering students recreational areas, a book store and post office. In December 1963, Regents approved funding for a football stadium. A year later the science building was ready for students, and the planned boys dormitory (the present Business building) was completed. The new administration/library building opened its doors to students and faculty and the former administration building (in Nance-Boyer) was

modified to house Language Arts, Business Education, Social Sciences, Math and Agriculture.

By 1965, serious talk concerned Cameron's elevation to four-year status. Gov. Henry Bellmon, in an address to the Lawton Chamber of Commerce, supported this proposal, urging chamber involvement. Bellmon asserted that rather than allow enrollments to grow too large at OU and OSU, the state should support four-year regional institutions such as Cameron.

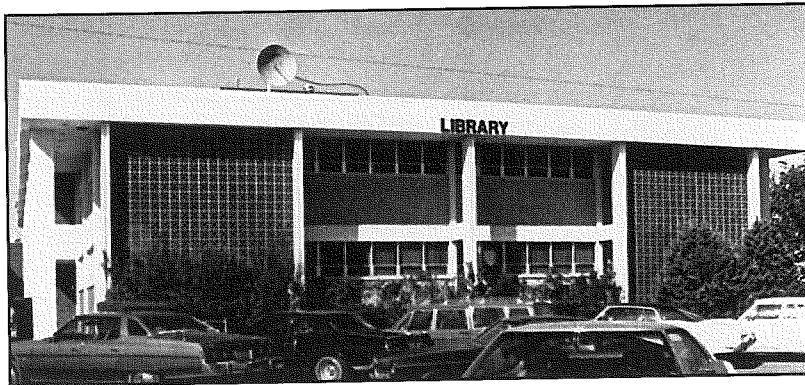
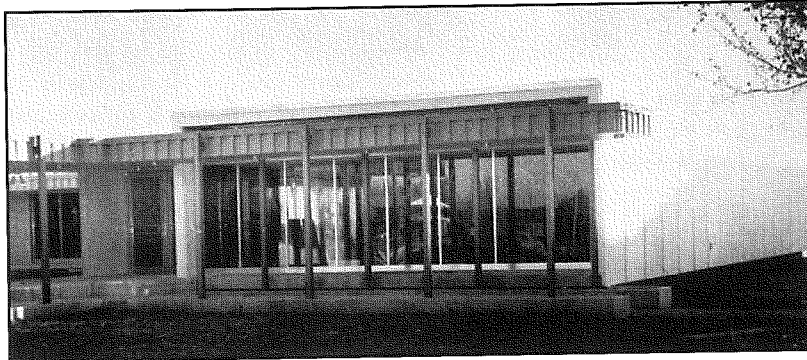
Likewise, Senator Harris predicted that Cameron could play a significant role in science, electronics, and technology.

"Places that are

going to grow industrially," he theorized, "are those cities with good schools and colleges that employ scientific and technologic knowledge. The greatest asset Lawton and the state have is in the field of education."

In September 1966, the efforts of Cameron administrators, state legislators and local supporters were rewarded when Cameron received notice of its elevation to a four-year educational institution. North Central Association accreditation had given Cameron the academic status it sought for years. Elevation to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution now placed the school on the threshold of a new era.

A new mission, improved facilities, better programs, a highly-qualified faculty, and increasing support changed the Cameron environment and served as catalysts for new growth and opportunity.



Cameron's new student union was named in honor of former President Clarence Davis when it was dedicated in 1962 (top photo). By the mid 1960s, the campus also had a new library/administration building.

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.

1946: Charles V. Nagel, El Reno, retired as a civil servant after working eight years as a soil conservationist and district conservationist and more than 18 years as a federal appraiser and senior real estate appraiser.

1948: Dr. Odville A. Rinn, San Antonio, has a medical practice.

1971: Larry Dyer, Anadarko, is employed by the Department of Human Services.

1974: Michelle Elizabeth Crocker Cosey, San Antonio, retired from the Air Force after serving 20 years. She has received her masters in management and is a case manager for the Texas Workforce Commission. **Dana Paul Harnish**, Carrollton, Va., retired from the Army as a major in 1985 and is now a senior training analyst. **Paul Theodore Nelson**, Valrico, Fla., is a retired mortgage banker for Chase Bank. Former Hobart superintendent **Gary Nightengale** now heads the Granite School District. **Shirley Waller Ryan**, Henderson, Nev., is nursing supervisor for the Boulder City Hospital.

1975: Robert F. Henry, Colorado Springs, is a certified public accountant.

1976: Beverly Gale Neugebauer Metz, Davis, is a voice and piano instructor. Her husband, **Robert Earl Metz**, is a former CU student. **Dr. Brent Smith** is board certified in family practice and geriatrics, has a private practice in Lawton, and is president of the Oklahoma State Board of Health. **Julia A. Yeahquor-Roubideaux**, Riverside, Calif., is an education technician for Sherman Indian High School. She is involved with the Prayer House Outreach 2000 Club, Native American Ministries and Cultural Program and Native American Perform-

ers. **Roy and Sandra E. Hargraves Yenchsky** live in Wichita, Kan., where he is a senior Army instructor for Junior ROTC and she teaches English.

1977: John B. Dixon coaches the Shattuck Indians. He previously coached and taught in Wakita and has won such honors as District B-6 Coach of the Year, Area Coach of the Year and District C-3 Coach of the Year during his 11 years in football. **Deborah C. Mignogno**, Miller Falls, Mass., is a biologist and assistant chief for endangered species with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **Joann E. Ross**, Lawton, is a retired elementary teacher.

1978: Jo-Ann Craig, Metuchen, N.J., is acting director of financial aid at Union County College. **Elizabeth Ann Williams McLendon**, Lawrenceville, Ga., is employed by Air Gas Carbonic Industries. **Adrienne Michelle Hernandez Wilson**, Lawton, is a teacher at Edison Elementary. She received a Distinguished Achievement Award and was nominated for Teacher of the Year.

1979: Bettie Lee Bowers Allen, Lubbock, Texas, is a Department of Defense financial analyst. **Donald Myron Cohen**, Statesville, N.C. is employed by Goodyear. **Bill J. Rhoads**, Biggs, Calif., is a self-employed landscape engineer.

1980: Mike Haynie, Lawton, teaches science at Eisenhower Junior High. **Mary L. Styron**, Lawton, is a teacher.

1981: Beverly G. Jenkins Brown, Oklahoma City, is a landwoman and project coordinator for Cimarron Land Services, Inc. **Sandra Tidline Golden**, Lawton, is a registered nurse at Comanche Memorial Hospital. Frederick city manager **Robert Johnston** was elected president of the board directing the City Management Association of Oklahoma. **Patti Lynn McKee Martin**, Edmond, is owner and vice president of Telecommunications Calling Inc. **Randelyne J. Peterson**, Moore, is a licensed professional counselor and admissions coordinator for Integris Mental Health at Deacon-

ess Hospital. **Dr. David Shaw**, Starkville, Miss., is professor of plant and soil sciences at Mississippi State University. He has received the 1997 Research Award from the university's alumni association. In 1996, he was recognized as the Outstanding Weed Scientist of America. **Maj. Eric C. Surles**, Fort Riley, Kan., is a battalion executive officer in the Army and recently received his MBA.

1982: Vicky Dawn Echard Cassabaum, Lyons, Colo., is employed as a registered nurse. **Lt. Col. Bruce A. Cheadle**, Newport News, Va., is serving in the Army and received his masters degree. **Cheryl Ann Reid Everman**, Summit Point, W.Va., is marketing and public relations assistant to the president of Telos Corporation. She is married to **David Everman**, '78. **Jeffrey Thomas Ezzell**, Colorado Springs, owns Ezzell Enterprises.

1983: Mark D. Bowen, Boulder, Colo., received a Ph.D. in aquatic ecology. **Carla L. Williams Crutcher**, Humble, Texas, is a closing coordinator for Green Point Mortgage. Her husband, **Charlie W. Crutcher**, is a former CU student. **Kala Spurlock Miller**, Seminole, is secretary for the superintendent of schools and treasurer for the school board. She has been named support staff person of the month. **Jill M. Perkins Nugin**, Colorado Springs, received her masters in education. **Calva Crawford-Todd** is employment services officer for the City of Lawton, a graduate of Leadership Lawton-Fort Sill, an involved community volunteer, and a graduate student. She was named Lawton's Citizen of the Month in June. **Michael W. Tucker**, Desert Center, Calif., teaches for the State of California. He has received his masters in education. **Rev. Rick Walden** is returning for a third four-year missionary term in the Philippines where he served as the field chairman of more than 60 Assemblies of God missionaries. **JoAnn Marie Arruda White**, Lorraine, N.Y., is a water/wastewater supervisor for the Village of Adams, N.Y.

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1984: **Dr. Wuse H. Cara**, Lawton, is in private dental practice. **Vicki Lynn Granger**, Stella, Mo., farms. **Charles W. Hodges III**, Austin, Texas, is a computer specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Dr. Jon Hooks**, Jackson, Miss., has been promoted to associate professor of economics and management at Albion College where he has taught since 1989. **Quin M. Robison Stringham**, Carlisle, Pa., is a homemaker and operates two home businesses, Bountiful Cybergrafix (customized cards and framed pictures), and Stringham Enterprises (vending machine business).

1985: **Victor Lee Carter**, Richardson, Texas, is warehouse and inventory control manager and purchasing agent for the home health equipment division of Tenet. He is also owner and operator of Mr. All Worlds, a vending machine company. **Mechelle Wood Francis** is Title I math instructor at Altus Middle School. **Ava M. Gardner** is convention sales manager for the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Susan Kay Street Pratt**, Radcliff, Ky., is a test examiner for Total Training Solutions. A homemaker and mother, she works part time at Fort Knox. **Charles L. Wilson** Steilacoom, Wash., is serving in the Army.

1986: **Mark and Pamela Lynn Holt Copus**, Burkburnett, Texas, own Silver Heaven Boutique and Copus Cattle Company. **Rev. Daniel Eppler**, Geronimo, has been appointed to serve the Cyril and Cement United Methodist Churches. **Ronald E. Estomin**, Boynton Beach, Fla., is a technician with Huffy Service First. **Courtney Kleypas Hollands**, Plano, Texas, is enrolled in EMT paramedic training, volunteers with the Animal Rescue Organization and is home schooling her children. **Bruce Lawrence Linton**, Deptford, N.J., is a district representative for the Aid Association for Lutherans. **Dana Mefford**, Apache, is the elementary and middle school principal for Boone-Apache Public Schools. **Larry D. McMurtry**, Oklahoma City, is a senior drafting technician for the Oklahoma Department of Trans-

portation. **Monica Lee Vincent**, Veradale, Wash., is a certified public accountant. **Cynthia Kay Jackson Warnock**, Thornton, Colo., is a homemaker and mother with a masters degree. In 1996 she received a Wyoming State Visual Arts Fellowship.

1987: **Victor E. Ettienne**, Woodbridge, Va., is serving in the Army as a security specialist and anti-terrorism instructor. **Maj. Lafayette W. Michael II**, Apopka, Fla., is a programmer analyst. **Kim Laverna Webb Williams**, New Carrollton, Md., is a federal employee.

1988: **Charles E. Brammer**, Matthews, N.C., is a service engineer with Bryant Grinder Corp. **Monte Wayne Connally**, El Reno, is a federal correctional officer with the Department of Corrections, Federal Bureau of Prisons. **Robert W. Duncan**, Taos, N.M., is a counselor with the Vista Taos Renewal Center. He also performs as a stand-up comic, plays drums in the folk rock group "Diogenes," and was a finalist in the 1997 Taos Poetry Circus Open Slam. His wife, **Weyodi M. Grandbergs**, is a former CU student. **Lisa Dianna Howard Jackson**, Lawton, is a family counselor at Marie Detty Family Services and a member of the Army Reserve. She is married to **Broderick Jackson**, '89. **Matthew George Keitges**, Orlando, Fla., is a freelance commercial artist and art director for a printing company. He received his associates degree, with honors, in advertising and design. **Katherine A. Kelly**, Carsonville, Mich., is a homemaker. **Ron Maenpaa**, Sierra Vista, Ariz., is a computer programmer with Comarco. **Robert Christopher Moore**, Colorado Springs, is in Siberia working with missions and humanitarian aid for HELP International. **Anna Sue Stecher**, Albuquerque, is director of youth and education ministries of Cross of Hope Church. **Freda J. Tapedo**, Lawrence, Kan., is a student rights specialist at Haskell Indian Nations University.

1989: **Dwayne A. Atkins** is a youth worker and program coordinator for the

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth where he works with gang members. **Kyla Jo Runner Elliott**, Clarksville, Tenn., is a homemaker, mother and volunteer. She married **David Elliott**, '89. **Cathy Smith Hebrlee**, Garland, Texas, is a fifth grade teacher and is working toward a masters degree in educational administration. **Shawn Grayson Hill**, Palmdale, Calif., is an Army sergeant. **Rita Carol Looper**, Duncan, is a Halliburton accountant. **Tammy Joleen Johnson Mosher**, Tucson, Ariz., is an ICU nurse at Northwest Hospital. **Carla Ann Pridgen**, Charlotte, N.C., is an electronic technician for Kaiser Fluid Technology. **Karl Wesley Risinger**, Friendswood, Texas, is a directional supervisor for Tri-City Services Inc. **George D. Simmons**, Duncanville, Texas, is general manager of JDS Restaurants and was recognized as Outstanding Businessman by Kimball High School. **Ruben H. Sotelo**, Lawton, is an Army intelligence sergeant. **Stephen Don Vaughn**, Andrews, Texas, is a printer for the Andrews Independent School District. He married **Carol Shirlen Mabry Vaughn**, '92.

1990: **Brenda Dally**, Lawton, is coordinator of student recruitment at CU. **Capt. William Brian Emge**, Newport News, Va., is a company commander with the Army. **Maxine Phillips Ernest**, '59/'90 lives in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and married **M. Dave Ernest**, a former Cameron student and employee in the admissions office. Dave retired from the military and the couple now operates their own business. **G. Stacy Escoe** is pastor of the Forgan First Baptist Church. He has a master of divinity degree and served churches in Lawton and Walters. **Nancy Lynn Hopper Graham**, Tulsa, is an EPA project coordinator for the University of Tulsa. **Michele Renae Luke**, Harvey, La., is a head start center supervisor for Jefferson Parish. **Jayme W. Story**, Knoxville, Tenn., is a senior secretary in the College of Social Work at the University of Tennessee. She married **William R. Story Jr.**, '93. **Jean M. Thomas**, Colorado Springs, Colo., is employed by

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the Army. **Brenda Maire Rodriguez Weis**, Wenonah, N.J., is a laboratory technologist at the University of Pennsylvania.

1991: William Herbert Altwegg, Sierra Vista, Ariz., is a police officer. **Janet Lea Durbin**, Cocoa, Fla., is a registered nurse at Cape Canaveral Hospital and is working toward a bachelors degree. She has received the Cape Spirit Award. **Kendel Lewis Hickenbottom**, Wellington, Texas, is a school band director and regional coordinator for All-Region Concert Band. His band won a sweepstakes award in 1995-96. He married **Mary E. Page Hickenbottom**, '94. **Teresia A. Yoast Osborne**, Lawton, is a computer programmer for Telos. She married **Toby W. Osborne**, '94. **John G. Rivera**, Yelm, Wash., is in Army communications and electronic maintenance. **Todd Simmons**, San Diego, Calif., is chorus master of the San Diego Opera. He was vocal coach and accompanist at DePauw University and vocal coach and assistant conductor at the Des Moines Metro Opera.

1992: Pamela Valdetero-Arnett, Hunt, Texas, is a registered nurse at Kerrville State Hospital. **Scott David Bell**, Oklahoma City, married Jennifer Ruth Russell in May. He is a production supervisor at American Products Inc. **Mayella Lucy Billick Boucher**, Lawton, married Scott Dean Boucher in May. She is a fourth grade teacher at Crosby Park Elementary. **Christy Kolene Bybee Bowen**, Apache, married Steven Lee Bowen in June. She is an elementary teacher for the Boone-Apache School District. **Sarah Jean Conrardy Clay**, Colorado Springs, is employed by the Bank of the Rockies. Her husband, **Kenneth M. Clay**, is a former CU student. **Tara Carlita Ortiz Day**, Yelm, Wash., is a housewife and mother. She married former CU student, **James Lynn Day**. **Tamala W. Brown Everett**, Sherman, Texas, teaches. **Eddy Grisby**, Lubbock, Texas, won third place in a recent national art show in Lubbock. He teaches printmaking, drawing and

photography for Texas Tech University, as well as art for gifted and talented high school students. His work, titled *The Semi Translucent Red Scissors*, was chosen for publication in the July 1997 *Lubbock Magazine*. The work part of a series in the Northern Ireland Art Show. **Damon Eugene Hitt** married Melissa Williams in May. He teaches and coaches at Elgin Public Schools. **Trisha Gault Jackson**, Wichita Falls, Texas, is a registered nurse at Wichita General Hospital. **Paul Korhonen**, Lawton, has been promoted to manager of operations for the EZ GO division of Johnson Oil Co. Inc. He serves on the Cameron University Alumni Association board of directors. **Lynda Martin**, Lawton, was an artist in residence for the Enid Summer Arts program. Her work has been exhibited in shows throughout Oklahoma. **Capt. Nathaniel Stinson**, Fort Benning, Ga., is serving in the Army. He married **Brenda Jones**, '93. **Heidi Loderstedt Wilson**, Charlotte, N.C., is an executive assistant for Levy Restaurant, does magazine modeling and is a new mom. Her husband, **Anthony Wayne Wilson**, is a former CU student.

1993: Jennifer L. Barger-Ramm, Fayetteville, Ark., plans to graduate with a juris doctorate degree in December. She serves as research assistant to the legal research and writing staff at the University of Arkansas School of Law and is involved at the Federal Practice Clinic, Civil Clinic and Criminal Clinic. **Jason D. Blevins**, Bella Vista, Ark., is a programmer for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in Bentonville, Ark. **Col. Donald Daugherty**, a 23-year Army veteran, works on the White House staff where he is involved in the development of a national drug policy. He holds two masters degrees and is a graduate of the National War College. **Kimberly Lurena Burton Everett**, Lawton, married Tom Everett in May and teaches at Grandfield. **Audra Nichell Gillis**, Capito Heights, Md., is a licensed graduate social worker and licensed certified clinical social worker. **Janice V. Vangundy Havens**, Lawton, is a teacher at Kuntz Elementary School. **Raymond R. Kesner Jr.**, Mesa, Ariz., is a systems engineer for Inter-

Coastal Electronics. **Julie Lynne Moore Musgrove**, Duncan, married Bennie Musgrove in May. **Paula J. Phillips**, Coral Gables, Fla., has a private law practice. **Sgt. Nathaniel Robinson**, Fort Stewart, Ga., is serving in the Army. **Danette M. Scott**, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is a developmental skills technician for Event Inc. **Maj. Luther Floyd Shealy**, Leavenworth, Kan., is serving in the Army as an instructor at the Command and General Staff School. **William R. Story**, Knoxville, Tenn., is working toward his MBA. He married **Jayne W. Story**, '90. **Roy Keith Vowell**, Kenosha, Wis., is a programmer for Computer Data Systems Inc.

1994: Paul Ebisch Jr., Walnut Grove, Mo., married Lisa Ann Pastorello in May. He is pastor of Oak Grove/Flint Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. **Tina Marie Jolly**, Stillwater, received a masters degree in community counseling. **Kris Ted Ledford**, Tulsa, has received his law degree "with highest honors" and is an associate attorney with McKinney, Stringer & Webster. **Laurel Ann Levoy**, Federal Way, Wash., teaches. **Diana Lynn Cox Littlefield**, Stillwater, is a graduate student in marriage and family therapy. **William David McDonald**, Lawton, retired from the Army. **Elizabeth Ann Olson**, Memphis, Tenn., is a registered nurse. **Gloria T. Rowley**, Largo, Fla., is an accountant with Intervascular Inc, a medical supply company. She married **Bruce J. Rowley**, '95. **Louanna R. Gibbs Shelton**, Lawton, married Gerold K. Shelton in March. She is an assistant manager at Braum's.

1995: Kevin E. Beets, Tulsa, received his masters degree. He was graduate assistant for the University of Tulsa athletic training department and the primary athletic trainer for men's basketball. **Cassandra J. Bentley**, Burnet, Texas, is a registered nurse with Hospice Highland Lakes. She plans to return to Oklahoma to complete her M.S.N. **Jack Edward Hanna**, Lawton, married Traci Lynn Waits in May. He coaches football and baseball and teaches at Central Junior

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High School. **Clinton Todd Janda** married Nichole Dawn Wells in May and is employed by the City of Lawton. **Tracy Johnson**, Ryan, teaches third and fourth grades in Terral. **Ruth Alyson Edgar Jones**, '89/'95, Oklahoma City, married Selden Parks Jones in June. She is an elementary school teacher. **Steven T. McDaniel** has been promoted to assistant vice president working at the Plato branch office in consumer and commercial lending for First Bank and Trust Co., Duncan. **Neil I. Nelson**, Clarksville, Tenn., married Amanda Beth Hedrick in July. The Army first lieutenant is assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky. **Bruce J. Rowley**, Largo, Fla., has taught information processing at a business college and is currently an academic teacher for the Florida State Department of Corrections at Hillsborough Correctional Institution. He is in the process of obtaining his permanent state educators license. He married **Gloria T. Rowley**, '94. **Shawn Daryl Tittle**, Kansas City, Mo., married Michelle Lee Powers in May. He is studying to be a chiropractor. **Michael G. Ward**, Comanche, has been promoted to assistant vice president for loan review at First Bank and Trust Co., Duncan. **Wol Kyun Welsh**, Herndon, Va., is a youth counselor. **Michael Owen Williams**, Lawton, has been promoted to assistant vice president with consumer and commercial lending responsibilities at First Bank and Trust Co., Duncan. He married Carrye Dawn Finley in July. **April Quarles Wright**, Sterling, married Joey Wright in June. She is employed by Dennis Butler and Ken J. Graham, attorneys at law.

1996: **Colin R. Barry**, Iwakuni, Japan, is a Marine education services chief. **Tony J. Bellinhausen**, Blue Springs, Mo., is a structural engineering drafter. **April Burcham**, Norman, is a staff reporter for *The Daily Ardmoreite*. **Donald Copeland**, Guymon, is employed by Western State Psychiatric Hospital as coordinator and supervisor at Frontier House, Oklahoma Psychosocial Rehabilitative Club. **Amy Rebecca Glenn**, Lawton is working toward a masters in

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psychology. She is employed by Christian Family Counseling Center. **Kelly Deanne Givens Jenkins**, Lawton, married William Jenkins in June. She is employed at Meadow Wood Animal Hospital. **Shawna Marie Flanigan O'Briant**, Denver, Colo., married Lee O'Briant in May. **Casey Von Patten**, Oklahoma City, married Tracie Lynn Chesnut in June. He is an internal auditor for the University of Oklahoma. **Kenan** and **Clarissa Donnell Pyeatt**, Abilene, Texas, were married in May. Kenan is a salesman for Arrow Ford and Clarissa is a secretary for a group home. **Raymond Chance Slater**, Anadarko, is a case manager for the Great Plains Correctional Facility. **Herman Stevenson Jr.**, Lawton, is the counselor for student recruitment in the CU admissions office.

1997: **Jennifer J. Alden**,⁷Geronimo, is continuing her education. **James Takeo Arikawa II**, Lawton, is a computer programmer. **Mary Katherine Aulich**, Rush Springs, is working toward a masters degree. **1st Sgt. Michael Everett Aycock**, Clinton, N.C., is in the

Army. **John Allen Bachelor III**, Comanche, attends law school. **Norman Ray Berfield Sr.**, Altus, is attending graduate school and working toward LPC certification. **Robert Lee Bullard**, Lawton, is a security officer at Central Mall. **Barbara L. Burnett**, Cache, is a scheduler for the City of Lawton. **Theresa Ellen Carrico**, York, Pa., is a computer programmer and analyst for Knouse Foods. **Chasdity C. Carter**, Snyder, teaches Head Start. **Alicia Gaye Doshier**, Covington, is working toward a computer engineering degree. **Kimberly Suzanne Gann**, Lawton, is a program coordinator for Habitat for Humanity. **Kenneth Paul Goss**, Lawton, is a senior enlisted advisor for the Army. **Shannon Pollock Green**, Duncan, is working toward LPC certification. **Elizabeth Anne Heath**, Apache, is a medical technologist for Columbia Southwestern Medical Center. **Michael Eric Henderson**, Chickasha, is day treatment program director at Chisolm Trail Counseling Center. **Phyllis M. Jay**, Lawton is a department secretary at CU. **Carlene Ann Kamradt**, Fayetteville, N.C., is a staff accountant at Cherry, Bekaert and Holland. **Martin Earl Kilmer**, Elgin, retired from the military. **Rhonda Jeanne McEntire**, Lawton, is working in family counseling while pursuing her masters. **Shirley Ann Norton**, Altus, is an accounts supervisor for the City of Altus. **Tiffany Lyn Harrell Pyle**, Duncan, married Coy Dale Pyle in June. **Oscar Grayson Sorrell**, Birmingham, Ala., is a police officer. **Willie Grey Staton**, Lawton, is a Civil Service clothing and equipment classifier and identifier. **Robert William Stedman**, Fort Sill, is a military policeman. **Wanda Stuart-Proctor**, Lawton, is working toward her masters. **Joseph Jeffrey Szmuto**, Fort Sill, is in the Army. **Pamela Sue Underwood**, Lawton, is a registered nurse at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Jacqueline Rane Voge**, Lawton, is a licensed practical nurse in labor and delivery at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **John Lee Williams**, Overland Park, Kansas, is a social worker and teacher at Citibank Family Center.

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.

- 1917:** Sanford Brandon, 100, Lawton, June 1, 1997.
1920: Ruby Mae Mitchell Huscher, 95, Cache, Dec. 12, 1996.
1924: Ruby Pamplin Lynch, Oklahoma City.
1925: Forrest D. Rhodes Sr., 92, Faxon, Feb. 20, 1997.
1926: Lewis Faulkner, 88, Mountain View, March 15, 1997.
1927: Clarence A. Harrison, 59, Lawton, 1971.
1929: Sara Sasser Johnston, 88, Lawton, March 25, 1997.
 John P. Pittman, 87, Lawton, Dec. 16, 1996.
1930s: Edward L. Gaskins, 83, Lawton, July 17, 1997.
1932: Michie Paul McPherson, 84, Enid, Nov. 18, 1996.
1933: Blanche Winona Wolfe Johnson, 83, Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 17, 1996. Bernard Montgomery, 85, Lawton, June 20, 1997.
1937: Mabel Tahkofper Bruner, 84, Del City, Jan. 11, 1997.
1938: Cecil L. Dunn, 80, Lawton, July 14, 1997. Joe G. Guthrie, 78, Lawton, June 1, 1997. Wilbur Muret, 76, Oklahoma City, Jan. 4, 1993.
1939: William "Bill" Jefferson Dickson II, 82, Perkins, Feb. 25, 1997. Elbregge D. Sullivan, 77, Lawton, April 19, 1997. Lillian Waid, 82, Lawton, 1994.
1940: Lee W. Cheaney, 77, Altus, June 24, 1997. Oleta Friels Conover, 80, Duncan, June 30, 1997.
1941: Gerald Eldrid "Blackie" Jennings, 79, Lawton, Feb. 7, 1997. Larry Clayton Scott, 75, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 4, 1996. Orval S. White, Carter.
1942: Darold H. English, 73, Lawton, Sept. 12, 1996. Oscar E. Heuser, 74, Oklahoma City, Dec. 3, 1996. Norma J. Devore Love, Brownsville, Texas. Martha M. Hobbs Kyle, 74, West Point, Texas, March 27, 1996.
1943: Vernon "Shorty" Weslie Duncan, 73, Gould, Feb. 3, 1997.
1947: Mary Jane Hughes Shope, 69, Ada, Oct. 25, 1996.
1948: Harold Biffle, 60, Duncan, Oct. 3, 1985. Charles Hasenbeck Sr., 68, Fletcher, June 16, 1997. Thomas J. Patton, 46, Vietnam, May 10, 1971. Robert C. Prausa, 62, Vidor, Texas, March 15, 1983. Raymond L. Smith, 68, Loveland, Feb. 1, 1997. Wayne Wagnon, 59, Duncan, June 17, 1983.
1949: Ruth Bolton, 65, Houston, Texas, Aug. 24, 1995. Cecil I. Lorah, 67, Tucumcari, N.M., March 28, 1997. Tom Mahaney, 67, Frederick, July 5, 1995. Willard Wayne Mason, 73, Tulsa, April 2, 1997.
1950: Kenneth J. McPheeters, 52, Cordell, May 12, 1982. Noel Sharp, 62, Grandfield, March 21, 1992.
1951: Kenneth Lee Clifton, 50, Frederick, March 10, 1981. Winfred Poemoceah, 61, Norman, May 25, 1992.
1952: Floyd D. Gray, 53, Springtown, Texas, June 28, 1985. Sampson Lincoln Morris, 65, Stillwater, Aug. 2, 1995. Larence Gene Rupe, 59, San Diego, Calif., Aug. 31, 1991.

- Betty Mae Wege, 34, Stillwater, Feb. 22, 1966.
1953: Monte Joe Hatchett, 58, Mangum, Feb. 6, 1990.
1955: Jon R. Holland, 60, Katy, Texas, Feb., 1995.
1956: Barbara Brabec, 62, Lawton, April 20, 1997.
 McLindley Odell, Watonga. Clair A. Payette, 69, Walters, March 23, 1983.
1962: Earlene Lewallen Bayse, 54, Lawton, Oct. 31, 1996.
1963: Andrew Dean "Butch" Forgione, 55, Tulsa, July, 1997.
 Larry Lewis Hutchison, 53, Arlington, Texas, June 6, 1997. Barry Alan Van Treese, 54, Oklahoma City, Jan. 7, 1997.
1965: Bobbie Parkhill Mayhue, 51, Lawton, Aug. 9, 1996. Sandra Wisdom Philley, 51, Escondido, Calif., Sept. 29, 1996.
1966: Donald R. Preston, 67, Lawton, Dec. 28, 1996.
1967: Susan Alyce Guill Wheatly, 49, Lawton, April 23, 1997.
1970: Barbara Ruth Mayhew Driver, 57, San Antonio, Texas, March 22, 1997. Jessie Walker Ford, 75, Lawton, Oct. 19, 1996. Richard Heston, Lawton.
1971: Connie Mack Sparks, 49, Walters, July 11, 1997.
1972: Clarence Lynn Vaughn, 85, Frederick, March 25, 1997.
1973: Thomas R. Bowles, Bellaire, Texas. Melba Faye Ditmore Deming, 70, Weatherford, March 23, 1997.
1974: Glenn V. Hoyt, 74, Lawton, June 12, 1997.
1975: Robert Edmonson Sr., 61, Lawton, March 30, 1997.
1976: Leonard F. Ellis, Lawton. Leland J. Parker, 70, Tishomingo, Oct. 14, 1996.
1978: Rickey Bingamon, Duncan. Gloris A. Garner Clark, 57, Lawton, June 20, 1997. Dianna Sue Walkup Cooley, 50, Altus, March 10, 1997.
1979: Betty "Laura" Middleton, 57, Lawton, June 13, 1997. Stephanie Renee Reeves, 43, Cyril, Feb. 5, 1997. Judy Kay Fisher Sickler, 46, Chattanooga, Sept. 21, 1996. Marshall L. Williams, Lawton.
1980: Elbert White, 1996.
1981: Eddy Moke, Hollis.
1983: Daniel L. Echard, 41, Nov. 28, 1996. Jay Kendall Kemp, 34, Colorado Springs, May 13, 1995.
1985: Johnna Beth Kane Kerr, 38, Blair, Dec. 26, 1996.
1986: Joe Anthony "Tony" Rogers, 54, Bartlesville, July 14, 1997.
1988: 1st Sgt. Donald R. Howard, 54, Lawton, Aug. 26, 1996.
1989: Billie D. Gray, Goshen, Ohio.
1990: Sgt. 1st Class Lanny H. Byrd, 57, Lawton, June 2, 1997.
1992: Scott DeWayne Monroe, 28, El Reno, Dec. 17, 1996.
1993: Lt. Col. Robert "Bob" Muller, 54, Lawton, Oct. 27, 1996.
1995: Kenneth Loyd Powers, 25, Apache, June 19, 1997.
Cameron Faculty and Staff: Allen Cornelius, 58, Lawton, (1958 Cameron graduate), March 2, 1997. James Cottingham Sr., 76, Lawton, Aug. 26, 1996. Robert Holloway, 61, Lawton, (1973 Cameron graduate), May 25, 1997. Dr. Bob G. Vowell, 63, Lawton, April 2, 1997.

Cameron's vision goes global

Duncan, thus enhancing the university's telecommunications infrastructure.

The Institute for Applied Telematics was founded, integrating interactive multimedia technology into academics.

A weekend MBA program, initiation of a "smart card" program and development of the university's Internet website enhanced electronic delivery of services to Southwest Oklahomans.

Collaboration with the University of Oklahoma and other institutions made possible new degree programs in nursing, communications and respiratory therapy, expanded funding for CAMSTEP, and the establishment of the Southwest Oklahoma Graduate Consortium.

Streamlining of Cameron's academic administrative structure continued by reducing the number of deans to three.

The addition of a weekend teaching format in the graduate school and earlier starting times for classes were two successful Cameron strategies to better manage student enrollment. Objectives were also established for the general education curriculum.

A graduate symposium and academic conference concluded a highly successful Festival III.

While actual construction did not begin on efforts to expand the Davis Student Center, relocate Cameron's tennis courts or renovate parking lots, lessons learned through a "partnering process" to complete the new Sciences Complex will be used to put these projects on track in 1997-98.

Beyond these successes, Cameron enjoyed many other accomplishments in 1996-97, including a 64% growth in its graduate school, the presentation of degrees to its first graduates in Europe, the establishment of six lectureships in such areas as telecommunications, medical technology and agriculture, a revamping of the Lone Star athletic conference, the renovation of classroom space for an expanded nursing program, and the establishment of the Southwest Oklahoma Medical Education Foundation.

This year's goals: What's ahead in 1997-98?

Davis proposed that the Institute for Applied Telematics be transformed into a multimedia curriculum initiative to develop new degrees and work closely with on- and off-campus entities.

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Building on recent successes, he also suggested that CAMSTEP be promoted as a national example, while new markets be sought for the reformatted MBA degree. Through a USDA grant, Cameron's ag department will work with the Noble Foundation to develop embryo transplant tests in livestock.

Capitalizing on distance learning technology, Cameron has an opportunity to seek designation as a faculty training center, develop ROTC programs for nationwide delivery and promote desktop videoconferencing projects.

The collaboration with OU to expand nursing and communications programs will continue with a local residency in family practice. Cameron will work with vocational-technical schools to develop respiratory therapist training, and with other area universities to deliver a masters degree in education.

Cameron will work on a North Central self-study involving the entire campus. Committees will be formed to prepare for an accreditation visit in 2000.

Cameron is increasing its recruitment staff as it enhances efforts to boost student enrollment. Academic departments will be more involved in recruitment and the Aggie coaching staff will be asked to serve as recruiters.

The university will continue automation of such functions as "smart cards" and admissions procedures for student convenience.

The campus master plan will be updated, integrating projects into a unified plan focusing on traffic, parking and pedestrian movement.

Construction on the Davis Student Center, tennis courts, streets and parking lots and renovation of the old Physical Sciences Building are targeted in 1997-98.

Finally, the university will work to expand its links with the defense industry and explore opportunities for the commercial application of multimedia technology as a way to promote high-tech economic development.

Davis challenged his faculty and staff to become actively involved in Cameron's goals for 1997-98, collaborating with one another and interacting with the community. By doing so, they can help the university realize its global vision.

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