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'Science, Technology and the 21st Century'

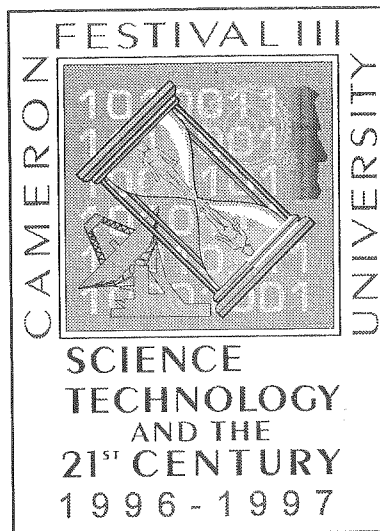
Festival III: Focus on the future

BY KIRSTEN CARDWELL

Years ago, computers and technology were the stuff of fantasy -- *Buck Rogers*, *Batman*, the *Twilight Zone*. Today, advancements in science and technology affect every field of study at a contemporary university.

Cameron University's year-long Festival III, "Science, Technology and the 21st Century," will deal with the impact of science and technology on a variety of disciplines and on contemporary culture.

"Generous support from the McCasland Foundation/AmQuest Bank, augmented by funds from student activities and Cameron's academic departments, will make possible the consideration of viewpoints both positive and negative on science and technology,"



said Dr. Scherrey Cardwell, who chairs the festival committee. Lectures, plays, exhibits, films, and other events will be presented throughout the 1996-97 academic year.

One of Festival III's first events is an exhibit illustrating technology's impact on the environment. "Sacred Ground/Sacred Sky" features 30 color photographs and an eco-sculpture by artist Daniel Dancer which document the deteriorating state of the environment and make a powerful plea to respect and reconnect with nature. The collection will be on display in Cameron's art gallery Sept. 10-22. Jaime A. Pinkham, a member of the executive council of the Nez

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CU professor takes cancer fight into cyberspace

BY KEITH MITCHELL

Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Bob Dole, King Hussein, David Brinkley, Richard Petty, Stan Musial, Michael Crichton, Johnny Unitas and retired general Norman Schwarzkopf. These men share the distinction of being among the most talented in their respective fields, whether it is acting, sports, politics, the media, literature or the military.

But they also share another distinction. All 10 are among millions of men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Cameron math sciences professor Gary Huckabay is familiar with their situation. Nearly three years ago he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Surgery followed in November 1993 and Huckabay has been cancer-free since.

Instead of writing himself off as one of the lucky ones and being content as a member of the Cameron faculty, Huckabay has developed an impressive resource on the Internet's World Wide Web devoted to prostate cancer.

The site, "Prostate Pointers," contains research articles, educational sites, support groups, mailing lists and news of medical advancements in the fight against prostate cancer, which follows only lung cancer as the leading killer of males.

Huckabay developed the website approximately a year ago as

a way to share information with other prostate cancer patients.

"Over a year, the site has grown considerably," Huckabay said. "It provided a means to answer a lot of questions about prostate cancer. At this point, I probably have more information on prostate cancer than any other website in the country."

Once considered an "old man's disease," prostate cancer is attacking men of frighteningly younger ages.

"The ages of prostate cancer patients keep getting younger and younger," Huckabay noted. "Recently, I corresponded with some men as young as 33 who were diagnosed."

The Cameron educator is one of a group of people who describe themselves as activists in the war against prostate cancer. "We are a type of people who try to do something about our problem instead of sitting back and letting a doctor tell us what to expect," he said.

His work was rewarded Aug. 1 when the website was awarded a three-star rating from the Mental Health Net, the Internet's largest catalog of mental health, psychology and psychiatric resources.

Persons interested in visiting Huckabay's website can find "Prostate Pointers" at the following World Wide Web address: <http://rattler.cameron.edu/prostate/prostate.html>.

Cameron reunions on tap Oct. 5

BY SANDY JOYNER

Cameron alumni and friends are invited back to campus Oct. 5.

Reunions and an awards luncheon are scheduled for that Saturday in Cameron's Shepler Center.

Those who return to campus will have the opportunity to view what's new and visit familiar places. Although the reunions will highlight the Cameron State School of Agriculture high school years and the junior college era of the 1940s and prior years, all alumni and friends are invited to participate in activities.

Events beginning at 10 a.m. include the annual reunion of CSSA high school alumni and a reunion honoring the 40s era and prior years. A noon luncheon will feature a roll call of the classes and the presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards and Faculty Hall of Fame Awards. Special 50th year recognition will be given the Class of 1946.

Alumni attending reunions who graduated 50 years ago or more and who have not already received Golden Associate certificates are eligible to receive one at the Oct. 5 luncheon if advance registration is received.

Distinguished Alumni Awards and Faculty Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Cameron University Alumni Association annually. Alumni award

recipients are selected for significant contributions to society and for accomplishments or careers which have brought credit to Cameron. The faculty awards are presented to current or retired faculty who have taught a minimum of five years at Cameron. The award is intended to honor faculty for exceptional teaching effectiveness, positive impact on student lives, and involvement at Cameron outside of the classroom and in the community.

Nominations for both awards are accepted throughout the year. They should include specific examples and sufficient supporting data to illustrate the reason the nominee is considered worthy of the award. They may be mailed to the Cameron Alumni Office, 2800 W. Gore, Lawton, OK 73505.

Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to Lahoma Bertram Benke, 1935; C. Ned Hockman, 1941; Maj. Gen. Randall Rigby, 1966; and Carol A. Young Rigby, 1966. The Faculty Hall of Fame Awards will be presented to Dr. Valree F. Wynn, retired professor of English; and to Dr. E. Ann Nalley, professor of chemistry at CU. Recipients are featured in articles in this issue of *Cameron Today*.

Reservations for all activities can be made by returning the form below or by phoning the Cameron alumni office at 405/581-2988.



Dr. Don Owen

Former CU leader Don Owen dies

Dr. Don J. Owen, president of Cameron University from 1969 until 1980, died at his home in Cache Feb. 8. He was 68.

Owen not only served as Cameron's 15th president, he was also an alumnus, receiving his associates degree in 1948.

He received a B.S. from Central State College in 1950 and his masters degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1955. His doctorate was conferred by OU in 1963.

The university was still known as Cameron State College when he assumed leadership in 1969, although it made the transition from junior college to four-year institution the year before. It was during his presidency that Cameron graduated its first senior class in 1970.

Before taking the reins of Cameron, Owen taught in the Luther, Fletcher and Lawton public schools, and was superintendent at Arapaho, Clinton, Pioneer (Chickasha) and Shawnee.

After leaving Cameron, he served as vice president of First State Bank in Cache from 1983-86.

Born Aug. 9, 1927 in Fletcher, he married Audelle Lee Williams in 1953. She survives him, as do the couple's daughter, Shari, and two sons, Andy and Flake.

1996 Reunions/Awards Luncheon Reservation Form

Only reservations paid by Sept. 27 can be guaranteed

VISA/MC orders may be charged by providing the pertinent information by mail or phone at 405/581-2988, or

Mail check payable to CUA A to: Cameron Alumni Office
2800 W. Gore Blvd.
Lawton, OK 73505

Tickets will not be mailed. Check in at the registration table.

NAME(S) for name tags - include class year for all alumni:

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Carroll named new athletic director

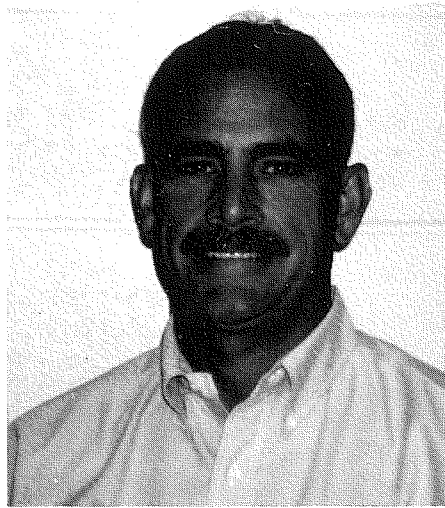
BY BOB BEUMER

The Cameron athletic department has a familiar face at the helm, as fitness center director Sam Carroll took the reins July 1. Carroll will continue his duties as fitness center director along with his new role.

Carroll has been a member of the Cameron staff since September 1990, and during the past six years has developed operational policies and procedures for the facility, implemented a comprehensive wellness program for the Lawton university's 5,500 employees and students, and initiated fitness and evaluation services for the students, staff and faculty.

Prior to joining Cameron, Carroll was physical director of the Lawton YMCA (1984-89), establishing recreational and competitive programs for residents. While there, he organized and directed the first triathlon competition in Southwest Oklahoma. Carroll also played a key role in the establishment of the Grady County Family YMCA in Chickasha and oversaw development of recreational and competitive programs for youth and adults alike. He also developed a long-range planning program for the facility. Carroll was executive director of the Grady County YMCA from July 1989 until he joined Cameron.

"One objective I have is to bring some positive motivation to our coaches, our programs, the athletes that are involved in them



Sam Carroll

and achieve success within the Lone Star Conference," Carroll said. "The university's academic reputation and athletic facilities that we have make success very achievable."

Carroll's experience in athletics dates back to the mid-1970's when he served as a gymnastics instructor in Lawrence, Kansas for four years. He was an administrative specialist for the U.S. Army from 1980-83, administering a sports program for 6,000 members of the American military throughout Germany. He later became sports director for the Darmstadt Military Community (1983-84). He was honorably discharged, and is a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army

Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal and Overseas Service Medal.

"I think that one of the reasons I was hired was I have the ability to motivate individuals," Carroll added. "I expect excellence within myself in what I do and, as such, will expect that from our coaches and our athletes."

"The university's academic reputation, and the athletic facilities we have, make success very achievable."

- Sam Carroll

Carroll, 38, is a 1989 graduate of Cameron

University with a bachelors degree in health, physical education and recreation. He and his wife, Gina, have three children, Holden (5), Madeline (4) and Mason (6 months).

Action gets underway Aug. 30

Volleyball team looks ahead to '96 season

The Cameron volleyball team, coming off its first winning season in three years, will begin the year with high hopes and expectations. Cameron will return five starters and seven letterwinners from a squad that finished 17-15 last season.

Included in the returners is sophomore Hilary Baggett who led the Lady Aggies in three offensive categories and set Cameron individual records for kills in a season (438), attacks in a match (68) attacks in a season (1286), digs in a match (35) and digs in a season (475).

Also returning is junior setter, Luz Fernandez, who led the team in set assists (1286), service aces (42), and attack percentage (.311). Juniors Shelly Urban (364 kills, 33 service aces, 458 digs), Stephanie Hillstrom (341 kills, 52 solo blocks, and 64 block assists), and Harmony Renshaw (27 service aces, 226 digs) round out the returning starters. Also coming back are senior defensive specialist Sandy Thompson and junior outside hitter Jaime

Johnson.

Coach Kim Vinson added three new freshman to the squad this season: outside hitter Shawna Sears (Algona, Wash.), setter Laura Ingle (Richardson, Texas) and outside hitter Tina Regan (Amarillo, Texas).

Also new to the program this season is graduate assistant coach Jill Bakle. Bakle, a native of Batavia, Ohio, comes to Cameron after high school and club team coaching stops in Ohio and Indiana.

Carroll opens play Aug. 30-31 when it travels to Commerce, Texas, for the East Texas State Invitational.

CU names 1996 distinguished alumni

Benke passes love of learning to future generations

Affection for knowledge and for Cameron University are among the qualities of Lahoma Bertram Benke, one of this year's distinguished alumni honorees.

Born in 1915 in Lawton, Benke graduated from St. Mary's High School and received an associates degree from Cameron in 1935.

After raising a family, she returned to Cameron in 1984, completed 27 hours of Spanish with a 4.0 grade point and took a semester of French classes before health problems forced her to discontinue her studies. At the time, she was also finishing 30 hours in theology at Newman College in Wichita, Kan.

"I took the Spanish courses to assist with my church ministry work and because I had Spanish-speaking foreign exchange students as house guests," she explained.

Lahoma found the Lawton campus quite different from the junior college where she obtained her degree nearly 50 years earlier. Finding a parking place within steps of the classroom was not an issue when Benke attended CU in the 1930s. She took a bus from the courthouse in downtown Lawton to the campus for a nickel, then walked home (near where the main post office now stands) at the end of the school day. Her desire to obtain an education made distance unimportant.

"My husband, Carl, (who died in 1983) had an eighth grade education, but he valued learning and encouraged his family to further their educations. My father also had a love of learning. During the Depression, he managed to save \$60 to

purchase a *Book of Knowledge* set to teach himself," she said.

The family's thirst for knowledge continues to be passed through generations. Lahoma has 11 children, 47 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. Through her example and encouragement, 13 of her children and grandchildren have obtained degrees from Cameron; eight others attended, and more plan to attend. Of the remaining family members, 20 have attended or received



Lahoma Bertram Benke

degrees from other universities. Her influence does not stop with her family. She has hosted six foreign exchange students in her home, and two of them have received Cameron degrees.

A homemaker for 60 years, she has also found time to be a community volunteer and an active member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. St. Mary's Parochial School honored her as 1994 Matriarch of the Family of the Year. A 4-H Club leader for 20 years, she is also a volunteer for Birthchoice of Lawton. For more than 15 years, she taught religious education to teenagers and adolescents.

At Cameron, she has been inducted into Phi Sigma Iota, an international foreign language honor society. She has established an endowment fund which provides scholarship awards for foreign language students.

Lahoma summed up her philosophy for raising a family and the importance of education with the following quote:

"Train a daughter and you've trained a family. Educate a child and you've educated a family."

Hockman credits Cameron for his successful career

Charles Nedwin "Ned" Hockman's career is sprinkled with titles, including University of Oklahoma David Ross Boyd professor emeritus; retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, military combat photographer/correspondent; photojournalist; film maker, producer, director, editor and cinematographer.

Born in 1921, he graduated from Carnegie High School and attended Cameron in 1940-41 on a scholarship given to him by Ruby Ruth Vinson, professor of speech at Cameron.

Ned studied speech, drama and music and won first place in a state oratory contest. He played clarinet in the Cameron band, clarinet and saxophone in the dance band and acted.

He has fond memories of Cameron, including playing bridge with Miss Pansy Robertson and living in Reinwand

Hall. While at Cameron he worked for the *Lawton Morning Press* covering Fort Sill.

"At the time, if you wanted to major in speech, you went to the best teacher -- Ruby Ruth Vinson at Cameron College," he said. "Cameron was a major factor in my success; for a kid from Carnegie, it was a safe and secure place with everyone lending a helping hand."

Ned received a bachelors degree in social science and history education from OU in 1949. He was a combat photographer and correspondent during World War II and served in Korea. Among his military awards are the Bronze Star, the Air Medal and the President's Unit Citation.

For 40 years he was director and cinematographer for OU



Charles Nedwin Hockman

Road to Fort Sill began at Cameron for Rigbys

When two Lawton High School graduates made the decision in 1964 to attend Cameron, the stage was set for the rest of their lives. Maj. Gen. Randall "Randy" L. Rigby and Carol Ann Young Rigby met and started dating when they were both students here in 1964-66.

The Rigbys received their associates degrees from Cameron in 1966 and bachelors degrees from Oklahoma State University in 1968. They wed just six days after graduation from OSU.

Randy received a masters degree in experimental psychology from the University of Oklahoma and an M.B.A. from Long Island University. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Basic Course, the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Randy's military career began at Cameron where he was an



Randall and Carol Ann Young Rigby

Lahoma Benke, Ned Hockman, General Rigby and Carol Ann Young Rigby will receive their Distinguished Alumni Awards during reunion activities at Cameron on Oct. 5.

ROTC member and cadet brigade commander. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery following graduation from OSU in 1968.

Rigby is now the commanding general of the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. He has served as the deputy commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; deputy director for assessment for the Joint Staff; commander of the 6th Infantry Division Artillery, Alaska; executive officer to the vice chief of staff;

and as the chief of the program development division in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate.

He has been a psychology instructor at West Point and also served as the executive officer of the 6th Battalion, 10th Field Artillery in Germany; Operations Officer 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2d Infantry Division, Korea; and as a battery commander in the 172d Infantry Brigade (mechanized) in Alaska. In Vietnam he commanded an artillery battery in the 1st Cavalry Division (airmobile) in combat.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal. He was awarded CU's Distinguished Service Award in 1995 and was commencement speaker in 1996.

sports. He co-produced, directed, photographed and edited nationally televised Bud Wilkinson shows. Ned taught in OU's school of journalism and mass communication for 20 years. A pioneer in the teaching of motion picture production at the university level, he influenced the careers of some of the nation's and world's finest photographers and journalists. His graduates include Ed Turner, executive vice president of Cable News Network, and Walter Coblenz, producer of such films as *The Candidate* and *All the President's Men*.

Ned produced more than 200 films and TV programs, winning wide acclaim. He was an original member of the Governor's Film Industry Task Force (now the Oklahoma Film Office) bringing millions of dollars to the state. He was a founder and co-director of the National Press Photographers Television News Video Workshop, serving on the faculty for more than 30 years.

His honors include the National Press Photographers Association's Joseph A. Sprague Memorial Award. An inductee of the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, he will be inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame in October. He has also received the Governor's Arts in Education Award.

He and his wife, Loretta, recently marked their 53rd anniversary. They have two daughters.

Carol was a member and officer of Phi Theta Kappa honor society when she attended Cameron. As a military wife, Carol supervised 23 moves in 28 years. She has accompanied her husband on all of his assignments with the exception of Vietnam and Korea. Although she has 18 years of experience from various jobs she has held, she now devotes full time to being a military wife.

In addition to the responsibilities of a commanding general's wife, Carol currently serves on the boards of 20 organizations in the Lawton-Fort Sill area and is a frequent speaker. She hosted a tour of Sherman House, the official residence for commanding generals at Fort Sill, when the CU President's Partners' Gala was held in February.

"I often tell people that I work harder now than I ever did when I received a paycheck," she said.

She has received various honors and awards as a military wife, but she is most proud of receiving the Molly Pitcher Award in 1986, given to Army artillery spouses for service.

The Rigbys have a son and a daughter.

The Thirties and Forties

Cameron survives Depression, WWII

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth installment in *Cameron Today's* history of the university, from its inception until today.)

BY SALLY SOELLE

Cameron's evolution during the decades of the 1930s and 1940s closely paralleled the national crises of the Great Depression and the Second World War.

Unemployment in the Thirties, military deployment in the Forties, and dust bowl-like conditions across the state influenced the lives of Cameron students, faculty, and staff. However, Cameron's maturity and stability saw the institution through those difficult years with relatively few setbacks.

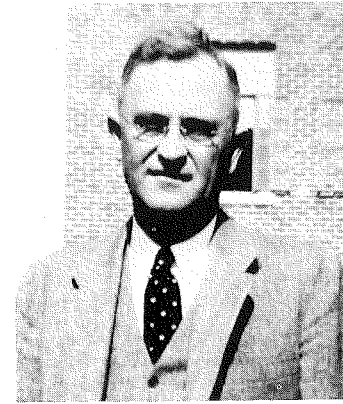
Even when state appropriations were reduced during the most trying years, Cameron administrators optimistically

looked to the post-war period for reinstatement of more generous allocations. Legislators and college officials were so hopeful, in fact, that they urged the Legislature to make Cameron a four-year institution.

State Sen. Dave Boyer made one of the earliest requests (1931) and within a year Rep. A. M. Reinwand urged such consideration.

Individuals in favor of this change asserted that there were several reasons to justify making Cameron a four-year school. There was no other institution of higher education within 50 miles; it offered an economic opportunity for regional students to earn degrees; it maintained an excellent athletic and academic record; and its enrollment was higher than many four-year schools.

In the early 1930s, the college



Charles M. Conwill
Cameron President
1931-1946

prospered with enrollments which exceeded the most hopeful expectations. The college hired additional faculty and added new courses to the curriculum.

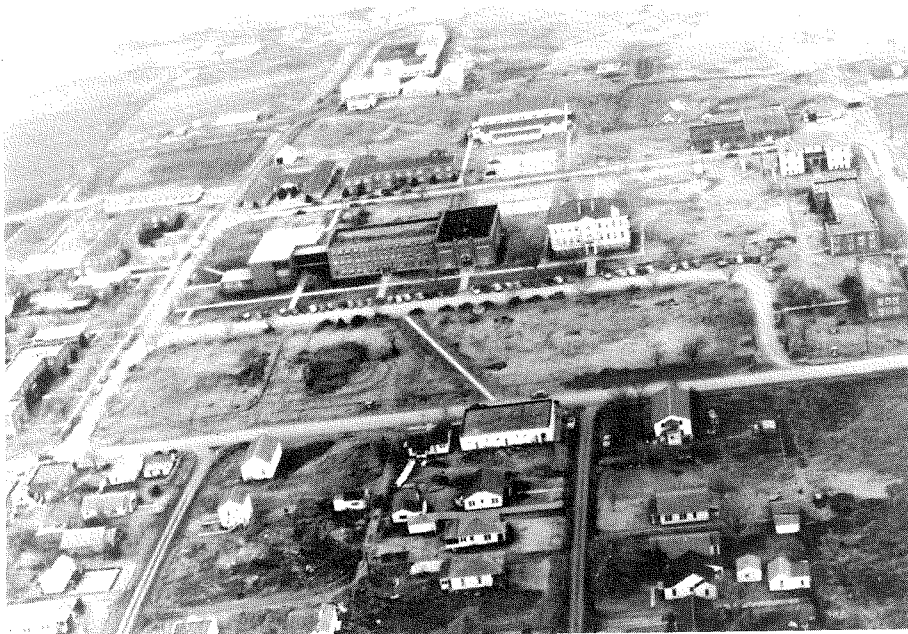
The cost of room and board for Cameron students actually decreased by 1932, and the college graduated a record 113 students.

Charles Conwill assumed the office of president, a position he held for 16 years. Conwill came to Cameron with 25 years of experience in Oklahoma education. He received a B.A. degree from Southeastern State College in Durant, and an M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma before embarking on a distinguished career as a teacher and superintendent of schools in Atoka.

In his first three years at Cameron he oversaw road and sidewalk construction, the completion of Moss Hall, the construction of a modern sewer system, the remodeling of several campus buildings, improvements to the farm and orchard, and the addition of Wickizer Hall.

Despite persistent requests to convert Cameron to a four-year school, Conwill expressed his view that a more prudent course of action was to make Cameron the best junior college it could be.

During the Depression, doing so was dependent upon federal aid. Cameron



This aerial view of the Cameron campus, looking west, reflects the massive construction effort underway during the administration of Charles Conwill. The larger structure near the center of the photo is Nance-Boyer, with its library wing immediately to the left. To its right is the administration building (later called the Aggie Building). Students of that era will recognize many of the structures shown (clockwise from the bottom, left) South Hall, Cameron Hall, Jed Johnson Hall, West Hall, the gymnasium, the Engineers Building, Whitehurst Hall, North Hall and Reinwand Hall. To the west of West Hall is "Aggieland."

students were the beneficiaries of several New Deal programs aimed at providing assistance for young people.

In 1934, the Civil Works Agency appropriated funds to hire students to do clerical, library and research work. It provided a grant for a football field and track on campus, which eliminated the need to travel to the Lawton Fairgrounds for games.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration supported five campus projects, including maintenance of the orchard, tennis courts, athletic fields, drainage system, and campus landscaping. The Public Works Agency approved \$100,000 for the construction of badly-needed dormitories to replace the outmoded wood-frame buildings.

The Legislature and local organizations also supported the school. The House of Representatives passed a 1935



West Hall was dedicated in 1939 as a student dormitory. Today it houses offices and classrooms for the School of Liberal Arts. (1940s photo from Cameron Archives.)

application for a civilian pilot training unit.

Despite uneven appropriations both from the state legislature and from

federal programs during those years, students and guests at the 1939 dedication of West Hall and Cameron Hall dormitories were enthusiastic. Guest speaker Joe S. Scott, president of the Board of Agriculture, spoke positively of the growth and progress of education in Southwest Oklahoma.

By the 1940s, the campus community had turned its attention to the international crisis.

Members of the State Agriculture Board decreed that all agricultural colleges would stay open year-round during the war and offer defense-related courses. Still by 1942, Cameron's enrollment was down by one-third, and in 1943, the smallest graduating class in 10 years (53) attended commencement exercises.

Many students served in the Armed Forces or in civil service positions. Those who remained on campus participated in a number of defense activities. They contributed to the national war fund through the World Student Service Fund, an organization which enabled youth in foreign countries to continue their schooling despite the war. Cameron students also collected magazines, newspapers, and scrap paper for use in national defense products. They also participated in war bond drives, selling stamps and bonds.

NYA's clerical project offered courses at Cameron to prepare individuals for defense jobs and 58 students were

In the early 1940s state regents rejected yet another attempt to make Cameron a four-year college, asserting that such expansion was not practical during wartime.

bill to fund a water line from Lawton to Cameron. In 1936, the Cameron Committee of the Chamber of Commerce supported road improvements, modern lighting, building conversions and the erection of signs in town directing visitors to the campus.

The late years of the decade gave way to the harsh realities of the Depression. In 1939, the Oklahoma Legislature cut Cameron's budget, resulting in decreases in faculty salaries and the elimination of student aid, although it agreed to fund two dairy barns and a pasteurization plant.

The National Youth Administration (NYA) took up the slack by providing support through various programs. A youth center and training facility for girls (Jed Johnson Hall, located south of West Hall) was built with NYA student labor. A hundred NYA students also gained employment on the campus farm and in a vegetable-canning program.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington accepted Cameron's



Wayne "Coddy" Rutherford, a CU football standout, shows off his uniform in front of Jed Johnson Hall, one of the National Youth Administration projects of the Depression. This photo was taken in 1943.

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Presentation planned during 1996 alumni activities

Nalley, Wynn tapped for Faculty Hall of Fame

Cameron professor says learning is more than just classroom instruction

When Dr. E. Ann Nalley came to Cameron in 1969, she probably didn't picture herself building homecoming floats with students, often working through the night. She now places those times among her fondest memories, along with the field trips with students to American Chemical Society meetings.

"I've enjoyed the opportunity to teach at a university like Cameron which has grown through the years," Nalley says. I can truly say that I believe Cameron was the best choice for me and I cherish my career as a professor here."

Nalley received a bachelors degree in chemical education from Northeastern Oklahoma State University, a masters degree in analytical chemistry at OSU and a Ph.D. in radiation chemistry from Texas Woman's University.

A member of the Cameron faculty for 27 years, she is a professor of chemistry in the physical science department. Nalley has served as president of the Faculty Council and chairman of Cameron Council. She served on the committee to reorganize the governance structure at Cameron in the early 1980s and served as a member or chair of almost every committee in the structure. Nalley has been sponsor of student government and the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter at Cameron and Chi Lambda Upsilon chemistry club.

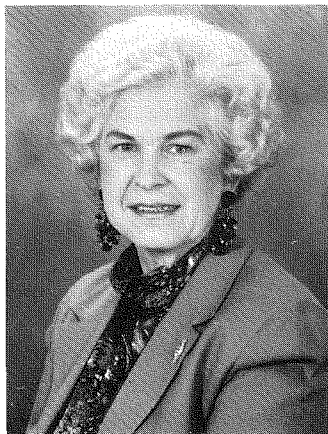
She is national president of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and has served as regent and national vice president. The CU Phi Kappa Phi chapter presented her with its Distinguished Faculty Award and twice with its Meritorious Service Award.

Dr. Nalley has held every office in the local section of the American Chemical Society and has served on seven national committees and/or task forces. She is councilor for the Wichita Falls-Duncan section of the American Chemical Society and has been honored by the five sections of the American Chemical Society as the Oklahoma Chemist of the Year, becoming the first and only woman to be so honored.

Nalley was recently honored by the division of professional relations of the American Chemical Society at its national meeting in New Orleans when she received the Henry Hill Award for outstanding contributions to professionalism. She serves on the National Board of the American Institute of Chemists.

Cameron student's have honored her as the CU Professor of the Year and as CU Advisor of the Year. In 1995, she was presented with the university's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

In her spare time, Nalley finds time to maintain a pet refuge for more than 40 displaced or deserted animals, helps to raise and race registered quarter horses, tends a large garden and takes care of her family.



Dr. E. Ann Nalley



Dr. Valree F. Wynn

Her philosophy of teaching encompasses more than what takes place in the classroom. She believes it also involves nurturing students and serving as mentor and role model, exposing them to career information and helping them develop leadership skills.

"My goal in teaching has always been to provide my students with an atmosphere which will nurture their originality and initiative while at the same time imparting knowledge to them," the professor says. "My field of teaching is especially oriented to these ends since it is both dynamic and exciting. I have involved myself in the learning process both formally and informally.

"Studying chemistry is still exciting and challenging. I continually search for means of conveying to my students the excitement and enthusiasm I feel for my subject. I believe that chemistry is the central science. It helps not only to understand the universe around us, but to see our place in the universe and to respond to the needs of human society."

Cameron University gave Wynn an opportunity to dream, and to extend 'torch of knowledge'

Dr. Valree F. Wynn's fondest dream as a child was to become a teacher.

"I didn't dare to dream of being a college professor in my own home state, but Cameron offered me the opportunity to realize all of my hopes and dreams," Dr. Wynn recalled. "It welcomed me, treated me kindly, permitted me to expand my horizons and allowed me to serve my community and my race as a role model.

"Had it not been for Cameron, I would never have had the indescribable feeling of achievement that comes when a student grasps the torch of knowledge you've extended."

Wynn was born in Rockwall, Texas, and grew up in Sentinel, Okla. She graduated from Douglass High School in Lawton, received her bachelors degree from Langston University and

became the first black to receive a masters and Ph.D. in English from OSU. She began her career at Douglass High School, teaching there for 13 years. She taught at Lawton High School for one year before joining the faculty at Cameron in 1966, thus becoming the first black to teach at either of the schools.

She taught for 19 years in Cameron's language arts department, retiring in 1985. She served on numerous faculty and university committees and was the founding co-sponsor of the

Ebony Society and founding co-sponsor of the "Miss Black CU Pageant." She directed the pageant for nine years. In 1985 it was renamed in her honor.

In 1986, she became the first Black to serve on the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, which monitors the affairs of Oklahoma's six regional universities. She served as president of the board in 1988-89, and in 1993 was honored by the President's Council of Regional Universities for meritorious service.

In August, Wynn was selected for induction into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. The honor is "the greatest I've ever received," Wynn said.

Other awards and honors she has received include CU's Distinguished Service Award, the university's highest honor; the Graduate Excellence Award from OSU; Professor of the Year from the Lawton Chamber of Commerce; Distinguished Professor from Phi Kappa Phi; Distinguished Faculty Award from CU; Distinguished Alumna from Langston University; Martin L. King Humanitarian Award from Cameron College Ministry; Citizen of

the Month from the Lawton City Council; Outstanding Woman of Comanche County from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women; Woman of the Year from St. John Baptist Church, Dedicated Service Award from Barnett Chapel AME Church; and distinguished service awards from Sigma Tau Delta, Delta Sigma Theta sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

She initiated and helped the Lawton YMCA establish and implement its Black Achiever's Program, a national YMCA program and the first in Oklahoma. She has served on David Boren's Foundation for Excellence, the Lawton Public Schools Foundation and the Martin Luther King Holiday Commission. She has been a volunteer and member of numerous other

community and professional organizations.

And her philosophy of teaching?

"It is based on my belief that every student is capable of assimilating, evaluating and arranging ideas into rational patterns that reflect his/her intellectual capabilities," she said. "A student has the right to be taught to make logical decisions based on thoughtful examination of facts which lead to a rational conclusion. He must learn to use the tools of learning — research, analysis of data, selectivity and synthesis. The progress of our civilization rests with those who prepare themselves to develop and apply these tools of learning in the search to discover truth. The good teacher guides him to develop a thirst for knowledge that lasts a lifetime."

"Cameron welcomed me, treated me kindly, permitted me to expand my horizons and allowed me to serve my community and my race as a role model ..."

- Dr. Valree Wynn

History of Cameron

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employed at Fort Sill. A group of 200 Army Air Corpsmen received training at Cameron in administration, typing, and publication production.

Cameron made its cannery available for a community project which the Rural War Production Training program sponsored. The school also offered special Saturday classes for teachers who needed to renew war emergency certificates. The *Collegian* published a regular "Men and Women in Service" column to recognize the contributions of former students.

During the war state regents rejected yet another attempt to make Cameron a four-year college, asserting that such expansion was not practical during war time. Still, Cameron's operating costs were the lowest among state junior colleges, and enrollments remained high enough to maintain its status as the largest junior college in the state.

During the mid-Forties, the campus continued to accommodate uneven financial support through a variety of other sources.

Throughout the war years, Cameron maintained those campus organizations which could thrive. Boxing and football were temporarily curtailed at the height of American participation in the war, after several successful seasons. *The Wichita* yearbook was not published between 1932 and 1946, although

the award-winning *Collegian* continued publication.

By 1944, the school was planning for the post-war period. Officials discussed credit for military service and the establishment of an ROTC unit. In 1945, President Conwill and State Sen. Bill Logan asked the Legislature for building funds for a long-range program of improvements, including funding for a physical education building and a new library wing.

In 1946, a full schedule of athletics resumed, the "O" Club (varsity athletes) was revived, construction began on accommodations for student veterans, and new organizations appeared on campus.

Conwill, who had served the college through years of crisis and hardship, resigned as a result of poor health, and died soon thereafter.

He was succeeded by Clarence Breedlove, a Cameron chemistry professor and dean, and a wartime colonel in the Army. Breedlove served only briefly, resigning his post as president to accept a regular army commission.

In December 1946, C. Vernon Howell took office. Howell, a graduate of Oklahoma A&M, had worked in business and agriculture, as well as in public service.

To Howell would fall the responsibility for Cameron's evolution in the post-war years.

Alumnotes ...

If alumni received more than one degree from Cameron, they are listed under the year of their 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.

1947 - Carl Tuffy Roberts, Cache, and his wife, Lou, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. He retired from the transportation division at Fort Sill in 1981.

1951 - Jean Peters Moss, Carlsbad, N.M., has retired after a 26-year career from IMC Global, Inc., a fertilizer company.

1955 - Abe Deutschendorf, Lawton, is seeking a second two-year term in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He retired from the Lawton Public Schools in 1993 after a 27-year career.

1958 - David Deule Rudkin, Oklahoma City, is claims division supervisor for the State Insurance Fund.

1960 - Frederick attorney Loyd Benson has been an Oklahoma legislator since 1984 and will become the House speaker next year. **Milton Ronnie Spessard**, Sterling, married Beverly Gail Schettler in June. He works in the library at Cameron.

1961 - Gary Hertzler, Lawton, has been honored as one of Shelter Insurance's top agents based on overall performance. He retired from the Lawton Public Schools in 1993 after a 30-year career.

1967 - Nancy Lee Hodson, Lawton, is an administrative assistant in advanced systems technology for Telos.

1971 - John Hester, Frederick, chairs Western Oklahoma State College's Board of Regents and is president of First Southwest Bank in Frederick. His wife, **Pam**, is a '74 Cameron graduate.

1976 - Michael King is new principal at Waller Junior High School in Enid. Previously he was principal of Woodward Middle School which received recognition this year by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon of Excellence School.

1978 - Bill W. Burgess Jr., Lawton, has been elected assistant secretary of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He is president of Vortex Inc., senior partner in the Burgess Law Firm and chairman of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

1981 - John King has moved from Augusta, Ga., to Ringling, Okla., where he is undersheriff and jail administrator for Jefferson County. He served in the Army for 20 years prior to starting a career in law enforcement.

1985 - Leslie Tilley, Stillwater, has been hired as principal at the mid high school in Perry. He has been employed the past five years by the Oklahoma Department of Vocational Technology as a supervisor in the agriculture division. Prior to that, he taught in the Woodward and Weatherford school systems.

1986 - Nancy Benton lives in Stuttgart, Germany, where her husband, Lt. Gen. David L. Benton, is chief of staff of the United States European Command. **Lt. Michael L. Smith** recently participated in a cold-weather NATO exercise in Northern Norway which was coordinated by U.S. Marine Corps reservists.

1987 - Lynne Marie Ahrens McDonald married Daniel Lee McDonald in June. She is a teacher with the Lawton Public Schools. **Rena White Seigel**, Beverly Hills, Calif., is a territorial sales manager for Cordes Corporation of Johnson and Johnson which specializes in medical equipment for the treatment of vascular disease. She has received a masters and is working toward an MBA.

1988 - Ann King, Walters, teaches third grade in Temple. She was selected to attend a summer workshop, Pablo Python Looks at Animals, at the Bronx Zoo in New York City. The program will enable her to develop her student's science and observation skills and to teach workshops to other area elementary teachers interested in implementing the program. **Quana West** has been named head football coach for Walters High School after holding assistant coach positions in Boyd, Texas, and Blanchard, Okla.

1990 - Stacy Brown, Lawton, a second grade teacher at Woodland Hills Elementary, has received a masters with a specialization in reading. **Jay Johnson**, Stillwater, is vice president of the Stillwater Medical Center.

1991 - Misty Sue Thrash Walters, Duncan, married Harold Walters in May.

1993 - Kevin Turner has been named branch manager of Norwest Financial in Altus.

1994 - Jennifer Mathis, Frederick, is Eldercare case manager for the Tillman County Health Department. **Kindra Kay Porter Ard**, Frederick, married James Carl Ard in June.

She is a third-grade teacher with Frederick Public Schools. **Jan Zisman** is working toward a masters in speech communication at OSU where she is a teaching assistant. She participated in the 1996 Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant as Miss Grand Lake.

1995 - David Kyle Duncan, Altus, works for KWHW Radio. **Kelly Elizabeth Morgan Jones**, Lawton, married Jerrod Lee Jones in May. She works at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Steven Thomas McDaniel**, Norman, married Cameron student **Nikki Bunn McDaniel** in July. He is a junior commercial lender at Republic Bank of Norman.

1996 - Edith A. Barnes, Lawton, works in telecommunications at Fort Sill. **Janice Campbell**, Lawton, is a teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School. **Richard Bishop and Lisa Kathleen Choate Bishop**, Norman, married in February. Lisa is working toward a degree in pharmacy and Richard is working toward a degree in dentistry. **Magdaline Carla Codopony**, Apache, is a secretary at Great Plains Area Vocational Technical School. **Debbie Ann Crossland**, Lawton, is a technical assistant in academic research at Cameron. **Mareshei Maria Delaney**, Dallas, is executive director of A-I Nursing Care and Placement, Inc. **Chad Lane Funkhouser**, Fletcher, married **Christina Maree Tompkins**, '95, in July. Chad is employed at Sam's Wholesale Club. **Gerald Green**, Lawton, plans to work toward a master's degree. He is produce manager of Sam's Wholesale Club. **Bryan Darrell Hargrove**, Lawton, is president and CEO of Hargrove and Associates, Inc. **Amanda Lena Massey**, Commerce, Texas, is a high school Spanish teacher with the Wichita Falls Independent School District. **Tomi Ann Paquin Baker**, Colorado Springs, Colo., plans to pursue a master's degree. **Lisa Gayle Presgrove**, Marlow, is a design drafter for Halliburton Energy Services in Duncan. **Gwendolyn Alexandra Rountree**, Lawton, is a typist-clerk for the probation and parole office. **Julie Sones**, Lawton, is assistant vice president of credit administration for Citizens Bank. **Edward Jerome Tahhahwah Jr.**, Lawton, is employed as a data entry operator with Interim Services, Inc. **Teri Ann Sullivan-Taylor**, Anadarko, is a youth counselor with Southwest Youth and Family Services. She plans to pursue a master's degree. **Stephanie Jean Tutton**, Palmyra, Wis., is a battery commander with the Army. **Stephen T. Wilson**, Cache, is a programmer for Telos Federal Systems in Lawton.

In Memoriam...

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of these alumni and faculty who are deceased:

- 1923 - **Harry Hammond**, 91, Lawton, May 25, 1996. **Anna Loi Phillips Kifer**, 92, Tulsa, July 19, 1996.
- 1924 - **Letha Ball Couch**, Duncan. **Cecil Rhoades**, Duncan, October 10, 1995.
- 1925 - **Henry Cline**, 90, Fletcher, July 12, 1996.
- 1926 - **Evelyn Gattis Powell**, 92, Harker Heights, Texas, May 24, 1996.
- 1928 - **Elsie Dean Norrid Ogden**, 85, Chattanooga, December 20, 1995.
- 1928/1930- **Elsie Mae Recer Hilbert**, 86, Lawton, February 2, 1996. **Ralph J. Hankins**, 86, Lawton, March 25, 1996.
- 1929 - **Ruth Richardson Hurt**, 84, Portland, Ore., December 18, 1994.
- 1930 - **Kate Aston Bohanan**, 86, Lawton, June 6, 1996.
- 1931 - **Geraldine R. Carlin Gasser**, 84, Lawton, May 15, 1996.
- 1931/1936 - **Oscar C. Livingston**, 81, Faxon, April 22, 1996.
- 1932 - **Dr. Charles E. Green**, 84, Lawton, April 1, 1996.
- 1933 - **Thelma M. Hale Wilson**, 90, Sterling, May 2, 1996.
- 1937 - **Homer Hise**, 78, Elgin, December 15, 1995.
- 1938 - **Empress Coltharp Smith**, 76, Shasta Lake, Calif.
- 1939 - **Howard Webster Richardson**, 76, Snyder, October 24, 1995.
- 1940 - **Fletcher F. Farrar**, Mt. Vernon, Ill., October 7, 1995. **June Louise Qualls Platner**, 74, Grandfield, October 12, 1995.
- 1941 - **Lucille Chapman Calloway**, 84, Frederick, September 19, 1995. **Ruth Fowler Jackson**, 75, Roosevelt, June 9, 1996. **Barbara Ellen Morgan Johnson**, 72, Lake Wylie, S.C., October 4, 1995. **Hallie Loucile Laurence Martin**, 73, Lawton. **Walter Francis Wilson**, 75, Davis, October 12, 1995.
- 1942 - **James Andrew Dill**, Dallas, Texas, December 24, 1994. **Thomas A. Porter**, 74, Lawton, October 10, 1995. **John P. Tyler**, Manassas, Va., June 24, 1995.
- 1943 - **C.F. "Frank" Mattoon Jr.**, 73, Lawton, June 13, 1996.
- 1948 - **Harold T. Biffle**, Duncan, October 5, 1995. **Rosemary Hannigan Butemeyer**, 65, Lawton, June 29, 1996. **Dr. Don Owen**, 68, Cache, February 8, 1996, president of Cameron from 1969 to 1980.
- 1949 - **Ruth Marie Bolton**, Houston, Texas, April 24, 1995. **Tom Mahaney**, 67, Frederick, July 5, 1995.
- 1952 - **Floyd Dean Gray**, 63, Marlow, June 28, 1995.
- 1953 - **Kathryn Joyce Murphy Finley**, 61, Oklahoma City.
- 1955 - **Jon Regan Holland**, 60, February, 1995.
- 1970- **Richard L. Heston**, 76, Lawton. **Paula Kay Wynn**, 50, Duncan, March 8, 1996.
- 1971- **Archie J. "Sonny" Garis**, 65, Bache, November 15, 1995.
- 1972 - **James Griffin**, 74, Lawton, September 30, 1995. **James Eugene Welsh**, 71, Gulf Breeze, Fla., October 8, 1995.
- 1973 - **Norma Jean Haughney Brown**, 57, Apache, January 13, 1996. **Ella Mildred Norwood Murrell**, 76, Altus, November 19, 1995.
- 1974 - **Lewis Ridgeway**, 74, Lawton, September 20, 1995.
- 1975 - **John Lawrence Flaherty**, 81, Phoenix, November 22, 1995.
- 1977 - **Howard W. Wellspring Jr.**, 66, Lawton, March 21, 1996.
- 1978 - **Fred D. Gonzales Sr.**, 71, Lawton, November 24, 1995. **Kenneth L. Kirkpatrick**, 56, Lawton, June 6, 1996. **David Edward Lawson**, 48, Oklahoma City, February 8, 1996.
- 1981 - **Mark D. Smith**, 34, Lawton, February 29, 1996.
- 1982 - **Jerry Tyrone Hasley**, 56, Altus, August 12, 1995.
- 1983 - **Michele M. Zollars Stone**, 49, Norman, October 13, 1994.
- 1986 - **Willie D. Hastings**, 54, Lawton, December 13, 1995.
- 1986/1989 - **Daniel C. Silvers Sr.**, 53, Lawton, July 5, 1996.
- 1987- **Darla Jean Hirston Cunningham**, 60, Lawton, January 26, 1996. **Iris E. Owens Smith**, 49, Cleveland, Ohio, May 26, 1995.
- 1988 - **Noal William Brown**, 55, Wichita Falls, Texas, April 17, 1996. **Yotschyko "Chico" Dambreville**, 44, Lawton, July 25, 1996.
- 1989 - **Mona Watters Anderson**, 52, Lawton, December 27, 1995. **Roy Allen Vannatter**, 55, Lawton, July 17, 1996. **Betty Ann Starling Gant**, 41, February 8, 1996. **Gena Sue Martin Hamilton**, 28, Fort Worth, Texas, April 18, 1996.
- 1992 - **Matt P. Haag Jr.**, 47, Lawton, November 6, 1995.
- 1994 - **Jennifer Susan Montroy Peck**, 24, Bradenton, Fla., October 26, 1995.
- 1995 - **Michelle A. Trottier Harding**, 32, Oxford, Mich., January, 1995.
- 1983/1991/1995 - **Michael W. Christensen**, 43, Lawton, also Cameron faculty.
- 1996 - **Norma Sue Winn Wright**, 58, Duncan, April 28, 1996.
- Cameron Faculty and Staff - Grace Johnston Githens**, 75, Midwest City, September 2, 1995. **Gordon Paine**, 90, Hendersonville, Tenn., December 9, 1995. **Dr. Don Owen**, 68, Cache, February 8, 1996, president of Cameron from 1969 to 1980. **Bob R. Richey**, 64, Lawton, January 3, 1996. **Thelma Jolly Seals**, 83, Owasso, May 28, 1996.

Festival III

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Perce tribe, will deliver the opening night lecture, "Conflicts Between Culture and Science and Technology."

Kirkpatrick Sale, another speaker critical of technology, lectures in the Cameron University Theater Sept. 12. Sale, author of *Rebels Against the Future: The Luddites and Their War on the Industrial Revolution*, will speak on "The Impact of Scientific and Technological Advances on Our Culture and Social Institutions," pointing out similarities between the 19th Century Luddites and those who feel alienated today by computer technology

Award-winning science fiction writer C.J. Cherryh will read from some of her works and answer questions Sept. 26 in the University Theater. Cherryh, a native Oklahoman, has authored *Downbelow Station*, *Port Eternal*, *Heavy Time*, *Hellburner*, and *The Faded Sun* and *Cyteen* trilogies. Her works have been translated into 12 languages.

"Preparing for 2000" is the topic of *Newsweek* senior writer Michael Rogers who will lecture Oct. 10 in the University Theater. Rogers, a pioneer for *Newsweek Interactive*, has been praised for his role in the development of interactive television. His journalism honors include the American Association for the Advancement of Science Award for Distinguished Science Writing.

NASA's *Exploring the Universe*, will be displayed Oct. 1-Nov. 30 in Cameron's Fine Arts Lobby. The exhibit includes six panels of photographs taken from orbiting satellites — including the Hubble Space Telescope — exploring the patterns and dynamics of the universe.

James Burke, creator of the PBS television series, *Connections*, will speak in Cameron Theater Nov. 1 on "Axmakers of the Twenty-First Century: Technology, Environment & Social Change." Burke is a widely known British historian of science whose program earned the highest television ratings ever for a documentary series in its 1980 debut. Last year, Burke's *Connec-*

*tions*² earned a Cable Ace award, further enhancing his reputation for mind hopping through history and linking such events as the invention of the steam pump and man's first steps on the moon.

Dr. Benjamin Barber, the final speaker in the fall lecture series, will appear Nov. 12 in the Shepler Mezzanine. Barber, director of the Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy at Rutgers University, will speak on "Technology and American Democracy in the 21st Century." A recognized leader in his field and a presidential consultant, Barber will discuss the implications of computerized polling and other technology on the revitalization of American democracy.

Cameron University's theatre department will perform Ken Jones' play, *Darkside*, Sept. 5-8 as part of Festival III. In Jones' play, two American astronauts are stranded on the dark side of the moon as a third orbits overhead in the command module. Flash-backs reveal the stories of the three as they work with ground control toward rescue.

Elmer Rice's 1923 play, *The Adding Machine*, will be performed Nov. 21-24 in Cameron Theater. The play shows the life and death history of "Mr. Zero," a cog in the vast, soulless machine of modern business. This anti-technology play will feature a combination of live performance and real-time computer-generated scenery. This will be the first use of virtual reality in a fully mounted theatrical production in Oklahoma.

Other productions of Cameron's School of Liberal Arts highlighting Festival III include *Are You Are* Oct. 3-6, *Arcadia* Feb. 6-9, 1997, *Agnes of God* March 5-8, 1997, and *The End of the World with Symposium to Follow* April 24-27, 1997.

Alumni are invited to join Cameron University in this look at the impact of science and technology on society. A free brochure of all Festival III events can be obtained by calling Dr. Scherrey Cardwell at 405/581-2929.

More about Festival III can also be found at Cameron's Internet website: <http://www.cameron.edu/festival/index.html>.

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