

CAMERON TODAY

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Academic accreditation seen as top priority

Davis outlines goals for 2000-2001

BY GEORGE SCHULTE

Cameron will remain an "interactive university," president Don Davis said during his annual fall address to faculty and staff, as it continues to extend itself into the societal, cultural and economic fiber of Southwest Oklahoma, interacting with it and becoming part of it, instead of being simply an enclave of knowledge.

Davis' Aug. 18 address included a review of the past year's accomplishments, as well as the announcement of goals for 2000-2001.

Under the strategic umbrella of creating a campus that is conducive to change, faculty and staff submit ideas to the president. These ideas are used to develop an academic plan, telecommunications plan and campus master plan. From these, Davis annually selects 10 to 12 goals for special campus-wide focus. The list is submitted to university regents and, if adopted, becomes the standard for judging the university's performance that academic year.

Cameron's accomplishments for 1999-2000 were impressive. Foremost was a focus on such institutional academic issues as the implementation of a general education governance

structure and a revision of English composition syllabi. These goals were met and assessment of the new syllabi has been good. The faculty handbook was also revised.

A second accomplishment was developing the capability for timely market responses, especially in the areas of research support and technology transfer. To do this, Cameron received two grants – one to upgrade its

multimedia capabilities in a project with Advanced Systems Technology and another to conduct ingredient analysis for Cosmetic Specialties, Inc. CU also expanded training partnerships with Tec-Masters, Telos, Coleman Research, Goodyear and Boeing.

Other high points of 1999-2000 were the accreditation of the business school by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and the addition of upper division courses to the university's MultiMedia program. The university also created a Multimedia minor curriculum.

Cameron became an economic catalyst for Southwest Oklahoma in 1999-2000 by conducting a comprehensive

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Alums find home at Cameron after graduation

BY GEORGE SCHULTE

When you ask Todd Caughlin why a guy from Canada is in Oklahoma, his answer is rather straightforward: "To get my masters degree in science, and to be able to coach volleyball."

Caughlin is acting student activities director and assistant coach of CU's volleyball team, but he looks forward to someday being a head coach somewhere and staying in post-secondary education.



BY STEFANIA RUDD

She graduated from Frederick High School in 1996 and attended Cameron University that fall as part of the Presidential Leaders and University Scholars program.

As an undergraduate student, she made her mark not only in the classroom, but all over campus in organizations such as the Programming Activities Council and the CU Student Government Association.

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CU alums Todd Caughlin and Jennifer Barnett

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Project CLASS prepares Native Americans for new careers as classroom leaders

Nine college students are taking the first step to aiding other Native Americans in the classroom through a new professional development program being offered at Cameron University.

Project CLASS — Cohorts in Leadership and Administration for Scholastic Settings — is being offered as a joint venture by the American Indian Research and Development, Inc. (AIRD) and the Cameron Secondary Teacher Education Program (CAMSTEP).

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education awarded AIRD a federal contract to conduct CLASS, a program that will enable Native Americans who have already earned college degrees in non-teaching areas to earn master's degrees in teaching.

CLASS participants receive college tuition, a living stipend, a dependent stipend if applicable, and a book allowance.


"These students are getting a great opportunity to improve their education," Stuart A. Tonemah, president of AIRD. "What we ask in return is that they then use their skills to serve

American Indian students as effective teachers and school administrators."

Casey Sovo, a 23-year-old program participant from Elgin, expects to receive intensive training in effective teaching practices. "Through it, I hope to better serve and improve the quality of American Indian education and provide leadership for students," he said.

Some participants see the program as an opportunity to do far reaching good among Native Americans.

"I want to broaden my knowledge in education so that I can make students successful, not only in education, but in life," said Jenifer L. Palmer of Grandfield, a teacher in the Chattanooga school system.

Other members of the inaugural group, which began studies in August, are Cache residents Christian V. Boos and Andrew McClung; Ernest Redbird III from Carnegie; Rebekah Wiser from Duncan; Lawton residents Kate Hicks and Librado Juarez III; and Lena Calfy from Walters. 

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economic development study for the City of Lawton's Economic Development Council, and by making major strides in filling its technology park in the Shepler Center.

CU's fourth academic festival, "Bridging the Millennium," with its art shows, musical and theatrical events, symposiums, academic conferences and a return engagement by popular speaker James Burke — ended a successful run.

As far as the campus master plan was concerned, a physical science research lab was completed and funding was found to begin outfitting a similar biology research facility in the Sciences Complex. Construction to transform the former Physical Sciences Building into the new computer center was well underway by midsummer.

Davis echoed the lyrics of a familiar Sinatra tune in his assessment of 1999-2000: "It was a very good year."

But are the goals for 2000-2001 just as challenging?

Davis sees continued accreditation as Cameron's top goal this academic year. A site visit from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education will be conducted in coming weeks and a North Central Association accreditation visit takes place next February.

Southwest Oklahoma itself poses challenges for Cameron, according to Davis — including a static or declining general population, changing Fort Sill population, low average personal incomes, an economy dominated by a few large military and corporate employers, and an alarming loss of educated young people. To meet these challenges, Davis said CU must raise community expectations for economic

development leadership, provide strong local support for economic development, and expand its technology park.

The reorganization of Cameron's academic structure from three schools to five and the appointment of new deans in Business, Education and Behavioral Sciences, Graduate Studies, and Liberal Arts set the tone for Academic Year 2001. Six academic departments will see new chairmen this fall because of retirements and the reorganization.

With \$500,000 in State Regents economic development funds and the installation of a \$7 million NCR-5100 computer donated by Wal-Mart, Inc., Cameron will open its Advanced Computing Technology Center this fall, offering courses and seminars as part of its degree and certification work. The university plans to market the center's capabilities to Oklahoma higher education entities and state agencies and develop large-scale data training programs for industry.

The university will begin a three-year implementation of campus management "enterprise software" this fall encompassing common data storage; admissions, financial assistance and administrative records; degree audit, alumni and development information; and Web links.

Master plan projects are also on the president's list of 2000-2001 goals. Establishment of a Computing Technology Center and new campus computer mainframe top the list, followed by improved fire safety in the Shepler Center, reallocation of Administration Building space, student housing options, and renovations to Howell Hall conference

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Lady Ags win academic honors

Cameron wins another North Division volleyball race

BY STEVE DOUGHTY

CU SPORTS INFORMATION

Several members of Cameron's women's volleyball team were recognized for academic achievements in November when four members of the squad were named to the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.


Two of coach Kim Vinson's squad were named Academic All-Conference and two CU players were listed on the prestigious Verison Academic All-District VI Volleyball Team.

Junior Megan Carter and sophomore Kim Pletcher were named to the 2000 Verison second team, which is selected by College Sports Information Directors of America members from schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Pletcher and senior Lora Spencer were named to the 2000 Lone Star Conference North Division Academic All-Conference team. The six-member squad was selected by the league's sports information directors, as well.

A total of 19 student-athletes qualified for the Commissioner's Honor Roll by having at least a 3.20 grade point average and completing a minimum of 24 semester hours at their respective institutions. From that list, the league's SIDs selected the six members to the all-academic team — a team that honors athletics, as well as academic achievement. Joining Pletcher and Spencer on the Commissioner's Honor Roll were Carter and sophomore Brennon Molberg.

Cameron finished the 2000 season with an overall record of 22-13. The Lady Aggies were ranked as high as No. 21 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 poll this season and won their third consecutive Lone Star Conference North Division title.

Cameron finished the season with a runner-up performance in the Lone Star Conference Championships, losing to third-ranked West Texas A&M in the championship match. 

Aggies ink Perry, Fletcher prospects

BY STEVE DOUGHTY

Two Oklahoma high school graduates have signed national letters of intent to continue their baseball careers at Cameron next spring.

LeWayne Taylor, a 6-foot-2 right-hander from Perry, will suit up with the Aggies for the 2001 season, as will Fletcher grad Brandon Wilkerson.

A 2000 McDonald's All-State selection, Taylor helped lead the Maroons to a second consecutive trip to the state tournament. He posted a 6-1 mound record for the top-ranked PHS squad and his 2.58 ERA was one of the lowest on the team. Taylor struck out 32 batters in just over 45 innings of work and recorded a team-high strikes-to-pitches ratio of 0.76.

Taylor also led the Maroons' offense, posting a team-high batting average of .458. He racked up 55 hits last season,


including 16 doubles and two homers.

In addition to All-State honors, Taylor is a two-time All-Northstar Conference selection and was named his district's MVP in 1997. Taylor also was a two-time all-conference selection for the Maroon basketball squad during his prep career.

Wilkerson, who is also an accomplished basketball player, will attempt to play both sports at Cameron.

"I am very excited to have Wilkerson on our team," said baseball coach Ron Ihler. "He comes from a good family that is very supportive. He has a chance to play shortstop and pitch for our squad next season."

An outstanding performer at FHS, Wilkerson helped the Wildcats to a berth in this year's Class A State Baseball Tournament.

On the hardcourt, Wilkerson was equally effective. During his senior season with the Wildcats basketball team, he was named to the *Daily Oklahoman's* Small West All-State squad after averaging 27.1 points and six rebounds per game. He was a two-time all-conference and all-area player. 



Stacia McCarter

CU alum joins Lady Aggies basketball staff


Cameron acquired the expertise of one of its former players with the hiring of Lawton native Stacia McCarter as assistant women's basketball coach.

"We're very happy to have Stacia join our program," said head coach Adrian Wiggins. "She is energetic and intelligent and we feel she will be a quality addition to our athletic department and our coaching staff."

A 1999 Cameron graduate, McCarter was a four-year member of the Lady Aggies basketball squad and served one season as a graduate assistant under former head coach Stacy Johnson.

Last season, McCarter served as a head junior high school coach and assistant girls basketball coach at Lawton Christian School.

In her senior year at CU, McCarter led the squad in three-pointers and free-throw shooting. She averaged 11.5 points per contest, with 2.5 assists and 5.0 rebounds per game.

McCarter was MVP of the 1997 Cameron PowerAde Classic and earned Academic All-Conference honors. She was Cameron's top defensive player during the 1995-96 season. 

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CU space camps prepare future astronauts

If space truly is the final frontier, then teenagers from Southwest Oklahoma will be well-prepared to be its pioneers.

Cameron University educated dozens of teenagers about the excitement of space travel through its eighth annual series of space camps. More than 30 youngsters ages 12-16 attended three CU space camps this summer.

Each camp lasted five days and was filled with activities demonstrating space travel. Participants built and flew model rockets and traveled to such sites as the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa and the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum in Oklahoma City.

"Cameron's camps focus on the instructional components of flight and space travel," said Dr. William James, who oversees the program. "We use a hands-on approach through physical experiments to teach students about space."

Campers took walk-through tours of a model of the solar system, engaged in group problem solving exercises and conducted experiments demonstrating inertia, air pressure and

Bernoulli's Principle of Flight. They also spent time in the Cameron Fitness Center pool, but not for recreational purposes. The youngsters used tools to perform tasks in a simulated weightless environment similar to that experienced by astronauts during spacewalks.

During the trip to the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum, campers viewed educational displays and flew an actual World War II pilot training simulator.

The first two camps involved members of the Young Astronauts program and participants in Upward Bound, a federal program designed to develop academic and motivational potential of high school teenagers, preparing them for college and careers.

In July, James took students from the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, for a close-up look at an actual NASA operation.

Funding for Cameron's educational space program comes through the Clarence E. Page Endowed Chair, which makes possible projects to increase awareness of math, science and technology. In addition to the summer space camps, the endowment makes possible aerospace-related Boy Scout training, an exhibit at the Lawton-Fort Sill Municipal Airport and participation in career-oriented community events.

Cameron's efforts, including its annual summer space camps, helped it earn induction as an institutional member of the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame in 1998. 🎓



Space camp participants watch in awe as a solid-fueled model rocket lifts off the launch pad.



Mark Spencer

English professor wins national writing competition

Mark Spencer, a professor of English and assistant chair of Cameron University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Journalism, has been selected as the winner of this year's Omaha Prize for the Novel, a national writer's competition.

As recipient of the award, Spencer received a \$1,000 cash prize and a publishing contract for his winning novel, *The Weary Motel*, which came out in September.

The author of more than 25 articles, 50 short stories and such books as *Wedlock* and *Love and Reruns in Adams County*, Spencer has won two previous writing competitions.

In 1988, he won the Patrick T.T. Bradshaw Book Award for *Spying on Lovers*, a collection of short stories. In 1996, he won the Faulkner Society's Faulkner Award for Fiction for his short novel, *Only Missing*.

Spencer has been a member of the Cameron faculty since 1987. 🎓

College Savings Plan makes a smart way to provide for next generation of CU students

Cameron alumni can now save for their children's or grandchildren's college education and watch their investment grow tax-free, thanks to the Oklahoma College Savings Plan.

State Treasurer Robert Butkin explained the plan during a visit to CU this summer.

"For as little as \$25, Oklahomans can now begin saving for their children's college education and receive significant state and federal tax benefits," said Butkin.

Under the plan, earnings on funds invested for higher education expenses are not taxed while the child is growing up. It is only when the child starts attending college and money is withdrawn that the earnings become taxable, but at the child's tax rate. Usually, children are taxed at much lower rates than their parents.

"Enabling the investment to grow tax-free means that a family's college savings are able to grow much faster than they could if the earnings and dividends were subject to annual taxation," Butkin said.

Other key advantages of the program include:

- * Accounts can be established through an initial investment of \$25, or as little as \$15 per pay period through payroll deduction;
- * There are no income restrictions;
- * Funds can be used at nearly all colleges and universities in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the United States;

* Funds can be used for tuition, certain room and board expenses, books, and required fees and supplies; and

* Up to \$100,000 per child can be invested.

"We intentionally designed the program to be flexible and user-friendly," Butkin said. "The college savings account can be used at an in-state or out-of-state private or public institution. It is entirely up to the student and his or her parents to make the choice of which institution is best for them."

In addition, the plan can be used for graduate, medical, law or post-secondary vocational-technical school if the institution participates in federal financial aid programs.

Butkin also reports that anyone – parents, grandparents, employers or friends – can establish a qualifying account under the Oklahoma plan.

Interested citizens are encouraged to consult the Disclosure Booklet before opening an account to gain more information about the Oklahoma College Savings Plan. Investment results will vary based on market performance, and the value of investments can go up or down. Also, there is no guarantee or assurance that specific investment objectives will be met.

The plan's manager is TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI), a wholly owned subsidiary of TIAA.

For more information on the Oklahoma College Savings Plan, including an application, call toll free 877.OK4.SAVING (877.654.7284) or visit <http://www.ok4saving.org>. 🎓

Classes for new degree program begin in Spring 2001

CU adds early childhood education degree

Cameron won Oklahoma Regents' approval early this fall to begin offering an Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Classes for the new degree program will begin in January.

Cameron's decision to seek the new degree program resulted from the 1998 re-authorization of the Head Start Act, which included a mandate that at least half of all Head Start teachers in center-based programs have an associate or advanced degree in early childhood education by Sept. 30, 2003.

Cameron surveyed 155 individual child care and Head Start centers in the Lawton area to decide if a need existed for an early childhood education degree. Results showed that nearly 80 percent of respondents were interested in an AAS degree in this area, said Margie McMahan, an education professor and director of the Cameron's Child Development Center.

A "Success By Six" survey conducted by CU last year identified a need for more extensive education for teachers of young children, she added.

"Cameron sees itself as an interactive university, offering programs to meet the educational needs of individuals and the community," McMahan said. "Not only did our survey indicate a need for this degree, it indicated that the best times to

offer early childhood education classes were on weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings."

Thirty hours of general education courses in the associate program will also apply to a bachelor's degree. Twelve hours of the early childhood education and care program will apply to Early Childhood Teacher Certification.

In all, 42 hours of the AAS degree program will apply toward a bachelor's degree if students decide to continue their education beyond the associate level, McMahan said.

All general education courses required for the AAS degree will be available this spring.

Cameron's Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) will phase in technical specialty classes over a two-year period. The first two of these – a child guidance course, and a health, safety and nutrition course – will be offered this spring.

Although the program can be completed in two years, Cameron officials anticipate that some students will move more slowly. Students may take courses at their pace and can enter the AAS degree program at the start of any semester.

For additional information about the AAS degree in Early Childhood Education and Care at Cameron, contact McMahan at 580/581-2423. 🎓

Thirty-one Pittmans have attended Cameron ...

Comanche County pioneers make education a tradition

BY GEORGE SCHULTE
CU MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The histories of Comanche County and Cameron University have combined over the years with education as an important part of the county's growth.

Arthur F. "Tuck" Pittman and his family are part of that history.

Pittman came to Oklahoma from Roanoke, Alabama, in 1901. Except for the land he drew in the lottery, the 23-year-old was penniless.

Pittman established the pioneer family's homestead 11 miles east of Lawton along what is now State Highway 7.

The first home was a half dugout in a bare field. Tuck lived on water gravy for his first few days until he killed a rabbit for meat, according to a story written by Tuck's granddaughter, Glenda Turner, in *The History of Comanche County*.

In September 1908, Tuck married Anna Marie Poiry from Bryant, Indiana, in the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lawton.

By then, Tuck had built a small two-room house on the property. He added a pair of "lean-to" rooms to the back of the house after his marriage to Anna.

In 1923, the present house was built. It was there that their nine children were raised. Although electricity was not available in the area, Tuck, looking to the future, wired the house for it. Some of that original wiring is still in

use in parts of the house.

Family members remember Tuck as being very progressive — not only with his home construction, but in his farming methods as well. He built terraced fields long before Oklahoma's conservation districts advocated the practice.

Tuck and Anna understood the importance of education, enduring many hardships to ensure that their children received a good education.

In addition to Tuck and Anna's nine children, the family produced 39 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A remarkable part of the family legacy is the fact that so many Pittman descendants continued their education and became teachers, Turner said.

Seven Pittman children attended Cameron through the years, with four of them becoming teachers in the area.

Fourteen grandchildren attended Cameron, with 11 of them becoming educators. (Nine other grandchildren attended universities outside of Oklahoma. At least three have master's degrees and one has a law degree.)

Another important statistic pointed out by Mrs. Turner is that 10 great-grandchildren also attended Cameron with two of them becoming teachers — one with a doctorate and another with a master's degree in special education.

"Marvin's dad insisted that education was important if you wanted to better yourself," said Dorothy Pittman, Marvin's wife. "Although Marvin didn't attend college, some of our children did."

After Tuck's death in 1943, Anna continued to live on the homestead until



Tuck and Anna Pittman in 1941 with their children Alfred and Dorothy at the family homestead east of Lawton.



Above: The Pittman family in 1934 ... (seated, left to right) Dorothy, Anna, Alfred, Tuck and Jessie; (back row, left) Elva Lou, Lee, Bernice, John, Marvin and Frances.

Right: Dorothy Pittman, widow of Marvin Pittman, stands at the door of CU faculty member James Johnson. Johnson's office space was provided by sister-in-law Dorothy Carter in honor of her brother and his wife.

Below: CU president Don Davis, Dorothy Pittman Carter (center) and her sister, Jessie Pittman Dunbar unveil a plaque recognizing the pioneer family's endowed lectureship.



her death in 1964.

Only three of the nine Pittman children are still living: Jessie, Alfred and Dorothy. Elva Lou died in 1978, Lee in 1987, Frances in 1988, Bernice in 1993, and John and Marvin in 1996.

Marvin Pittman purchased the homestead in 1958. His family still resides there.

Although the Pittman homestead is not on the National Register of Historic Places, the family is working to have the property designated as a "Centennial Farm" in 2001.

To qualify for the designation, the property must have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years and must be at least 40 acres in size.

The Pittmans still own nearly 160 acres of the original 168-acre section.

Another member of the family plans to purchase the old homestead in the near future, according to Marvin's widow, Dorothy, allowing the tradition to


continue and ensuring the farm will remain in the Pittman family.

In April 1998, an endowed lectureship was established at Cameron by Tuck and Anna's daughter, Dorothy Pittman Carter, in their memory.

The lectureship helps advance the study and use of instructional technology at Cameron.

Dorothy's endowment was

matched dollar-for-dollar by a McCasland Foundation challenge grant. That was then matched — again dollar-for-dollar — by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, creating a \$50,000 lectureship.

Endowments such as those made by the Pittmans and other Cameron alumni create an important resource allowing faculty and administrators to improve the quality of teaching by enabling academic endeavors that would not otherwise be possible. 



Alumnus heads revolutionary DNA identification project

BY CHRIS WILSON
CU MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

A CU alumnus who formerly helped identify the bodies of American servicemen — including a pilot from the Vietnam War buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns — is now using his expertise to identifying the remains of victims from war-torn Bosnia and other European countries.

Edwin Huffine directs a DNA identification program for the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) and has established laboratories in such war-torn countries as Bosnia, Croatia and the former Yugoslavia.

Huffine graduated from Cameron in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and was a member of CU's physical sciences faculty from 1985-88, before pursuing a career in DNA research.

His new task to establish DNA labs in Europe, train local staff and take blood samples. In Bosnia alone, the DNA

facilities are understaffed while working to collect 50-60 blood samples a day. These samples are used in one of the most revolutionary DNA identification projects to date.

"It's a revolutionary project in forensic science because it contradicts standard procedure," Huffine said. "In the past, traditional forensic techniques would be used first, and DNA identification would only be used for persons who couldn't be identified by other methods. Our current project uses DNA testing first and traditional forensic methods second."


Traditional forensic methods entail the use of clothes, physical features and personal possessions to identify bodies. Huffine explained that this process can be highly inaccurate, because it relies on "soft evidence" that could be misleading if clothes and items were shared or traded.

The new technique takes blood samples from living relatives and

compares them to samples taken from the recovered bodies. After this process identifies family members, the results are turned over to pathologists to specifically identify the bodies.

"We can identify, positively, three sons of a particular mother, but we can't identify them as son A, B, or C," Huffine explained. "A pathologist or anthropologist can use clothing or height, for example, to identify them specifically."

This revolutionary process is expected to identify 30,000-40,000 missing persons in a short amount of time. Using the old technique, Huffine estimated that identifying all of the war remains in these countries could take as long as 120 years. With the new technique, that time can be reduced to fewer than five years.

"This is one of the most advanced projects in DNA testing," Huffine said. "Two years ago, if someone asked if this project could have been done, my answer would have been no." 

CU Sciences Complex featured on new Southwestern Bell telephone directory



Local Southwestern Bell official Jerry Bayliss presents Dr. Don Davis with a framed copy of the new telephone directory featuring the CU Sciences Complex.


The CU Sciences Complex has been featured on the cover of Southwestern Bell Telephone's new Lawton regional directory.

The complex houses the biological sciences and physical science departments at CU and is equipped with some of the latest technology for college students.

A framed copy of the directory cover was given to CU president Don Davis at an Oct. 13 ceremony. Davis thanked Southwestern Bell for featuring the complex on the cover and cited the company's support of Cameron in a variety of ways, including the gift of an endowed lectureship in instructional technology.

Almost 85,000 copies of the directory were distributed in Southwest Oklahoma in the latter part of October.

"We're proud to showcase Cameron University's Sciences Complex on the cover of the new directory," said Jerry Bayliss, area manager of Southwestern Bell. "The cover photo will provide excellent exposure, since area residents will use the Southwestern Bell directory an estimated 9 million times during its year-long life."

The photo features the complex's western exposure, with its glass panels reflecting the setting sun. 

Cameron alums: What are they doing now?

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

1940: Retired Col. **Aaron C. Burleson** is director of military development for the Altus Chamber of Commerce. The Colonel "Burley" Burleson Consolidated Support Facility at Altus Air Force Base has been named in his honor.

1945: **Gussie Blasdel Barnett**, Grandfield, and her husband, Bert, celebrated 50 years of marriage in July. She taught 25 years before retiring.

1948: **Marlon James Bishop**, Granbury, Texas, retired as a supervisory auditor from the Department of Defense.

1950: Former Western Oklahoma State College president **Dr. W. C. Burris** of Mead was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

1962: **David Bennett**, Lufkin, Texas, retired in January as district manager for the Social Security Administration. Walters superintendent **Ronald G. Schnee** married fourth grade teacher **Frances M. Driggers**, '96, in April.

1968: **Dr. Tim Richardson**, Edmond, has pastored Waterloo Road Baptist Church for 20 years. **Sharon Kay Smith**, Lawton, is a retired teacher.

1969: **Wayne K. Albury**, Jones, is co-director of engineering for Triad Design Group.

1970: **Jerry Couch**, Marlow, celebrated his 40th year as a minister in April. He pastors the Denton Baptist Church and has been an educator since 1973. **Lenore Bryan Nill**, Loveland, retired in 1997 after a 27-year teaching career. She and her husband, N.C., celebrated 50 years of marriage in May.

1971: **James W. Abercrombie**,

Baltimore, Md., is a consultant and contract administrator for Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Saudi Arabia. Marlow High School principal **Tommy Cosgrove** has been recognized as the 1999-2000 District 18 Administrator of the Year. **Diane Denham** is the Lawton Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year. She has worked at Merrill Lynch since 1980 and became vice-president in 1999. **Roy B. "Butch" Hooper**, Lawton, is administrator of the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. He has been an insurance and real estate broker, city councilman, member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State Senate, and owner of Hooper Consulting.

1972: **Cheryl A. Monts** has been named principal of Lawton MacArthur Junior High School where she has been assistant principal since 1995.

1973: **Bonnie Schaaf Hix** and her husband Tommy celebrated 40 years of marriage in May. A former Teacher of the Year, she retired in 1998 after 24 years with the Lawton Public Schools. **Joe D. Shrader**, Tyler, Texas, is accounting manager of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company. **Robert G. Webb**, Garland, Texas, is a telecom detail engineer/ACAD for Alcatel USA.

1975: Cache Teacher of the Year **Rose Mary Brady** is a certified reading specialist and has taught for 24 years.

1976: **Richard M. Codopony**, Minneapolis, is a Bureau of Indian Affairs credit officer. Rush Springs Middle School Teacher of the Year **Fred Fitzgerald** has taught for 24 years. **Susan G. Zwaan**, Lawton, is an attorney.

1977: **Larry D. Haste**, Fort Wayne, Ind., is senior safety representative for CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipe Lines. **Connie Kelley**, Jefferson City, Mo., owns a clinic which provides investigational drug trials for pharmaceutical companies. She would like to hear from

her nursing school classmates. **Wilma N. Toland Shepard**, Fort Worth, is an analyst senior in product support for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.

1978: **Brian K. Farmer**, Tulsa, is president and CEO of FBS Engineers Inc. **Robert W. Hendry**, Waldorf, Md., is a systems engineer for Raytheon at Goddard Space Flight Center. Police Sergeant **Shaun Pendleton** was named 1999 Supervisor of the Year for the Longview Police Department where he has received 31 departmental commendations. He has received his Master Peace Officer certification.

1979: **Johnny Adams**, Wichita Falls, is corporation business manager for Health Affiliated Services. **Elizabeth T. Tate Dierdorf**, Denton, Texas, is Fort Worth assistant city attorney. **Mitchell Draper**, Lexington, S.C., is director of information services for Capital City Insurance. Science teacher **Deborah L. Vosler**, Eyota, Minn., recently moved from Wyoming where she taught for 20 years.

1980: **Carlton H. Berry Jr.**, Walters, is quality team leader of the Curing Business Center at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. **Tilson McDonald**, Lawton, and his wife, Juanita, celebrated 50 years of marriage in May. He retired from the Army as a first sergeant in 1971 and from the Department of Human Services in 1990. **Joe D. Watson**, Fort Worth, Texas, works in sales for Reliance Business Forms. **Tim Wade**, Duncan, is head coach of the Empire women's softball team. **Andrew Woods**, Plano, Texas, is a computer engineer with E.D.S.

1981: Lt. Col. **Stephen Wilkinson** has been named chief of staff of Fort Sill's Reynolds Army Community Hospital.

1982: **Hal Labyer** is president of the Duncan market for Local Oklahoma Bank.

1983: **Rosemary Holman Cox**, Blacklick, Ohio, is senior compliance

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specialist/AVP at Huntington National Bank in Columbus. She is married to **Michael**, '83. **Marlin G. Stout Jr.**, Livingston, Texas, is a retired Army master sergeant and registered nurse. He is married to **Eloise**, '85.

1984: Norma J. Condlin is a nurse manager at USPHS Lawton Indian Hospital. **Gregory E. McDonald**, El Paso, is an attorney with Guevara, Rebe, Baumann, Coldwell and Reedman, L.L.P. **Kathleen Howell Wheeler**, Duarte, Calif., is a speech-language pathologist for Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina.

1985: Donna Benson Fort, Lawton, is staff auditor for Saunders and Associates, CPAs. **Bob L. Lockart Jr.**, Lawton, is an occupational health specialist at Reynolds Army Hospital. **Kathi Van Warner Rivers**, Fayetteville, N.C., is a family nurse practitioner and has received her MSN/FNP degree. **Eloise G. Stout**, Livingston, Texas, is a retired/disabled registered nurse. She is married to **Marlin**, '83.

1986: Jerry E. Snare, Medicine Park, is a substitute teacher in the Lawton Public Schools. He retired from the Army, completed 20 years with civil service and retired as Treasure Lake Job Corp's residential program officer.

1988: Pat Haley, Burleson, Texas, has authored the electronic book *Blood Rose*, available on CD-ROM. This book, like her others, is set in Oklahoma. Information is available at www.flash.net/~haley. **Robert W. Meador Sr.**, Frederick, is housing director for Community Action Development Corp. **Robert Nebres**, Huntington Beach, Calif., is a recruiter for Technical Resources. **Robert Alan Owen**, Alexandria, Va., is employee development manager for the Bureau of Prisons. **Frank R. Torres**, Richardson, Texas, is manager of DOT compliance for Greyhound Lines Inc.

1989: Sharon Heath, Norman, has a private practice as an art therapist and

teaches art therapy classes at the University of Central Oklahoma. **Christopher E. Holley**, Fort Worth, Texas, is a trainer/instructor for the Department of Justice/INS. **Frank G. Simino**, Wilmington, N.C., is manager/account executive for Port City Fabricare. **David G. Thiessen**, King George, Va., is a physicist for NAVSEA, Surface Warfare Division.

1990: Jacqueline Herbert is an assistant elementary principal in the Lawton Public Schools. Stillwater Medical Center vice president **Jay R. Johnson** married Sarah Lynne Hill in June. **Michele R. Luke**, Harvey, La., is center supervisor of the Head Start program in Gretna. **Daniel Quickle**, Faxon, married former Cameron student **Lori Coleman** in April. He is a Civil Service soil conservationist; she practices veterinary medicine. **Bart Scroggins**, Lawton, is safety and training coordinator for Bar-S Foods. He is married to **Teresa**, '00. **Janice Simon**, Houston, received a masters in humanities and is an educational specialist at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's faculty development program.

1991: John R. Haverty, Colorado Springs, is proposal development manager for ITT Industries. **Kerri Woods Helsel** was the 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year for the Newspapers in Education Program in Jacksonville, N.C. She will be teaching in Gulfport, Miss., this year.

1992: Dawn L. Askew, Iowa City, Iowa, is pursuing a masters degree in theatre. **Thomas Henderson**, Troy, Mich., is a merchandise planner at Kmart's corporate headquarters. **Dr. Linda Wright-Smith**, Elgin, is assistant professor of MultiMedia Design at CU.

1993: David Dezell, Lawton, is assistant vice-president at the Elgin branch of the Bank of Elgin. **Jason Steven Hutto**, Grand Prairie, Texas, married Tracy Jane Traver in March. He works for Contract Claims Services Inc. **Shawn D. Lawson**, Irving, Texas,

is Internet coordinator for Skyline Ford in Dallas. **John E. Wright**, Siloam Springs, Ark., is human resources manager for Cherokee Nation Enterprises.

1994: Clint A. Chew, agriculture education instructor at Carter Public School since 1995, has been named Okemah High School's new agriculture education instructor. **Calvin Prince**, Lawton, is principal at Country Club Heights Elementary School. **Larry D. Snider**, Portsmouth, R.I., is a systems engineer for Raytheon.

1995: Dr. Kimberly Sterling Bennett, Miami, Fla., received her degree in osteopathic medicine and will serve a residency at the Miami Heart Institute, specializing in internal medicine. **Mike F. Robarge**, Cameron, Wis., is an associate engineer for Rice Lake Weighing Systems, a manufacturer of weights and scales. Mike notes that his town of 1268 people shares the name of his alma mater. **Matthew Russ**, Ann Arbor, Mich., is a real estate appraiser and owner of Washtenaw Area Appraisal Company. He is married to **Cheri**, '92. **John M. Terrizzi**, Barstow, Calif., is a government contractor with Cubic Applications at Fort Irwin.

1996: Cari A. Brewer, Caldwell, Kan., is an eighth grade language arts teacher. **Dr. Keefe Carbone**, Lawton, has opened a dental practice specializing in preventive, restorative and cosmetic dentistry. **Scott D. Hazle**, Frederick, is an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper. **Sarah Major Holt**, Fond du Lac, Wis., is an accountant with Oshkosh Truck Corporation. **Terri G. Pitts**, Fort Worth, has been promoted to the corporate level by Sealed Air Corp. She travels all over the world as a global SAP training developer and technical support provider. **Billy G. Ratcliff**, Germany, is a history professor. **Jeffrey Seright** is assistant principal at Lawton High School. Previously, he taught special education and served as the special education coordinator for the Lawton Public Schools. **Warren L. Silverhorn**, Oklahoma City, is an engineering

Cameron alums: What are they doing now?

technician for OG&E Electric Services. **Andy Watson** and **Rebecca Sue Erdmann**, '97, Weatherford, were married in May. He is curator of the Route 66 Museum in Clinton.

1997: Fourth year med student Scott Anthony Allison, Oklahoma City, married Jennifer Ann Gibson in March. **Steve Cordes**, Lawton, is vice president of the Cordes Dodge dealership. He is married to **Angela**, '99. **Jaquetta A. Hall**, Chickasha, is counselor and case manager for Chisholm Trail Counseling Service. **Melanie D. Hazle**, Frederick, is a homemaker. **Jacqueline Vogele**, Broken Arrow, is pursuing a masters degree. **Cheryl R. Von Staden**, Fouke, Ark., is a graduate student.

1998: Melissa S. Dees, Lawton, is Cameron's director of testing. Central Junior High School teacher **Danny Garza**, Chattanooga, married Andrena Raye Grizzle in July. He teaches at Central Junior High in Lawton. **Judy A. Kriegbaum**, Lawton, is a programmer/analyst II for the City of Lawton.

1999: Corey Eugene Bender, Lawton, is area manager for West Teleservices of Oklahoma City. **Janet Bullard**, Lawton, is an English teacher for grades 7-12 at VisionQuest in Faxon. **Angela M. Hughes Cordes**, Lawton, teaches Spanish at Walters High School. She is married to **Steve**, '97. **Kelli J. Derryberry**, Burkburnett, Texas, is a second grade teacher. **John Ernst**, Graham, Texas, is a self-employed home health care giver. **Jennifer R. Fentress**, Van Nuys, Calif., a counselor at New Directions for Youth, is pursuing a masters in clinical psychology. **Chana A. Flieg**, Stoughton Wis., works in marketing communications with TDS METROCOM, a telecommunications provider. **Brenda Maria Robinson**, Lawton, is a nurse/therapist at Southwestern Medical Hospital. **Jayne Beth Whitaker**, Mountain Park, is a case manager for Wackenhut Corrections Corporation. **Billy Wayne Williams**, Lawton, works for the Percussive Arts Society.

2000: Christopher Jon Anderson, Lawton, is building manager for Advanced Systems Technology. **Jacob Alton Bachelor**, Comanche, is attending law school. **Jo Lynn Ball**, Lawton, works for the Department of Human Services. **Steven A. Bayman Jr.**, Lawton, is manager of Game King. **Thomas A. Becker**, Bentonville, Ark., is a computer programmer for Wal-Mart. **Nathan D. Bowers**, Lawton, is a computer engineer at KSWO-TV. **Traci Dawn Minnick Brierton**, Lawton, married Kyle Shane Brierton in June. She works at Wayne's Drive Inn. **Michael E. Cook**, Lawton, is a training specialist associate for Eagle Systems and Services. **Leslie A. Cothren**, Fayetteville, Ark., is a graduate assistant at the University of Arkansas. **Patience C. Curtis**, Lawton, is a second lieutenant in the Army Signal Corp. **Richard A. Dunn**, Cache, is an archaeology assistant at the Museum of the Great Plains. **Chearlene Glover-Johnson**, Lawton, is assistant director of the McNair Scholars Program at Cameron University. **Shannon M. Haight**, Lawton, is an auditor at Dillard's. **Deanna J. Hansell**, Frederick, is attending law school. **Kristina Leigh Head**, Lawton, is office assistant at the Family Vision Clinic. **Cary J. Highland** is a general accountant for Altron Automation in Hudsonville, Mich. **Jason Rodney Huitt**, Sterling, Mich., married Tania Renee Anderson in June. He is a systems technician at Southwest Bell. **Donna Lynn Mooney**, Fort Lee, Va., is pursuing a masters degree. **Karla D. Moore**, Altus, is an administrative secretary at Western Oklahoma State College. **Lisa Ann Nye**, Lawton, is senior functional analyst for The Logistics Company. **Paul S. Price**, Lawton, is a case manager at Wackenhut Corrections Corporation. **Aaron A. Ray**, Duncan, is a physical therapist assistant and athletic trainer at Duncan Regional Hospital. **Michael A. Reeve**, Lawton, is an Army officer. **Helen S. Rollins**, Lawton, is a substitute teacher for Lawton Public Schools. **Wednesday M.**

Shafer, Oklahoma City, is a PMT analyst at Hertz Financial Center. **Kevin T. Sparkman**, Anadarko, is employed by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. **Sondra M. Thomas**, Walnut Grove, Mo., is serving in the Army. **Carla Jean Troup**, Lawton, is a child care provider at Little Friends Preschool. **Elizabeth Ann Turbyfill**, Germany, is an exercise planner with the Air Force. **Staci E. Ward**, Bentonville, Ark., is a computer programmer for Wal-Mart. **Chris Wilson**, Frederick, is simultaneously pursuing graduate degrees in behavioral science from CU and communication from OU. **John Kirk Wilson**, Frederick, is pursuing a masters in teaching. **Deborah C. Wyatt**, Altus, is a self-employed accountant. **Carole V. Wydur**, Lawton, is a division secretary for the Cameron University library. 🎓

Theatre chair's volunteer work recognized

Scott Richard Klein, chair of Cameron University's Department of Theatre Arts, was cited by the Southwest Theatre Association for his work to promote the organization during its annual conference Nov. 1-5.

Klein was presented a presidential citation by the SWTA for his work as vice president of promotions and publicity. He was also named the association's volunteer of the year for his work creating and developing the SWTA's web site.

During the conference, held in Hot Springs, Ark., Klein chaired the chief administrator's committee and other meetings dealing with his post as promotions officer.

This year's special conference guest was Robert P. Akopov, a member of the Union of Artists of Russia.

The association is made up of theatres throughout Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas covering everything from K-12 to professional theatre. 🎓

Goals —

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space.


Davis would like to bring more faculty into economic development by exploring program and degree opportunities, launching new university marketing programs and integrating economic development into curriculum planning.

One area showing marked improvement over the past year was CU's international student recruitment program. Davis hopes to build on this success and initiate an "Intro to University Life" program to help students adapt to the university. With the establishment of the new Computing Technology Center and other programs, he envisions an opportunity to recruit students for specific programs.

CU is enhancing its image not only locally but also nationally and internationally as well with KCCU-FM expansion to Clinton and Wichita Falls, and university-designed Web-based products.

One of Davis' goals is to develop CU's "community college" capabilities by creating a task force to plan new governance concepts, assess the need for associate degrees and pursue industry certifications with area employers.

Part of the changing process of education in the new millennium is to advance as technology advances, Davis said. This involves faculty training in evolving instructional technologies.

"It's going to be an exciting year for Cameron," Davis told faculty. 

Caughlin —

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The native of Fort Macleod, Alberta, earned his Bachelor of Science in Applied Studies in 1996 at Athabasca University in Alberta, and coached a men's volleyball squad. He would have stayed, he said, but volleyball was not growing as a sport nearly as fast in Canada as it was in the U.S.


His duties as student activities director keep Todd busy. He advises the CU Student Government Association and Programming Activities Council, and acts as a liaison between various clubs and organizations on campus and the Student Activities Office.

In addition to Caughlin's duties as assistant coach of women's volleyball, he has completed his requirements for a master's degree.

"My greatest accomplishments have been completing those requirements and the success of the volleyball team," Caughlin said. "Coach (Kim) Vinson has worked hard in developing this program and our team is one of the best in the nation."

When asked about his future plans, Todd was a little reluctant to answer.

"My future plans are wide open," Caughlin said. "Student activities is a direction I hadn't considered before. I haven't made up my mind on whether to stay in student activities or coach. I really like coaching."

Whatever is in his future, the 33-year-old Canadian will keep busy. 

Barnett —

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So why didn't Jennifer Barnett leave Cameron when she graduated last May?

Barnett, now a graduate student at CU working on a Master of Business Administration degree, decided it would be best to continue her education.


She was also offered a job as a graduate assistant director of student activities.

"Jennifer has the type of personality that makes a difference in whatever she gets involved," said acting student activities director Todd Caughlin. "It's that determination that makes her so special. This office would not be the same without her."

Barnett can be spotted across campus, handling such campus activities as PAC's back-to-school event in late August. Or it might be in the classroom — either as a graduate student or as a teacher. Barnett co-taught two fall sessions of "Introduction to University Life" with student development director Theres Stiefer.

"Cameron has grown on me," Barnett says. "This is my fifth year here. It is personal and comfortable. And I feel that I'm getting a good education."

Barnett's love of CU makes it easy for her to stay active ... and she wants students involved as well.

"Getting involved can enhance the college experience and make it even more exciting," she said. 

Lawton junior Stefania Rudd is a PR and organizational communications major at CU.

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