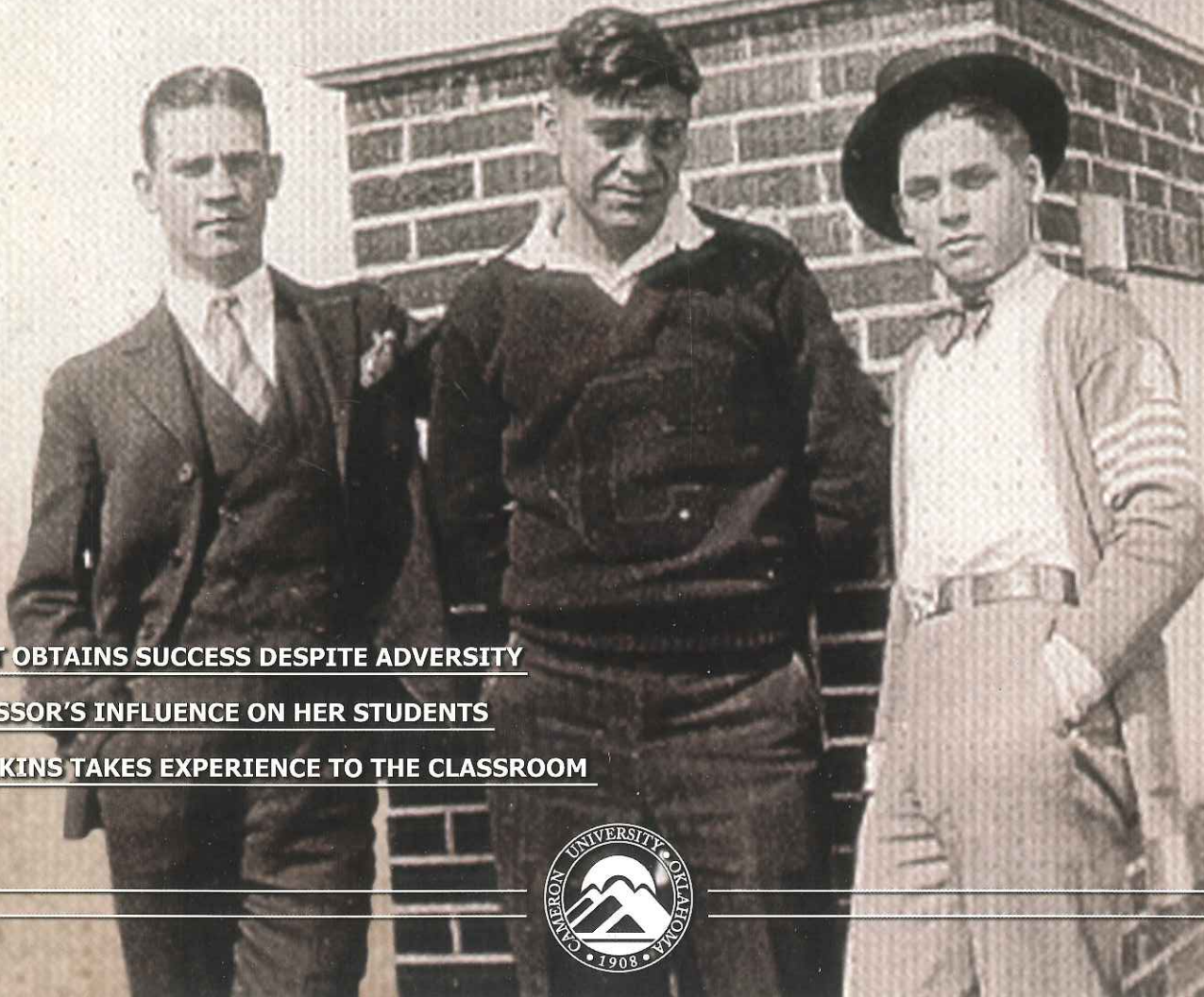
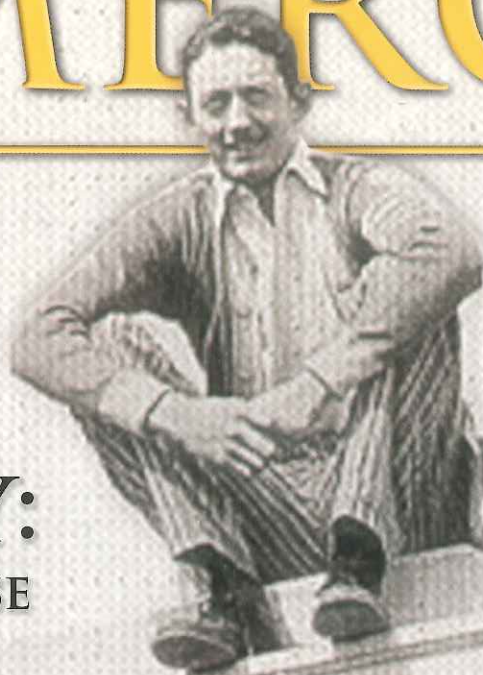


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Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The Centennial Year is almost here, and the excitement is building. Cameron University is planning an observance worthy of a celebration of 100 years of changing lives through education. As a central theme of the observance, Cameron is spotlighting the university's rich history. Since the previous magazine highlighted Cameron's first 25 years, this issue presents the story of the following 25 years.

The Centennial *Changing Lives* Campaign is still making tremendous progress. To date, \$9.6 million have been raised which puts the university at 96 percent of the extended \$10 million goal. Since the last publication, Don and Steve Bentley contributed a generous \$400,000 to the Centennial Gardens. To honor this gift, the gardens have been named the Bentley Gardens.

For the holidays, Cameron hosted Holiday Tree Lightings at both the Lawton and Duncan campuses. These special events provided the opportunity for the larger community to enjoy the festive season along with the Cameron community.

Inspiring stories of members of the Cameron community are profiled in this issue. Dr. Matt Jenkins is an acclaimed filmmaker who shares his documentary film skills with students at Cameron. The student story spotlights Laura Hidalgo, who has overcome significant obstacles to be a strong leader at Cameron University. The unique successes of faculty and students are a strong source of pride for Cameron. There is also a moving story of donors who chose to honor their favorite professor, which is a testament to the lasting legacy of the quality education offered at Cameron.

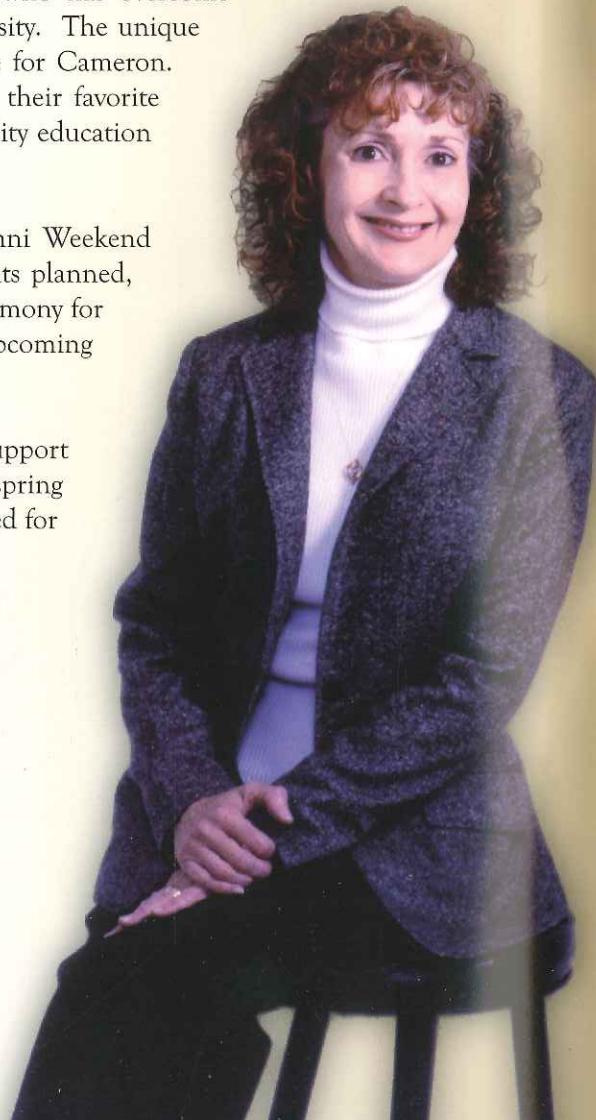
The spring semester promises to be an exciting time. Alumni Weekend will be combined with Homecoming with several special events planned, including a bonfire, pep rally, and the inaugural induction ceremony for the Cameron University Athletics Hall of Fame. Details of the upcoming commencement ceremony are also highlighted.

As Cameron University prepares for its second century, your support and participation make this future possible. Please join us this spring for special events and watch for updates on the activities planned for the Centennial Observance in 2008-2009.

Sincerely,



Cindy Ross
President



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On the Cover: A group of students pose on the memorial commemorating all Cameron prep and high school students. The monument, still located on the CU campus off University Drive, was dedicated in 1940. Cover design by Doug McAbee.

CAMPUS UPDATE



TRADING ROOMS

New program gives CU residents chance at room makeover

Five rooms, two days, and \$300 to redecorate each residence hall room - that was the challenge set before five Cameron students and one local designer when CU's Student Activities and Student Housing launched Trading Rooms, a new

event in the residence halls that provides a fun way for students to customize their rooms.

Like the show "Trading Spaces," the students who live in CU residence halls worked with interior designer Cheri Harrison of Classic Collection and Interiors by Cheri in Duncan to redecorate the rooms in just 48 hours with a \$300 budget. To add an element of surprise, no student worked on his/her own room.

The participants were chosen based on an application process which asked them to explain why they thought their room should be selected. Sonila Abdulla, Ruth Johnson, and Javee Morris along with roommate Jaelyn Fore all of South Shepler and Heather Doslich of Cameron Village were chosen for the program. The designer met with each participant prior to the actual work day to share her desired style and outcomes for the redecoration.

In addition to the time and budget limitations, the designs were required to incorporate the furniture that comes standard with the rooms. The teams were allowed to decorate with items including pictures, plants and rugs.

WEBSITE

Cameron website has a new look

If you haven't visited Cameron University's website (cameron.edu) lately, you should check out the new design. The new layout offers visitors a fresh new look, improved navigation, and updated features including an events calendar and a photo tour of campus.

In addition to the university's website, the Athletics Department has added new features to its site (goaggies.cameron.edu). Aggie fans can now watch Cameron volleyball and basketball games via the internet. The website also allows fans to access live stats for volleyball and basketball and bio pages of each Aggie athlete.

Photos courtesy of Student Activities



Five lucky Cameron students were chosen to participate in the Trading Rooms contest. Here is what one of the rooms looked like before the makeover.



After the Trading Rooms makeover, this standard dorm room was transformed into a stylish yet functional living space.

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Internet users will find a new look to the Cameron website.

NEW FACES

DeBoard named Director of Public Safety

Former Lawton Police Department Captain John DeBoard was named as Cameron University's Director of Public Safety in September.

DeBoard has 26 years of law enforcement experience, with more than 24 years with the Lawton Police Department (LPD). He began his career with the Grandfield Police Department and then spent time with the Frederick Police Department before joining LPD in 1983.



As director, DeBoard will supervise the Office of Public Safety on the Cameron University Lawton and Duncan campuses. The Office of Public Safety operates around the clock, 365 days per year, providing campus security, enforcing campus parking and traffic regulations, and advising students, staff, and faculty on matters of public safety and conflict resolution. Additionally, the Office of Public Safety establishes and supervises crime prevention programs and serves as the liaison with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

In addition to his 26 years of experience, DeBoard has completed the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) Public Information Officer and National Incident Management Systems courses.

Bowen selected as Director of Alumni Relations

Jennifer Bowen was selected as the Director of Alumni Relations in November.

As Director of Alumni Relations, Bowen will work closely with the Cameron University Alumni Association and its board of directors to increase alumni membership and involvement with the university. This includes building an enthusiastic and active base of alumni and managing all the university's alumni-related programs, activities, and events. Bowen will also organize targeted and annual membership campaigns and maintain alumni records.

Prior to joining Cameron, Bowen served as the Wichita Mountains March of Dimes Division Director in Lawton. She also worked for the American Cancer Society in Lawton as a community specialist. Bowen earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Tulsa and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Cameron University.

Bowen is also an active volunteer in the community. She has served the Junior League of Lawton in various capacities and is the current vice president for membership. She has also volunteered on the Citizens for Progress committee, Lawton Public Schools bond steering committee and the Lawton Chamber of Commerce annual banquet committee.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- Jan. 14 Classes resume
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Day Discussion, 2 p.m., Shepler Ballroom
- Martin Luther King Day Banquet, 6:30 p.m., CU Fitness Center

February

- Feb. 1 CU Concert and Exhibition Series, 6:30 p.m., Simmons Center in Duncan
- Feb. 3 Cameron University/Lawton Community Band Concert, 3 p.m., University Theatre
- Feb. 18-23 Cameron University Homecoming
- Feb. 21-24 Cameron University Theatre presents "Nine"
- Feb. 22-23 Cameron University Alumni Weekend

March

- Mar. 6 Pi Eta Sigma induction, 6:30 p.m., Shepler Ballroom
- Mar. 13 Cameron University Jazzfest, 8 p.m., University Theatre
- Mar. 17-21 Spring Break
- Mar. 27 Cameron University Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre
- Mar. 29 Spring Preview Day/Senior enrollment, 9 a.m., CU Fitness Center

April

- Apr. 1 Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre
- Apr. 4 CU Percussion Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., University Theatre
- Apr. 6 Hyunsoon Whang Piano Concert, 3 p.m., University Theatre
- Apr. 15 Graduate Preview Night, 6 p.m., McMahon Great Room
- Apr. 17-19 Cameron Theatre presents "I Hate Hamlet"
- Apr. 22 University Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Shepler Ballroom
- Apr. 24 Retirement and Service Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Shepler Ballroom
- Apr. 25-27 Cameron Theatre presents "I Hate Hamlet"
- Apr. 29 CU Bands/77th Army Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Duncan Simmons Center

May

- May 9 Hooding Ceremony, 5 p.m., University Theatre
- Commencement, 7:30 p.m., Cameron Stadium

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

“Bentley Gardens will forever transform the Cameron campus.”

Cindy Ross
CU President

Preparations for Centennial Celebration underway

Beginning in August of 2008, Cameron University will officially kick off the celebration of its 100th birthday. The year-long celebration will include speakers, concerts, and other events dedicated to commemorating Cameron’s 100 years of changing lives through education. Look for announcements regarding this milestone achievement in Cameron history.

CU breaks ground on Bentley Gardens

Cameron’s mascot Ole Kim traded his pick axe for a pair of pruning shears as he helped CU President Cindy

Ross and distinguished guests break ground on the newly named Bentley Gardens during a special ceremony held in October on Cameron’s main campus in Lawton. The gardens, previously known as the Centennial Gardens, are named for Donald S. and Stephen F. Bentley, publishers of *The Lawton Constitution*, who contributed \$400,000 to the project.

“The Bentley family is happy to contribute to the continued success of Cameron. Higher education is an integral part of the future of Southwest Oklahoma and the support of many individuals and foundations will ensure that it continues to be a center of excellence for the students, the faculty, and the community,” Steve Bentley said.

Ole Kim and CU Student Government Association President Jeff Wozencraft conducted some initial preparations on the area including pruning trees before unveiling the plans for the gardens. Ross and Tom Clark, Chairman of The University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers State University Board of Regents along

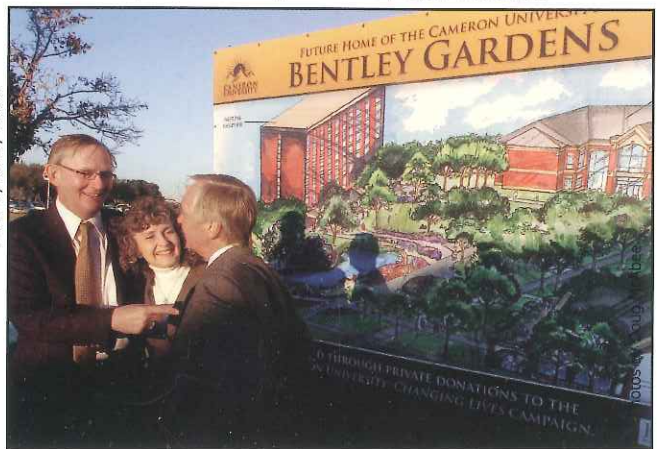
with Regents Jon Stuart, Larry Wade, John Bell, and Leslie Rainbolt-Forbes, and Cameron student Jessica Daoang helped celebrate the momentous occasion before a crowd of community supporters.

“We are very proud to conduct another groundbreaking at Cameron University,” Ross said. “Bentley Gardens will forever transform the Cameron campus. It will help draw students and the community alike, creating memories of their experiences at Cameron. I am thrilled to share this historic event with the community and Cameron supporters who have made this dream a reality.”

The Bentleys contributed the bulk of the funds needed to construct the gardens as part of the *Cameron University: Changing Lives* campaign. The Bentley family – which has owned *The Lawton Constitution* since 1910 – has been a prominent supporter of Cameron throughout the school’s history, including assistance for President’s Partners, the athletic program, and KCCU (Cameron’s public radio station). The Shepler Center dormitory and



CU President Cindy Ross proudly displays the rendering of the Monica and Tom McCasland Family Pond after the couple made their \$165,000 contribution.



Cameron President Cindy Ross thanks brothers Steve and Don Bentley after receiving their \$400,000 contribution and the naming of Bentley Gardens.



SGA President Jeff Wozencraft assists Cameron mascot Ole Kim in preparing the grounds at the future site of the Bentley Gardens during the official groundbreaking ceremony.

CAMERON UNIVERSITY'S
CHANGING LIVES CAMPAIGN

By the Numbers

Overall campaign

Goal:	\$10,000,000
Total gifts received:	\$9,634,351
Gifts still needed:	\$365,649
Percent complete:	96.3%

Student Activities Complex

Goal:	\$6,500,000
Total gifts received:	\$6,146,810
Gifts still needed:	\$353,190
Percent complete:	94.6%

Endowed Faculty Positions

Goal:	\$650,000
Total gifts received:	\$1,307,586
Percent complete:	201.2%

Scholarships

Goal:	\$600,000
Total gifts received:	\$1,028,538
Percent complete:	171.4%

Bentley Gardens

Goal:	\$500,000
Total gifts received:	\$713,933
Percent complete:	142.8%

University Advancement

Goal:	\$250,000
Total gifts received:	\$437,484
Percent complete:	172.3%

cafeteria complex is named for their grandparents, Mae and Ned Shepler.

The 2.6 acre gardens planned at the heart of the Lawton campus will lie in the area bound by the Shepler Towers, Cameron Village, the new Business Building, the Sciences Complex and the planned Centennial Student Activities Complex (SAC). Designs for the complex include a large patio and a second floor balcony overlooking the gardens which will provide a spectacular view for student and community gatherings.

The gardens will include a 1/3 acre pond, named The Monica and Tom McCasland Family Pond, in recognition of the Duncan couple's significant contribution to the project. Other features of the garden include a gazebo with band shell, green spaces, picnic tables, benches, strolling paths, and places for quiet contemplation. This lovely campus focal point, designed to enhance the beauty of the campus, will give Cameron students a more fulfilling college experience and provide a place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Ross said the gardens will integrate new construction with existing buildings to help fulfill the vision for a more traditional campus. University officials plan to complete construction on the gardens near the end of the school's Centennial year, academic year 2008-2009.

CU receives first Area of Repose contribution

In November, Ross accepted a \$30,000 contribution from Pauline Harrold Young and her daughter, Phyllis A. Young to establish the gardens' first *Area of Repose*. The pair contributed the donation to honor family members James "The Count" Altman Harrold, Sr. and Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth Updegrove Harrold who were early Lawton pioneers.

"The Bentley Gardens are a wonderful addition to Cameron," said Phyllis Young. "The gardens provide a unique way to honor our ancestors, especially our pioneer settlers of Lawton and Oklahoma. We hope others who have pioneer ancestors will join us in utilizing the gardens to honor and acknowledge them."

Locations within the Bentley Gardens will be designated as *Areas of Repose*. These areas of beauty and tranquility will serve as places for reflection, study and relaxation. Contributions at the *Area of Repose* level allow donors to make a significant commitment to the campaign and spread the payment of the donation over a three-year period at a rate of \$10,000 per year. To honor the gift, a plaque recognizing the contribution will mark the *Area of Repose* in the Bentley Gardens.



Phyllis Young (left) and her mother Pauline Young chat with CU President Cindy Ross after contributing \$30,000 to establish the university's first *Area of Repose* in the Bentley Gardens.

SHARING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Cameron University welcomed the holiday season with special tree lighting ceremonies and receptions in Duncan and Lawton. Both events were held the last week of November and featured horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday food and drinks, cookie decorating stations, and performances by the Cameron University Chamber Singers.

This year marked the first time for the event to be held on the main campus in Lawton and the second year for the event at the CU-Duncan campus. In 2006, icy weather forced university officials to cancel the event planned for the main campus.

Students, alumni, university personnel, and community members enjoyed the holiday atmosphere as CU President Cindy Ross welcomed guests and assisted mascot Ole Kim in lighting the trees.

Cameron Staff Researcher and Writer Jana Gowan attended the tree lighting and reception on the main campus with her mother and three year old nephew. She said from the carriage rides, to the music, to the cookie decorating, the event provided fun for all.

"The Holiday Tree Lighting is a great event that I hope Cameron will continue to host for years to come," Gowan said. "The atmosphere was very festive, and there were special activities for everyone to enjoy."



Photo by Doug McAbbee



This youngster gets some help from his mother at the cookie decorating station.

Photo by Mike Mazzo



Tree lighting guests enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride through Cameron's campus.

Photo by Mike Mazzo



Ole Kim stands in front of CU's illuminated holiday tree after its lighting.

Photo by Doug McAbbee



Cameron's Chamber Singers provided holiday cheer during both tree lighting events.

Photo by Doug McAbbee



CU President Cindy Ross shares a hug with mascot Ole Kim after lighting the holiday tree on the main campus in Lawton.

GEARING UP FOR COMMENCEMENT

On Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Cameron Stadium, hundreds of Cameron University students will realize their dreams of completing a college degree during the 2008 commencement exercise. Highlighting this year's ceremony will be the commencement address given by the first woman to pilot and command an American spacecraft, astronaut Col. Eileen Collins.

Collins dreamed of becoming a pilot during her childhood in Elmira, New York. Her family lacked the funds to send her away to college, so Collins earned an associate's degree in mathematics and science at Corning Community College. She then earned a scholarship to Syracuse University, where she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics.

Collins entered the Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training Program in 1978. Following her graduation from the Pilot Training Program, Collins spent several years in the Air Force and earned master's degrees in operations research from Stanford University and space systems management from Webster University. In 1990 while attending the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base she was selected for NASA's astronaut program.

Collins achieved her dream of becoming an astronaut in July 1991. She flew on her first shuttle mission, STS-63 Discovery, in February 1995, as the first woman ever to pilot a space shuttle. She also served as a pilot on her second shuttle mission, STS-84 Atlantis, in May 1997. In July 1999, she achieved

another milestone by becoming the first woman ever to command a shuttle mission, STS-93 Columbia. In July 2005, she flew her final NASA mission as commander of STS-114 Discovery. Over the course of her four shuttle flights, she logged more than 872 hours in space.

Following inspiring remarks from Collins and a momentous commencement ceremony, there will be a spectacular fireworks display to close the celebration.





SHE'S A SURVIVOR AND MORE

by Emily C. Kelley

Laura Hidalgo is only 24 years old but has already experienced more than some people twice her age. She is a Cameron student, a Venezuelan citizen on the path to United States citizenship and last, but certainly not least, a cancer survivor.

Seven years ago, Hidalgo moved to the U.S. from her hometown of Balencia, Venezuela, joining her mother and brother in Tulsa, Okla. She attended Tulsa Community College during her time there, graduating with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration in 2006.

While in school, Hidalgo noticed something wasn't quite right. Something about her shoulder caught her attention, so she went to the doctor. After several tests, the doctor determined she had Hodgkins Disease.

Hodgkins is a type of cancer that develops from cells in the lymph system called lymphocytes and is usually found in people between the ages of 15 and 34 or people 55 years and older according to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

Many people might take a cancer diagnosis as a death sentence, a reason to lose enthusiasm in life, but not Hidalgo.

"When I first found out I had cancer, it put my whole world down for one week," she said. "But only for one week. After that, I decided I was going to fight this thing and get past it."

She said the hardest part of the chemotherapy she endured was losing her hair.

After completing three months of aggressive treatment, Hidalgo's physician, Dr. Allen Keller, declared her victorious in her battle with Hodgkins. That was three years ago. To be declared completely cancer free, she has two more years of follow-up appointments, and then her battle will be officially over.

"I don't see my cancer as something bad that happened to me," she said. "I love to talk about it and help other people who have just found out they have cancer. I used to be so picky and silly, but after my chemotherapy that changed. My family and friends and I were just so lucky to get through it."

Hidalgo met her boyfriend, Jeff Wozencraft when she

was living in Tulsa. Wozencraft, a senior at Cameron, will graduate and earn commission as an officer in the U.S. Army in May.

He convinced Hidalgo that Cameron was the university for her, but at the time, she was planning on going to Oklahoma State University. It's a change of heart she's certainly glad to have made.

Since coming to Cameron, Hidalgo fills much of her time with activities including Programming Activities Council (PAC), Student Government Association (SGA) and serving as a senator for the School of Business.

This year, Hidalgo continues her involvement with PAC and is the historian for SGA. She's even taken on an additional role as a resident assistant for freshmen.

"I love my job," she said. "I always try to be there for my students if they need me. I plan events for them and always make sure there's good food at the events. I'm so glad to be the freshman R.A. I just love my job."

Those close to her say Hidalgo's enthusiasm is contagious. According to Casey Case, Director of Student Housing, Hidalgo is an exceptional student and an exceptional person in general. "The adversity she has overcome and the positive outlook she keeps—no matter what—is amazing. Laura sees everything as an opportunity."

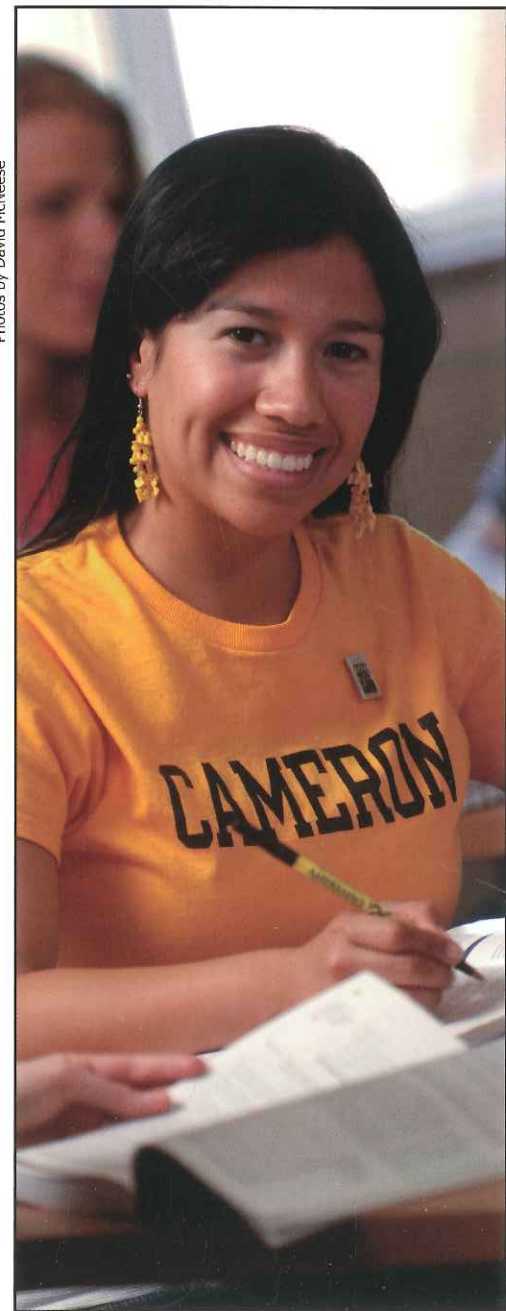
Hidalgo's road to Cameron University has been a long but eventful journey. Her parents are divorced, and her father still lives in Venezuela. Her mother has worked very hard to help Hidalgo through school. The Hodgkins diagnosis was particularly troublesome, as the close-knit family didn't know how they were going to manage the thousands of dollars in medical bills. As Christmas approached and Hidalgo had moved past her cancer, she took a thick folder of medical bills to the hospital's business office to set up some sort of payment plan. She knew she wouldn't be able to pay much at once but wanted to get the process started. Much to everyone's surprise, the woman pulled up Hidalgo's account, which showed a balance of zero. After a couple of

phone calls, the woman behind the computer smiled and said, "Merry Christmas! It appears Dr. Keller paid your bills for you."

With that weight off of her shoulders, Hidalgo was able to make her move to Cameron and get involved. Referring to the cancer, she said, "It was just a moment in my life. Everything happens for a reason. I just feel like I have to do everything because I have this second chance."

Hidalgo is majoring in marketing and will graduate in May 2008. "It will be a happy and sad event," she said. "My mom is excited that I will be graduating, and I am too, but at the same time, I will really miss Cameron."

Though Hidalgo will soon leave Cameron, she plans to pursue an online master's degree through her alma mater. And, in about five years or so, she will take the test to become an American citizen.



Photos by Daria McIntee



Photo by Jeff Wozencraft

Hidalgo hugs her favorite mascot Ole Kim during a CU volleyball game.



Photos by Emily C. Kelley

Hidalgo stays busy as a resident assistant for Cameron University Student Housing.

Volunteering during the university's annual student photo shoot, CU student Laura Hidalgo can be seen in several Cameron advertisements.

CAMERON UNIVERSITY

A COLLEGE ON THE RISE

by Wendy Delorio



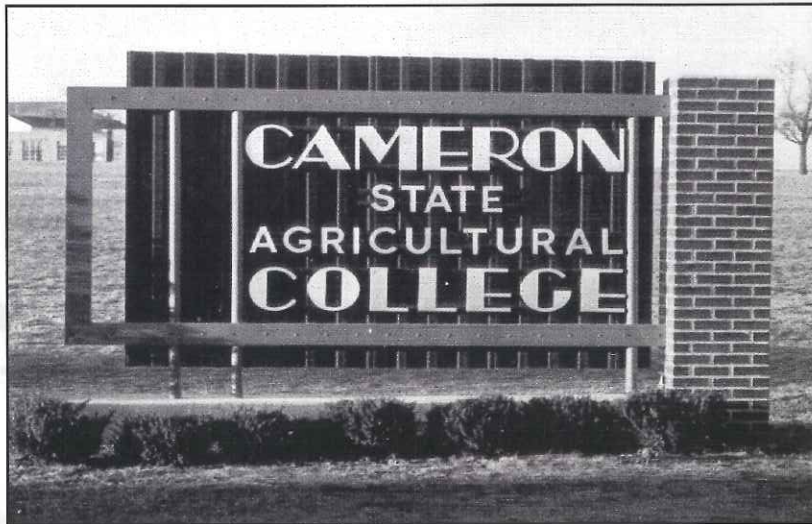
World War II meant that Cameron had to start pulling back the purse strings.

Oklahomans have always been known for their determined spirit in the face of adversity. Living in Southwest Oklahoma during the 1930s and '40s forced many citizens to rely upon their spirit of survival in times of war coupled with the Dust Bowl era of the early '30s. In addition, World War II was beginning, and many towns were suffering from the loss of their young men.

Cameron State Agricultural College had already overcome many obstacles in order to gain junior college status in 1927. Now the institution's next big challenge of becoming a four-year university was at hand. The institution had humble beginnings, starting as a high school for rural towns and communities in Southwest Oklahoma. However the struggles that faced the school from 1930 to nearly 1960 were more than just economic. Cameron's goal of becoming a university seemed so close, but bigger issues continued to push that goal further out of reach with each decade.

In an area of Oklahoma populated with many small, rural towns, many were harshly affected by the Depression of the 1930s. Unemployment in the workforce and deployment of many soldiers to World War II started to take its toll on the student body. Administrators at Cameron embraced the challenges and pushed forward to make the two-year junior college bigger and better by expanding the curriculum in hopes of becoming a four-year educational institution.

Money was tight during the war, and the state of Oklahoma reduced the budget for many state schools. Cameron officials were optimistic, however, and saw the need and desire of the student body to make the college a full fledged four-year university. State Senator Dave Boyer was one of the most vocal state officials who understood Cameron's plight and was instrumental in its push. Boyer urged the change in Cameron's status for several reasons including the fact that Cameron's junior college was the



Officials at Cameron State Agricultural College spent most of this era pushing to become a four-year university.

only higher educational institution within a 50 mile radius and that Cameron's enrollment levels were higher than most of the state's four-year universities. Cameron was growing by leaps and bounds in terms of enrollment, and the college was forced to hire additional faculty and staff in addition to increasing courses to keep up with the demand. In 1932, Cameron graduated a record 113 students. However, the push to make Cameron a four-year university was unsuccessful despite supportive efforts from area legislators, college administrators, students and the city of Lawton.

During the early 1930s, United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt initiated many programs geared to reform the economy of the country during the Great Depression. These programs had three components: direct relief, economic recovery, and financial reform. Many of Cameron's students and the university itself were recipients of such federal aid. In 1934, the Civil Works Agency appropriated funds to hire students to do clerical, library and research work at the school. It also 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 systems, and campus landscaping. The Public Works Agency approved \$100,000 for the construction of badly needed dormitories to replace the outdated wood framed buildings.

The conflict in Asia and Europe was no longer a world away. The economic troubles caused by World War II were hitting many Oklahomans hard, but their determined Oklahoma spirit rallied around the troops. Support for the military came from many angles, and Cameron certainly stepped up, adding courses, curriculum and programs to aid in the training of troops, civil service personnel and more.

Charles M. Conwill became Cameron's president in 1931 and remained with the university for more than 15 years. In 1941, Cameron completely dropped its high school courses and became solely a junior college. The times of war were more

evident during this decade. Members of the State Agriculture Board decreed that all agricultural colleges would stay open year-round during the war and offer defense related courses as well. In 1942, just ten years after celebrating a record graduating class and high enrollment levels, the war had hit Cameron hard. Enrollment was down by a third, and the next year the college awarded only 53 degrees at the commencement ceremony.

Many Cameron students left the college to serve in the Armed Forces or in civil service positions. Those who remained on campus participated in a number of defense activities. The Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington, D.C. accepted Cameron's application for civilian pilot training. Cameron made its cannery available for a community

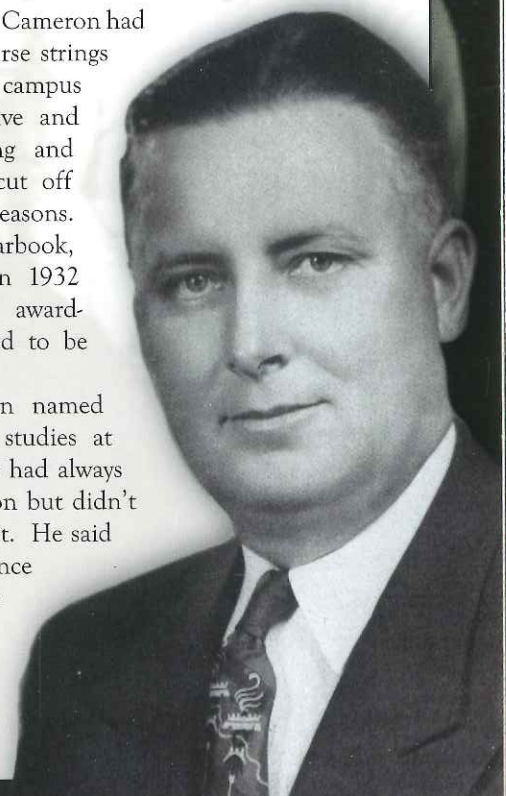
project which the Rural War Production Training program sponsored. The school also offered special Saturday classes for teachers who needed to renew war emergency certificates. *The Collegian*, the campus newspaper, published a regular "Men and Women in Service" column to recognize the contributions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

It was during this time of hardship that Cameron President Conwill made another plea to the state board of regents to make Cameron a four-year university. The state regents rejected the request, asserting that such an expansion was not a practical need during war time. Cameron was still operating at some of the lowest costs compared to its other state school counterparts. Even during the war crunch, the institution maintained high enough enrollment to hold reign over its status as the largest junior college in the state.

World War II meant that Cameron had to start pulling back the purse strings – maintaining only those campus activities which could thrive and support themselves. Boxing and football were temporarily cut off despite several successful seasons. *The Wichita*, Cameron's yearbook, was not published between 1932 and 1946, although the award-winning *Collegian* continued to be published.

In 1939, a young man named Lloyd Mitchell began his studies at Cameron. Mitchell said he had always dreamed of higher education but didn't know how he could afford it. He said an acquaintance knew Clarence H. Breedlove, a professor and dean at Cameron.

"So, I got a letter back from Dean Breedlove. He offered me a nine-



C. Vernon Howell served as president of Cameron from 1947-1957.

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A group of students pose in front of Jed Johnson Hall, built for National Youth Administration activities in the late 1930s.

dollar-a-month job. Room and board cost eighteen dollars a month, so that was half the room and board," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that his times at Cameron, "were perhaps some of the best times I ever had in my life." The fact that Mitchell met his future wife, Mable Apple, while at Cameron most likely had much to do with that notion.

Oklahomans were hopeful that the war wouldn't last forever. Finally in the mid 1940s, they began to see the light at the end of the tunnel. By 1944, the school was planning for the post-war period. A full schedule of athletics resumed, the "O" club was revived, construction began on accommodations for student veterans, and new organizations began popping up across the campus.

In 1946, Conwill resigned his position as the college's president. He was replaced by Breedlove. Later that same year, Breedlove returned to the military and was replaced by C. Vernon Howell.

Howell remained at this post through 1957 and enjoyed many credits to his tenure at Cameron. Howell was largely responsible for the many physical improvements to the campus, for the establishment of Cameron's military science program and ROTC unit, and for the continued promotion of Cameron as the best junior college in the state.

By 1956, Cameron's enrollment was at an all time high with more than 1,600 students attending. Physical growth had exceeded the million dollar mark, and instructional building space had more than doubled. Cameron had a well deserved

reputation as an outstanding agricultural school.

The administration at Cameron continued its push to expand the college to a four-year educational institution. However, reaching that goal was still several years away. Howell resigned unexpectedly in 1957, turning the president's helm over to Clarence L. Davis. Davis wasted no time in pursuing four-year accreditation. Soon after Davis became president, a steering committee was established to explore the process. Oklahoma's Governor, Raymond Gary, organized a Commission on Higher Education to study institutions and make recommendations to the legislature and

the public. Committee members visited the Cameron campus during this time and reported that Cameron was one of the finest junior colleges in the nation whose president was doing a "splendid job."

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

The persistence and tenacity of Cameron have been evident since its inception. Despite obstacles of state funding, world war, and The Depression, Cameron stood strong and continued the fight to expand educational opportunities for Southwest Oklahomans. The Oklahoma spirit was evident by looking at the campus. New buildings for class work could be found. A new gym was constructed as well as many other college facilities. The administration knew eventually it would reach its goal of expanding the college into a four-year university and provide even more opportunities for Southwest Oklahoma and beyond.



Students pile in a car in front of Nance Boyer in 1939.



DESTINATION

Cameron Students and Alumni to celebrate 2008 Homecoming and Alumni Weekend

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

6:30 p.m. Bonfire and Pep Rally, West of Cameron Stadium

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

2:30 p.m. University Update with President Ross and Presentation of Golden Associate Medallions at Cameron Village McMahon Center

3:30 p.m. Campus Tours beginning at McMahon Center at Cameron Village

4:30 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Reception at Shepler Ballroom

6:00 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at Cameron Fitness Center
(Tickets must be purchased.)

9:00 p.m. Comedy Night with comedian Rhetta at Aggie Gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

9:30 a.m. Parent's Day Breakfast at McMahon Center Library

10:00 a.m. 1987 NAIA National Championship Football Team touch football game at Cameron Stadium followed by a cookout sponsored by the Athletic Department

11:00 a.m. Alumni Reception highlighting the Class of 1957 and prior years, Class of 1982 and Class of 1997 at Shepler Center Centennial and Wichita Rooms
(All alumni and guests welcome.)

12:00 p.m. Alumni Luncheon including recognition of reunion classes, Faculty Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni Awards at Shepler Ballroom (Tickets must be purchased.)

1:00 p.m. Meet and greet with 1987 NAIA National Championship Football Team at the Aggie Gym, sponsored by the Athletic Department

2:00 p.m. Aggie Basketball vs. Northeastern at Aggie Gym. 1987 NAIA National Championship Football team recognition at half-time of women's game, Athletic Hall of Fame recognition prior to men's game, and coronation of CU Homecoming King and Queen during half-time of men's game

Cameron is the 'Destination' for students and alumni

"Destination" is the theme of Cameron's 2008 Homecoming celebration to be held February 21-23, and university officials are encouraging alumni to make the CU campus their destination for the celebration as Alumni Weekend activities are scheduled to coincide.

"Combining the weekend's events will allow past, present, and future Cameron Aggies to experience the campus at its finest," CU Director of Alumni Relations Jennifer Bowen said. "The weekend's events will be bigger and better than ever. We look forward to seeing you back on campus in February."

STEPPING STONES

by Hillary Ashton

She gave me a lot" said Dr. Paul Laursen when asked about former Cameron State Agricultural College professor, Dorothy Tobias. "I think without her I wouldn't be where I am today."

In 1962, Laursen walked into his first chemistry class with Tobias. It was an advanced course, and to say he was overwhelmed would be an understatement.

"The first day my head was spinning. I had no idea what I had gotten into," he said. After class, he approached his new professor as she was grading papers and told her he felt lost in the class. Tobias instructed him to sit down by her desk, and she would help him. This mentorship continued throughout Laursen's years at Cameron. He would study next to the professor's desk, and the next time she asked a question in class, he could answer it.

More than 40 years later, Laursen and his sister Darlene Rector honored this influential woman by donating \$250,000 to establish the Dorothy S. Tobias Endowed Chair in Chemistry at Cameron University.

"Education is very important to both of us. That's what gave my husband a career," said Kay. "He's very giving. He wanted to do this, and I said go ahead."

Laursen's hard work at Cameron paid off. After graduating in 1963 with an Associate's Degree in Arts and Sciences, he went on to earn a dentistry degree from the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

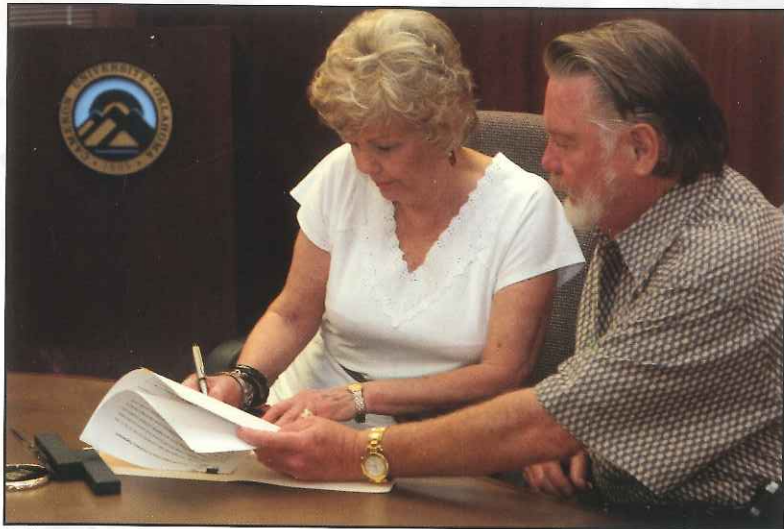
He served in the army, including a tour in Vietnam, and practiced dentistry in Vinita, Ardmore and Tishomingo before returning to school to get his doctorate of medicine from The University of Oklahoma. He now owns a private practice in San Antonio, Texas.

"I had done well, but I had to have a stepping stone, and Mrs. Tobias was the biggest stepping stone I ever had," said Paul.

The idea for the gift in memory of Tobias came from a conversation between Laursen and his sister, Darlene Rector, a few years ago. Rector also had courses with Tobias. As the brother and sister discussed their experiences in Tobias' classroom, Laursen considered giving back to Cameron University in her name. What makes the gift even more inspirational is that they gave knowing very little about Tobias other than the impact she had on them.

Dorothy Tobias loved chemistry. She once told a reporter for the campus newspaper, "A person's hobby should be something different than his vocation, but I find analytical chemistry so interesting that I need no change from it." For nearly thirty years, she passed on her love of chemistry to her students at Cameron.

She began working at Cameron as a professor in the chemistry department in 1943. When she arrived on campus, she had already earned both her bachelor's



Darlene Rector and her brother Dr. Paul Laursen sign papers to officially establish the Dorothy S. Tobias Endowed Chair in Chemistry.

and master's degrees from Oklahoma A&M. She had taught at both the high school and collegiate levels and completed a one-year appointment from Washington, D.C. to the Pine Bluff Gas Arsenal in Pine Bluff, Ark.

According to Tobias' former colleague, Elizabeth Ann Nalley, Ph.D., Tobias had "a great sense of humor." Nalley said students referred to her as "Toby," though usually not to her face.

She taught everything from analytical chemistry to organic chemistry for home economics students. She was also one of the founding members of the Wichita Falls-Duncan Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). She encouraged other professors to be active in the society as well. Without the establishment of this section, Nalley would not have become National President of ACS in 2006.

Rector remembers Tobias as being "tough, but fair... If you made a good grade in one of her classes, you knew you earned it and had reason to be proud."

Tobias also served as faculty advisor for many organizations on campus including the PreMed Club and the PreEngineering Club and for a number of years, she chaired the Cameron College Science Fair.

"When she saw she had an interested student, she would feed him even more," Laursen remembers.

In addition to establishing the endowed chair, Paul and Kay Laursen gave \$25,000 to establish the Gerald Paul Laursen, D.D.S., M.D. and Kay Anne Davis Laursen Endowed Lectureship in Mathematical Sciences. The couple met while attending Cameron and married the year Paul graduated. When he asked Kay what department she would like to give to she said, "I'm lousy at math...maybe that will help somebody along the way."

During their time at Cameron the Laursens were both active on campus. Paul was a ROTC cadet and member of the Pre-Med Club, and Kay was on the Drill Team, also known as The Aggiettes.

Kay majored in elementary education and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Memphis State University. Although they now live in San Antonio, the Laursens still have family in Southwest Oklahoma and enjoy visiting the area.

"Lawton is kind of home. It still kind of has a soft place in our hearts," said Kay.

Darlene Rector attended Cameron intermittently between 1965 and 1971 while her husband was in Vietnam. She later earned a bachelor's degree in education from Old

Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and a master's degree in microbiology from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. She is currently teaching advanced microbiology at Tarrant County College District near Fort Worth, Texas.

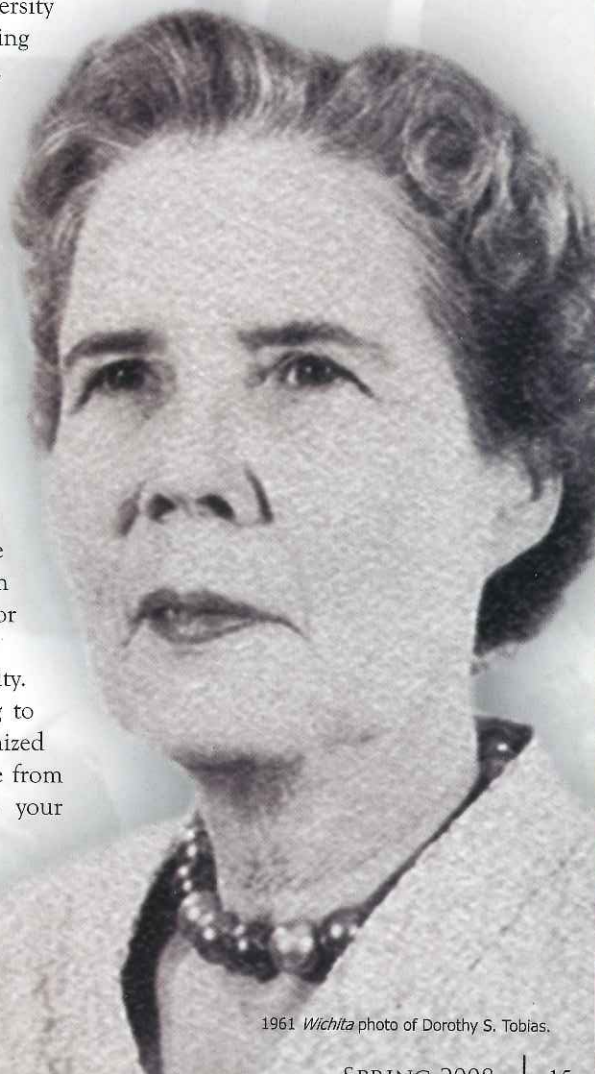
Both endowments will make lasting contributions to the quality of education at Cameron University. The University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers State University Board of Regents provide matching gifts for all faculty endowments. Cameron University also received an additional \$12,500 in matching funds from the McCasland Foundation of Duncan for the lectureship. In total, the gifts from the Laursens and Rector will create a \$500,000 endowment for the endowed chair and a \$75,000 endowment for the endowed lectureship.

Paul said the dollar amounts of the endowments are impressive but slight compared to the opportunities each will create for Cameron students – a notion instilled in him by his mentor Tobias.

"I think she appreciated sincerity. If you are really in there wanting to learn, wanting to try, she recognized that," he said. "The rewards come from appreciating what you do and your satisfaction in doing it."

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Paul Laursen



EXPERIENCING THE DOCUMENTARY

by Jennie Hanna

Matt Jenkins believes that in order to truly learn something, sometimes you have to look further than the inside of a textbook. It's a philosophy he's learned after more than 20 years as an independent video producer.

Jenkins, a member of the Cameron faculty since 1995, received his Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications from Ohio University, his Master of Science in Public Communication from Syracuse University, and his Doctorate of Education in Professional Studies from Delta State University.

For more than two decades, Jenkins has created award winning documentaries and short movies which continue to be recognized at festivals across the United States such as The Bare Bones Independent Film Festival, The Brooklyn Underground Film Festival, The Greenwich International Film Festival, and The Berkeley Video and Film Festival.

His work has been reviewed by such publications as *VideoScope*, *VideoWatch Dog*, *Candy For Bad Children*, *Entertainment Insiders* and *Shock Cinema*.

Jenkins' experience and success in the independent filmmaking industry have translated into valuable learning opportunities and equal success for his students at Cameron University.

This is exactly what he offers his summer documentary students - a chance to get some real world, behind-the-camera experience with filmmaking by actually making one. The product this year was "North of Austin/West of Nashville: Red Dirt Music," which was a rousing success with its audience.

"I am very proud of what this group was able to come up with," Jenkins said. "It is amazing to see them get excited

and take something they enjoy and develop it into a film they can share with others."

Since he began in 1995 with "Atomic Annie," a film about the first atomic gun housed at Fort Sill, Jenkins has been hooked on trying to tell unique stories from American history.

"Finding something that interests the filmmaker is key," Jenkins said. That's why Jenkins allows the class to pick the topic they find most interesting. Once red dirt music was decided on, the students then had only eight weeks to write, shoot, edit, and promote the film.

"They were responsible for it all. They had to be; otherwise they would have never understood how much goes into the entire production of a documentary," he said.

"Red Dirt" premiered at the end of the summer in the University Theatre to a packed auditorium. The film has also been submitted to the Sundance and South by Southwest film festivals.

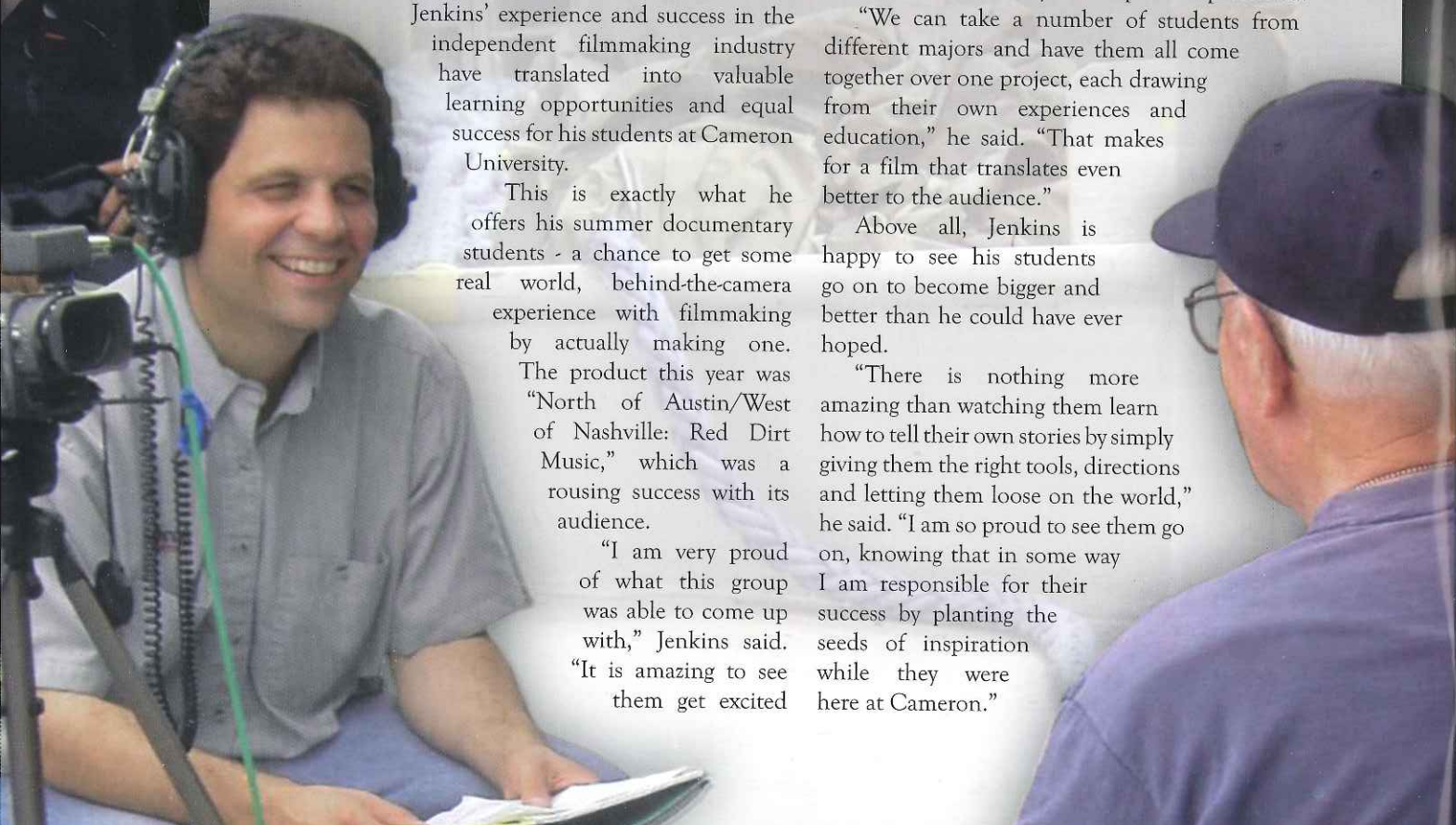
What Jenkins enjoys best about the documentary class is the wide variety of disciplines represented.

"We can take a number of students from different majors and have them all come together over one project, each drawing from their own experiences and education," he said. "That makes for a film that translates even better to the audience."

Above all, Jenkins is happy to see his students go on to become bigger and better than he could have ever hoped.

"There is nothing more amazing than watching them learn how to tell their own stories by simply giving them the right tools, directions and letting them loose on the world," he said. "I am so proud to see them go on, knowing that in some way I am responsible for their success by planting the seeds of inspiration while they were here at Cameron."

" Finding something that interests the filmmaker is key..."



Photos courtesy of Matt Jenkins

VAL MAPLES

A PIONEER FOR WOMEN

by Craig Martin

Lately, the Cameron Athletic Department has been full of old photos, statistics, and memories of the great Aggie athletes and coaches who have graced CU's campus. Stories and tales of Aggie legends have run rampant through the halls as the Athletic Department prepares to induct the inaugural class of the first ever Athletics Hall of Fame. In the nearly one-hundred years Cameron has been in existence, there has never been a way to recognize the multitude of standout athletes and coaches who have helped to put the Aggies on the map... until now.

While the inaugural class of ten inductees will not officially be inducted until Cameron's Homecoming Weekend (February 22-23, 2008), the honorees' names have already been released. One of the more influential names on the list is former women's coach Val Maples, who is often regarded as the pioneer of women's athletics at Cameron.

Maples founded and coached almost every female athletic program Cameron has to offer. In 1958, she helped to found not one program but three. That year, she was instrumental in starting volleyball, softball, and women's tennis. She also coached each sport and was at the helm of the volleyball and tennis squads until 1976 and the softball team until 1980. While she didn't help to start women's basketball at Cameron, she certainly put it on the map. Maples coached the Aggies in basketball from 1958-1978. She also served as the Dean of Women at Cameron from 1957-1967.

"I came to Cameron originally as an administrator, but the thing that drew me to athletics were all the women from these small towns that were good athletes who wanted the

opportunity to excel in sports," Maples recalled. "Bit by bit, they got me involved in organizing a group. The students really wanted these programs."

Maples, who was balancing her work in the student counseling and public relations programs as well as teaching eighteen credit hours, helped the women to form "Sports Days." Back then women's athletics were not officially recognized and schools would play each other in each sport on the same day.

During the fall 2007 semester, Maples was honored with the dedication of a bench bearing her name outside of Aggie Gym. Current and former players and coaches presented Maples with the bench located in front of Aggie Gym.

"I was always big on promoting sportsmanship and building a good rapport with your opponents," Maples said. "I really was strong on the athletes going to class and fulfilling their academic responsibilities. I was a stickler about them going to class, making their grades, and behaving well."

As the Aggies take the field or court this season, you can be sure they will carry on the legacy of ethics and sportsmanship that Maples fought so hard to found.

Photo by Doug McAbee



VAL MAPLES
Cameron University
Professor, HPER Department

**Cameron University
Alumni Association
to present 2007
awards at February
23 luncheon
meeting during
Alumni Weekend.**

The Distinguished Alumni Award honors Cameron alumni of eleven or more years and those who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments have brought credit to Cameron by distinguishing themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities and/or through continued support of Cameron University. The 2007 recipients of this award are Lloyd Sumner, Ph.D., Class of 1989 and Lloyd Brooks Mitchell, Class of 1941.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to Cameron alumni who graduated within the last ten years. The recipients are Brad Zerger, Class of 2000 and Eric Jay Johnson, Class of 1997.

The Faculty Hall of Fame Award honors current or retired faculty who have taught a minimum of five years at Cameron and emphasizes teaching effectiveness, positive impact on students' lives and involvement at Cameron outside of the classroom and in the community. The recipients are Abdulhamid Sukar, Ph.D., Professor of Economics in the School of Business and Katherine Liontas-Warren, Professor of Art in the School of Liberal Arts.

Nominations for the awards are accepted annually by May 1. For further information, contact the Cameron Alumni Office, 2800 W. Gore Blvd, Lawton OK 73505; by phone at 580-581-2988; by e-mail at alumni@cameron.edu; or visit the website at <http://www.cameron.edu/alumni>.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Lloyd Brooks Mitchell

When reminiscing of his time at Cameron, 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Lloyd Mitchell spoke of "going out on the campus grounds with my sweetheart and sharing a coke - if I had a nickel to buy one." Mitchell has experienced and accomplished much since his years at Cameron.

He earned an associate's degree from then Cameron State Agricultural College. While at Cameron, Mitchell took part in the Civilian Pilot Training Program. He paid \$40 for the training and received his pilot's license even before he had his driver's license.

He began to further his education at The University of Oklahoma but was called

away to war. His military career was one of great heroism and courage. His incredible story has been told in a biography, *They Were Good Americans*. During his service, Mitchell and his crew mates accomplished a truly heroic feat by completing 25 missions over Europe in a B-17 Super Fortress. He was awarded many combat decorations for his service.

After his years in the military, Mitchell went on to obtain a bachelor's and a master's degree in agronomy from Oklahoma State University. He continued his outstanding service to his country in leadership and supervisory positions for 24 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Before retiring, he was

self-employed in real estate appraisals and owned Mitchell Appraisal Service for more than 27 years. Throughout his life, he has exhibited a respect and appreciation for quality education - an appreciation he said was fostered during his years at Cameron.



Lloyd W. Sumner

Late nights and early morning chemistry labs just don't mix. It's a lesson 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Lloyd Sumner, Ph.D., learned during his years at Cameron.

Sumner has many fond memories of CU and especially the Physical Science Department. He graduated from Cameron with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and although he was busy supporting his family while attending the university, he still found time to be involved in activities such as the Science Club.

After graduating from Cameron, Sumner earned his

doctorate degree in analytical chemistry from Oklahoma State University. He has had an outstanding scientific career and is nationally recognized as a specialist in his field as evident by his induction as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Because of his research and expertise, he has delivered more than 100 lectures in countries all over the world. Despite his many accolades, Sumner said the Distinguished Alumni Award carries special value because it "feels much more like family and home."

Sumner joined the prestigious Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in 1999 and

is an associate scientist and head of the biological mass spectrometry plant division.



FACULTY HALL OF FAME

Abdulhamid Sukar

For many students, the study of economics begins and ends with the introductory course in the subject. Still, Cameron Professor of Economics Abdulhamid Sukar, Ph.D., uses the opportunity to teach students to “think like economists.” To accomplish that goal, Sukar demonstrates the importance of economics to his students.

“Students will be interested and motivated to learn when they can see how the theory they learn applies to real world problems,” Sukar said.

It is a philosophy that has served the professor well and one of the reasons he is a recipient of the 2007 Faculty Hall of Fame Award.

Sukar earned a doctorate degree in economics from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas; a master’s degree in economics from West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas and a bachelor’s degree in statistics from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He came to Cameron in 1987 as an assistant professor of economics. In 1996, he was promoted to

associate professor and in 1998 to professor. While at Cameron, he has earned the prestigious Fulbright Hays Senior Teaching and Research Award, the Southwest Oklahoma Advanced Technology Distinguished Research Award and the Cameron University School of Business Lifetime Research Award. In addition, he has written numerous journal articles and presented more than 35 business forums in Lawton and the surrounding area.

Despite his many accolades, Sukar said his greatest accomplishments come in his classroom.

“My fondest memories involve many bright graduates that Cameron has produced,” Sukar said. “The most gratifying moment in my career as a teacher is when I hear students say they learned a great deal in my class.”



Kathy Liontas-Warren

It has been said, “Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.” Cameron University Professor of Art Katherine Liontas-Warren certainly shares the belief. The 2007 Faculty Hall of Fame Award recipient said, “I make mistakes, and I learn. My students make mistakes, and they learn. Together, we gain knowledge, and our dedication to art is visible in the results of our endeavors.”

One mistake Liontas-Warren is sure to never repeat happened during her second year of teaching at Cameron. The art professor was preparing the still life for her drawing class and asked a student to throw her the softball for the set-up.

“She threw it like a baseball player, and I received a lovely black eye,” said Liontas-Warren who has taught printmaking and drawing at CU since 1984.

Before joining Cameron, she earned a bachelor’s degree in studio art from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven Conn., and a Master of Fine Arts from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Liontas-Warren has achieved national recognition as an acclaimed artist having exhibited in numerous shows and competitive exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe. Many of her drawings are in permanent collections across the nation and can be seen in university galleries and private institutions.

Still, her students proclaim her greatest work happens in the classroom.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI

Brad Zerger

Brad Zerger graduated magna cum laude from Cameron University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in Finance. A PLUS scholar while at Cameron, he is currently a Senior Vice President and Trust Investment Officer with BancFirst in Oklahoma City where he serves as the manager of the investment group for the bank's \$3 billion Trust & Investment Management Division.

In 2006, Zerger was recognized as an Acclaimed Aggie by Cameron University. He also serves on Cameron's Centennial Commission and is a member of the CU Alumni Association.

A member of the Oklahoma Arts Institute endowment committee, Zerger was also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City Linking Oklahoma City's Young Adult Leaders (LOYAL) Class I. He also participates in the Downtown Club of

Oklahoma City.

Zerger received the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 2003 and is a member of the CFA Institute. He also serves as a board member and Secretary for the CFA Society of Oklahoma.

Zerger's most memorable Cameron experience was participating in the Portfolio Management classes. His involvement in the classes was memorable as well. CU School of Business Professor T.K. Bhattacharya teaches the classes and helped nominate Zerger for Outstanding Young Alumni. He said the Cameron graduate is very deserving of the honor.

"Brad is a proud ambassador for Cameron University," Bhattacharya said. "He always displays a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition."



Eric J. Johnson

The son of a Panamanian national and a United States Army soldier, Eric J. Johnson always dreamed of becoming the first in his family to earn

a college degree. He realized that goal when he received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Cameron University in 1997. He went on to earn master's degrees in business administration and management information systems from The University of Oklahoma.

While attending Cameron, Johnson was involved in the Accounting Club and Students in Free Enterprise. He also received the School of Business Key Award. However, his enthusiasm to stay involved did not end when he left Cameron. In 2005, he was recognized by the *OKC Business Journal* as one of Oklahoma City's "Top 40 Under 40" professionals. He is active in the Downtown Lions Club of Oklahoma City and received the organizations "New Lion of the Year" award in 2005.

In August, Johnson was promoted to Assistant Dean for Administration for the College of Pharmacy at the OU Health Sciences Center.

Throughout his professional career, Johnson has maintained ties to his alma mater. He is a member of the CU Alumni Association and served as an adjunct professor teaching Introduction to Business. Johnson said as a member of the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, he has enlisted many Cameron professors to speak at the group's monthly meetings and has actively recruited Cameron graduates to employ.

Johnson said the day he graduated stands out in his mind as his most memorable Cameron moment.

"It stood as a reminder of the cumulative efforts of each day spent working toward my degree. Those efforts would have been more difficult if not for the many friendships developed over the years with fellow classmates and professors who helped me achieve my goal."



ALMA MATTERS



Alumni who received more than one degree are listed by 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. If you have changed your address, have a new job, or have other news to share, contact the CU Alumni Office, 2800 W. Gore Blvd., Lawton OK 73505; 580-581-2988; alumni@cameron.edu; or on the web at www.cameron.edu/alumni.

1929
Sarah E. Miller, Reno, Nev., received her 50-year Gold Pin from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

1935
Dr. William A. Sorge, Burton, Wash., has spent 27 years in exploration for oil and 20 years teaching mathematics at the University of Tulsa.

1942
Bates Boles, Houston, Texas, is a retired manager of government regulations for Gulf Oil Corporation.

1943
M.E. "Cuffie" Waid, Lawton, celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife Maxine.

1947
Lula Fern Cloud, Lawton, celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with her husband L.J.

1948
Allen Caudle, Virginia Beach, Va., is retired from the U.S. Navy.

1950
Bill B. Webb, Oklahoma City, is a retired professor from the division of agriculture at Oklahoma State

University. He and his wife Jean spend their time keeping up with their 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. **Richard R. Lowe**, Ninnekah, along with his wife Thelma (Richardson) Lowe, '51 are enjoying retirement and spoiling six grandchildren. **Dess L. Chappellear**, Sun City West, Ariz., is retired from the Bureau of Reclamation and Department of the Interior. In 1985 she received the Department of the Interior, Meritorious Service Award for water resources work on the cap and other related water resources development contributions. **Sarah A. Thompson**, Beaverton, Ore., is a retired school teacher from Eugene Public Schools.

1951
Ralph W. Newcombe, Lawton, is a self employed attorney. **Donald L. Payne**, Broken Arrow, wrote the book "Breeding a Better Kerry" in 1982.

1952
Dr. Donald W. Grimes, Reedley, Calif., is retired as a water scientist at the University of California, Davis. **Col. William A. Massad**, Ft. Worth, Texas, is retired from the U.S. Army and is the executive director of the Arts Council of Greater Ft. Worth and assistant general manager and public relations director for the Ft. Worth Opera Association.

1953
Svea Penepacker, Lawton, made a donation toward the construction of the new Centennial Student Activities Complex as part of the Cameron University *Changing Lives* campaign.

1955
Betty J. Nossaman, Amarillo, Texas is a retired teacher and office manager at Martindale Vision

Service. **Chief Warrant Officer Don R. Merrick**, Lawton, is retired from the U.S. Army.

1956
Jerry L. Salyer, Edmond, retired after serving as a judge from 1988-2006. He earned his law degree from The University of Oklahoma and was the national debate champion and ranked second scholastically in his graduating Law Class. He also presided as the judge for the Workers' Compensation Court from 1993-1994.

1957
James L. Davidson, Mancos, Colo., is a retired educational professional.

1958
Col. Clinton E. Hart, Walters, is retired from the U.S. Army.

Missouri City, Texas, is a geophysicist with EMTVIC, Inc. **George A. Davidson**, Cement, retired from The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma after serving as athletic director, coach and professor. **Loyd Benson**, Oklahoma City, is the former Speaker of the House in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and has been named president of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

1961
Tony Zens, Waukegan, Ill., is a middle school teacher and coach. **Ronald G. Kolker**, Tulsa, is employed as a CPA at Kolker & Kolker, CPA.

1962
Robert Kelley, Lacey, Wash., was inducted into the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame on August 18th, 2007.



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Smiles are shared as people visit during the Alumni Weekend.

1959
David J. Burns, Duncan, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Winna Mae.

1960
Duane B. Robison, Lyndon, Kan., is a retired teacher. **Larry Luton**,

1963
Sally A. Arrington, Lawton, is a technology professor and college liaison at the Great Plains Technology Center. **Henry Grady Ray**, Lawton, is a retired educator and principal from Lawton Public Schools.

1964

Patrick L. Lauderdale, Tempe, Ariz., is a professor of justice with Arizona State University. **Ronnie J. Brewer**, Indianahoma, is a farmer and rancher.

1965

Victor J. Jamos, Bakersfield, Calif., is a retired manager from A. American Self Storage. **Lt. Col. John J. Trankovich**, Normandy, Tenn., is retired from the U.S. Army. **Melvin Tubbs**, Lawton, retired as a teacher from the Lawton Public Schools.

1967

Larry Evetts, St. Louis, Mo., is a Glyphosate Business Lead with Monsanto.

1968

Charles Turner, Lawton, retired as the Chief of Electronics with the Division of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

1970

Marlene J. Jones, Lawton, is a retired school teacher and principal with Lawton Public Schools. She currently serves as the organist and assistant choir director at Centenary United Methodist Church. **Gary D. Scott**, Lawton, is an insurance salesman at J.T. Neal Insurance Agency, Inc.

1971

Lee V. Tolbert, Del City, is retired from the military and from the Probation and Parole Division for the State of Oklahoma. **Carolyn Wells Moore**, Sapulpa, is a marriage and family therapist in Tulsa and a teacher for Tulsa Public Schools. **Don Abercrombie**, Lawton, retired after 31 years as a teacher and coach at Eisenhower High School. He now owns Don's Chimney and Air Duct Service. **Lonnie D. Campbell**, Oklahoma City, retired as the assistant vice president at Liberty National Bank. **Charlene M. Greb**, Oklahoma City, is a CPA with Robert L. Lewis and Associates, PC. **Mary Ann Boucher**, retired from Lawton Public Schools in 1996 after teaching at Hoover Elementary for three years and Howell Elementary for 22 years. She is married to Jerry Boucher, '61, and they have two children and 4 grandchildren.

1972

Darrell W. Jones, Lawton, is the founder of Jones Seed Company and one of the founders of the Lawton Athletic Foundation. **Lt. Col. Roy Penepacker**, is retired from the U.S. Army Field Artillery school. **Col. John H. Patterson, MD**, San Antonio Texas, is retired from the U.S. Army where he served as chief of the department of psychiatry at Brooke Army Medical Center. **Michael L. Hawkins**, Lawton,

was promoted to engineering associate in the Stormwater Quality Management Division for the City of Lawton.

1973

Lt. Col. Vernon W. Gillespie, Locust Grove, Va., is retired from the U.S. Army. **Chief Warrant Officer Joseph L. Whitfield**, Mt. Olive, N.C., is retired from the U.S. Army and in sales at Lowe's Corporation. **Mike Fleming**, Oklahoma City, remains the top rebounder in Aggie basketball history. **Roy A. Braatz**, Oconomowoc, Wis., is a retired fund raiser and development executive for American Red Cross. **Lt. Col. Joseph E. Speare**, Norman, recently moved back to Oklahoma. He is retired from the U.S. Army.

1974

Michael F. McGaugh, Chesterfield, Maine, is a retired executive at Boeing. **Judy Murphy**, Denton, Texas, is a pastoral ministry assistant.

1975

Keith W. Monroe, Richmond, Texas, is a survey department manager for LJA Engineering and Surveying, Inc. **Joseph H. Lofton**, Goldsboro, N.C., is a retired corrections administrator from North Carolina Department of Corrections. **Debra Murray**, Edmond, is the President/CEO

of Blue Springs International. **Charlene Thierry**, Lawton, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with Leonce Thierry.

1976

Julia Roubideaux, Riverside, Calif., is a counseling technician. **Gerald D. Lee**, Springdale, Ariz., is a retired attorney. **Katherine P. Turner**, Colorado Springs, Colo., is retired from the Air Force. **Susan G. Zwaan**, Lawton, is an assistant district attorney. **John L. Janda**, Lawton, is a facilities manager.

1977

Ronald B. Holcomb, Everett, Wash., is a construction laborer with the Union Local 292.

1978

Chief Warrant Officer Donald J. Burton, Lawton, is retired from the U.S. Army and is now self employed with Leisure Living. **Bobby T. Morris**, Lawton, is retired from the military and teaching.

1979

Tamara Horschler, Faxon, is a school principal. **Charles Yeahquo**, Apache, is employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

1980

Ella J. Gipson, Lawton, is a retired medical clerk at USA Dental. **Brad W. Burgess**, Lawton, is a self employed attorney at Burgess Law Firm.

1981

Norman Christophe, New Roads, La., is retired from the military and a Catholic Deacon. **Suanne M. Daves, M.D.**, Chicago, Ill., is the Director of Pediatrics ICU at the University of Chicago. **Herbert Allan Struck**, San Angelo, Texas, is the Physician Assistant at the City of San Angelo, Texas. **Warren Lehr**, Owasso, retired as a golf resort manager in New Mexico and is now living in Oklahoma where he is the liaison for the city of Tulsa to the YMCA. **Cathy Wood**, Lawton, was recently promoted to serve as area sales manager and assistant vice president of IBC Lawton market.

1983

Sally W. Johns, Fairview, Ore., is a self employed insurance agent. **Katherine L. Ingram**, Lansing, Kan., is a teacher with the Lansing



CU President Cindy Ross enjoys a laugh with Tim Windle, class of 1956, and his wife Ula.



A group of Cameron alumni talk about old times.

School District. **Edwin Huffine**, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is the vice president of humanitarian services for Bode Technology. **Patricia A. Williams**, Surprise, Ariz., is a retired nurse from the Wackenhutt State Prison.

1984

Charles Dale Harvey, Waterloo, Wis., is a correctional sergeant at the department of corrections for the state of Wisconsin. **Toni Hodgkins**, Elgin, is a retired wildlife biologist

1985

Marcy Prescott, Frederick, is self employed as a private piano/voice instructor; **Richard E. Maxberry**, Lawton, is the retired president of Real Property Resources, Inc. **Marian J Griffith**, Alexandria, Va., was promoted to GS-12 (personnel management) and is now in the promotion schedule to GS-13 (personnel management). She is a human resources specialist for the Civilian Personal Management Agency. **Lori A. Robinson**, Lawton, is a registered nurse at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. **Kyle G. Smith**, Lawton, is the principal at MacArthur High School.

1986

Nancy C. Bohl, Chattanooga, is a retired elementary teacher from Chattanooga Schools. **Larry D. McMurtry**, Oklahoma City, is a CADD specialist 5 at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. **Cottrell Wynne**, Carrollton, Texas, is a training specialist in the IRS. **Emmett Meraz III**, Lawton, is the president and CEO of Southwest Oklahoma Federal Credit Union.

1987

Capt William G. Burns, Inez, Ky., is a ROTC instructor and is a former Field Artillery officer in Operation Desert Storm 90-91 and Operation Noble Eagle 05-06. **Lt. Col. W. Shannon Flournoy**, DVM, Kailua, Hawaii, works for the U.S. Army. **Daran Neal**, Lawton, is employed as a senior sales representative by Merck and Company. **Leroy Trenkshuh**, Elgin, is retired from Cameron University as a courier/physical facilities employee. **Alice Smith**, La Cruces, N.M., is a pastor at Jerusalem Church of Las Cruces.

1988

Joseph H. Drisdorn, Plantation, Fla., is a ROTC instructor with Broward County Schools. **Gabriele J. Lingenfelter**, Yorktown, Va., is an accounting instructor at Christopher Newport University. **Kathy Rhonda Webb**, Lawton, is an elementary library media specialist with Lawton Public Schools. **Howard N. Shoumake**, Wilsons Mills, N.C., is retired from the U.S. Army and is now self employed in property management. **Gloria Mercado**, Lawton, is a claims representative at State Farm Insurance Company. **Pedester Halley**, Cache, retired from the Army as a first sergeant in 1982 and from civil service at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Fla., in 1999.

1989

William Russel Shoemate, Eastland, Texas, is the general manager at a Walmart Supercenter. **Bryan L. Dupler**, Norman, is an attorney and judicial assistant at the Oklahoma Court of Criminal

Appeals. **Irene M. Daniels**, Hudson, Fla., is the operations manager at Regions Bank. **Jake Brownlow**, Yukon, is the director of radiology services at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center. **Rhonda E. Hlavaty**, Duncan, is a teacher at Empire High School. **Elizabeth Green Joyner**, Tulsa, is a senior attorney for the Williams Companies in Tulsa. She was named one of the 2006 Journal Record Top 50 Oklahoma Women of the year, the 2006 Who's Who of Executives and Professionals and received the 2005 Cameron University Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Alumnus Award.

1990

Rodney Young, Lawton, is the director of golf at the University of Oklahoma's Jimmie Austin Golf Course.

1991

Mark R. Hodgkins, Elgin, retired from the U.S. Army and is a farmer and rancher. **C. Hope High**, Walters, is a teacher at Walters High School. **Lynn M. Burrell**, Albuquerque, N.M., is in medical sales. **Christina M. Argo**, Altus, is the executive administrator at Altus Ventures, LLC.

1992

Jana L. Meinzer, Vernon, Texas, is a homemaker. **Frances M. Mitchell**, Lawton, is a teacher with Lawton Public Schools. **James W. Porter**, Lawton, is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer with over 13 years of IT experience in the defense and healthcare industries. He specializes in the planning and implementation of servers, workstations, and the wired and wireless networks that connect them.

1994

Christopher Crimmins, MD, Lawton, is a urologist at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. He is married to Melissa B. Crimmins, '94, who is a speech pathologist.

1996

Harold G. Walker, Lawton, is an officer in the U.S. Army. **Susan M. Furtado**, Lawton, is a secretary at AAFES. **Marion S. Bryant**, Lubbock, Texas, is the Vice President & Trust Officer at American State Bank. **Allison M. Shannon**, Rock Springs, Wyo., is the office manager at Volcic Homes. **Andrea M. Encalade**, Odenton, Md., is a human resources NCO in the U.S. Army.

1997

Charyl K. Mackety, El Reno, is the senior grant accountant for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. **Patricia G. Ready**, Lawton, is a retired computer programmer at Hertz Corporation. **Anna M Trowbridge**, Oklahoma City, was promoted to media relations and marketing planner at Moore Norman Technology Center. **Tanna Vu**, Lawton, has been named director of sales for SpringHill Suites and Fairfield Inn & Suites.

1998

Marilyn D. Miears, Lawton, is the office manager at TP Enterprises, Inc. **Kathleen S. Isham**, Lawton, is a teacher at Tomlinson Middle School. **Deborah Harwell**, Lawton, is a teacher and has been named one of the top educators in the nation by a California-based charitable foundation. **Michael Willingham**, Dallas, Texas, works for a company in downtown Dallas as the on-air



Joe Bauman, class of 1959, remembers his fun times at Cameron.

host, director of research and chief financial officer, in addition to authoring equity research reports, and Chief Financial Officer duties. He also hosts an investment analyst show each morning which is broadcasted live.

1999

Joseph Washburn, Arvada, Colo., works at Level 3 Communications. **Todd Holland**, Lawton, is a Baseball Coach at Cameron University. **Dennis K. Jett**, Norman, is a banker at Bank 7. **Alexander M. Miller**, Oklahoma City, works in sales.

2000

Hubert D. Reeves, Cyril, is a therapist at Marie Detty. **Margaret F. Heath**, Duncan, is a staff accountant at Duncan Regional Hospital.

2001

Gloria D. Baker, is the senior equal opportunity advisor in the U.S. Army. **Suzanne Robinson**, Norman, is a senior academic counselor at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. **Angela N. Allen**, Hollis, is an insurance and billing agent.

2002

Brian D. Davis, Lawton, is Vice President at Liberty National Bank. **Jennifer L. Holland**, Lawton, is

the dean of student services at Cameron University. **Jacqueline Y. McNeil**, Lawton, is a special education resource teacher with Lawton Public Schools.

2003

Tammy J. Reinert, Chickasha, is the staff accountant at Angel Johnston & Blasingame. **David J. Carnaham II**, Lawton, is a victim's advocate for the U.S. Army Civil Service. **Michael L. Walker**, Burleson, Texas, is an instructional designer at Lockheed Martin.

2004

Sarah Torres, Lawton, is a tutor with Lawton Public Schools. **Sherri L. Denning**, Lawton, is a teacher at Lawton Public Schools. **Matthew E. Benner**, Lawton, is an information technology specialist for the U.S. Army. **Christa J. Robinson**, Indianapolis, Ind., is the lead teacher at Learning Time Preschool.

2006

Krista R. Lemley, Tulsa is a second-year medical student at OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Josue Santiago**, Elgin, is a correctional officer for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. **Vanessa R. White**, Duncan, is an accountant at Halliburton. **Willie L. Peterson**,

Lawton, is a Command Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army. **Vanessa K. Arterberry**, Lawton, is an instructor for the Cameron University School of Business. **Delisa M. Cliatt**, Lawton, is a supply technician at Tinker AFB.

2007

Rodney E. Muirhead, Wichita Falls, Texas, is a machine shop supervisor with Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems in Frederick.



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Lloyd Wax, class of 1956, catches up with old friends during the 2006 Alumni Weekend.

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of these alumni and Cameron employees who have been reported deceased.

Cameron Faculty, Staff & Friends

Gene Brooks, Edmond
Wayne E. Epperson, Lawton
Chieko Tedford, Pensacola, Fla.
Wayne K. Shorter, Lawton

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Fred Recer, '33, Oklahoma City
Dixie Agnew, '34, Oklahoma City
Zona M. Wilson, '34, Lawton
Ina Mae Stapp, '35, Lawton
D. Laverne Henderson Stamper, '35, Abilene, Texas
Herbert S. Orr, '36, Tulsa
Ernest Swanson, '36, Oklahoma City
Jess G. Hanna, '37, Tipton
Marvin Anderson, '38, Moore
Dee M. Clark, '38, Vernon, Texas
Chloe Toland Jones, '38, Heber Springs, Ark

Edwin L. Jordan, '39, Saint John, Wash.
A. Lavelle Quigley, '41, Eugene, Ore.
Glen R. Hastings, '41, Lee's Summit, Mo.
Robin Schmit, '44, Chatsworth, Calif
Iva Lee Livingston, '45, Faxon
Albert H. Gabriel, '48, Lawton
Wayne "Duty" Rowe Jr., '49, Meers
Doyle E. Cage, '50, Lawton
Helen L. "Pudge" Banks, '50, Bartlett, Tenn.
Zelma Hinkle, '51, Lawton
Gil Gfell, '58, Arvada, Colo.
Ruth Whitten, '65, Lawton
James W. Bowick III, '71, Lawton
Jerry D. Churchwell, '72, Trophy Club, Texas
Maj. Neil L. Laughy, '72, Lawton
Patsy R. Wahnee, '72, Morris
Reid Adams, '73, Lakeside, Mont.
Howard Andrews, '73, Duncan
Janeen G. Goodman, '76, Huber Heights, Ohio
Jerry D. Reinwand, '76, Lawton
Richard Raymond Briley, '77, Lawton
Rose M. Harkey, '78, Lawton
Margaret Garrett, '79, Lawton
First Sgt. Tilson "Mac" McDonald, '80, Lawton

Beverly G. "Bambi" Brown, '81, Oklahoma City
Robert D. Hanks, '82, Oklahoma City
Clarence E. Siever, '85, Lawton
Calvin D. Crawford, '86, Lawton
Master Sgt. Ernest D. Smith, '87, Lawton
Kelly G. Haynes, '87, Lawton
Richard Enevoldsen, '87, Burkburnett, Texas
Charles O. Williams Jr., '88, Broken Arrow
Linda Jo Dodd, '89, Lawton
Edward Sifford, '90, Adams
Albert H. Tanaka, '90, Lawton
Christopher S. Mort, '91, Traverse City, Mich.
Chief Warrant Officer James R. Myers, '91, Lawton
Carnell M. Edwards, '92, Lawton
Joy B. Critz, '92, Clifton, Va.
Master Sgt. Merrill P "Mert" Bonwell, '94, Lawton
Jack Holly, '96, Elgin
Tiffany Ford, '98, Marlow
Kimberly K. Lechner, '98, Lawton
William H. Hayes Sr., '01, Lawton
Kenneth M. Hillin Jr., '02, Duncan
Gregory R. Quoetone, '02, Lawton
Ella Mae Franklin, '03, Lawton

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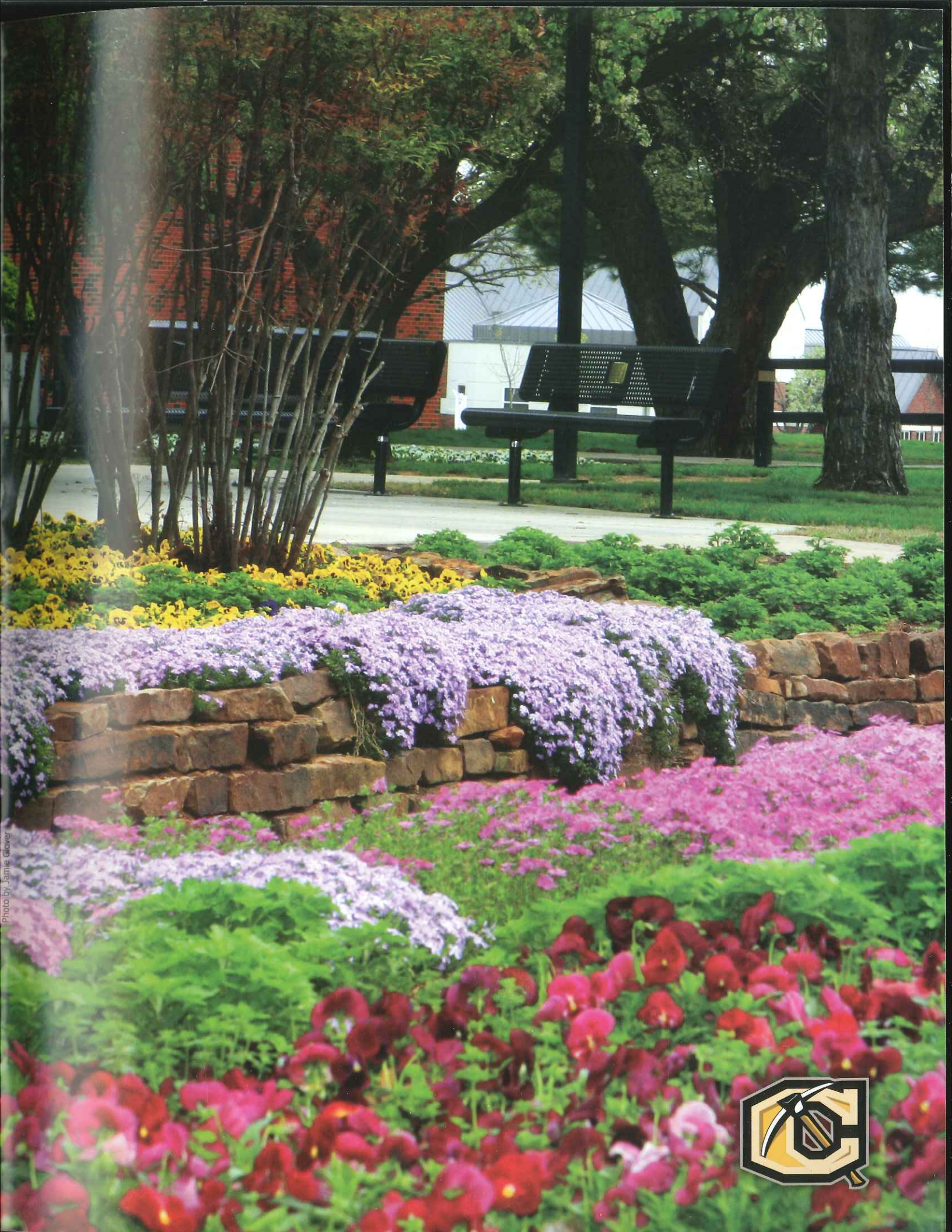


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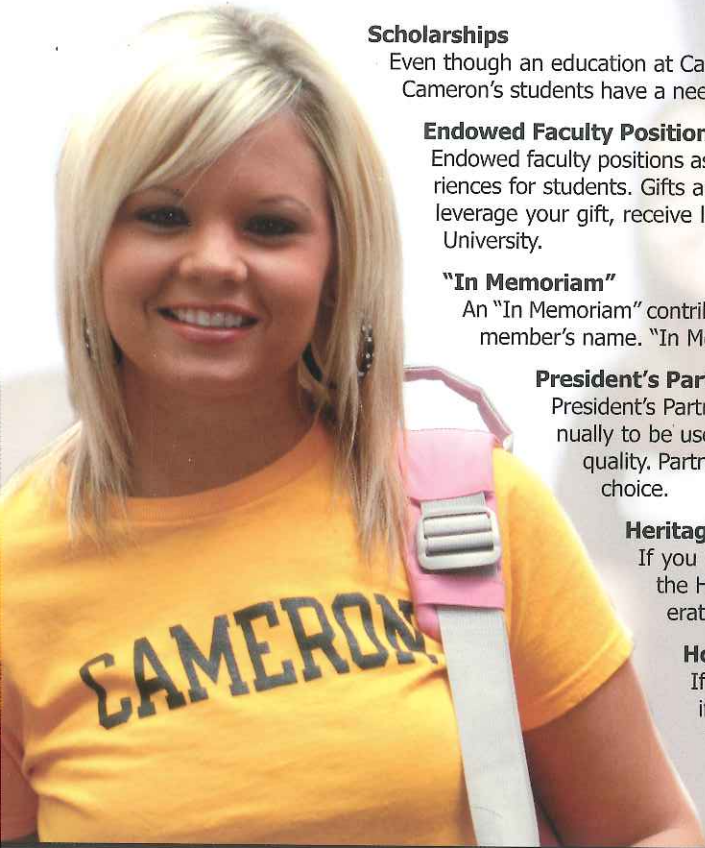
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