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OFFICE OF ADMISSION

This past fall, Texas Wesleyan created the position of Community Outreach Coordinator (COC) and welcomed back to the campus John M. Gonzales, BS '05. In this capacity, Gonzales represents the University in cultivating contacts and relationships with representatives of area community colleges, businesses, religious and community groups to promote the University's educational programs and service objectives.

Gonzales has organized administrative lunches for the University with Tarrant County College campuses, represented the University at various Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce events and programs, worked with the FWISD to bring its family summit program to the campus for fall 2008, and hosted an education and economic summit sponsored by County Commissioner Roy Brooks. In addition, Gonzales has joined numerous faculty, staff, and community leaders in forming the Poly-Wesleyan Kiwanis Club and serves as president of the club. Look for him at community events and be sure to introduce yourself.

ADVANCEMENT

The Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center & Challenge

The Morton Challenge Campaign to raise \$1.7 million to meet Mr. and Mrs. Morton's naming gift and build a \$3 million Fitness Center is well underway. The Mortons' challenge began on June 1, 2007, and will continue until June 2009.

Naming opportunities in the new Center include:	for a gift of:
the weights and cardio room	\$250,000
one of the aerobics rooms	\$125,000
the welcome area and lounge	\$50,000
one of the student locker rooms	\$30,000
the director's office	\$25,000
one of the exercise science lab rooms	\$15,000

The University encourages all alumni and friends of the University to contact the Advancement Office and make a gift.

Designed by Gideon Toal of Fort Worth, the 9,900 sq. ft. Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center has been modeled after similar facilities

in the area, with the students' recreation and social needs as the priority. It will be located adjacent to the Sid W. Richardson Center/ Gymnasium, with its front windows (from the weights and cardio room) directed at Wesleyan's main Mall.

For more information, please contact Joan Canty in the Office of Advancement at 817-531-4411.

The Claudia Stepp Scene Shop

Alumna and Board member Claudia Stepp, '72, and her husband Rod have made a gift to the University of \$200,000 toward the construction of a new 5,000 sq. ft. Scene Shop on campus. This naming gift will allow the University to move forward immediately with the Rosedale Avenue Redevelopment Initiative while providing the theatre department with a new facility by fall. The Scene Shop will be located on the corner of Avenue C and Binkley Streets and include classroom areas for carpentry, metal fabrication, lighting, and finish work. An early fall ribbon-cutting and theatre celebration are planned for The Claudia Stepp Scene Shop.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Office of Admission and the Office of Alumni Relations are working in tandem to create an alumni recruiting initiative, the Ram Wranglers are alumni volunteers who will be trained to staff college nights and recruiting efforts locally as well as state- and nationwide. The premise of the Ram Wranglers is that individuals who already have a relationship with Texas Wesleyan are best qualified to serve as representatives for the University within their own communities. Volunteers will be trained by admission staff according to TACRAO (Texas Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admission Officers) policy. The first Ram Wranglers training session will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the Louella Baker Martin Pavilion. Please call 817-531-4220 or e-mail gphillips@txwes.edu for more information.

Alumni Relations staff is currently assisting Dr. Carlos Martinez, dean of the School of Education, to reconnect education alumni

to the school through special events and fundraising efforts. The first annual Back to School Bash, held last August, brought 75 School of Education alumni to the historic campus to visit with Texas Wesleyan faculty and fellow alumni. This year's Bash will again take place in August during FWISD teacher in-service. Fundraising initiatives, including personal and direct mail solicitation, are ongoing. The dean identified three areas of need for the School of Education: student scholarships, classroom technology, and funding for students in the travel abroad program. To date, more than 40 gifts from School of Education alumni have been received.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

The University continues to increase the amount of grants and contracts during Fiscal Year 2008. This spring has seen awards from a number of federal and state agencies and foundations as well as friends of the University. Since June 1, 2007, the total for all awards received exceeds \$6.27 million for multi-year projects, with more than \$2.664 million designated for the first year of the projects.

One of the biggest success stories in this area has been in seeking funding in support of the Rosedale Avenue Redevelopment Initiative. A Congressionally directed grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** has served as the catalyst in gaining additional support for the redevelopment of properties at the front door of the historic campus. Since the announcement of HUD funding, Texas Wesleyan has been able to secure the following funds to assist in our efforts to begin the redevelopment of the Polytechnic/Wesleyan Urban Village along the 3000 and 3100 blocks of Rosedale: **City of Fort Worth** directed **HUD funds** totaling \$961,000 for renovation and façade work, a grant from the **Amon G. Carter Foundation**, and a generous gift from University friends **Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Martin**. **Town Site Developers** are providing about a 3:1 match of the funds allocated to the renovation on the south side of Rosedale.

The Baker Building, located at the corner of Rosedale and Wesleyan streets, will soon take

on a new look and purpose. Almost \$1 million of these funds has been dedicated to renovating the facility to house a community meeting space, a conference room and four offices. The previous tenants, the theatre scene shop, will be moving to a new facility being constructed thanks to a generous gift from Texas Wesleyan board member and alumna Claudia Stepp, '72. After all of the tallies are complete, the total project to date is estimated at more than \$3 million.

In addition to obtaining support for the redevelopment of Rosedale, two awards have been received to assist in our efforts to prepare K-12 teachers in our local school districts. Under the federal No Child Left Behind initiative, we have received two Teacher Quality grants from the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**, amounting to nearly \$87,000 each, to support tuition scholarships and classroom materials for area teachers focusing on middle school science and biology.

To support the teaching and learning of our students, the **AT&T Foundation** has awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase and install two sets of smart classroom technology for the School of Business. Likewise, the **M.D. Anderson Foundation** has renewed its commitment to our Pre-Professional Program by their recent two-year grant totaling \$100,000. The **Sid W. Richardson Foundation** continues to support Wesleyan's principalship program by providing a third year of funding in the amount of \$70,000, dedicated to scholarships, marketing, principal mentors and Courage to Lead retreats. The **Robert A. Welch Foundation** has awarded a three-year, \$105,000 departmental research grant in chemistry. And the **Hatton W. Sumners Foundation** has provided \$5,000 for scholarship development funds for the Sumners Scholars program as well as \$12,500 in scholarship funding to support students enrolled in our Master in Management program.

The Law School has been actively seeking external funding and has received several awards this year. A Public Service Leadership Fellowship from the **Texas Bar Foundation** will create an institutional structure for educational outreach opportunities; this Fellow will develop and implement activities that foster diversity in the legal profession. In partnership with SafeHaven, the **U.S. Department of Justice** has made an award for over \$120,000 to support victims of abuse and violence utilizing legal services at the law clinic.

Texas Wesleyan University has made substantial progress towards its year one objectives during the first six months of the \$2 million **U.S. Department of Education** Title III project. The grant assisted in the creation of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to provide faculty with access to modern teaching technologies and opportunities to experiment with these technologies. Located in our library, the CETL includes a teaching lab (which is 75% equipped utilizing Title III funds) designed to replicate the smart classroom technology to be deployed in classrooms across campus with Title III funds. To date, two complete sets of smart classroom technologies have been purchased with additional classrooms currently being prioritized; installation of the smart classroom technologies recently purchased will be completed in June 2008.

Two full days of faculty development were provided on Learning Communities this spring by contracting with experts in the field to specifically provide direction in both the development and maintenance of learning communities. Additional in-service training in the form of a three-week summer institute will be conducted in May as we prepare to launch learning communities in the fall 2008 semester for our incoming freshman class.

Finally, the wireless network initiative is on schedule. Phase I of the network will provide wireless connectivity in our School of Business building, which also houses a number of interdisciplinary classes, thereby extending the reach and impact beyond just business faculty. This network will give faculty and students access to student information that is critical to effective student tracking, interventions, and outcomes assessment.

The Title III grant is on schedule and progressing as planned. It has garnered a great deal of interest and support from faculty and staff because of the potential to try new strategies to fulfill the mission of the University and improve student success rates. This grant is on its way to changing the climate of the University.

ATHLETICS

The 2007-08 school year has been another successful campaign by the Texas Wesleyan University Athletic Department. The Rams have won two Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) championships, two RRAC division championships, appeared in three RRAC championship games, made four NAIA Region VI tournament appearances, two national tournament appearances, and won four national titles. Meanwhile, nearly 40% of

Texas Wesleyan's student-athletes have posted GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

This spring the Rams baseball team put together one of its most successful seasons in school history. Building on a tremendous season a year ago, the Rams went 42-16 in 2008. Their 42 wins were the third most in school history and the most since 1978 (52). One of the most productive offensive teams in school history, the team set school records with a .354 team batting average, a .430 team on base percentage, 494 runs scored, 690 hits, 139 doubles, 432 runs batted in, and 1,005 total bases. Meanwhile their 110 stolen bases were the third most in school history. They also posted a school record 19-game winning streak that spanned from March 12 to April 12.

Nine Rams were named to the All-Conference team after they won the RRAC North Division with a 14-1 conference record. Steven DeFratus was also named RRAC Pitcher of the Year.

Among the individual records set this season, Brandon Frazier's 73 runs scored broke the previous school single season record set in 2001. Hayden Lackey also set NAIA national records with 105 career pitching appearances.

The men's golf team is headed for its 47th appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. Texas Wesleyan has posted four tournament wins and nine top-five finishes in eleven events this season. They won the RRAC Tournament for a fifth consecutive season, maintaining their perfect record in that event.

The Region VI tournament was held concurrently with the RRAC Tournament. That event featured five of the nation's top 12 squads. Texas Wesleyan finished fourth in that contest. The 10th-ranked Rams will be contending for an NAIA record 7th national title. The 57th NAIA National Championships will be held at Indiana National Golf Course on May 13-16.

The Lady Rams softball team came on strong down the stretch and was the third seed in the RRAC tournament with a conference record 17-7. They reached the semifinals of that event before a pair of heartbreaking losses ended their season with a record of 19-31.

The softball team also set a few records this season. They racked up a school record 31 hits in a game against Langston University and scored a school record 27 runs against the Jarvis Christian College in another contest. Senior Brooke McNabb, who won the O.D. and Maurice Bounds Female Scholar-Athlete Award, set a school record with 205 career games played and 205 games started.

The Texas Wesleyan table tennis team won its fifth consecutive national collegiate championship at the 2008 ACUI/NCTTA National Collegiate Table Tennis Championship. In addition to the co-ed team championship, Ines Perhoc and Jasna Reed were dominant in the tournament. Perhoc faced off against Reed, her teammate and coach, in the women's singles final for the second straight year. This time Perhoc got the better of Reed to win her first singles national championship. Perhoc and Reed also teamed up to win the women's doubles title.

In late April, the Rams celebrated all of their student athletes with their annual Athletic Banquet. Hayden Lackey (baseball) was named Most Outstanding Male Athlete. Ines Perhoc (table tennis) was named Most Outstanding Female Athlete.

Texas Wesleyan Athletics continues to build on its successes, and continues to compete among the NAIA's elite in each sport. The latest Texas Wesleyan Athletics news is always available at www.ramsports.net.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Students Experience the World

Each year around 75 Texas Wesleyan students travel abroad on faculty-led trips. Over spring break, two professors who have been taking groups abroad for many years took groups to England and London/Paris. Dr. Jesse Sowell, professor of religion, led a Humanities and Wesleyan Heritage Study Tour of historic sites in the United Kingdom, which was the culmination of the spring semester courses. Connie Whitt-Lambert, professor of theatre, introduced some of the highlights of London and Oxford in England and some of the treasures of Paris and Fontainebleau Castle to a group of travelers. More trips are planned for the Maymester and summer semesters. In May, Sowell will teach an Irish Heritage course followed by a study tour of Ireland. He will focus on the history of the Irish people and nation and visit sites connected with Irish kings and political leaders, saints and religious leaders, and writers. The School of Education, which finds great value in sending its students abroad for teaching experiences, will sponsor two trips this summer to Peru and Brazil. Dr. Carlos Martinez, dean of the School of Education, will lead the Travel and Teach in Peru program, which is an opportunity for graduate students in education to gain experience teaching English to international students while experiencing their culture. Similar in nature but a different host country is the Travel and Teach in Brazil program led by Dr. Aileen Curtin, associate professor of

education. Also this summer, Dr. Amy Bell, associate professor of Spanish, will again offer her popular Spanish immersion classes in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where students live in local homes and study in Spanish classes during the week and take excursions on the weekends.

International Games Day

Students in the International Club hosted International Games Day on April 2 to introduce the students, faculty and staff on campus to some of the popular games and sports in their home countries. Participants got to enjoy traditional games from Europe and Asia throughout the day. The games of kubb, boule and stones were played on the mall in front of the library. Kubb, a Swedish game dating back to the Vikings, is similar to bowling but with sticks instead of balls and has enjoyed a revival with college students in Sweden. Boule (or petanque) is similar to the game of horseshoes but with metal balls instead of horseshoes and can be found in the parks all throughout Europe. Stones is a popular traditional game throughout Nepal and India where teams try to knock down a stack of stones with a ball. Students and faculty gathered in the gymnasium that evening to learn the new fast-moving sport that originated in Sweden but is spreading rapidly throughout Europe - floorball. The newly formed Texas Wesleyan floorball team helped visitors to learn this sport, which combines elements from soccer and hockey but wasn't designed as a contact sport. Following floorball, everyone was invited to watch our table tennis team practice to defend its Collegiate National Championship title.

SYMPOSIA

Faye C. Goostree Symposium

With a theme of "*Rocking the Cradle and Rocking the System: Women in Politics*," this year's Goostree Symposium featured **U.S. Representative Kay Granger**, who spoke about global achievements and setbacks related to women's rights. Granger earned a Bachelor of Science in 1965 from Texas Wesleyan University. In 1999, she was named Business Executive of the Year and in 1992 received an honorary doctorate and was named Distinguished Alumna of Texas Wesleyan. She is the congresswoman for the 12th District of Texas and is the highest ranking Republican woman, and the only Republican woman from Texas, to serve in the House of Representatives.

University College Day

D'Ann Petersen, regional economist for the

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, was the keynote speaker for University College Day, held Tuesday, April 1, at Texas Wesleyan. She discussed the state of the Texas economy, focusing especially on the housing market and how the Texas market has fared compared to the rest of the country. Petersen's duties with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas include analyzing regional economic conditions and conducting in-depth research on topics important to the Texas economy. She publishes research finding in the *Southwest Economy*, business journals, and other publications.

University College Day celebrates the scholarly activity of students and faculty by providing them with the opportunity to take part in presentations, panel discussions, art projects and multi-disciplinary events. Presentations and discussions took place throughout the day and included topics such as the Texas prison system, neuroscience and education, and cultural and ethical leadership.

WEST LIBRARY

In 2008 the West Library continues to grow, change, adapt and develop innovative ways to provide excellent program support and services to all of the Texas Wesleyan campus community, whether on site or remote. Each area of the library has independent responsibilities and activities to perform as well as interacting between departments to ensure that we develop our resources to the fullest extent.

In Reference/Instruction, an update of all resource guides and handouts is underway to complement an increased emphasis on the development of student research skills. The production of video reference instruction for GNAP students are the first in a planned series and are part of the development of a new, more interactive West Library webpage. For more information, contact Kaeli Vandertulip, reference and information services librarian, at 817-531-4809.

In Technical Services, the cataloging of the complete works of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart is underway, entailing detailed descriptions of 400 CDs. The next large project is the cataloging and space allocation of a massive gift of mathematics materials, courtesy of Dr. Jane Moore, professor of mathematics. A special Texas Wesleyan project in progress is the digitization of the original college catalogs, beginning before 1900. This is an important resource for archives, community, and alumni. For more information, contact Louis Sherwood, cataloging librarian/University archivist, at 817-531-4822.

We have updated the look and comfort of the periodicals floor, distributing leisure reading and newspapers throughout. A student-convenient resource room has been created, complete with microreader, copier and other supplies. For more information, contact Shelley Almgren, systems/periodicals librarian, at 817-531-4816.

Although collection development in all programs is a major priority, the recent focus has been the support of the newest academic programs offered or soon to be offered: Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Doctorate in Education, counseling and comparative religion. Recent electronic additions to the West Library have greatly increased our 24/7 online information in areas inclusive of history, business, English, music and education. Some of these are the *Alexander Street Classical Music Database*, *JSTOR Archives*, the linking of our collection with *PubMed*, and the *Encyclopedia of Social Sciences* on e-books. For more information, contact David Thurston, assistant director/collection development librarian, at 817-531-4813.

Student workers contribute significantly to the success of the operations of the West Library. The library employs 17 students to assist in the daily tasks of the library as well as help with special projects. The workers assist library patrons with a wide variety of common questions and procedures and are cross-trained to help in different departments as the need arises. For more information, contact Sheri Parker, coordinator of library services, at 817-531-4821.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Miriam Espinosa Steps Down as Dean; Marcel Kerr Appointed Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Miriam Espinosa will step down as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences after five years of service in that capacity. She will continue as faculty and to assist with activities on campus. Dr. Marcel Kerr, associate professor of psychology, has been appointed to serve as interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Kerr begins her new role August 1, but has agreed to attend meetings this summer to assist with the transition.

With educational expertise in statistics and program evaluation and 12 years of service in higher education as a faculty member here and at other institutions, Kerr possesses the knowledge, skills, experience, and perspective that uniquely qualifies her for this new role.

In addition, her participation at annual SACS conferences has resulted in significant strides in the assessment of our general education curriculum as well as provided assessment training opportunities for the faculty. Prior to her start at Texas Wesleyan, Kerr worked in the industry as a program analyst at the Texas Education Agency in the Division of Research and Evaluation and then later in the Division of School Accountability and Accreditation.

History Department Hosts 2008 Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference

Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, associate professor of history, and Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews, professor of history, hosted the North Central and East Texas Regional Conference of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. More than 60 graduate and undergraduate students presented papers and 22 professors and graduate students chaired 21 sessions. This was the first time for Texas Wesleyan to host the meeting that rotates among area universities, including Baylor and the University of North Texas.

Polytechnic Cemetery Receives 1,000th Historical Designation

Founded by the Hall and Tandy families that donated the original parcel of land for Polytechnic College, the Polytechnic Cemetery is the 1,000th in the state to receive special historical designation by the Texas Historical Commission. The history faculty, including Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews and Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, along with Dr. John Matthews, adjunct professor, assisted in obtaining historical designation for the Polytechnic Cemetery on Collard Street. More than one hundred members of the Wesleyan and Polytechnic communities gathered in March to observe state officials present a certificate to descendant Mae Bruce recognizing the cemetery's importance to the area.

Texas Wesleyan Hosts the Southwest Model Arab League Competition

The department of political science at Texas Wesleyan University hosted the Southwest Model Arab League Competition for the second year in a row April 10-12. Texas Wesleyan was represented by Amber Barger acting as Secretary General, and Gerri Combest and Marc Coseriu as Co-Head Delegates.

The Model Arab League Competition consists of five committees, each of them represented by two or three delegates. The committees and those who represented them were: Joint

Defense, Heath Scott and Rachel Horton; Palestinian Affairs, Zach Davidson and Billy Privette; Social Affairs, Ike Akpom and Chris Tham; Political Affairs, Marc Coseriu, Megan Meyer, and Joie Arn; Environmental Affairs, Gerri Combest and Julie Hutson. Texas Wesleyan's team was sponsored and advised by Dr. Ibrahim Salih, professor of political science.

Model Arab League was attended by approximately 135 students from 10 universities across Texas and the nation. These 10 universities represented 13 of the 22 states within the League of Arab States and competed for the title of Outstanding Delegation. Model Arab League was founded by the National Center for U.S. Arab Relations in 1983, holding the first summit at Georgetown University. From there it has grown to encompass 16 Models nationwide that allow over 2,000 students to participate.

Each Model holds mock summit sessions that are similar to the actual League of Arab States Summits. Each school represents an Arab State with students role playing the part of the delegates from that state. As representatives of each state, delegates work to achieve consensus on real-life questions that face the Arab world on a daily basis. This is easier said than done because each country comes to competition in character carrying the same animosities and/or friendships that exist in real life.

Texas Wesleyan has participated in Model Arab League more than 20 years and has been recognized for many of those years by winning Outstanding Delegation. This year was no different – Texas Wesleyan won Outstanding Delegation. The winners of the Outstanding Delegate award from each committee were Rachel Horton and Heath Scott from Joint Defense, Zach Davidson and Billy Privette from Palestinian Affairs, Chris Tham and Ike Akpom from Social Affairs, and Marc Coseriu, Joie Arn and Megan Meyer from Political Affairs.

Highlights of the 2008 Conference were the Arabian Nights Dinner catered by Byblos Lebanese Restaurant, the Dubka Folk Dancers, and the belly dancer who entertained our guests following the dinner. Byblos also provided lunch for all attendees on Saturday in Betty and Bobby Bragan Fellowship Hall before the Summit Session and Awards Dinner in Martin Hall.

Department of Chemistry News

The Chemistry Department hosted a Lab Participation Program for advanced science

students from Everman High School on April 5. On Earth Day, April 22, Texas Wesleyan's Lambda Theta Phi organization arranged for the Academy Award-winning movie "An Inconvenient Truth" to be shown at Texas Wesleyan, featuring introductory remarks by Dr. Bob Landolt, professor of chemistry.

Wesleyan Music

During the spring semester the Music Department sponsored more than 30 public concerts, recitals and other departmental activities and events, most of them offered as a public service at no charge. The semester kicked off in fine fashion on Friday, February 8, with the 12th annual President's Honors Concert, hosted by President and Mrs. Jeffcoat and co-hosts Evan Faris, BMEd '76, and Janie Faris, BMEd '77, MAEd '83.

Several faculty performed recitals, including Julie McCoy, associate professor of music; Jessica Koebbe, adjunct instructor of piano; and a duo-piano recital with Dr. John Fisher, professor of music, and Dr. Bruce McDonald, visiting assistant professor of religion and philosophy. The Wesleyan music student ensembles performed throughout the semester, including the Honor Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Wesleyan Singers, Wesleyan Chamber Singers, and Wesleyan Chorale. Six graduating seniors gave recitals as part of their degree requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in music.

Other events included the 3rd Annual Barr Invitational Duo-Piano Recital, the Duisen Duo, 3rd Annual Alumni Invitational Recital featuring Ryan Strittmatter '02, guitar, and Stan Graner '81, tenor; music travel and enrichment class to Boston during spring break, Highlander/Wesleyan Jazz Festival, and the *Guitar Fort Worth* artist series, featuring Johannes Möller, Eliot Fisk, and Zaira Meneses.

Faculty Announcements

Dr. Jeffrey DeLotto, professor of English, participated in the joint conference of the Texas College English Association and the Conference of College Teachers of English, held February 28-March 1 in San Antonio, where he moderated and served on a panel, "'Publication': What's in a Name?" developed by DeLotto and professors from two other universities in response to ongoing discussion in the academy on redefinition stemming from internet sources. DeLotto was also presented with the Joe D. Thomas Award for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service by the Texas College English Association.

DeLotto also participated in the national conference of the College English Association, held March 27-29 in St. Louis, serving on the panel "Nailing the MLA Interview," and moderating a fiction reading titled "Rites of Passage: Rebellion, Death, Myth, and Magic."

DeLotto performed a reading on May 5 from *Days of a Chameleon: Collected Poems*, recently published by Texas Wesleyan University Press, for the Poets of Tarrant County in Fort Worth.

Dr. Bryan English, assistant professor of music, has released a solo trombone CD, "Collage." The music is diverse, ranging from Latin/jazz to modern brass pieces. Performers include Wesleyan alumni and former music faculty members, as well as members of the Fort Worth Symphony and the Maynard Ferguson and Willie Nelson bands. It is available on iTunes and at www.cdbaby.com/cd/bryanenglish.

Dr. Sara Horsfall, associate professor of sociology, attended the Southwest Sociological Association Annual meeting, held March 12-15 in Las Vegas. The Sociological group is a part of the larger Southwest Social Science Association, which includes history, political science, economics, international studies, social work and gender studies. She presented a paper, "Simmel on Women: A Turn of the Century Theorist with a Very Modern Analysis." Last year, Horsfall was elected vice president of the SW Sociological Association, with responsibility for the silent auction to raise money for the Minority Fellowship Fund. Next year she will be president-elect, and responsible for organizing the program for sociology.

Dr. Stacia Neeley, associate professor of English, presented poetry and creative non-fiction at Langdon Weekend in Granbury in September; presented a scholarly paper entitled "Well, That Depends on What You Mean by 'Feminist': Millennial Student Myopia and a Renewed Commitment to a Gendered Critical Pedagogy" at the national Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) conference in Little Rock, AR in October; co-facilitated a faculty development workshop on writing grant proposals in November; and will present for the seventh year in a row at the national Conference on College Composition and Communication in April of 2008. Neeley's 2008 presentation is entitled "Composition Studies Meets Social Science: Course Management, Timing, and Ethics as Realities in Teaching Research Methods" and is part of a panel for which she recruited three other Wesleyan professors and a colleague at Fullerton College in California.

Neeley's publications for the year include an essay in the book *Stories of Mentoring: Theory & Praxis*, edited by Lynnee Gaillet and Michelle Eble and published by Parlor Press; a synoptic outline of St. Augustine's *De Doctrina Christiana* in Rich Enos's *Landmark Essays in Rhetoric: St. Augustine* (2008); and an article entitled "[Dis]Connecting Cultural Constructs: Using Youth Culture in a First-Year Comp Sequence" co-authored with DeeAnn Day and accepted for publication in 2008 by Fountainhead Press in the X Series for professional development entitled *Movies, Music, and More*.

On campus, Neeley enjoys hosting open-mic night events; serving as general editor of *Aries*, Texas Wesleyan's national literary magazine; teaching in the honors program; and chairing the women's symposium planning committee. Neeley has also been appointed as part-time graduate faculty at TCU from 2007-2009 to serve on a dissertation committee that will call upon her expertise in critical pedagogy.

Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews, professor of history, had her chapter on "Ladies of Victory" published in *Grace and Gumption, Stories of Fort Worth Women*. The book, released by TCU Press in November, has made headlines in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Southern Living* magazine. The contributors have appeared numerous times, including during Women's History Month at the Fort Worth Public Library and for the Texas History Institute of Texas Christian University. Matthews also spoke in April at the Victory Art Center to the Tarrant County Historical Society. The book's success has resulted in a *Grace and Gumption Two* scheduled for publication in the fall of 2010.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

MBA Program

The 2007 Graduate Business Golf Tournament raised \$7,500 for graduate business school scholarships. The Second Annual Golf Tournament was held May 19 of this year.

Judy Pérez, BBA '04, MBA '07, coordinator of Graduate Business Programs, was honored by the *Fort Worth Business Press* as a Woman of Influence in its most recent Great Women of Texas list. The list of 22 women is published annually, and winners are chosen from nominations from the community. Pérez was also among 10 women honored with the Rising Star Award for her work with the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-Fort Worth Chapter.

New Faculty

Dr. Thomas Nichols has joined the School of Business as a tenure-track assistant professor of management. Nichols recently completed his Ph.D. in management at the University of North Texas.

Faculty Announcements

Dr. Thomas Bell, professor of business administration, presented "Benefits vs. Burdens: With Respect to IT Auditing (SAS 70 Reporting) - An Organizational Change Perspective for the Web" at the 2008 Federation of Business Disciplines conference held March 5-8 in Houston.

Dr. Sandra Hart, professor of marketing, presented "Self-Regulation of Legal Advertising in Texas: Similarities and Implications for the European Union" at the International Conference on Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, sponsored by the Athens Institute for Education and Research, August 6-9, 2007 in Athens, Greece. In addition to her presentation, she chaired a session on organizational behavior and human resource management.

This conference was interdisciplinary, discussing business issues affecting small- and medium-sized businesses. In addition to the actual program the conference encouraged interaction through a Greek dinner with traditional dances, a visit to three islands and a trip to an archeological site in Marathon. The conference site also gave Hart the opportunity to visit museums, the ancient ruins in Athens and walk where Socrates and Plato once walked.

A case study by **Dr. Thomas Klaasen**, professor of economics and finance, "Campbell's Resort," has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Finance Case Research, and will be included in the Spring 2008 issue.

Dr. Melinda Cline, associate professor of management information systems, published a co-authored paper, "HIPAA, Privacy and Organizational Change: A Challenge for Management," in *SIGCAS Computers and Society*, 37(1), June 2007.

Dr. Kalpana Pai, assistant professor of economics and finance, had two submissions accepted for presentation at the 2008 Federation of Business Disciplines, held March 5-8 in Houston. The first, "Public Accounting Firms: Do Consumers Really Have a Choice?" was co-authored with **Dr. Tom Tolleson**, professor of accounting, and the second, "Mentor Characteristics or Gender:

What Matters Most?" was co-authored with **Dr. Sameer Vaidya**, associate dean of the School of Business and associate professor of management.

Dr. Don McWilliams, professor of business administration, presented "Using Queueing Analysis and Computer Simulation Modeling to Reduce Waiting Time in the Hospital Admitting Departments" at the Society of Business, Industry, and Economics Conference, held April 15-18.

A paper by **Dr. John Shampton**, professor of business administration and business law, and **Dr. David Ritter**, visiting assistant professor of accounting, "Tax Planning: Avoiding the Rule Against Perpetuities With Foreign-Based Trusts-Why, How and Whether (Ethically Speaking)," was accepted for presentation at the 2008 Business Conference, held March 6-8 in San Antonio.

Dr. Tom Smith, professor of marketing, participated in the International Society of Business Disciplines Conference, held March 30-April 1 in Las Vegas. Smith co-presented "A Growth Service Industry: Cross Cultural Training." **Dr. Sandra Hart** co-authored the paper.

Dr. Thomas D. Tolleson, professor of accounting, attended the American Accounting Association's Annual Meeting held August 4-8, 2007, in Chicago. Tolleson presented an Effective Learning Strategy entitled "Excel Spin Buttons: Visual Enhancement of Accounting and Financial Concepts." The paper was coauthored with Professor Kay Guess of St. Edward's University in Austin.

For his Strategic Management classes, **Dr. Sameer Vaidya** uses an online business strategy simulation in which teams of students compete with each other and students worldwide while running their own footwear company. The online simulation compiles lists of the prior week's best-performing companies worldwide based on each of four measures: overall score, earnings per share, return on average equity, and stock price. Three of Vaidya's teams ranked in the Global Top 100 Performances during the month of March in various categories, including overall game-to-date score, return on average equity, and stock price. More than 3,800 teams from 215 colleges and universities compete each week.

The student teams are responsible for all facets of their organization including strategic planning, tactical planning, staffing, organizing, marketing, and research and development. They input their decisions on the simulation web site every week and are graded

on the quality of their decisions and on the functional merit of their decisions relative to the other teams.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Activities with the School of Education

The School of Education and Graduate Admissions hosted a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in February for 23 nearby Fort Worth ISD schools during teacher in-service day. Seventy-nine teachers and administrators from 10 schools attended and learned about Wesleyan's graduate program opportunities, and door prizes were awarded.

Fourth-grade students from D. McRae Elementary School visited the campus in February for an all-day writing workshop that began with greetings and a story read by Dr. Carlos Martinez, dean of the School of Education. The students filled Dan Waggoner Hall classrooms all day attending workshops.

The School of Education, as part of the National Professional Development Project grant from the U.S. Department of Education, hosted guest speaker Dr. Jill Kerper Mora of San Diego University in April. Mora is a frequent speaker at national and state conference and a recipient of the California Association for Bilingual Education 2002 Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity. The event was attended by 82 educators from Texas Wesleyan, Hill College, Tarrant County College, and grant partner ISDs. Mora's presentation was titled "Differentiating Instruction for English Language Learners: The 4 x 4 Model of Integrated Thematic Language and Content Instruction."

Counseling

The Glick House Community Counseling Center has contracted with the Mental Health Diversion Court Program, administered by Judge Brent Carr, to provide mental health/chemical dependency and family therapy sessions to persons referred by the judge for counseling. The goal of the program is to divert non-violent criminals in need of counseling into the mental health system rather than further entrenching them in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Molly Kuzmich is a new visiting professor of graduate counseling on the faculty of Texas Wesleyan. She holds a B.S. in psychology, an M.S. in counseling and development, and a Ph.D. in family therapy, all from Texas Women's University. Kuzmich is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor, and a

Registered Play Therapist. She is currently working with Dr. Joel Muro from Texas Woman's University to study the effects of family of origin training and filial training on parent-child relationships and levels of differentiation.

The LPC students in the counseling program have maintained a 100% pass rate for the national counseling exam (NCE) and the school counseling students are at a 100% pass rate for the school counseling program.

The Graduate Counseling Program began an honors society this spring to honor both professional counseling and school counseling students who maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher and who have been voted by the faculty as having displayed professional character. Graduate counseling students have also started a counseling student organization. Dr. Edita Ruzgyte, assistant professor of graduate counseling, is the advisor.

The Eunice and James L. West Library has donated the book *Introduction to Multicultural Counseling for Helping Professionals* to the library in memory of Dr. Don Spinks, professor of graduate counseling, who passed away in January 2008.

Alumni News

Sally Greathouse, BS '03, was named Teacher of the Year at Webb Elementary in Arlington ISD.

In December, the Fort Worth Independent School District announced the 14 exemplary teachers who are the 2007-2008 Chairs for Teaching Excellence. Two awardees have ties to Texas Wesleyan. **Erica French, BS '00**, teaches at Lowery Road Elementary School. French received the Lockheed Martin Elementary Math Chair. While he did not graduate from Wesleyan, **Kerry Renta** took classes to receive his alternative certification as a bilingual teacher. Renta teaches at Westcliff Elementary and was awarded the Lockheed Martin Elementary Science Chair. Each teacher holds the title for one year and receives \$5,000. Teachers are nominated by principals, parents, and colleagues.

Faculty Announcements

Dr. Linda Metcalf, associate professor of counseling, has had two recent publications and one in review: *Counseling Toward Solutions*, 2nd Ed, January 2008, John Wiley and Sons; *A Field Guide to Counseling Toward Solutions*, January 2008, John Wiley and Sons; and *A Practical Approach to Learning Family Therapy*, in review, Thompson Publishers. Metcalf's recent presentations were in Amsterdam for the Korbinski Institute on

Solution Focused Therapy, at the American Counseling Association in Honolulu at a Learning Institute, at the Appreciative Inquiry Conference in Norway, and for the Academy of Solution Focused Training in Singapore on Solution Focused Schools and Parenting Toward Solutions.

Dr. Twyla Miranda, professor of education and director of graduate programs, has received a Fulbright Award to attend the Teacher Education Administrator Seminar, to be held August 8-23 in India for travel, dialogue and study with Indian educators. Locations will include schools and universities in New Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata.

She participated in the Highlights Foundation Nature Writing Retreat in northeast Pennsylvania in April. Each writer has a cabin for the retreat, writing desk, and wooded surroundings. Nature hikes, scouting, and writing about flora and fauna are emphasized, and she met with the editors of *Highlights Magazine for Children*.

Miranda presented "Wild Animals in Urban Environs, or How I Became an Amateur Tracker" for the Wesleyan Honors Luncheon in February, and held a Visiting Author's Presentation on *Animals in Longfeather Ponds* books for Bluebonnet Elementary in Keller ISD in May.

The article "Poetry with English Language Learners, A Catalyst for Language Use and Reading Fluency," co-written by Miranda and Elsie Sosa, has been accepted for publication in the August 2008 monograph of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities, *Current Issues and Best Practices in Bilingual and ESL Education*.

Dr. Patsy Robles-Goodwin, assistant professor of education and director of the ESL/bilingual program, published an article, "Braiding Cultural Understandings: Reflections of a Teacher Working with Diverse Latino Students" in the *Current Issues and Best Practice in Bilingual and ESL Education Monograph*.

Dr. Robles-Goodwin and **Dr. Kim Tyler**, assistant professor of education, presented two sessions at the 14th Annual Conference on the Education of Hispanics. Their topic was "Building a Bridge Between Bilingual and Gifted Education."

Dr. Edita Ruzgyte, assistant professor of graduate counseling, attended the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex Conference in San Diego, where her presentation topic was "Sexuality and Cultural Issues."

Drs. Robles-Goodwin, R.J. Wilson, professor of education, and **Selena Short**, assistant professor of education, presented at the 24th Annual Spring BEAM Conference in April. The title of their presentation was "Research and Emerging Instructional Strategies in Science and Math." At the same conference, Short and Robles-Goodwin presented on two other topics, "Introduction to ESL for Administrators" and "Discussion and Implementation of Effective Strategies for Prerequisite ELLs in the Classroom."

As part of the Teacher Quality Grant, **Dr. R.J. Wilson**, is working with the six students that Dr. Bruce Benz, associate professor of biology, took to the Monarch Sanctuary in Mexico over winter break. The outcome of their work will be teaching materials that they can use in their classroom based on their experience in Mexico. Wilson and Benz were awarded a new \$87,000 Teacher Quality Grant for summer 2008 and the 2008-2009 school year. The new course is titled, "Teaching Ecology in the Classroom."

Wilson also presented "Teaching Science Using ESL Strategies" for the Fort Worth ISD annual ESL school conference.

SCHOOL OF LAW

The Texas Wesleyan University School of Law announces the appointment of Frederic White as the new dean of the law school. "It is my pleasure to be asked to join in fulfilling the mission of Texas Wesleyan Law, a 'young' law school that already has a fine faculty and staff, great students and supportive alumni and friends," Dean White said. "I hope to help continue Texas Wesleyan's traditions of excellence in scholarship, teaching and service to the legal community."

White, who will be the first African-American dean at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, will be the fifth dean of the law school and will succeed Interim Dean and Professor Cynthia Fountaine. White is currently the dean of Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco, a position he has held since January 2004. He received his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and his B.A. from Columbia College. Admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1973, White has experience as an associate dean and professor of law at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. His scholarship focuses on property, wills and trusts, real estate law, land use control, local government law, and administrative law.

Academically, the law school continues to shine. Last August, the school welcomed 291 new students, the largest entering class since 1998. The law school's bar pass rate was 91.14,

placing Texas Wesleyan ahead of five of the state's nine law schools, and just a fraction of a percentage point behind the next highest school.

As part of our continuing efforts to improve diversity participation in the legal profession, the law school hosted the Wingspread VIII Conference in October. A consortium of educators, administrators, judges, bar association representatives, lawyers, law school representatives, and students from P-20 schools, Wingspread representatives work across the educational continuum with the overall goal of enhancing student aspirations and abilities to move into positions in the legal profession and national leadership. Conference speakers included H. Thomas Wells, Jr., president-elect of the American Bar Association; Eduardo R. Rodriguez, past-president of the State Bar of Texas; Gib Walton, President of the Texas State Bar Association, Kent Lollis, Associate Executive Director and Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs of the Law School Admissions Council; Judge Royal Furgeson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas; and Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson of the Supreme Court of Texas.

The law school hosted a reception for the United States District Judges who sit within the geographic region that makes up the Fifth United States Circuit. About 25 judges and their guests attended.

While in Fort Worth to hear oral arguments at the United States Courthouse in downtown Fort Worth in December, members of the Fifth

Circuit Court of Appeals attended a reception at the law school's Bernie Schuchmann Conference Center. The reception was hosted in conjunction with the Tarrant Labor and Employment Section of the Tarrant County Bar Association.

January kicked off with a visit from the Dallas Federal Public Defender's Office, members of which held a moot court to prepare their case to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. The moot court was judged by eight law school professors, and observed by over 50 students.

In April, we welcomed Judge Sidney Fitzwater of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Fitzwater presented his State of the District Speech on April 23, in the law school's Bernie Schuchmann Conference Center.

There have been many exciting events happening beyond the walls of the school during the last year. In June 2007, the law school welcomed representatives from the National Legal Center of Mongolia, the Advocates Association of Mongolia, and the Office of the President of Mongolia. The nine representatives traveled to Fort Worth for two and a half weeks of training with the Asian Judicial Institute. Founded by Professor Joe Spurlock, the AJI has been helping retrain the Mongolian judiciary as the country transitions to a democratic system of government. This was the seventh year the law school hosted members of the Mongolian legal community.

Crossing over to another continent, a group of Texas Wesleyan law professors traveled to Gloucester, England, in July 2007 to

participate in the fourth annual Gloucester Conference. The 2007 conference, "Law and Justice in the Age of Globalization," was part of a year-long bicentennial celebration of Britain's Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 1807.

The moot court and advocacy teams of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law saw continued success as they represented the school at various competitions across the state and country. The team of 3L Melissa Swan, 3L Matthew Wright, and Johannes Walker '07 won the 2007 Texas Moot Court Competition in San Antonio in June, marking the law school's first state moot court championship. Most recently, the team of 3L Jim Graham, 3L Nathan Miller, and 2L Jennifer Fettingner won first place at the 15th Annual John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition at Seton Hall University in Newark, NJ, on March 29. Additional honors include the Ambassador Trophy at the 26th Annual John Marshall Law School Information Technology and Privacy Law Moot Court Competition in Chicago, and Best Opening Statement honors in the preliminary rounds at the Lone Star Mock Trial Competition in San Antonio.

On April 3, the law clinic celebrated 10 years of service to the local community. The law clinic opened its doors in 1998 with just eight student workers and one faculty advisor. It has since grown to a staff of 24 students, three full-time faculty advisors, one paralegal, one secretary, and numerous volunteers. During its 10 years of service, the clinic has provided over 50,000 hours of student *pro bono* work to indigent clients in the Fort Worth community.