

# The President's REVIEW



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## ADVANCEMENT

### **The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Offers Challenge for Morton Fitness Center Campaign**

In July, Texas Wesleyan received a \$450,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla. The grant will help complete the final stage of funding of the Jack & Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center.

In order for the University to receive the Mabee grant funding and break ground on the \$3 million center in summer 2009, the University must secure the remaining \$350,000 in gifts and pledges by July 1, 2009. In addition to the gift from Jack and Jo Willa Morton, other lead gifts have been made by the Amon G. Carter Foundation, The Perkins-Prothro Foundation, The Leo Potishman Foundation, The Klabzuba Family Foundation and The Ryan Foundation. Alumni gifts have also been very important to the fundraising campaign.

The Morton Fitness Center will be built next to the Sid W. Richardson Center, with its front windows directed at Wesleyan's main quadrangle. It will include a weight and cardio room, two aerobics/dance classrooms, a front lobby lounge area, and locker rooms.

\$2.2 million in gifts have been raised to date for the Morton Fitness Center. \$350,000 in gifts needs to be raised by July 1, 2009, in order to receive the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Challenge Grant. For more information, please contact Joan Canty, interim vice president for advancement, at 817-531-4411 or [jcanty@txwes.edu](mailto:jcanty@txwes.edu).

### **Wells Fargo Bank Funds New Information Center**

Wells Fargo Bank will fund a new Information Center in the Armstrong-Mabee Business Center. The Information Center will feature three 42-inch LCD flat screen displays that will stream financial news from Bloomberg, MSNBC, and other vendors. Lobby furniture and carpet placed near the LCD displays will provide seating space and encourage student interaction. Wells Fargo has committed \$10,000 to fund this initiative.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

### **Cruise the Southern Caribbean June 6-14, 2009**

All members of the Wesleyan community are invited to join University President Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, his wife Marie, and other alumni and friends of Texas Wesleyan on a tour of the Southern Caribbean June 6-14, 2009. The tour leaves from DFW en route to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the tour will depart on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Ports of call include Antigua, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Maarten and St. Croix. For more information, contact Scott Cannon in the Advancement Office at 817-531-7540.

### **Alumni Relations Office Kicks Off New Recruiting Initiative**

"Ram Wranglers" is the name of the new alumni recruiting program sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations. More than 50 alumni have volunteered and joined in the effort to contact, promote and refer prospective transfer and high school students to the Texas Wesleyan Office of Admission. Ram Wranglers are already trained and recruiting in Atlanta, New York, New Mexico, Arkansas, Corpus Christi, Houston, Austin, Odessa, Weatherford, Azle and the Metroplex. For more information, or to become a Ram Wrangler, visit [www.txwes.edu/alumni/ramwranglers.htm](http://www.txwes.edu/alumni/ramwranglers.htm) or contact Gina Phillips at 817-531-4220.

### **Alumni Association Presents 2008 Medal Award Honorees**

The 2008 Alumni Medal Dinner was held Oct. 24 at the Fort Worth Club. This year's honorees included key volunteers from the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Board of Directors; a long-time staff member; an Emmy winner; and the 2007 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. This year's honorees were: Dan '68 and Barbara '68 Boulware and Larry '63 and Carolyn '63 Kitchens, Alumni of the Year Award; Tamlyn R. Wright '92, Distinguished Alumni Award; Nika Maples '02, Young Alumni Achievement Award; Rev. E. Frank Leach '53, Wesleyan Service Award; Pati Alexander '90 MSE '97, Wesleyan Flame Award; and Commissioner

Roy C. Brooks, Honorary Alumnus Award.

### **Save the Date: All Alumni Reunion 2009**

Plans are underway for the All Alumni Spring Reunion on April 24 and 25, 2009. This year's honored classes include the Classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1999 and 2004. Friday's events will include an afternoon golf match, followed by dinner at Joe T. Garcia's. Saturday begins with the Alpha Chi/Golden Shears Breakfast and concludes with the 55th Spring Musical, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* and the Afterglow Party. For more information about the upcoming reunion, please visit [www.txwes.edu/alumni/reunioninformation.htm](http://www.txwes.edu/alumni/reunioninformation.htm) or contact DeAwna Wood at 817-531-6548.

### **New Endowed Scholarships**

Thanks to the generosity of several alumni and friends of the University, four new scholarship endowments have been established this fall.

The G. Alfred Brown Jr. Scholarship will fund scholarships for students in the School of Education. The Charles Duke Endowed Scholarship, named for Charles Duke, class of 1953, will fund scholarships for students majoring in music. The Sumner Scholarship Fund, established by Mr. and Mrs. George Sumner of Fort Worth, will provide scholarships for undergraduate students who desire to become teachers. The Kent and Linda Green Van Zandt Endowed Scholarship, named by an alumni couple, will be used to provide scholarships for Texas Wesleyan students classified as juniors and seniors, who have promise and potential, but would not be able to pursue a college degree without the benefit of this type of support. If you are interested in more information about establishing an endowed scholarship, please contact Gina Phillips at 817-531-4220 or [gphillips@txwes.edu](mailto:gphillips@txwes.edu).

## ATHLETICS

### **Greer Hired as Assistant Baseball Coach**

This summer Texas Wesleyan made one of the biggest splashes in the very big pond of the DFW Metroplex when they hired Rusty Greer as a full-time assistant baseball coach. Greer, a member of the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame,

begins his collegiate coaching career thanks to another former Ranger, head coach Mike Jeffcoat, who announced the hiring in July. "This is not only a tremendous boost to our coaching staff, but to our recruiting process as well," Jeffcoat commented.

One of the best and most popular players in Rangers history, Greer was elected to the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame on August 11, 2007. He ranks seventh in Rangers history with a career .305 batting average. He also ranks in the franchise's top-10 with 1,166 hits (6th), 543 runs scored (5th), 119 home runs (10th), 614 RBI (5th), and 258 doubles (tied for 5th) in nine seasons.

### **Rams Generating Excitement as Teams Head into Holiday Season**

Lady Rams soccer team won its third Red River Athletic Conference tournament title. The Lady Rams volleyball came on strong down the stretch and was one of three contenders in the Red River, and basketball season is under way.

In front of one of the largest crowds in Martin Field history, head coach Josh Gibbs' women's soccer team defeated rival Northwood University to win the RRAC Tournament. "This was everything a final is supposed to be," Gibbs said. "Both teams played well enough to win. There was a great crowd, and we came out on top."

With the win, the Rams advanced to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in program history. The Lady Rams travelled to Riverside, Calif., to meet eighth-ranked and seventh-seeded California Baptist University. Unfortunately, the Lancers got the better of a 2-0 score.

The Lady Rams posted an overall record of 11-7. At 6-1 in conference play they were the regular season RRAC Champion and top seed in the tournament. Seven Lady Rams were named All-Conference including six of the eleven 1st-team selections. That group was led by RRAC Co-Player of the Year Alejandra Barrera and Defensive Player of the Year Brittany O'Brien. Gibbs also earned RRAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

The men's soccer team did not fare as well in tournament action. The Rams were the fourth seed in the RRAC tournament with a 4-3 conference record. In quarterfinal action they knocked off Northwood 3-1. In the semifinals, they suffered a 2-0 loss at the hands of the eventual champion UT-Brownsville. The Rams finished the season at 8-6-2 overall. Six Rams were named All-Conference including first team selections Christian Villasenor, Kevin Rauch, and goalkeeper Joakim Soderbaum. Adam Pierce was also named RRAC Co-Freshman of the Year.

Christy Clawson's volleyball team entered the RRAC tournament playing its best volleyball of the season. They won three in a row and seven of their last ten regular season matches, including a five-set win over top seeded Southwestern Assemblies of God. At 9-2 in conference play, the Rams were the third seed. They advanced to the semifinals where they were defeated in an epic battle with the eventual champion Wiley.

The men's basketball team opened its season with a resounding 106-63 win over Parker College. Unfortunately, the Rams lost senior forward Andy Laitinen for at least six weeks due to an injury suffered in the game against Parker. Laitnen was expected to be a centerpiece on the court for the Rams this season, and they hope to have him back and healthy before conference play begins next semester. The Rams are currently ranked 15th nationally. However, they were picked 8th in the Victory Sports Network national poll, and were picked in the top spot of the RRAC Coaches Poll.

Stacy Francis' women's basketball team defeated Philander Smith College 64-60 in their home opener. With that victory head coach Stacy Francis became the winningest coach in program history, passing Miriam Satern with here 106th career win.

### **CHAPLAIN**

The fall semester has been a busy time for religious activities and events at Texas Wesleyan. In September, the annual See You at the Pole rally was held as students, faculty and staff gathered together on the mall in front of the library to pray for Texas Wesleyan, the state, nation and the world. Wesleyan Sunday was held Sept. 28 as Polytechnic United Methodist Church and the campus community joined together for a time of worshipping God. Religion major Elizabeth Cumpston delivered the sermon. In October, the Baptist Student Ministries hosted a clothing drive.

This semester the school has three active religious student groups: the Baptist Student Ministries, Methodist Student Movement and the Jewish Student Law Association. All three meet regularly for Bible studies and various activities throughout the semester. Also, Chapel continues to go strong this fall with wonderful music provided by the student-led chapel band. Chapel guest speakers this semester have included two Board of Trustees members: Dr. Jerry Chism from Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, and Dr. Tim Bruster from First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, Jan. 27, and the annual Willson Lecture Series. The event will feature internationally recognized Josh McDowell.

McDowell has authored or co-authored 108 books, including *More Than a Carpenter*, which has been translated into over 85 languages, and *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, which has been recognized by *World Magazine* as one of the century's most influential books. He has been chosen for the Gold Medallion Book Award four times.

Two events will be occurring on Jan. 27. At noon there will be a luncheon for religion faculty, religion majors and area pastors. At 7 p.m., there will be the formal lecture in Martin Hall which is open to all. More information will be available as the date approaches. Call Gladys Childs, chaplain, at 817-531-4461 with any questions.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL AND NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS**

#### **New Student Programs**

Six freshman orientations and registrations were held over the summer with a total of 206 new freshman students attending. Between 170 and 180 parents attended with their students. Three transfer orientations and registrations were held over the summer with a total of 270 transfer students attending. Texas Wesleyan held its first Transfer Students and Families Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 23. One hundred and eighty new transfer students and their families, totaling more than 300 people, attended. Many Wesleyan administrators and faculty also attended. The event was held in the Louella Baker Martin Pavilion and catered by Spring Creek Barbecue. Entertainment for the students and families was provided by J.C. the Clown, who rode a unicycle, juggled fire, and made balloon animals for the children. Door prizes and Wesleyan T-shirts were given to all transfer students.

#### **Developmental Programs**

Texas Wesleyan's Summer Bridge Math Program began this summer. A TG Grant funded this program for under-prepared new freshmen in math. New freshmen tested and were given the opportunity to be placed in this program. The grant funded a Bridge Program for 30 students. Students had to commit to taking part in a developmental math course for three weeks, five days a week, for three hours a day. Wesleyan offered two courses, beginning algebra and intermediate algebra. The \$1,600 course and \$138 book were free to the students, paid for by the grant. The salaries of the two instructors were also provided by the grant. All 30 students successfully completed the courses and are currently enrolled in the next level of math. By being in the Bridge Program, these 30 students were able to complete one level of non-credit developmental math, thus saving them time and money. For those students who completed Math 0301, they were able to correct

their math deficiency and begin college algebra and stay on course with other college freshmen.

A Summer Math 0301 Review was held for students who had successfully completed Math 0301 at Wesleyan in the spring and would be entering college algebra in the fall. This Review had good attendance and good results. These students began college algebra with a good review of necessary math skills needed for success in college algebra.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

With nearly 200 in attendance on Friday, Nov. 21, Nicholas and Louella Baker Martin, members of the Board of Trustees, elected officials and honored guests cut the ribbon on the Maxine & Edward L. Baker Building. Named in honor of Lou Martin's parents, the 5,000-square foot historical Baker Building includes a community meeting space, a conference room, four offices, and a dining area for students. U.S. Representative, Michael Burgess, U.S. Representative Kay Granger, State Representative Marc Veasy, Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Hicks, and Fort Worth Councilman Frank Moss were among the elected officials participating in the ceremony. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, a special unveiling commemorated the opening of **Java Joe's**, named in honor of Joe Brown, professor of theatre arts, for his long-time service, teaching and dedication to students and the University. Java Joe's features café tables and comfortable lounge seating in a traditional coffee shop atmosphere. As the first ribbon-cutting of the Rosedale Avenue Redevelopment Initiative, this \$1.2 million renovation project was funded in part by contributions from both the private and public sectors, including economic development grants from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and City of Fort Worth directed HUD funds, a grant from the Amon G. Carter Foundation, and a generous gift from University friends Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Martin.

Five Texas Wesleyan faculty members were notified of their successful applications for the **Sam Taylor Fellowship Awards** granted through the **General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church**. The awards total nearly \$6,700. Recipients include the following faculty from the School of Arts and Sciences: **Dr. Jay Brown**, assistant professor of psychology, who will use the funds to conduct research on various measures of religiosity and levels of self-control. Brown's project will provide a description of how students are making practical, moral and ethical decisions and how their chosen behaviors relate to various positive and negative outcomes. Brown's research, important and timely, will help Texas Wesleyan produce graduates

who are accountable, civically responsible, and more socially aware of how what they choose to do and not do will impact those who they encounter. **Dr. Stacia Neeley**, associate professor of English, plans to use the assistance to complete a graduate course in education titled, "Strategies for Empowering Students to Become Active, Responsible Learners." After completing the course, she intends to present the major elements of the course to Wesleyan's faculty as a Mitchell-Reed Lecture Series presentation or a Provost Professional Development Forum workshop. In this regard a number of faculty will be able to benefit from the pedagogical and student-centered approaches she obtains through this graduate course. **Dr. Lori Dieckmann**, assistant professor of chemistry, received a fellowship to offset the costs of four graduate courses she is scheduled to complete as part of her online Master of Science in chemistry from the University of North Texas. She plans to take two science classes as well as two education courses geared toward using the Internet and multimedia to enhance student learning. This opportunity allows her to take the role of the "student," acquire knowledge of online learning, and better understand the challenges of adult learners. From the School of Business, **Ms. Kimberly Webb**, assistant professor of accounting, will use the award to aid in the cost of tuition and books for her graduate study leading to a Ph.D. in business administration in accounting at the University of Texas at Arlington; and **Dr. Rodney Erakovich**, assistant professor of public administration and management, will continue research in collaboration with Western and Eastern European universities in organizational integrity building in Eastern Europe through managing by values congruent with societal and democratic values.

This fall, Texas Wesleyan received a \$40,000 grant from the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)** under its Collegiate G-Force Work-Study Mentorship Program. The State of Texas has been promoting a college-going marketing campaign based on the theme: *Education, GO Get It*. Through this grant, Texas Wesleyan students are assisting in creating a college-going culture among high school students by working in GO Centers in area high schools. High school students visiting the GO Centers are encouraged to work with the Wesleyan students on a variety of college-focused concerns, such as SAT/ACT test preparation and scheduling, campus visit information, college application completion, scholarship applications, and financial aid details. In addition to assisting the high school students, Wesleyan students are doing their part in reaching out to the families of these students about the importance of going

to college and what it takes to be successful in college and beyond; parent nights are a regular part of GO Center activities. The mentorship program was established as a new program separate and distinct from the Texas College Work-Study Program due to funding received from the 80th Texas Legislature. The state appropriated \$5 million for the biennium to support the implementation of the student mentorship program last fall.

In addition to support from the THECB, Texas Wesleyan was fortunate to receive a new grant in the amount of \$82,550 from **TG** for the "Pathways to Success" project, which addresses priorities set not only by the State of Texas, but also by Texas Wesleyan in the way of student success and retention. The project includes funding for the GO Center student workers, a new summer bridge program in reading, the continuation of a pilot for math teaching assistants to conduct labs for college level algebra courses and the creation of student success stations. Additionally, nearly two-thirds of the grant will provide need-based aid to minority and other underrepresented students in higher education.

The **Hatton W. Sumners Foundation** has provided a \$17,500 grant to support the Sumners Scholars recruitment and development program as well as fellowships for students enrolled in Texas Wesleyan's Master in Management program, focusing on public administration. This fall, the current Sumners Scholars had the opportunity to attend the Hatton W. Sumners Distinguished Lecture Series events featuring veteran journalist and host of Fox News Sunday Chris Wallace, and Steve Forbes, Chairman and CEO of Forbes, Inc. and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Magazine. Texas Wesleyan's six Sumners Scholars also participated in a Sumners Scholars Public Policy Weekend held in Dallas and sponsored by the National Center for Policy Analysis. Speakers included Robert Jordan, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Andrew Krepinevich, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq and former consultant to the Department of Defense, and others. Session topics included "Securing America in a High-Tech World," "Reforming Health Care: Improving Quality, Controlling Costs, Expanding Coverage," "Weathering the Economic Storm: Helping Working Families in Troubling Times," and "Gold, the Dollar, and the Growing Financial Crisis: Lessons for Monetary Policy."

This summer, Texas Wesleyan's Graduate Programs of Nurse Anesthesia (GPNA) was the recipient of two **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** grants. With nearly \$44,000 in funding, the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships grant provides scholarships for students in their first year of

the program, while the Nurse Anesthetists Traineeships program, totaling more than \$56,000, funds scholarships for students beyond their first year of study in the master's degree program.

Texas Wesleyan has just completed the first year of our nearly \$2 million Title III grant from the **U.S. Department of Education**. The piloted activities are already showing results in the way of collaborative learning through our freshmen learning communities (LC) courses. Wesleyan's freshmen LCs group approximately 18 students together into focused and concentrated learning environments in which they are building relationships and social networks, leading to increased classroom engagement. Expected long-term consequences for the individual student are greater achievement, higher quality learning, better adjustment to college, happier and more fulfilled learning experience, with increased retention as the outcome. By grouping instructors together and providing opportunities for them to interact, LCs ensure students have coordinated assignments, including reading materials, for a unified learning experience.

In addition to the creation of learning communities for our freshmen, we have improved our technological infrastructure, classroom technologies and technical support for our faculty. The wireless network has been extended to the School of Business, thereby increasing the capacity of students to study, work, and communicate. Four classrooms across campus have received Smart classroom technologies, which include networked computer teaching stations, large screen projection SmartBoards, and document cameras to assist the faculty in making state-of-the-art presentations during their classes. Likewise, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) has been created to develop and host numerous professional development workshops for faculty and staff alike. Workshops have included Microsoft Office 2007 products, Web Design Tools, At-Risk Students, Instructional Objectives and Lesson Planning. In addition to teaching and technologies, the Title III grant provides for enhancing our academic advising processes. Projects include a faculty advising survey, the development of a faculty advising guide, and an advising website for students, parents and faculty. We look forward to continued momentum and successes witnessed during this first year as we move into year two of the five year project. This year includes the continued piloting of more learning communities for our freshmen, installation of several new Smart classrooms, introduction of new advising technologies and continued professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

The School of Law has also been actively seeking external funding and has received several awards this year. **The Texas Bar Foundation** awarded a \$25,000 grant in support of the Asian Judicial Institute and the **United Way** has awarded a grant in the amount of \$85,000 for continuing support for the Children's Rights Clinic.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology (IT) department completed several projects aimed at enhancing the University's technological infrastructure and supporting teaching and learning. The IT department extended wireless network service to the Armstrong-Mabee Business Center this summer. The University wireless network now covers the Burleson Classroom Center, the law school campus, and nine buildings on the historic campus. The IT department installed an ITV system at the Burleson Classroom Center and one in the Armstrong-Mabee Business Center to facilitate videoconferencing courses between the historic campus and Burleson.

The WEMS Emergency Alert System is in the final stages of implementation. This system will allow instant emergency communications to the Texas Wesleyan community via email and text messaging.

The IT department is refining core university services by integrating those services through Datatel/Colleague. In the fall of 2008, this effort included the implementation of NelNet (student web payment service) and an upgrade of the WebAdvisor system. The continued expansion of Datatel/Colleague services will improve departmental communications, facilitate new/transfer student processes, and improve students' use of Texas Wesleyan's web services.

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), a component of the IT department, supports faculty development and employee use of technology. In summer 2008, the CETL purchased Turnitin, an anti-plagiarism service that gives instructors the tools to teach students about the appropriate citation of academic sources. With support from the Title III grant, the CETL installed SmartBoards in four classrooms and in the CETL training lab. In the fall of 2008, the CETL transitioned online and web-assisted courses to Blackboard CE 6. The CETL provided training workshops on Microsoft Office 2007, Turnitin, Adobe Contribute, graphics, and Blackboard. In addition, faculty development programs included topics such as syllabus design, creating lesson plans for at-risk students, and instructional website development. The Provost's Professional Development Workshop series included Dr. Steve Davis' workshop on teaching portfolios

and Ms. Kaye Shelton's workshop on online teaching.

As the university community grows, the IT department will continue to expand its services, training, and support. The IT department looks forward to strengthening campus-wide use of technology resources while anticipating the future needs of faculty and students.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Global Issues Take Center Stage during International Week

As we read the newspapers or listen to current events on the radio, we are reminded about how truly interconnected the world is. Today's Wesleyan graduates will be joining a workforce where cultural literacy will be not only important, but a critical key to their success. One way Texas Wesleyan is preparing students to be true global citizens is through International Week. This year, from Oct. 13 through Oct. 17, the campus focused attention on the world around us through a series of lectures, presentations, entertainment, and other events. The whole campus came together to infuse a global flair into everything from the food in the dining hall to special international exhibits in the library. The Wesleyan spirit of faculty, staff, and students working together made this year's International Week one of the best in memory.

The week started with an Opening Ceremony recognizing international athletes on campus and their coaches. Dr. Jeremy Newton, assistant professor of psychology, presented a talk on different thinking styles and how perception is influenced through a cultural filter. Dr. Jay Brown, assistant professor of psychology, talked about the use of cultural universality versus cultural relativism in our understanding of different cultures. Associate professor of Spanish Dr. Amy Bell's Spanish classes held a Day of the Dead Open Microphone, where students presented poetry, music, and literature in Spanish. Other faculty brought various countries to campus with presentations of their trips abroad. Dr. Twyla Miranda, professor of education, hosted a review of her Fulbright Program, Teacher Education in India, by showing slides and bringing treats and typical objects from India. Four Global Scholars presented four different interpretations of their trip to South Africa as Dr. Carlos Martinez, dean of the School of Education, Dr. Patsy Robles-Goodwin, assistant professor of education, Dr. Kim Tyler, assistant professor of education, and Terri Cummings, associate professor of art, shared the country through their own interests and disciplines. Dr. Jesse Sowell, professor of religion, talked about study abroad as he explained his spring trip to Scotland. The School of Business honored the international business students with a

reception, international display and captivating flag game. Student Life hosted a Barbecue Pool Party and Scottish Putting Challenge, and Student Life and Gamma Sigma Sigma sponsored an international film, *Fearless* with Jet Li.

Over 200 people enjoyed the sights, sounds and tastes from 15 countries from almost every continent at the annual International Fair, hosted by the International Club. Week-long participation was provided by the West Library with its displays of maps, books and information from countries of the university's international students and Dora Cafe's lunch menu of food from various countries. The newest addition to week-long and university-wide activities was the Free Range Faculty program hosted by Terri Cummings. Participating faculty who had traveled or lived abroad wore special badges and would briefly share their travel experiences when asked.

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

### Accreditation Plan Created for AACSB

Over the summer, the School of Business faculty, associate dean, and dean prepared an accreditation plan for Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The plan includes a gap analysis, five-year accreditation plan, and accreditation budget. These documents will be submitted to an AACSB pre-accreditation committee in December 2008 for consideration and approval. If approved, the School of Business Administration will begin pursuit of international accreditation with this premier accrediting agency in spring 2009.

### Texas Wesleyan Business Student Activities

On March 27, an inaugural induction ceremony of students was held for Delta Mu Delta, the business honor society for School of Business majors. Delta Mu Delta replaced Sigma Beta Delta as the honor society for School of Business majors once the school became accredited by ACBSP in 2007.

In conjunction with the Fort Worth chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, the accounting faculty hosted an on campus seminar, "Getting a Job in Accounting: Everything You Always Wanted to Know (but were afraid to ask)," on Feb. 1. Students from Texas Wesleyan, Texas Christian University, and the University of Texas at Arlington were in attendance.

### New Faculty

**Dr. Rod Erakovich** joined the School of Business faculty as a tenure-track assistant professor of management and public administration. Erakovich earned his MBA at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, Fla.) and his Ph.D. in public and urban administration from the University

of Texas at Arlington. Erakovich was a member of the faculty at Midwestern State in Wichita Falls immediately prior to coming to Texas Wesleyan.

**Dr. Sinan Yildirim** joined the School of Business faculty as a tenure-track assistant professor of finance. Yildirim, a native of Turkey, earned his MBA at the University of Bahcesehir in Istanbul and his Ph.D. in finance at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Yildirim has served as an assistant professor at St. Edward's University and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

### McWilliams to Retire

**Dr. Don McWilliams**, professor of business administration, announced his retirement effective May 2009. McWilliams joined Texas Wesleyan in 1982 and has taught courses in statistics and operations management in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

### Faculty Announcements

**Dr. Sandra Hile Hart** and **Dr. Tom Smith**, professors of marketing, were invited to submit their paper, "A Growth Service Industry: Cross Cultural Training," for possible publication in the *Journal of the International Society of Business Disciplines*. The paper was presented by Smith and Wesleyan graduate student Jamie Phillips at the International Society of Business Disciplines Conference in Las Vegas. Smith and Hart are revising the manuscript, which deals with the growing need for cross cultural training as students and workers prepare for careers in an increasingly global environment. It introduces academicians to the industry responsible for preparing individuals for careers in other cultures.

A case study by **Dr. Thomas Klaasen**, professor of economics and finance, "Campbell's Resort," was published in the spring 2008 issue of the *Journal of Finance Case Research*.

A paper by **Dr. Kalpana Pai**, assistant professor of economics and finance, "The Impact of Educational Attainment on Labor Market Outcomes," was accepted for publication in the *Applied Journal of Business and Economics*, Vol. 7(4).

**Pai** attended several conferences and workshops during the spring and summer of 2008. In May, she attended the Hierarchical Linear Modeling Workshop held at the Center for Statistical Consultation and Research, University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Mich. In June, Pai attended the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) 2008 Professional Development Seminar, "Economic Analysis: Quality Data, Meaningful Results," held at the Dallas Federal Reserve, funded by a partial scholarship from NABE.

Also in June, **Pai** attended the New York Stock

Exchange's Teachers' Workshop Program in New York City. While at the workshop, she was one of the few participants chosen to ring the closing bell at the NYSE on June 23. Participation in the workshop was funded by a Sam Taylor fellowship award.

**Dr. Thomas D. Tolleson**, professor of accounting, was elected as the national secretary-treasurer of the Federation of Business Disciplines (FBD). Founded in 1973, FBD has developed into one of the largest, most prestigious annual meetings for those disciplines common to business administration and has both national and international constituencies of more than 1,300 college professors from schools of businesses. FBD presently includes 12 professional associations that focus on the promotion and improvement of research and educational activities of schools and colleges of business administration.

**Tolleson** and **Lesa Scott**, Wesleyan 5-year accounting student, presented their case study entitled "Good Ole' Boys Gone Bad in Parker County" at the 2008 Southwest Case Research Association Meeting held March 5-8 in Houston. The case study was published in the proceedings of the annual meeting. Tolleson and Scott also presented a revised version of their case study at Texas Wesleyan's University College Day.

In May, **Tolleson** conducted a case writing workshop for the business faculty at the University of Dallas.

**Dr. Sameer Vaidya**, associate dean of the School of Business and associate professor of management, served as a paper reviewer and discussant at the Midwest Business Administration Association conference held in Chicago, Ill., April 2-4.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### Awards, Honors and Appointments

**Dr. Aileen Curtin**, associate professor of education, is the newly appointed director of Doctoral Programs in Education. She is planning and preparing for a cohort group of students who will begin in the fall of 2009.

**Dr. Lisa Dryden**, professor of reading, has replaced Dr. Twyla Miranda as the director of Graduate Studies in Education.

**Jessica Krizek**, administrative assistant for the counseling programs and Wesleyan School of Law graduate, passed the Texas bar exam on Nov. 6.

**Lisa Maloney** joined the School of Education in July as the assistant to the dean.

**Dr. Linda Metcalf**, associate professor of counseling, was elected president of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. She will serve two years as president-

elect, two years as president, and one year as past-president-elect. The Association represents the professional interests of more than 24,000 marriage and family therapists in the U.S.

**Dr. Pam Rast**, professor of kinesiology and department chair, was appointed chair of Workshop Package continuing education for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Continuing Education Committee.

**Dr. Carlos Vasquez**, visiting professor of education, was elected to the Fort Worth ISD School Board of Trustees. Vasquez was also appointed to the Board of Directors of Imagination Celebration and is a recent appointee to the City of Fort Worth Modern Street Car Committee and The Downtown TIF.

**Dr. R.J. Wilson**, professor of education, was appointed chair of the Department of Education. Wilson is also on the fall 2008 Science and Math Selection Team for Lockheed Martin Grants with the Fort Worth Independent School District.

#### Alumni and Student News

Wesleyan graduate **Cynthia Lynn Harbison, BS '91**, was appointed principal at Duff Elementary in Arlington.

Three Athletic Training majors received top Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association (SWATA) scholarship awards: junior **Joakim Soderbaum** received the Texas Society of Sports Medicine Scholarship and the J. Brooks McIntyre, Ken Murry, James Dodson Scholarship; junior **Laura Medaris** and sophomore **Melissa Tice** received the Texas Society of Sports Medicine Scholarship and the Alert Services, Lem Cox Memorial Scholarship.

#### Trips, Events, and Funding

**Dr. Twyla Miranda**, professor of education, traveled to India Aug. 8-23 for dialogue and study with Indian educators after having received a Fulbright Award. Locations included schools and universities in New Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata.

**Drs. Lorrie Webb, Patsy Robles-Goodwin, Kim Tyler and Carlos Martinez** traveled to South Africa as Global Scholars representing Texas Wesleyan University.

**Dr. Aileen Curtin**, associate professor of education and director of Doctoral Programs in Education, accompanied 13 graduate teachers to Brazil for their teach-abroad internship with United Methodist University of Piracicaba, Brazil.

**Dr. Pam Rast**, professor of kinesiology, and adjunct instructor **Bill Rucker** accompanied three scuba students and 10 others on a seven-day scuba diving trip to Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles.

**Rast** has received funding from Cook Children's Hospital to collaborate with University of Texas at Arlington nursing faculty and Cook Children's physicians on a research study on the "Effects of Indoor and Outdoor Walking Conditions in Children with Asthma and GSTM1 Variants."

The **School of Education** hosted the Texas Independent School Consortium in May. Dr. Kim Tyler, Joe Dryden and student Linda Watson presented information on school leadership and gifted and talented education. Wesleyan will host the group again in February 2009.

The School of Education hosted the second annual **Back to School Bash** on Aug. 21 for area teachers. Information about graduate programs, food and prizes were provided.

In May, breakfast was provided for faculty and staff at D. McRae and T.A. Simms Elementary Schools as a reward for their attendance at the February **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** hosted by the School of Education and Graduate Admissions.

The faculty of the **Graduate Counseling Programs** and the **Graduate Student Counseling Organization** hosted a professional development seminar Oct. 18 for people interested in learning how to start their own practice, how theory affects the newly opened practice, how to make money, and more.

In May, the Kinesiology Department Recreational Diving Management minor hosted its third **underwater graduation ceremony**, this time honoring Brooke McNabb. The event was covered by local television news, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

#### Faculty Announcements

**Dr. Aileen Curtin**, associate professor of education and director of Doctoral Programs in Education, has published a textbook, "Practical Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners" with Pearson. Curtin also presented at the Texas Association for Bilingual Educators (TABE) in October and at Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in November.

**Joe Dryden, J.D., M.Ed.**, assistant professor of education, presented "Teacher Performance Pay and Urban Teachers: Recommendations for Recruitment, Retention, and Results" at the Texas Council of Educational Administration on Sept. 26.

**Dr. Lisa Dryden**, professor of reading and director of Graduate Studies in Education, and Joe Dryden presented at the Teaching Professors Conference in Kissimmee, Fla., in May. The title of their presentation was

"Practicing What We Preach: What Effective University Professors Do."

**Dr. Carlos Martinez**, dean of the School of Education, spoke at a community-wide Day of Leadership on the panel, "Challenges for Leaders in These Times." Martinez was also a featured speaker at the symposium on Second Language Acquisition and Diversity on Aug. 19, at the University of North Texas at Dallas campus.

**Dr. Linda Metcalf**, associate professor of counseling, and Elliott Connie, BS '01, MA '06, have signed a book contract with Springer Publishing. The book is tentatively titled: *The Masters Speak: The Journey of the Solution Focused Practitioner*. The book will be published in early summer 2009. Metcalf and Connie presented their work thus far on the book at the Solution Focused Brief Therapy Conference held in Austin Nov. 15.

**Dr. Twyla Miranda**, professor of education, with Elsie Sosa, MEd '07, published a research article, "Poetry with English Language Learners: A Catalyst for Language Use and Reading Fluency," in *Current Issues and Best Practice in ESL Education*, Monograph 3, Federation of North Texas Area Universities. Miranda also published an article, "Elephant Orphanages," in the fall 2008 issue of *Alpha Chi Recorder* for Alpha Chi Publications.

**Dr. Pam Rast**, professor of kinesiology and department chair, **Erika Debro**, associate athletic trainer, **Kyle Morgan**, head athletic trainer, and Debra Workman, adjunct professor, along with athletic training majors Christina Kelly, Ashley Tarrant, Melissa Tice, Laura Medaris and Jon Rueter presented at the Fort Worth Independent School District's iDream...iLearn...iWin Family Summit. The presentation title was "Wrap It Up. Do U have what it takes 2 b an Athletic Trainer?"

In June, **Rast** moderated a session, "Incorporating Functional Performance Testing from the Laboratory to the Clinic" at the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Annual Sports Medicine Symposium in St. Louis. Rast also hosted a continuing education one-day workshop titled "Manual Therapy for the Lower Extremity" in Corpus Christi.

**Dr. Patsy Robles-Goodwin**, assistant professor of education and director of the ESL/bilingual Program, had two recent publications including "Acá y allá: Una investigación binacional de los desafíos educativos para el niño mexicano migrante," (Here and there: A binational research of the educational challenges faced by Mexican migrant children.) in *Diversidad cultural y educación: Una visión compartida* with Sañudo, Marín, and Mohr (2008). She also published "To Belong and to Believe: The

School as Culturally Diverse Environment,” in *Diversidad cultural y educación: Una visión compartida* with co-authors Mohr and Wilhelm.

**Robles-Goodwin** co-presented with **Dr. Aileen Curtin** at the 36th Annual Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) Conference in November. Their topic was “Practical Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners.” At the same conference, Robles-Goodwin co-presented with **Dr. Kim Tyler** on the topic “Forging Connections Between Bilingual and Gifted Education.”

**Robles-Goodwin** was a featured speaker at the Region 10 Education Service Center 10th Annual Region 10, Title III, Bilingual/ESL Conference – Building a Foundation for Success in Plano. Her topic was “From Good to Great: Forging a Future of Success in a Changing World.”

**Dr. Edita Ruzgyte**, assistant professor of graduate counseling, attended the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex Conference, Eastern Region Conference, and was a presenter in two sessions: “Anxiety: The Thief of Intimacy, Sexual Pleasure, and Spirituality” and “Generational Differences in Attitudes Toward Sexuality.” In August, Ruzgyte taught as a guest lecturer in Lithuania at Vytautas Magnus University. She taught an intensive graduate course, “Psychology of Change,” and also presented a weekend seminar for the general public, “The Basics of Family Psychology.”

**Dr. Kim Tyler**, assistant professor of education, has made 14 local and state presentations over the last eight months. Venues include the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented Annual Conference, Texas Association for Bilingual Education, Southern Methodist University Gifted Students Institute Administrators Conference, Annual Conference on the Education of Hispanics, Texas Association for Gifted and Talented Leadership Conference and several local school districts. The presentations addressed parents, teachers and administrators and included topics such as: “Parents as Productive Partners in Gifted Education,” “Using the Classroom Education Scale - Revised (COS-R) to Assess the Best Practices in Differentiated Learning,” and “Building a Bridge Between Bilingual and Gifted Education.”

**Dr. Lorrie Webb**, assistant professor of education, presented “Online Courses Versus Face-2-Face” at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference. In August, she presented “Critical Thinking Through Technology Use” at the Association of Teacher Educators Conference in Washington, D.C. In October, Webb presented two sessions at the Fort Worth ISD Family Summit.

**Dr. R.J. Wilson**, professor of education

and department chair, presented with Kelly Gee “Integrating Outdoor Learning into the Classroom” at the National Science Teachers Association held in San Jose, Calif., Oct. 30-31. He also presented with **Bruce Benz**, associate professor of biology, a two year science training program on cell biology at the Dana Center Foundation’s annual conference in Austin.

**Wilson** presented “Science and Math for Pre-Literacy Learners” for the Texas Association of Bilingual Education in Arlington in October. In August, Wilson presented two sessions for the Fort Worth ISD ESL Summer Conference: Clay Boats and Freeze-It. With **Robles-Goodwin** and Dr. Selena Short, Wilson presented “Science and Math Education for Bilingual Students” at the Bilingual/ESL Association of the Metroplex (BEAM) conference in Mansfield. Finally, he presented “Bacterial Transfer” for the Fort Worth Water Department Training Facility, City of Fort Worth on Aug. 1.

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Wesleyan Provides Theatre Arts Outreach and Advocacy

**Joe Brown**, professor of theatre arts and director of the Freshmen Success Experience, had a busy spring and summer with theatre advocacy events. In Fort Worth, in collaboration with the Fort Worth Opera and its world premiere of the opera “Angels In America,” over 75 arts organizations participated in the “More Life Project: the Art and Science of AIDS.” As part of this festival, Brown directed the one-act play “Waiting for Oprah” which featured both Texas Wesleyan students and staff in the roles and was produced at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center by Connie Whitt-Lambert, professor of theatre. “Waiting for Oprah” was written by a former Wesleyan student, Roger Dieleman, who died in 1996 of HIV/AIDS at just twenty-seven years old.

Immediately after this production ended, Brown went into rehearsals with Amphibian Theatre and directed a staged reading of “Lonely Planet” which was presented in the Scott Theatre and was a part of the city-wide “More Life Project.”

Later in the summer, Brown was asked by Texas Wesleyan board member Jan Fersing to work with the Miranda Writes Players, a community theatre group that is part of Texas Re-Entry Services. Brown directed their original play, which rehearsed at Texas Wesleyan and then played at the Rose Marine Theatre. Channel 8 news featured Brown and the players to promote the event. The Miranda Writes Players are mainly composed of former prison inmates who were convicted of white collar crimes related to DWI or prescription

narcotics. This passionate group of community actors also came to the Wesleyan campus and spoke to assistant professor of sociology Dr. Greg Gullion's class.

Lastly, as part of his community outreach, Brown, with the support of Theatre Wesleyan, did a school In-Service on campus for the theatre teachers of the Saginaw School District.

### Theatre Wesleyan

In November, Theatre Wesleyan presented *The Menaechmus Twins* by Titus Maccius Plautus, edited and translated by Lionel Casson. Associate professor Jeanne Everton will direct *Terra Nova* by Ted Talley Feb. 19-22 and Feb. 26-March 1, 2009. The 55th Annual Spring Musical will be *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, book by Hugh Wheeler with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The production, directed by Elizabeth King-Dubberly, adjunct professor, and with musical direction by Amy Hurst, will run April 23-26, 2009, in the Thad Smotherman Theatre. The last production of the 2008-2009 season will be Playmarket '09 in New York City. A staged reading of the winning entry in the Playmarket playwrighting contest will be directed by Connie Whitt-Lambert, professor of theatre, in May. For more information about the competition, please visit [www.txwes.edu/theatrearts/theatrewesleyan/Playmarket.htm](http://www.txwes.edu/theatrearts/theatrewesleyan/Playmarket.htm). For more information about Theatre Wesleyan, call the Theatre office at 817-531-5867 or visit the department's website, [www.txwes.edu/theatrearts/theatrewesleyan/home.htm](http://www.txwes.edu/theatrearts/theatrewesleyan/home.htm).

### M. D. Anderson Pre-Professional Program

The M.D. Anderson Pre-Professional Program has had an eventful fall semester. Bi-weekly plenary sessions have provided mental and physical sustenance with alumni flair.

Speakers included psychologist Elliott Connie, BS '01, MA '06; minister Katie Meek, BS '04; attorney-at-law Janet Hahn, BA '91; and probate court judge Quentin McGown, BA '71, JD '00. Ann Diakis-Shaw, BS '87, shared culinary delights from her restaurant, Scampi's.

Drs. Martha and Bob Chapman spoke to the 3PR group on Oct. 13. They were the first married couple in Texas ever accepted into medical school. Working together in private practice, they raised their family while running their own clinic and were instrumental in bringing a hospital to the northeast Tarrant County area.

3PR aided the funding and planning for the participation of **Ibrahim Salih**, professor of political science, and **Michelle Payne**, visiting assistant professor of political science, at the Pre-Law Advisor's National Conference. Additionally, 3PR helped fund the student teams participating in the Mediation and Moot Court competitions.

Ethics teams representing Texas Wesleyan competed at the Texas Independent College Fund's Business Ethics Match Oct. 30 and 31. Team members include Rosemary Smith, Melinda Smith, Olivia Hibscher, Justin Payne, Michael Smith, Chase Payne and Gary Minor. For the 17th consecutive year, 3PR sent a team to the Texas Regional Ethics Bowl. The team competed on Saturday, Nov. 15, at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and convincingly won all three matches, giving them the opportunity to compete in the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati, Ohio next year. Team members include Liz Cumpston, Daniel White, Michael Smith, Martin Garcia and Justin Payne. Texas Wesleyan was honored to have received an invitation to the prestigious National Conference on Ethics in America held at West Point Military Academy; 3PR provided transportation funding for Justin Payne and Michael Smith, who were selected to participate.

### Expanding Your Horizons Conference

The 21st Expanding Your Horizons Conference for middle school girls will be held on Saturday April 4, 2009. The goals are to increase the young women's interest in science and math, to give them information about career opportunities and to introduce them to female role models. The young women participate in hands-on workshops presented by professional women working in math, science, engineering and many other fields. More than 300 young women and 60-70 professional women are expected to participate and present workshops. The EYH website is [www.txwes.edu/eyh](http://www.txwes.edu/eyh). Registration flyers will be available in late January.

### Music Travel and Enrichment Class to Boston

Nine Texas Wesleyan music department students, three music professors and one parent, visited Boston, Mass. over spring break. Led by music professors Dr. John Fisher and Dr. Jerome Bierschenk, the students toured the city of Boston between March 8 and 15 while enrolled in the department's required Music Travel and Enrichment class. Adjunct vocal instructor Joe Davisson and parent Sandra McKinley rounded out the list of travelers.

### 2008-2009 Music Season Begins

The Texas Wesleyan Music Department began its concert season on Friday, Sept. 19, with a gala department benefit concert featuring Colleen Mallette, world-famous soprano, and Keith Critcher, accompanist, in Martin Hall. The event also marked the President's Council Kick-Off. Mallette and Critcher presented *The Lamaze School of Singing Presents: How to Birth a Song – An Operatic Buffet*. Mallette has been charming audiences across the United States and abroad with her one-woman recital spoof,

which unabashedly pokes fun at opera's "sacred cows."

Other concerts performed this semester include the Virtuoso String Quartet in its Wesleyan debut (Qiong Hulsey and Scott Jessup, violins; Sorin Guttman, viola; and Hsinyi Wang, cello); faculty brass quintet concert, featuring Dr. Bryan English, assistant professor of music, and Dr. Jerome Bierschenk, visiting assistant professor of music, Wesleyan alumni and professional musicians; Greater Fort Worth Community Band Concert; and Guest Cello Recital (Hsinyi Wang).

The Wesleyan Jazz Combo performed an evening of jazz standards as part of the annual Halloween Concert on Oct. 30. There were several special musical guests throughout the haunted evening, and a reception afterwards. Awards were given for outstanding costumes.

### Faculty Announcements

**Dr. Elizabeth Alexander**, associate professor of history, was the featured speaker at the Dinah Weable Breast Cancer Luncheon in Waxahachie Oct. 18. Alexander also spoke on Oct. 27 to the Fort Worth Women's Club 93 Club on Abigail Adams and Republican motherhood.

**Dr. Amy Bell**, associate professor of Spanish, has been selected as one of five team members who will participate in The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program to Mexico April 26-May 23, 2009. The GSE is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. Bell and her fellow team members will experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. This year the program will visit the Mexican states of Michoacán, Querétaro, Guanajuato, and parts of Jalisco and Hidalgo.

**Dr. Jay C. Brown**, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Steve Davis, distinguished visiting professor of psychology, are co-authoring a learning psychology textbook like none other before it. The book is called *The Psychology of Learning: From Rats to the Classroom and Beyond* and is scheduled for publication in March 2009.

**Dr. Jeffrey DeLotto**, professor of English, presented two programs at the Langdon Weekend of the Arts in Granbury Sept. 4-6. He read a short story at the *Langdon Contributor Showcase* and read several ekphrastic poems in "Poetic Responses to Jerry Craven's Photography." DeLotto was one of the showcased writers in this year's *Langdon Review*

*of the Arts in Texas*, which included two of his short stories, "Birds of the Storm God" and "The Hasanai Ear Spool," and an essay, "...a local habitation and a name."

**DeLotto** was also invited to re-publish his poem "Cicadas" in *Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair: Best of the Texas Poetry Calendar*, Dos Gatos Press.

In October, **DeLotto** presented a public lecture and reading, "Top Ten Poems of the Twentieth Century," at the Benbrook Public Library.

Texas Wesleyan senior chemistry majors Hector Carrillo and Angelica Rodriguez traveled to Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 1-3 with **Dr. R. G. Landolt**, professor of chemistry, to attend the American Chemical Society's Southwest Regional Meeting. For this occasion, they constructed and presented a poster summary of fundamental research on "Hypochlorite-Induced IPSO Reactions of An Aromatic Alcohol," which also benefited from research done by Jose Melendez, Marylou Oropeza, Megan Ngo, and Grace Woods. The poster may be viewed in the McFadden 3rd floor hallway. The Welch Foundation of Houston sponsored the research by Landolt and his students in 2007-2008, which resulted in discovery of a new process and a method to improve results of other hypochlorite (bleach) reactions.

The book *Grace & Gumption* received the William E. Jary Award from the Tarrant County Historical Commission on Oct. 30. **Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews**, professor of history, contributed the second chapter, "Ladies of Victory." The William E. Jary Award is given to those who promote historical preservation through writing, collecting or otherwise raising awareness of area history. *Grace & Gumption* was featured in an issue of *Southern Living Magazine* as well as the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Matthews has spoken at many group discussions with the other authors since the book's November 2007 publication as well as individually for the Tarrant County Historical Society.

**Yukong Zhang**, associate professor of computer science, was selected to participate in the Education Program of the Supercomputing Conference 2008 held in Austin Nov. 15-18 and received travel award. The program is designed to assist undergraduate faculty in bringing computational tools in sciences into classrooms. The topics are very broad ranging from computing models, bioinformatics, to visualizations. The program offers parallel sessions each day during the conference and the faculty will gain hands-on experience in these areas and share their teaching experience each other. In addition, the program invites some well-known figures in computing field to give keynote speeches. One of them this year was Michael Dell, the founder of Dell, Inc.