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and Mind**

Rebuilding History

Robert Hummingbird and Serena Sosa of San Angelo and Del Rio students Hector Flores and Sabrina Gonzales were each awarded \$7,000 scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.

Joe Muñoz, ASU assistant to the president for multicultural and community relations, said, "The scholarships provide an additional financial incentive to help first generation students discover the value of a college education and set an example for others in their family and their community."

Nursing Grant

The Department of Nursing has received a \$32,784 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions to continue the department's Nursing Faculty Loan Program (NFLP).

The NFLP awards low-interest loans to selected ASU graduate students to pay for tuition, fees, books and supplies as they work towards master's degrees in nursing with a nurse educator focus. Another attractive aspect of the program is that once a student graduates and is hired by a school of nursing, 85 percent of the loan is forgiven over a four-year period as long as the recipient remains on the faculty.

The ASU Nursing Department has been funded for the NFLP since 2003.

Blue & Gold Guarantee

Beginning in the fall of 2009, ASU will implement its Blue and Gold Guarantee, providing full tuition and mandatory fees for freshmen students coming from families with a combined adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less.

The new program will be open to Texas residents who are entering college as first-time freshmen and meet the program's criteria, including completing all financial aid application requirements by April 1.

In announcing the Blue and Gold Guarantee, ASU President Joseph C. Rallo said, "Historically, Angelo State has opened the doors to higher education for thousands of students through a strong package of financial aid and scholarships. The Blue and Gold Guarantee provides another option for prospective students whose financial circumstance might otherwise limit their ability to attend college."

The Blue and Gold Guarantee would cover all required tuition and fees over eight long semesters, which is typically the fall and spring terms. Participants would be required to enroll in a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester. The program does not cover room, board, books or miscellaneous charges.

Individuals seeking additional information should contact the ASU Financial Aid Office at (325) 942-2246. ■

Lyn Wheeler

Lyn Wheeler, ASU's director of financial aid, has been named to the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) Hall of Fame.

A 28-year veteran in her field, Wheeler has worked in the ASU Financial Aid Office since 1992 and has been director since 2001. She is now one of only 20 members of the TASFAA Hall of Fame. Her selection was announced at the organization's 2008 fall conference in Houston.

Criteria for induction include seniority, at least three years of TASFAA membership, commitment to assisting students with financial aid, integrity, and actions that have resulted in lasting improvements in the policies and procedures of financial aid administration.

Wheeler is a former TASFAA president and was just elected to her second consecutive term as a delegate-at-large on the organization's board of directors.

Norman Sunderman

Dr. Norman Sunderman, ASU professor of accounting, has been honored with a 2008 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award from the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA).

Sunderman received his award in the small four-year college/university category during the TSCPA's fall Accounting Education Conference.

The statewide TSCPA Outstanding Accounting Educator Awards honor Texans who have demonstrated excellence

in teaching and have distinguished themselves through active service to the accounting profession. Criteria for judging includes instructional innovation, student motivation, the pursuit of learning opportunities for students, involvement in student and professional accounting organizations, and research accomplishments and publications.

A 22-year faculty member in the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Sunderman received a "Rammy" Award as 2007-08 Professor of the Year in the ASU College of Business. He is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs, is affiliated with the San Angelo chapter and is a 22-year member of the San Angelo Symphony.

Paul Swets, R. Gary Pumphrey

Two Angelo State faculty members have been awarded prestigious National Science Foundation grants to conduct regional studies in collaboration with other universities.

Dr. Paul Swets, head of the Mathematics Department received a \$1.16 million sub-award as part of a total \$6 million NSF grant to the members of the West Texas Middle School Mathematics Partnership that also includes Texas Tech University, Sul Ross State University, UT-Permian Basin, the Lubbock Independent School District and Texas Education Service Centers in Regions 15, 17 and 18.

Dr. R. Gary Pumphrey, a geographer in the History De-

partment, earned a \$163,670 grant as part of a three-year, \$747,528 NSF grant jointly awarded to researchers at North Carolina A&T State University and Texas Tech. The project will study the impact of increased ethanol production on water usage in the Ogallala aquifer and will identify the best strategies to preserve the resource and avoid potential conflicts between users.

The math grant will examine teaching methods in a wide variety of middle schools to determine the impact of cultural diversity and language on the learning of mathematics. The project will also examine the impact of the resource constraints faced by rural schools on teaching and learning. The study could result in a new national model for training mathematics teachers. The project is expected to impact more than 150 teachers and 50,000 students over its five-year duration.

The geography study will investigate the impact on the Ogallala aquifer, which underlies portions of eight states, including Texas, of increased corn production, the primary source for ethanol. Corn requires significantly more water than other crops grown on the High Plains. Because Ogallala water is being mined faster than it can be replenished, the research will measure community attitudes toward both free market and regulatory approaches to allocating the increasingly scarce water resources in the affected areas of the Plains states.

Kenneth Stewart, Casey Jones

Sociology professor Dr. Kenneth L. Stewart will chair and government professor Dr. Casey Jones will serve on the 15-member Complete Count Committee for Tom Green County and the City of San Angelo.

Formed by San Angelo area civic and government leaders, the group's goals include ensuring that all residents are counted in the 2010 census, increasing awareness of the count's importance, identifying difficult-to-count areas and helping recruit personnel for Census Bureau operations.

Stewart and Jones are directors of ASU's Community Development Initiatives program, which is designed to aid in community development by developing ways to raise the local median household income and reduce poverty in the area.

Joseph C. Rallo

Angelo State President Joseph C. Rallo has been appointed to a three-year term on the Committee on International Education of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The AASCU represents 430 public institutions of higher education in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and seeks to promote appreciation and support for public higher education. The Committee on International Education seeks to broaden opportunities for study abroad, to increase recruitment of international students and to foster good legislation, policy

and public attitudes toward international education.

ASU Cheerleaders

Angelo State's 2008-09 cheerleader squad qualified in November to compete in this spring's Universal Cheerleaders Association College Nationals in Orlando, Fla.

The 18-member squad qualified for the semifinals after entering a video of their skills, cheers and routines. Cheerleading coach Kim Kuhns said the one-minute cheer and 90-second music routine include squad tumbling, dance,

basket tosses, pyramids and group stunts. The squad will compete against all-girl NCAA Division II squads in the semifinals for a chance to advance to the finals.

Squad members are co-captains Katy Kirchoff and Anna-Marie Parker, and Heather Bustos, Vanessa Castaneda, Paige Eddington, Katie Fisher, Tonya Garza, Emily Griffin, Niki Kestenbaum, Kirsten Lesko, Brianna Maldonado, Kelly Payne, Kathy Pena, Hayley Ragsdale, Lauren Schoonover, Felicia Villarreal, Crystal Watson and Jordan Young. ■

In Memoriam

Otto W. Tetzlaff

Otto W. Tetzlaff, 78, whose love of teaching and the German language influenced a generation of ASU students, died Nov. 4 in Austin. Tetzlaff served full-time on the ASU faculty from 1969-99 and then assisted the Modern Languages Department after his retirement.

During his ASU tenure, including many years as head of modern languages, he received a prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Professorship for outstanding teaching and a Fulbright Fellowship to Berlin.

A native of Pomerania in eastern Germany, Tetzlaff immigrated to the United States in 1954. He held degrees from Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois Champagne/Urbana and the University of Texas at Austin.

Upon his retirement, the board of regents designated him a distinguished professor of German emeritus. His ASU colleagues remembered him during a campus memorial service Dec. 6.

Black Recital Hall

A recital hall in the Carr Education-Fine Arts Building has been renamed in honor of Eldon U. Black, who taught voice at ASU for more than a half century. The Eldon U. Black Recital Hall was christened Oct. 9 with a reception and a tribute recital by members of the music faculty.

Black taught at ASU from 1954 until his death in 2005. The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents authorized the naming of the recital hall in his honor. ■