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On the cover: Dr. James Hindman, ASU’s president since 1995, looks across the campus he has shaped over the past dozen years.
Dear ASU Alumni Association:
As usual, the articles and stories in the new *Alumni Magazine* are great!
I could hardly believe my eyes, however, when I saw the article about The Cavaliers. I grew up in Ballinger, and we could hardly wait to get to Rowena to dance (which three of the members made comments about) when they were going to play there. They were so good!

Dorothy Dent
Coppell

Dear ASU Alumni Association:
My family and I very much enjoyed the Wells Fargo Homecoming Dinner during the Homecoming festivities. As a former AFROTC instructor at ASU, I most enjoyed seeing photos (during the dinner) of some of our military grads in action! However, it occurred to me that we should see pictures of all our grads doing what they do best.
I’d like to put a call out to all grads to send in pictures (I’m sure the Association would prefer digital pictures of high resolution) of themselves at work or with family. The photos could then be shared in next year’s presentation or on the new alumni website I understand is under development.

Let’s see what everyone has been up to!
Darcy Maloney, Class of ’86
San Angelo

Dear ASU Alumni Association:
I am very grateful to you and the Board of Directors for the honor you have given me by naming me as the 2006 ASU Outstanding Retired Faculty Member. All of the events of Homecoming week were most enjoyable and capably presented by you and the staff of the alumni center.

Reminiscing with colleagues and former students was particularly enjoyable as was admiring the accomplishments of our ASU graduates of earlier years at the Wells Fargo Homecoming Dinner Friday evening.

Also, thank you and the Board for the array of gifts – the key ring is both attractive and useful, the ASU T-shirt is cool, and the engraved clock is stunning. It will have a special place on my desk.

Continuing to be of service to Angelo State and my community is both an honor and a privilege for me.

Betty Alldredge
San Angelo

Dear ASU Alumni Association:
One of the better days in our lives was the day the ASU Alumni Board of Directors honored us as the Golden Exes of the Year. We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in the selection of the individuals honored. Also, the time and dedication of organizing the Wells Fargo Dinner, the Bingo and Bellini Brunch, the Parade, the recognition at the ball game and the professional and caring manner in which we were treated.

We shall always remember and cherish the honors of that day. We extend to you – the ASU Alumni board of director and the ASU alumni staff – our sincere thanks!

Clovis and Bettie Olsak
San Angelo

**Alumni Magazine Garners Honor**

After just three issues of the new *Alumni Magazine*, the Dallas Press Club named the publication one of three finalists for the organization’s Katie Award for best magazine in the competition’s public relations/corporate/non-profit division.

Other finalists were UT-Dallas and LeTourneau University, which won the Katie for its *Now Magazine*. The division included entries from the University of Oklahoma, UT-Southwestern Medical Center, SMU, American Airlines, EDS Global Communications and City of Houston, among others.

“Being a finalist for this award is very exciting for the ASU Alumni Association,” said Alumni Relations Director Lynsey Flage. “Our goal is to publish a quality, professional publication and our partnership with the ASU News and Publications Office has made that possible. A lot of thought and effort goes into each magazine and it is nice to be recognized for our hard work.”

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When Angelo State University administrators decided to implement an integrated software system to improve processes and efficiency, they failed to realize they were declaring “the academic equivalent of war.”

They do now. In the process of successfully implementing the integrated software system, they learned some lessons that are applicable to any large organization that takes on a change in operations.

For Angelo State, the major conversion was the implementation of the Portico Project, which replaced all of ASU’s outdated and self-standing software systems with an integrated software package.

“The comparisons to war,” said Doug Fox, ASU’s associate vice president for information technology, “do not mean that we are fighting with each other, but rather that we are on the same side ‘fighting’ for an important cause, which requires that we form strategic alliances, marshal carefully our resources, provide the kind of effective leadership that is essential to the successful waging of war, and plan carefully but be ready to make last-minute changes.”

Partnering with SunGard Higher Education to use the company’s Banner and Luminis software products, ASU over the last three years has replaced current student, human resources, finance, advancement and financial aid systems to better meet the needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters of ASU.

In a presentation titled “The Academic Equivalent of War” before the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, ASU’s chief fiscal officer Sharon K. Meyer, chief academic officer Don Coers and chief information officer Fox outlined their observations on organizational change.

The lessons they learned waging this war for change along with pertinent comments from several historical figures are:

Failure is at about the same rate as war – roughly 50-50 – and the cost of failure is high.

“There is nothing more difficult to execute, nor more dubious of success, nor more dangerous to administer than to introduce a new system of things.”
– Machiavelli, The Prince, 1532

Many underestimate the rigors and fail to prepare adequately.

“Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you’re a thousand miles from the cornfield.”
– Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1956

Careful planning is essential . . . . but often things don’t go according to plan.

“The great uncertainty of all data in war is a peculiar difficulty because all action must, to a certain extent, be planned in a mere twilight . . . like the effect of a fog.”
– Von Clausewitz, On War, 1832

Life for those involved assumes a sense of urgency; the pace of work accelerates, there are extra workloads, irregular hours and high stress. R&R is desirable but not always possible.

“Men had had to stay too long in the lines. A few men had borne a burden they felt should have been shared by many more. There was little solace for those who had suffered . . . in trying to rationalize about why things had happened as they did.”
– Ernie Pyle, Brave Men, 1944
Leaders in the field must be selected solely on the basis of ability, not seniority or any other criterion that may work during normal times.

“Vital qualifications for a general officer are leadership, force and vigor. Ordinary training, experience and education cannot compensate for these and the officers who possess them must be singled out and advanced regardless of other considerations.”
– General George C. Marshall, 1942

Promotions and rewards are vital to morale. They must be timely and unarguably merit-based.

“In adopting rewards and orders to fit the need of the situation, be prepared to ‘Transcend rules when conferring reward; transcend policy when issuing orders.’”
– Sun-Tzu, The Art of War, c. 480 B.C.

Communication is essential.

“When the voice cannot be clearly heard, drums and gongs are used; when eyesight cannot clearly observe, battle standards and flags are used.”
– Sun-Tzu

Strengths and weaknesses in personnel, policies and procedures are brought into sharp relief. Weaknesses must be addressed quickly, without the luxury of lengthy deliberation.

“Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action has arrived, stop thinking and go in.”
– Napoleon Bonaparte

Unintended consequences often include cultural changes, shifts of alliances and realignment of borders.

“If Hitler invaded hell, I would at least make a favorable reference to the devil in the House of Commons.”
– Winston Churchill, c. 1940

There are casualties; there are heroes.

“You can’t make an omelet without breaking some eggs.”
– Lenin

Court TV’s Catherine Crier offered some harsh words for her profession when she decried the merging of news and entertainment during Angelo State University’s Community Lectureship in the Humanities last September on campus.

With a refreshing, no nonsense approach, the Dallas native surprised the audience of 300-plus with a stern assessment of the news media, calling much current news programming little more than “infotainment.”

“News is becoming an industry and ratings are starting to play a part in what is covered,” said the Emmy-Award winner. “That has led to the dumbing-down of the news to make it more titillating, more entertaining. Many times, in hindsight, we see that the media did not do enough in times of crisis.”

The host of Catherine Crier Live and former Texas district judge said this trend of trivialization of current events should concern all citizens because of its threat to democracy.

“Access to information can be the ultimate guard against tyranny,” said Crier, who has reported for CNN, ABC World News Tonight and Fox News.

While the media have in recent years shirked their responsibilities, Crier said citizens have not always lived up to theirs either.

“We need to be active, involved and engaged, otherwise this is not our country anymore, not a democracy. We need to demand political courage on Capitol Hill to do the right thing.”

Crier, who was educated at the University of Texas and SMU School of Law, concluded her talk with a simple but profound message, saying “We have a moral obligation to live up to the grand design delivered to us by our forefathers.”

Her candid talk, which drew a standing ovation from an appreciative audience, was jointly sponsored by the San Angelo Community Medical Center and the San Angelo Health Foundation in conjunction with ASU. The Community Lectureship in the Humanities is sponsored annually to bring distinguished speakers of national prominence to West Texas.
Pay It Forward

The concept was simple: Do something then that would help others later.

That idea occurred in 2000 when the ASU Student Senate recommended and the student body approved a $1 per semester credit hour fee to fund student scholarships.

Five years after the 2001 authorization by The Texas State University System Board of Regents, that scholarship fund stands at $500,000 and is helping more students attend Angelo State through the generosity of their predecessors and their peers.

The Student Endowment Scholarship Fund grants awards to students based on academic performance, leadership and need. Scholarships are paid using the interest from the corpus of the fund.

“This is about $30 a year that students gave for four years that really came together and created this sizable endowment,” said Dr. Deborrah Hebert, ASU dean of student life. “It shows that what seems like little gifts can add up.”

A committee consisting of ASU faculty and staff reviews scholarship applications. For the fall of 2006, the board awarded 21 scholarships of $1,500.

Haley Butts, a junior biology major from Coahoma, was one of the recipients for 2006. Butts said the award relieves worries about financial burdens and allows her to focus on her studies and extracurricular activities.

“It helps quite a bit,” Butts said. “It makes me feel honored in a way. Other students aren’t receiving aid from other students. I recently moved in off-campus, and the loans were starting to come in. It really relieves a burden. I see other students talking about loans adding up.”

Hebert said the scholarship can keep students from seeking other sources of funding, such as student loans and off-campus jobs. It also rewards those who participate in extracurricular activities, which can contribute to campus life as well as the quality of education for the student.

“They become more involved in the campus community,” Hebert said. “They have a better peer-support network. They can work closely with faculty and staff, and if they have a problem, it’s more likely they know someone who can point them to help. Students who are engaged in the campus experience have a more holistic, well-rounded education and contribute significantly to the university climate and culture.”

Hebert said she hopes the generosity of one generation of students will spur the recipients of the scholarships to consider giving back once they leave.

“This makes you more open-minded toward donating,” Butts said. “Before, I wouldn’t have thought about giving back later.”

Every little bit can make a difference, Hebert said, as proven by the small amounts in the scholarship fee that added up to a significant principal.

“It doesn’t have to be a huge amount of money,” she said. “If somebody gives $50 to an organization, it helps defray the costs. It doesn’t matter how much, just that they give a little bit.”
The Best and Fulbright(est)

Two Angelo State faculty members – John E. Klingemann of history and Dr. Steve A. Reames of management – have received Fulbright Fellowships to study abroad during the 2006-07 academic year.

Klingemann, an assistant professor of history, was awarded a Garcia-Robles Fulbright Fellowship to research the Mexican Revolution and document how defeated revolutionaries reintegrated themselves into society and became active citizens. He will divide his time between archives in Mexico City and in the States of Chihuahua and Durango.

Reames will teach Russian students at Kuban State University in Krasnodar, Russia, and will conduct business research on global integration and technology transfer, global trends/policies, and e-development. He will also work on developing and teaching two simultaneous technology courses with real-time interchanges between Russian and American students.

Klingemann, who grew up in the Big Bend region and whose maternal grandfather was a Villista, is in his first year on the ASU faculty. He will use the research to complete his doctorate in Latin American and U.S. history at the University of Arizona.

Reames joined the ASU faculty in 2002. He holds a Ph.D. in information science from the University of North Texas. His main research interests are environmental impacts on society and global information exchange.

The Fulbright program, established in 1946 and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, seeks to build mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries. Fulbright recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Wolff in Ram's Clothing

Tobias Wolff, considered by literary critics as a master of both the memoir and the short story, will headline the 11th Annual ASU Writers Conference in Honor of Elmer Kelton Feb. 22-23 on campus.

His memoir This Boy's Life was made into a movie, starring Robert DeNiro, Ellen Barkin and Leonardo DiCaprio in his first major motion picture role. He has also written a second memoir, Pharaoh's Army, and three collections of short stories.

In addition to writing, Wolff teaches creative writing as the Ward W. and Priscilla B. Woods Professor in the Humanities at Stanford University. His numerous writing awards include the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, both the PEN/Malamud and the Rea Awards for excellence in the short story, and the Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Wolff will be among 20 writers nationally speaking at the Kelton Conference, which is open free to the public. He is scheduled on the program at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 7 p.m. Feb. 23. For more information, call the English Department at (325) 942-2269 or visit the conference website at http://www.angelo.edu/dept/english/writers_conference.htm.

Numbers Increase

ASU enrollment increased 1.6 percent this fall, compared to the same semester last year, and reached 6,256, the highest student total since the 6,268 who registered in 2002.

The latest figures show an increase of 100 students over the 6,156 who enrolled in the fall of 2005. ASU's student population this fall is 54 percent female and 46 percent male.

Totals by class were: freshmen, 2,123 (33.9 percent); sophomores, 1,204 (19.3 percent); juniors, 1,047 (16.7 percent); seniors, 1,369 (21.9 percent); graduate students, 460 (7.4 percent); and other, 53 (0.9 percent).

Faculty Kudos

New faculty member Dr. Brian D. McKnight of the History Department has published Contested Borderland: The Civil War in Appalachian Kentucky and Virginia with the University Press of Kentucky.

Dr. David L. Torres of the management faculty has been named to the editorial board of the Advanced Management Journal published by the Society for Advancement of Management.

South of the Border

The West Texas Collection (WTC) has acquired two new collections which significantly enhance its holdings on Mexico and the Mexican Revolution.

Elmer and Diane Powell of Dallas have donated 676 individual pieces of paper currency printed between 1910-17 during the turbulent years of the Mexican Revolution.

The second acquisition came through the purchase of a major collection of photo postcards and other materials on the borderlands between the 1870s and 1940s. The collection includes books, railroad brochures, photograph albums, pamphlets, posters, maps and other ephemera.

ASU purchased the collection for $81,250 from Phoenix collector Russ Todd, who amassed the materials during his career as a bookseller and collector. The purchase was made possible through an anonymous gift to the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and WTC.
When he began his career, James Hindman never gave a thought to becoming a university president. All he really wanted to do was teach history.

Now that he is leaving Angelo State University’s presidency after a dozen years to return full-time to his first love, Dr. Hindman finds that the skills he learned as a historian have served him well in a job that varies from “celebrations to wakes” and from “the sublime to the ridiculous” every 15 minutes.

“The complexity of issues as well as just the variety of issues are the things people probably know least about,” Hindman said. “Most people see only the educational side or the athletic side, and not all the other sides of the university.”

Over the past 12 years, Hindman has dealt with issues ranging from requests from the state for information that will affect the formulas shaping university funding to a father’s demand that the president do something about the dead cricket in his son’s room.

Though Hindman had no formal education in cricket removal, his historical training benefited him on the big issues, like managing a $100 million budget and charting the future of the institution so it can grow in enrollment, in programs and in service to the region and state.

“As a historian, you come to pay particular attention to cause and effect,” Hindman said. “You don’t want to know just what happened and why, but what were the consequences of it happening. I found that once I became president one of the strengths I had was when we considered a course of action, I could see that if we did A not just that B was going to happen but farther down the alphabet that E, F and G might happen. In retrospect, I think that is a valuable trait.”
Another attribute of the good historian is attention to detail and Hindman found that helpful as well while he grappled with so many issues.

“You have to be able to multi-task,” he said. “Within the course of an hour as a president, you might have to deal with five or 10 different problems and that goes on through the course of the day and the course of the week. You have to have the ability to shift gears very quickly and with a demeanor that doesn’t show panic or tension or anxiety or anger, though happiness is okay. As a historian you do have to spend a lot of time paying attention to details and, because you do, your demeanor is such that you can make that switch, I think, fairly easily.”

Beyond that, Hindman thought the historian’s skill of being able to make complex issues understandable has been an asset along with the research and writing that are so integral to the craft of history. And then there’s the extensive reading required of historians. Hindman keeps three or four books in progress at any time, tending to enjoy biography and military history because they “are very helpful in developing leadership skills and techniques.”

Besides the historian’s training, Hindman said his upbringing had a major influence on his fiscal philosophy. His father, a carpenter who died at the age of 47, in- stalled in him a responsibility for his three younger sisters and insisted that he work summers from the age of 11 on. When Hindman needed money to go to a movie with his sisters, he would collect coat hangers for a penny apiece or return soda drink bottles for the nickel deposit.

“The vice presidents would say I’ve been stingy and that I’ve given new meaning to the phrase ‘fiscal conservatism.’ They’re right and it’s been on purpose,” he said. “My theory is that public institutions have a tremendous responsibility for accountability, for trustworthiness and for dependability. Trust is a precious commodity and the worst thing that could happen is that you could mismanage the budget and have to fire people or delay repairs on a critical facility because you didn’t have the money.”

As a result of that philosophy, ASU during the Hindman years was able to react to drops in state support without having to let people go, without having to suspend raises for faculty and staff and without having to delay needed repairs or improvements to facilities.

“I feel strongly that there is a sense of family and community here and that the president is responsible for all those folks with mortgage payments and children in college,” he said.

Just as he has been prudent in managing ASU’s fiscal resources, he is conservative in assessing his legacy. The historian in him says that is a job for others. Even so, some achievements do stand out for their cause and effect.

On the academic side during his tenure, the university implemented 23 new graduate and undergraduate degrees as well as 10 new degree options or certifications. Of those, the physical therapy degree approved in 1999 was likely the most important.

“It changed the nature of the institution,” Hindman said. “There’s a certain attractiveness with health-related degree programs that sometimes causes people in Austin, around the state and across the nation to look at an institution in a little different way.

“That’s not to say we didn’t have any health-related fields. Obviously, we had a very fine nursing program, but a lot of places have nursing programs. In the mid-1990s, not many had physical therapy programs. It was an incredibly difficult program to get because you had to get all kinds of accreditations and it was a very expensive program to start.”

The program was so expensive that the university opted not to begin pursuing the degree until it had $1 million dollars in hand to start the process. “Having so many people step forward in the community to make sure we had the money was gratifying,” Hindman said. And, it was unprecedented.

When representatives from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education visited San Angelo for the program’s accreditation study, they in-
Quick Quotes

On What Drew Him to ASU:
“I liked the size of the university and the town. I’ve served at institutions that were from 2,000 to almost 20,000 in my career so I thought that 5,000 to 10,000 was a good range because you get to know a lot of people and you get to know the faculty. Too, the university had a nice academic reputation.”

On Public Perceptions:
“I think people believe that we have an unlimited source of funds that comes out of Austin, not realizing that the state has been cutting the university.”

On Academic Reputation:
“I think our reputation around the state for academic quality is very good and I think the fact that we have students from the most Texas counties (210 of 254) in the history of the institution reflects that.”

On Intercollegiate Athletics:
“I think that the role of intercollegiate athletics on a college campus is important in that it does create a point around which the university can identify. It creates a sense of community among faculty, staff and students.”

On Attending Sporting Events:
“I enjoyed going to the games because, for me, it’s a relief, a getaway, a time to forget about whatever issues I’m having to deal with in the office.”

On Returning to Full-time Teaching:
“I have been privileged to do many things because I was president, whether it was climbing in the Andes or flying on a B-1 Bomber or landing on an aircraft carrier or whatever. While all those things were fun, I’d rather be in the classroom teaching…So, I just love teaching and the interaction with students, plus I think it keeps you young.”

dicated they knew of no PT program nationally which had ever received that kind of local support.

While the community stepped up to provide the financial wherewithal for the program, Hindman singled out Graduate Dean Carol Diminnie and then Sciences Dean David Loyd as “the people that made it happen.” The importance of PT is heightened by what Hindman sees as its possibilities.

“If in the future the program transforms itself into a doctorate in PT, it would be our first doctorate and maybe the only one we ever end up with because we’ve consistently taken the position here that we will be primarily an undergraduate degree institution.”

The Hindman years also saw the biggest building boom since the late 1960s and early 1970s when the institution made the transition from a community college to a state-supported institution. Eleven new facilities were built on campus, nine underwent major renovations and five more received major expansions.

In Hindman’s mind, the buildings that had the most significant impacts were those that had the ability to attract students or visitors to campus. As such the expansion of the Houston Harte University Center, the construction of the Junell Center/Stephens Arena and the building of Texan Hall proved to be turning points.

The previous University Center “was a very small building and not very conducive to making a good first impression.” Now, because of all the functions, ranging from Discover ASU to major lectures to community meetings, the UC provides an elegant gateway into the university for prospective students and campus visitors as well as better serving the student body.

Until the opening of the Junell Center/Stephens Arena, ASU hosted indoor athletic events in the Physical Education Building Gymnasium with its poor lighting, “crazy floor” and high school feel. With the opening of the Junell Center/Stephens Arena in the spring of 2002, ASU had a venue that ranked with the best in NCAA Division II, opening the door for ASU to host numerous high school playoff games and a variety of concerts, ranging from Willie Nelson to the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra.

Perhaps the biggest “if” in Hindman’s mind was what would have happened to enrollment had Texan Hall been built as much as three years earlier. “We didn’t understand, but I think a lot of people didn’t understand, that the generation of students coming to college by the late 1990s and 2000s was basically students who had grown up with their own bedrooms, with a variety of electrical gizmos and they didn’t like the residence halls where they had to share rooms and bathrooms with people.”

Today Texan Hall is at 100 percent capacity with a waiting list of 400-600 students and the lessons learned at Texan Hall about student preferences are being incorporated into Centennial Village, a new 500-bed, $19.6 million residence hall scheduled to open this fall.

“While I would say those (buildings) had very little to do with academic programs, they did attract students here that have benefited the academic programs,” Hindman said.

Another achievement and perhaps the most significant of all, Hindman said, is “that we were able to resist the demographic trends and, at a time when West Texas and the Panhandle lost huge numbers of K-12 students, that our enrollment went up.”

ASU’s student population in the fall of 1995 stood at 6,103, compared to 6,256 this fall. This nominal growth occurred at the same time most school districts in West Texas were recording significant declines in enrollment. San Angelo Independent School District, for instance, had a 1995 fall K-12 enrollment of 17,454. By the fall of 2006, enrollment had fallen 3,132 to 14,413, a 17.8 percent drop.

Increasing enrollment, Hindman said, “was very difficult to accomplish and was the result of a lot of people all across campus working very diligently.” Expanding recruiting more heavily along the I-35 corridor, increasing contemporary campus housing, developing Carr Scholarship strategies to attract more students and implementing the university’s first marketing plan became key factors in that success.

Hindman also noted the growth in the number of faculty with terminal degrees
Ann Hindman played a critical role in the presidency of James Hindman because he believes “she was instrumental in me getting the job in the first place.” When they first met on a blind date in 1962 at Texas Tech University, he could hardly have imagined she would become his ticket to job security.

“Ann’s commitment, interpersonal skills, positive demeanor and constructive criticism have been essential to me,” he said, not only at ASU but also at his other academic positions. “For me to get the experience I needed to become a president, I needed to move around the country.”

His journey to the ASU presidency took him – and her – from Lubbock to Beaumont to Alpine to Portales, N.M., to Greeley, Colo., and to Murfreesboro, Tenn., before they arrived in San Angelo in 1995.

“She had an M.B.A. in accounting,” Hindman said, “so she really gave up a career to take on a series of jobs so that I could have a successful career.”

As first lady of ASU, Ann Hindman played a particularly important role in the community, getting involved in numerous committees and task forces in San Angelo, becoming the university’s unpaid emissary. She even filled in for a short time as interim president and chief executive officer of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

He describes her as “a wonderful presidential partner” always ready to serve the university, even when it wasn’t her job.

“You know there are expectations for the president’s spouse that are sometimes unfair, unreasonable and unprofessional,” he said. “Everyone just assumes the president’s spouse, particularly if it is a female, will do all sorts of things to make sure the university operates smoothly. She did all that with a smile and she enjoyed it.”

She even did some of it with a pot and spoon in her hand. When she first arrived on campus, she would take the kitchen implements to basketball games to make a little noise and support the Rams and ‘Belles. When the Lone Star Conference later outlawed artificial noisemakers at indoor venues, rumors flew that her cooking utensils were the reason.

While that may be legend, her outspokenness is a fact as he noted in his fall convocation speech. “Many of you know her reputation for blunt speaking, and you have enjoyed my exposure to it,” he said. “But even when she spoke straight up, it was always with a smile on her face, a laugh in her throat and a twinkle in her eyes.”

“She enjoyed it just as much as I did until the grandchildren came,” Hindman said. “Then, she became mainly interested in the grandchildren.”
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ASU’s nursing program began offering an online component to its curriculum in 1999. By the beginning of the 2005-06 academic year, all required nursing courses for the bachelor of science and master of science in nursing were available online.

The Department of Teacher Education made its first foray into online learning in 2005 with its superintendent certification program.

Both programs allow those who are vital to their communities to continue learning without leaving their patients or their students.

“I like going to class, but this affords me the opportunity to stay in Brownwood,” said Zapata, an ASU master’s degree candidate who is a circulating nurse in the operating room at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. “I couldn’t continue my education without this.”

Lu Stephens, who has more than 40 years experience as an educator and administrator, joined the ASU education faculty from Texas Woman’s University in 2004. One of the roles for the former superintendent was to create an online superintendent certification program at ASU similar to the one she had facilitated at TWU.

At the beginning of summer 2005, six students had enrolled in the superintendent program, which at that time was still taught in a classroom. That fall, enrollment skyrocketed to 39 students, and within the year the program enrolled 57 students in locations stretching from El Paso to Texarkana.

“Being online has added a lot of students we never would get,” said Stephens. “People who are going to be superintendents are principals who don’t have time to drive a long way. Even those from Sweetwater, Colorado City and Bronte can’t always drive into San Angelo.

“Having this program at ASU adds depth and value to our administrative offerings and helps meet the shortages of qualified superintendents around the State of Texas,” Stephens said. “Student evaluations have been very positive.”

The online education and nursing courses are taught asynchronously, meaning the students do not have to be simultaneously logged in to access the classes. This allows students greater flexibility to complete assignments and participate in discussions.

Online courses in the nursing programs supplement clinical practice. Working nurses are evaluated by preceptors, designated workplace supervisors who observe students’ works. Nursing course topics include ethics, professional leadership, research methods, theory, pharmacotherapeutics and nursing diagnosis, and patient care management.

The superintendent program also supplements practical work experience. Participants in the program have years of education experience as teachers and administrators, and they continue their jobs as they take the courses.

Superintendent students take a set of courses that are tied to the Texas State Board of Educator Certification’s Texas Examinations of Education Standards (TExES) for superintendents. The courses, all geared to train students to lead school districts, cover topics such as budgeting, managing facilities and human resource information.

“Being a superintendent is a very, very difficult job,” said Dr. John Miazga, dean of the College of Education. “They answer to everyone. Making those hard decisions is what they’re paid for.”

One of the greatest challenges in the transition from classroom to online instruction is converting the curriculum to a format that is compatible with the strengths and limitations of online learning.

The superintendent and nursing courses are administered using the Blackboard system. Through Blackboard, instructors can post course information, make announce-
Gone are the days of students reading an assignment and discussing it during class. Online courses allow for the introduction of multimedia and instant research using the vast resources found on the Internet. Discussions can last days at a time as students contribute their impressions and ideas via online forums.

“In the classroom, I lectured for six to eight hours per week,” said nursing professor Dr. Katie Artnak. “When I moved to online, I thought, ‘How am I going to replace the cues and clues I received from my students to know when and how to respond? Spontaneity – which you depend on in the classroom – is not practical online. All the years spent developing skills to keep students engaged, these are not applicable to an online learning environment.

“Then I realized I had no guarantee that they were learning or listening in the classroom,” Artnak said. “Yet online, you can create a requirement that every student log on to the discussion forum and reply three times a week.

“Because discussion questions are designed for application and synthesis, you realize immediately who has completed the assignment and who gets it,” she said. “You get to know your students in a very personal way – how to individualize the learning experience to fit their specific needs and cater to those.

“In traditional teaching, faculty research the content and re-present it to students in the form of lectures, assignments, quizzes, but these are generally filtered by the teacher and constrained by time,” Artnak said. “With online learning, I can provide nearly limitless options for them to explore and discover a topic, and they choose the material.”

The increased availability of sophisticated health information on the Internet means most patients have access to the same information that professionals have, Artnak said.

“We have to decide, what’s our role as professional nurses when this happens,” Artnak said. “Should we be afraid of that? No, because we need to help our patients to interpret that information so they can make good decisions about their medical care and treatment.”

Class discussions can take on a more thoughtful dimension in the online format. Debates and conversations unfold over a period of days or weeks on a message board, giving students time to research their statements and answers.

“You have time to think about the topic and go back and look at it before you respond to make sure it’s accurate,” said nursing student Clare Shelton, who is a staff nurse in the intensive care and medical surgical units at Smithville Regional Hospital southeast of Austin. “When you’re saying something on the computer, you have to be careful what you say, though. Verbally, you can use tone and inflection, which you don’t have when you’re using a keyboard.”

Not being face-to-face with classmates can sometimes lend itself to more openness in online chats, said Eden Principal Siler.

“It’s easier to express ourselves online than to say it in person,” Siler said. “I feel more open telling someone I disagree with them in writing than in class. It’s left the discussion more open to opinions.

“It’s like over at the junior high. A boy’s not going to go up to a girl and ask her out; he’s going to write her a note and put it in her locker.”

In both education and nursing, the issues facing professionals are dynamic. The nature of online courses can help educators and students keep up with the constant changes in their fields.

For superintendents, school districts are always facing new challenges. Asbestos abatement in aging buildings was perplexing school administrators 10 years ago. Now, the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the Texas Legislature’s school finance reforms are at the forefront.

“The titles in the curriculum stay the same, but the subject matter content changes,” Miazga said.

Nurses also must stay abreast of the latest developments in their field. Issues such as stem-cell research and access to health care affect how nurses interact with their patients. Online nursing students have access to ASU’s wealth of online journals and other references.

“For nurses, it’s essential to keep learning,” said Zapata, the Brownwood nurse. “You have to keep reading, studying nursing research to practice safe, evidence-based nursing. That means patients are always getting the best care. That’s the thing about nursing – it’s always changing.”

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Distance Education on the Horizon

Angelo State’s distance education programs in nursing and education will be the first of more to follow in the coming months.

University administrators are examining a variety of issues that will shape the development of future online courses. The issues include determining:

- What markets ASU should target for future online courses;
- How those courses might increase summer enrollment;
- What incentives should be offered to faculty to develop online courses;
- What additional fees ASU should charge for the courses; and,
- Whether completion of at least one online course should be required for graduation.

In December the university’s Ad Hoc Committee on Distance Education made its initial recommendations to the Office of the Provost, who will determine the initial steps in broadening ASU’s distance education offerings, possibly as soon as this summer.

The ad hoc committee was chaired by Sciences Dean Grady Blount. Faculty members were:

Jeff Schonberg of English; Casey Jones of government; Karl Havlak of mathematics; Nancy Hadley of teacher education; Wrennah Gabbert of nursing; and Bill McKinney of accounting, economics and finance. Carl Martin represented the Department of Information Technology.
Most who were there remember that it had more to do with chemistry than with athleticism.

Even so, nobody saw it coming in 1957, not even the coach who led the San Angelo College Rams to the title in the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship Basketball Tournament that March.

SAC basketball coach Phil George had picked Arlington to win the Pioneer Conference championship. That prediction, however, came in the pre-season before he understood the chemistry that would carry his team to a national championship and give San Angelo something to cheer about.

In the waning months of a drought so severe that President Dwight D. Eisenhower came to town to inspect the damage that January, San Angelo certainly needed something to boost spirits and local pride. The Rams responded.

Described by the San Angelo Standard-Times that January, as “good shooters, fine rebounders and no height,” the Rams finished with a 31-2 record that brought smiles to local faces if not rain to area pastures and fields.

They played on a home court that was eight feet short of regulation length. They won the national title during a Kansas blizzard and then arrived home with the championship trophy in a dust storm so severe that the airplane pilot recommended landing in Abilene. Their main rival and, as it turned out, their biggest roadblock on the way to the title was nearby Howard County College in Big Spring. And, the two most important games they played all season, at least in the minds of some players, were the two games they lost.

Along the way the team bonded in such a manner that they have stayed in touch, even though they are scattered from Texas to California to Montana. And last year, in recognition of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the national title, they went together to purchase the championship rings they never had.

“In team sports,” said Coach George, “you don’t win championships with just a few players with athletic talent. Championships, in my way of thinking, are won by team chemistry.”

His 1956-57 squad, George recalled, “understood it’s not an individual sport, and the individuals who played supporting roles knew that they were extremely important to the overall results of the team.”

Team members were 5-10 guard Phil Addison of Brownfield; 6-2 forward Jay Hawley, a UT transfer from Austin; 6-3½ center Bill Jiles of Coush-
atta, La.; 6-3 forward Don Koonce of Sundown; 5-11 guard Albert Miranda of San Angelo; 6-5 center Rex Nichols, a mid-term UT transfer from Austin; 6-0 guard and co-captain Milton Nickel of San Angelo; 6-7 center Arnold Patton of Meadow; 6-2 guard Rex Rarden of McCamey, a Lon Morris transfer; 6-3 forward and co-captain LaRue Robinson of Austin; 5-9 guard Billy Tankersley of Mertzon; and 6-3½ forward Frank Trevino of San Angelo.

By the time the season began in November 1956, San Angelo had recorded less than seven inches of rain all year. Though rains were scarce, wins were not and the Rams ran off four straight victories before facing the Texas Tech freshman team in Lubbock's newly opened Municipal Coliseum. While the Rams lost the game 69-52, Rarden believes to this day that that loss and the final regular season 72-59 defeat by the University of Texas freshmen in Austin's Gregory Gymnasium were perhaps the most significant of the season because they gave the Rams experience in playing in a larger venue like they would encounter in the NJCAA tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. The perspective and depth perception were different in the larger facilities than in the cracker box gymnasiums they were accustomed to playing in, said Rarden.

Next up for the Rams after the Tech loss was 5-0 Howard County College on the SAC campus. The Rams led all the way with six players scoring in double figures, Hawley and Trevino pacing the scoring with 18 points apiece in the 94-75 victory. That victory started a 20-game win streak. SAC took the next game against Odessa College by a seven point margin, the team’s tightest game until the Ram’s visited Howard County College for a re-match.

The day before the Big Spring game, George had served as one of the drivers in President Eisenhower’s drought inspection caravan, chauffeuring Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taf Benson and Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton along with Dr. Howard M. Snyder, the president’s personal physician.

The next night against Howard County, the game was tighter than the previous meeting. The lead changed 12 times before the Rams took control, hitting 27 of 31 free throws (87 percent) and earning a 75-68 victory from the Big Spring bunch.

Only a four-point victory three weeks later against the Hardin-Simmons freshman team would have a closer margin of victory in the regular season, save for the last loss against the UT freshmen. By then, SAC had captured the Pioneer Conference championship, George’s third, and Hawley and Trevino had been named to the All-Pioneer Conference squad.

The Rams entered the NJCAA’s regional basketball tournament as the nation’s No. 4-ranked junior college team. As luck would have it, they drew Howard County College in the first round. The same team they had twice beaten by an average 13-point margin put up a real fight. With less than 90 seconds left in the game, SAC was behind and Howard was shooting free throws. Years later then freshman Tankersley recalled the situation, “Here we were, fighting for our lives with time running out and it didn’t look good.”

The coach called a timeout to set his strategy. “We broke the huddle,” George said, “and the guys started walking back out. Then Jay Hawley turned around and came back over to me.”

Tankersley remembers Hawley’s words to this day: “Cool it, Coach, we’ve got ‘em.”

Sure enough, the Rams won 78-77, thanks to a clutch field goal by Phil Addison, who had been a regular though unspectacular player throughout the season. “Addison seemed to get on a roll in the regional tournament and he carried that into the national tournament,” George said.

“We came within one point,” said Jiles five decades later, “of not even getting to go to the national tournament.”

Though the Rams could not know it at the time, the Howard College game would be the closest of their national championship run. The Rams next beat Clarendon, 81-67, and then Frank Phillips, 100-81, to win the regional title.
By the time they returned home, San Angelo businesses had organized a fund-raiser so the college could afford to send the team by airplane to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. The tournament was played in the 7,500-seat coliseum facility on the campus of Hutchinson Community College.

As a rookie coach in the national dance, George took some ribbing from his competitors for forgetting to take the team’s basketballs and workout pants, sewn by his wife Toddy, to the squad’s first practice. “The basketballs and pants were a small item,” George told the newspapers at the time. “I had to go out to the bus to make sure I hadn’t left the team.”

That was the last laugh opposing coaches would have on George as his team marched past Hibbing (Minn.) Junior College, 73-63, behind Hawley’s 31 points and then squeezed by North Greenville, 70-66, thanks to some clutch free throws by Addison in the waning minutes of the game.

In the semi-final matchup, the Rams went back and forth with Pueblo, Colo., before pulling away in the final minutes to earn a 78-65 victory. Hawley scored 27 points while Addison and Miranda added 14 apiece.

In the championship game, SAC faced Eastern Arizona, taking an early lead and holding on for the duration, winning easily, 63-51, and allowing George to clear his bench so every eligible player got a few minutes on the court. Hawley, Robinson and Trevino all garnered 17 points to share top scoring honors.

Hawley was named to the all-tournament team but his biggest contribution after the tourney was on the trip to Wichita to catch the plane back home. The bus broke down on the snow-covered road and Hawley opened the cowling and even got under the bus to tinker with the engine. “To this day I have no idea what he did,” George said, “but it was able to get the engine working. I was close, but we made the airplane in time.”

The ride from Dallas to Mathis Field was a rough one on the cold, blustery Sunday morning they returned home. As the pilot of the DC-3 approached San Angelo, he asked George, himself an Air Force pilot, to come to the cockpit. There the pilot suggested to George that they land in Abilene instead.

“There’s a lot of people going to be out at the airport,” George told the pilot, “and I don’t want to disappoint these guys or them. I’d appreciate if you’d at least take a shot at it.”

The pilot did as requested and George later recalled the landing. “I don’t know that I’ve ever been in a plane that bounced so high.” When the plane drew up to the terminal, some 700 people were there to greet the national champions.

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Where Are They Now?

Phil Addison, deceased, farmed for many years around Brownfield.

Jay Hawley went to the University of Texas where he earned a business degree. He spent his career in the aerospace industry, starting with General Dynamics and retiring as chief financial officer with LTV-Aerospace in San Diego. Today he lives in La Jolla, Calif., in a home overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Comment: “When you win a championship like that, you never forget it.”

Bill Jiles attended Chico State College in California before returning to West Texas, working in oilfield sales in Midland before taking flying lessons and becoming a professional pilot. Today he flies Gulfstream jets for Jet Direct, a charter company out of Dallas Love Field. His work carried him to Hawaii last October when a 6.7 magnitude earthquake hit the islands and rattled his hotel. Comment: “We were just a bunch of country kids that Coach George took and made athletes of.”

Don Koonce left SAC for Texas Tech where he earned his bachelor’s degree in education. He has spent most of his career in the furniture business, first in Odessa, then with W.S. Badcock Corp., a regional furniture company serving the Southeast, before returning to Odessa where he owns Pioneer Furniture today. Comment: “We were a real close-knit group. Everybody got along and liked each other. We didn’t have any jealousies or animosities.”

Albert Miranda, deceased, went on to earn his master’s and doctoral degrees before spending his career as an educator and school administrator in the Metroplex.

Rex Nichols transferred to San Angelo College in mid-term and played in the spring. He went on to earn a B.B.A. from the University of Texas and a juris doctor from the UT School of Law. He practiced law in Rusk, where he was a multiple-term mayor, and then in Longview until his retirement. He is retired to Horseshoe Bay. Comment: “I don’t feel like I contributed very much to the championship.”

Milton Nickel earned his B.B.A. at Sul Ross State. He taught four years at Midland High School before going fulltime into car sales, owning multiple dealerships in Midland and Abilene. After the 1980s oil bust forced him into liquidation, he moved to Montana and started over in the car and loan business. Today he operates Nickel Auto Group at four locations in Missoula and Polson, Mont. Comment: “The season taught me you can be a winner if you want to enough.”

Arnold Patton always wanted to farm and to fly. After getting his B.S. in physical education from Texas A&I, he returned to Terry County where he raised cotton and flew, for 42 years, a crop duster. He spent three and a half years as a corporate pilot. Though he has cut back on his flying, he still farms cotton. Comment: “I didn’t realize it so much at the time, but over the years it’s really been special since so few people ever get to be on a national championship team.”

Rex Rarden received his B.B.A in international business from the University of Texas. He spent his career in the insurance industry in California, finishing as a reinsurer executive with John C. Fremont Indemnity in San Francisco, Calif. As a junior college transfer from Lon Morris, he was not qualified to play in the post-season tournaments but went as scorekeeper. Comment: “This team was a real team. We weren’t the tallest or most athletic, but teamwork made us special.”

LaRue Robinson, deceased, spent his career as an executive with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Billy Tankersley was the youngest player on the team and the only one to carry over to the next season. After leaving SAC, he went to Southwest Texas but returned home after his mother died to help rear his 7-year-old brother. Descended from one of the region’s first pioneer settlers, Tankersley still farms and ranches family lands around Mertzon with his brothers and works as an independent oil producer. Comment: “The year wiped out the team, except for me.”

Frank Trevino earned his bachelor of science in industrial arts from Sul Ross State University. He returned to San Angelo and has worked 43 years in various managerial and technical capacities, including engineering and quality assurance, with Texas Tank Car Works. He still loves the guitar and has his own jazz group, the Frank Trevino Band. Comment: “We were not a great team, but we all worked together and always rose to the occasion because we had a great coach.”

Return of the Champions

Angelo State University will honor the 1957 National Junior College Athletic Association Champions Feb. 17 during halftime of the Rams basketball game against Eastern New Mexico.

Coach Phil George and most of the players are expected to attend. The game will begin at 8 p.m. that Saturday in the Junell Center/Stephens Arena. Please make plans to attend and honor these men for their accomplishments.

Individual game tickets cost $8 for reserved seats, $6 for general admission. For more information, contact the ASU Athletics Department at 942-2264 or the Ticket Office.
Welcome to angelosports.com
The Athletics Department has launched a new website designed to bring fans and alumni more complete and timely information about the accomplishments of all Ram and Rambelle athletes and teams.

Just type in www.angelosports.com on your web browser and you will be taken to a colorful blue-and-gold site that will offer a variety of new services and opportunities for ASU fans around the globe. You will be able to listen to selected broadcasts of Angelo State games as well as participate in fan polls, purchase ASU apparel and gifts and receive early notice of ASU sporting events.

The new website, designed by XOS Technologies of Orlando, Fla., allows all Ram and Rambelle fans to keep up-to-date on their favorite sport or player. The interactive site will provide the latest news, rosters, schedules and statistics for all 11 ASU varsity sports.

New services and opportunities to support ASU athletics will be added in the future so stay linked to www.angelosports.com for your winning connection to all Ram and Rambelle sports.

Hall Honors Messbarger
Long-time ASU men’s basketball coach Ed Messbarger, who coached at ASU from 1979-1999, has been inducted into the Lone Star Conference Hall of Honor.

During his 20 seasons at ASU, Messbarger led ASU to LSC regular-season titles in 1988 and 1989 and a conference tournament championship in 1984. Messbarger ended his ASU career with a record of 268-289. He was LSC Coach of the Year after the 1983-84 and 1987-88 seasons.

A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Messbarger ended his 41-year coaching career with an all-time record of 665-515 (56.4 percent). Messbarger is currently ranked fifth on the NCAA Division II all-time wins list and first in all-time games coached by a DII coach.

Messbarger is the seventh ASU representative in the LSC Hall of Honor. He joins Phil George, Shirley Morton, Dr. Lloyd D. Vincent, Pierce Holt, Kyle Freeman and David Noble.

Gooaaallll!
The Rambelle soccer team finished the regular season with a 12-5-1 record, the best since the program began in 1995, and advanced to the Lone Star Conference Tournament for the fourth straight year.

The 12 wins this season beat the previous record of 11 in 1998 and became the Rambelles’ fourth ever double-digit win total for a season. The winning, though, ended in the first round of the conference tournament as the Rambelles fell 2-1 to Midwestern State.

Despite the tournament loss, prospects look bright for the future as Tom Brown’s squad loses only two seniors, though Brittany Staha and Casey Halamicek, both of San Angelo, have been major contributors to the team’s success throughout their careers.

With the bulk of a young and talented squad returning next year, the Rambelles should be a serious contender for the LSC crown.

Cross Country Flyers
The Rambelles finished second and the Rams third in the 2006 Lone Star Conference Cross Country Championships in October.

Wall junior Trista McIntyre finished fourth and Forney senior Rebecca Graupman fifth to earn all-conference honors by finishing in the top 10 in individual standings. On the men’s side Burk Burnett junior Thomas Veal garnered all-conference recognition by finishing 10th.

Senior Class
After the seventh game of the season, Ram football Coach Dale Carr apologized to his seniors for strategic decisions which resulted in a disappointing 2006 season but laid the foundation for future success.

“Our success in 2005 bought us time to build our program the right way,” said Carr of his inaugural ASU season when the Rams went 9-3 and earned their first playoff appearance since 1997.

As a result, the coaches recruited high school players rather than going for a quick fix by bringing in transfer and junior college players to fill immediate needs.

“We took a gamble and it hurt us for the 2006 season,” Carr said, “but it will benefit us in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Most of the football programs that have become national powerhouses in Division II have all done it by recruiting and developing high school athletes for the foundation of their team rather than by relying on transfers to build their base.”

Despite the Rams’ 3-7 season record, Carr praised the leadership of his seniors.

“It’s easy to be a leader when you’re winning each week,” Carr said, “but even in adversity, this class of seniors has set an example for our underclassmen that will benefit us for seasons to come. They practiced hard and they remained committed to what we are trying to do, both on the field and in the classroom.”

Ram seniors were Brandon Davis of New Braunfels, T.J. Gillen-Hall of Fairfield, Kyle Green of Decatur, Kelsey Hite of Goldthwaite, Chris Hoppe of Winters, Herb Jones of Austin, Kevin Lenford of Fort Worth, Tyrell McCrea of Del Rio, Roman Rodriguez of Alpine, Trey Weishuhn of Wall and J.D. Williams of Katy.

Diamond Jubilee Rams
Six Angelo players and a coach were named to the Lone Star Conference’s Top 75 football team released last fall in recognition of the league’s 75th anniversary.


An NCAA Division II conference with 15 member institutions in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, the LSC was founded on April 25, 1931. The 1931-32 athletic seasons were the first for the league.
Spring Outlook

‘Belle Basketball
Coach: Sally Walling Brooks (7th year at ASU, 139-43; 16th overall, 294-149)
Last Year: 22-9 (11-3, 2nd in LSC South)
Outlook: The 2006-07 ‘Belles will look much like last year’s squad, returning all five starters from a program that posted its fourth-straight 20-win season last year. The ‘Belles will look to make their sixth-consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Rambelles’ schedule is tough as the Lone Star Conference may field four or five of the nation’s top teams this season.
Top Returnees: Junior Kandra Lakey, last year’s leading scorer with 13 points per game, will be called upon to spark the Belles on both ends of the floor. Seniors Britnee Davis and Meghann LeJeune, both second-year transfers, will anchor the offensive attack. Senior point guard Sheia Haynes, back for her fourth season and her third as starter, will use her experience to guide the offense through its motion attack.
Top Newcomers: Grayson County College transfer Katarzyna Kurowska, a 6-5 center, from Wroclaw, Poland, will replace senior Christina Johnson in the paint. Redshirt freshman Tiffany Hardwell and true freshmen Alix Flores, Lindsey Leatherman and Mollie McKnight will add depth to the roster.
Strengths: Maturity is the main strength for the Rambelles. With the possibility of putting five seniors on the floor, ASU will likely be the most battle-tested team in the LSC. ASU is one of just 11 teams across the country and one of only two in the region to make the last five straight NCAA DII postseason tournaments. ASU led the LSC in field goal percentage (45.6 percent) last season and ranked third in the league from three-point range (35.3 percent).

Ram Basketball
Coach: Fred Rike (1st year at ASU, 1st year overall)
Last Year: 8-19 (0-12, 7th in LSC South)
Outlook: With more emphasis on defense, the Rams will have a different focus than in the past five seasons when they finished in the top five in scoring but near the bottom in defense. With a roster full of guards and small forwards, the Rams will use quickness and athleticism to introduce fans to a more balanced style of basketball.
Top Returnees: Seniors Ontario McKee and Turner Phipps will do the bulk of the ball handling. Senior Sercan Fenerci and redshirt freshman Jamal Anene will see ample playing time as ASU implements a stifling defense that emphasizes full court pressure.
Top Newcomers: Three junior college players and two NCAA Division I transfers will support the returnees. Marcus Hubbard, a 6-9 forward from Kilgore Junior College, will be a force in the paint. Casey Forge will see time at guard. Brett Johnson will work in the low post with Fenerci. University of Idaho transfer Jerod Haynes will be a new outside threat for the Rams.
Strengths: One of the strengths of this year’s team is the unknown. Rike’s Rams and his system have not been seen in the LSC, and that can work to ASU’s advantage. Another strength is the athleticism. Rike and his staff have made sure that every player comes to the program in the best possible physical shape.

Softball
Coach: Travis Scott (4th year at ASU, 124-53; 7th overall, 225-103-2)
Last Year: 31-26 (13-9, 3rd in LSC South)
Review: The Rambelles endured a 2006 season plagued by injury, but still achieved a fourth-consecutive berth in the LSC Tournament. After a slow start, ASU used a 10-game stretch where the Rambelles went 9-1 to rally back and make a run for the postseason. The Rambelles boasted five All-LSC South Division performers, including first team selection Kandace Kubat in the outfield. Kubat, the LSC South Newcomer of the Year, batted .405 and collected a conference-best 54 stolen bases en route to becoming the fourth-ever ASU player to gain All-America honors. The National Fast Pitch Coaches Association in November named Kubat the NCAA Division II winner of the 2006 adidas Golden Shoe Award for baserunning.
Outlook: Last year’s young team is a year older and expects to compete on the national scene this spring. The Rambelles

LSC South Division championship. ASU ended the regular season on fire, winning their last 13 regular-season games to earn the crown. The Rams compiled a 24-7 record at Foster Field and were a perfect 35-0 when leading after six innings. The team sported a conference-leading 3.82 team earned run average and a .357 team batting average, good for second in the league. The Rams led the LSC’s South Division with 11 all-conference picks, including six first team selections, also a conference best.
Outlook: The Rams will look to advance to the next level this season. ASU returns two of the conference’s top 10 hitters in Nate Hemm, a .423 hitter as a junior, and Clay Calfee who finished the season with a .392 batting average. Hemm earned first team All-LSC South honors for the second-straight season in 2006 while Calfee, a second team pick last spring, was named the division’s Freshman of the Year. New arms on the mound, including right-hander Mike Ryan, a junior transfer from Lake City Community College, will determine how far the Rams will go. ASU’s pitching roster will include four returnees, two NCAA Division I transfers, six junior college transfers and two true freshmen.

Baseball
Coach: Kevin Brooks (3rd year at ASU, 71-41, 3rd year overall, 71-41)
Last Year: 41-16 (16-4, LSC South Champions)
Review: In just their second season back on campus, the Rams captured the 2006

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Former Ram football standout Dane Krager has been turning heads of football observers and casting directors alike since he graduated in 2003.

Krager, who plays for the Arena Football League’s Austin Wranglers, was named to the All-Ironman team for the 2006 season. Playing as a fullback and linebacker, he led his team to its first-ever playoff appearance last season.

The honor was the latest in a string of fortuitous events for Krager. After playing a season with the NFL Europe’s Rhein Fire and spending time in training camps for the NFL’s Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks, Krager returned to his hometown of Austin, where the AFL was establishing the expansion Wranglers in 2004. Krager tried out and made the team, breathing new life into his football career.

Not long after his first season with the Wranglers ended, Krager attended a casting call for stunt doubles in the remake of “The Longest Yard.” The directors pegged Krager as the double for former NFL star linebacker Bill Romanowski, who played the hard-hitting Guard Lambert in the jailhouse football comedy.

“They had e-mailed me saying they were looking for football players, because they needed real football action to make it look legit,” Krager said. “The directors said, ‘You’d fit Romo.’ I was the same build, same size.

“Once you get out there, you realize they pay you well because they expect a lot. I had to watch how he walks, runs, jumps, hits – I had to make myself like him to make it real.”

Krager still dabbles in movies, working most recently with the film “Invincible,” in which Mark Wahlberg plays a fan who makes it onto the Philadelphia Eagles’ roster. “Invincible” debuted in August and was that weekend’s highest money-maker.

For Krager, who is finishing up his prerequisites, physical therapy school is around the corner once he completes his football career. “Real life is next,” he said, “and that is what having the opportunity to go to college has prepared me for.”

Track & Field

Coach: James Reid (8th year at ASU)

Outlook: The Angelo State men’s and women’s track and field squads with six returning All-Americans from last year are prepared to make runs at a Lone Star Conference title in 2007. On the men’s side, junior Justin Boyd earned All-American honors for the Rams in both the 400-meter hurdles and as part of ASU’s 4x400-meter relay team. Boyd finished second at the 2006 NCAA Division II National Championships in the 400-hurdles with a time of 51:29. Other returning members of the Rams’ All-American relay squad are sophomores Anthony Boyd and Richard Covington. Junior Ryan McWilliams is also a returning All-American for the Rams after an eighth-place finish in the decathlon. The ASU women boast a pair of All-Americans in the discus throw. Junior Culley Jo Dawson claimed a runner up finish in the 2006 national event with a throw of 157-05 while sophomore Adree Lakey earned a sixth-place finish. Schedule: Angelo State will host its annual Spring Break Multi-Event Meet on March 15-16 before hosting the 36th Annual David Noble Relays on April 12-14. The 2007 Lone Star Conference Championships are slated for May 4-6 in Commerce.
Like the blue and gold spirit of Angelo State, the Alumni Association was everywhere during Homecoming 2006 as exes joined in another memorable weekend of activities.

The Association began welcoming former students back to campus Friday evening with the Golden Exes reception, honoring former students who attended San Angelo College at least 50 years ago.

This year 44 Golden Exes gathered to reminisce and reconnect. They were introduced in group during the ensuing Wells Fargo Homecoming Dinner, attended by some 300 ASU alumni, faculty, administrators and students.

After the dinner, students and alumni united for a pep rally and torch-light parade to the traditional bonfire.

Homecoming activities resumed Saturday morning with the inaugural Bingo and Bellini Brunch at the LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center. More than 100 guests savored bellini cocktails, chatted with friends and enjoyed the bingo games and a chance at some quality prizes. The room was filled with laughter and the excited cries of “Bingo!” followed by the groans of losers who came close.

The ensuing Homecoming Parade showcased Alumni Association honorees as well as the ingenuity and spirit of ASU organizations and students in designing floats on the theme of “Angelo Safari Untamed.”

The day continued with campus tours and a gospel music festival. Then everyone donned their game attire and attended the largest Ram Jam of the season, enjoying the free food and family fun at the LeGrand Center. More than 800 participated in Ram Jam before moving to San Angelo Stadium for the game against Texas A&M-Commerce.

Though the Rams lost a competitive 17-9 contest to Commerce, the loss did not dampen the Homecoming spirit, thanks to the fine performance of the football team, the cheerleaders, the Angelettes and the Ram Marching Band.

**RAM ROYALTY** – Sigma Kappa nominee J.D. Shaw and Baptist Student Ministries nominee Bethany Clements were crowned 2006 Homecoming king and queen during halftime of the football game. Sigma Phi Epsilon was named winner of the 2006 Spirit Stick.

**HOMECOMING GIFT** – The Wells Fargo Homecoming dinner culminated with the Alumni Association’s $20,000 gift to the university. ASU President James Hindman, center, accepts the check from Association Secretary/Treasurer Lynsey Flage and President Lawrence Kennedy.

**ASSOCIATION HONOREES** – Alumni award recipients joined ASU President James Hindman and first lady Ann Hindman during Homecoming. They are, front row from left, Barry Cooper; Ellen Moreland; the Hindmans; Betty Aldredge; and Bettie and Clovis Olsak. On the back row are Johnny Fender; Phil George; Bryan Vincent; David Tarver; and Lt. Col. Bobby Vance. Not pictured is June Smith.
An oak tree grows on campus that links Angelo State University to the North Pacific and one of the most famous fighting ships of World War II.

The connection is Norman G. Ogden, a former San Angelo College student who was serving on the Essex Class Carrier USS Franklin (CV-13) on March 19, 1945. He, along with hundreds of his shipmates, perished that day.

Ogden is one of 29 SAC students honored in the Memorial Oak Grove, located on the Administration Building’s northeast lawn, for making the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. Some SAC alums were killed in action as far away as Guadalcanal, Normandy and Iwo Jima. Others died in training accidents as nearby as San Marcos and Seguin.

Each has his own tragic story of personal loss and suffering. For this occasion, Norman Ogden will represent them all. The son of Floyd and Hazel Ogden of 201 W. 40th St. in San Angelo, Ogden graduated from Lake View High School before enrolling at San Angelo College and then enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1944.

After completing his training in San Diego, he ultimately was assigned to the USS Franklin, an Essex Class carrier 872 feet long with a displacement of 27,100 tons. On the last day of Ogden’s life, the carrier was steaming just 50 miles off the coast of Japan. Since Pearl Harbor, no carrier had come closer to the Japanese mainland than the Franklin that day.

The carrier’s proximity to the mainland, however, left it vulnerable to shore-based Japanese aircraft. Shortly after 7 a.m. that fateful morning while armed, fueled and manned planes waited on the flight deck for a strike on Japan, a single Japanese Yokosuka dive bomber screamed from the cloud cover and loosed two 500-pound bombs at the carrier with the No. “13” painted on its deck. Both bombs struck Ogden’s floating home.

The first hit the flight deck at centerline just ahead of the superstructure and crashed into the hangar deck below. The other smashed into the aft flight deck, just behind the No. 3 elevator and into the dozens of planes warming up for takeoff, tearing through two decks and starting fires which triggered countless more explosions of bombs, rockets and ammunition. The ship lost communications and lay dead in the water, taking on a 13-degree list to the starboard side.

Somewhere in the chaos of fire and smoke, somewhere in the din of explosions and screams was Seaman Second Class Ogden from San Angelo and SAC. Roughly a third of the crew sustained injuries. Of those, 265 would survive their wounds. Ogden and 723 others, however, died, some vaporized in the explosions, others knocked overboard by the initial blasts, some shredded by shrapnel. Still more met fates known only to God.

Ogden was among these. His body was never found. The young man from landlocked San Angelo was lost forever to the watery embrace of the giant Pacific.

Though dead in the water for hours without steam, radio communication or
The 29 Oaks

Ensign Robert Vance Bennett, U.S. Navy (USN), training mishap, USS Cabot, Trinidad, British West Indies, Sept. 19, 1943.

1st Lt. Herman L.E. Bierwirth, U.S. Army Air Corps (USAAC), 26th Bomber Squadron, 11th Bomber Group, Heavy, missing in action near Iwo Jima, Feb. 8, 1945 (Distinguished Flying Cross).

Douglas Bryant, plane crash, Seguin, June 22, 1942.

Infantryman Clarence Aubrey Coss, U.S. Army (USA), died from wounds in Luzon, Manila, April 1, 1945.


1st Lt. Carroll Henry, USAAC, 408th Bomber Squadron, 22nd Bomber Group, Heavy, killed in action, Balikpapan, Borneo, Oct. 10, 1944.


1st Lt. Henry Douglas Jackson, USA, 22nd Infantry Regiment, Fourth Infantry Division, killed in action, Normandy, June 8, 1944.


Frank Brooks Landers, killed by a landmine, France, Dec. 5, 1944.

2nd Lt. Herbert R. Lanford, navigation instructor, plane crash, Meridian, Miss., Aug. 27, 1943.

2nd Lt. Lloyd Curtis Mercer, plane crash, near San Marcos, 1943.

Capt. H.C. Mills, lost over Europe, 1943, (Distinguished Flying Cross).

Lt. James “Wayne” Millsap, lost over Frankfurt, Germany, May 12, 1944.

Seaman 2nd Class Norman G. Ogden, USN, died on USS Franklin, March 19, 1945.

Lt. Shed Ragsdale, USAAC, 356th Fighter Group, Eighth Air Force, shot down over Germany, April 6, 1945.

2nd Lt. William C. Rau Jr., USAAC, lost over Frankfurt, Germany, January 1944, (Bronze Star).


1st Lt. Nolen B. Sowell, navigator, USAAC, B-26 crash into Gylders, Snowdonia Mountain Range, North Wales, February 1945.

2nd Lt. Finley K. Steele, USAAC, flight training accident, Wichita, Kan., May 2, 1942.

1st Lt. Elbert O. Stephenson, USAAC, 442nd Bomber Squadron, 320th Bomber Group, Medium, shot down over Ladispoli, Italy, Jan. 29, 1944.

Franklin Thompson, USMC, killed in action in the South Pacific, Dec. 13, 1944.

2nd Lt. John P. Treadaway, USAAC, plane crash, Memphis, Tenn., March 21, 1942.

Frank M. Tubb, shot down over South China, March 15, 1945.

Seaman 2nd Class Rector E. Whitfield, USN, natural causes, San Diego Naval Training Hospital, July 26, 1943.

Maj. Thomas C. Wilkinson, B-29 pilot shot down over Osaka, Japan, June 1, 1945.

Alden R. Witt, USAAC, 334th Bomber Squadron, 95th Bomber Group, plane crash in North Wales, Dec. 29, 1943.

The Missing Oak

As a tragic footnote, Memorial Oak Grove is one tree short. The fate of one former SAC student, Army 1st Lt. Jay Arthur Ryan, remained unknown for years after the war and after the monument was dedicated. A prisoner of war, Ryan died on a Japanese transport bombed by Allied planes in Manila Bay on Dec. 13, 1944.

Show Your Patriotism

Information on SAC’s World War II heroes was drawn from a variety of often factually conflicting sources. If you have information on any of the men who are honored in the Memorial Oak Grove, please call the West Texas Collection.

For Homecoming 2007 the West Texas Collection is planning an exhibit on World War II’s impact on San Angelo College. If you have memories, photographs or documents you would be willing to share, please contact the staff.

The West Texas Collection can be reached at (325) 942-2164.
Deborah L. “Deb” DeChant Kuth oversees the “care and feeding,” as she calls it, of the two most important and likely the most famous airplanes on the globe.

The two specially-configured Boeing 747-200B series aircraft carry the numbers “28000” and “29000” on the tail, but when the President of the United States steps on board, either plane becomes Air Force One.

Lt. Col. Kuth, Class of 1989 and former cadet commander for Angelo State’s Air Force ROTC Detachment 847, is commander of the Presidential Logistics Squadron at Andrews Air Force base in Maryland. “Every time I walk into the hangar and see our planes, I’m struck by the magnitude of my responsibilities.”

Kuth reports to Presidential Pilot Col. Mark Tillman, who is in overall charge of Air Force One, whether on the ground or in flight. Kuth commands the maintenance crews and the logistical support personnel that make sure the planes are ready to fly anywhere at any time.

“Logistics and safety are key,” she said. “My focus area is simply his time on Air Force One.”

Kuth enlisted in the Air Force in 1981 and while stationed in San Angelo at Goodfellow AFB decided to complete her bachelor’s degree so she could become an officer. As an ASU political science major, she developed a love of constitutional law in the classes of government professor Jerry W. Perry and a greater appreciation of the Air Force.

“I was provided a great education and was part of an awesome ROTC detachment,” Kuth said. “I had no idea that I would ever have such a job. My only goal while at ASU was to graduate, receive my commission and do the best I could for the Air Force.”

Doing her best earned Kuth her present assignment in June of 2004. She will remain in command of the Presidential Logistics Squadron until the fall of 2007, overseeing maintenance and logistics for the two planes that stand as tall as a six-
Like most U.S. Air Force personnel, Col. Sarah Garcia has bounced around the globe during her 22-year career, but it was back home in San Angelo where she wanted to have her shining moment. The 1984 Distinguished Graduate of Angelo State University’s ROTC program became the first female ASU ROTC alumnus to achieve the rank of colonel when she was promoted July 31. She then took time out from her new job as director of the Warfighter Readiness Directorate at Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Andrews AFB, Md., for a special promotion ceremony Aug. 11 at the LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center.

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Story building, stretch as long as a city block and can travel up to 700 miles per hour at an altitude of up to 45,000 feet. Unlike a standard 747, Air Force One can be refueled in flight and can remain airborne indefinitely.

Because of the global importance of its primary passenger, the two planes that serve as Air Force One are unlike any in the world, starting with the distinctive blue-and-white exterior paint and the Presidential Seal on the fuselage. The interior encompasses 4,000 square feet of floor space, including presidential living quarters with bedroom, bathroom and office space plus an onboard medical facility. The plane also features a conference room and two galleys as well as seating for up to 70 passengers and 26 crew members.

Additionally, the plane is a flying communications center with 85 telephones, multiple fax machines, numerous two-way radios and extensive computer connections not to mention classified military communications equipment. Overall, the electronics require some 238 miles of internal wiring, more than twice the amount as on a conventional aircraft.

While Kuth’s duties generally keep her close to her headquarters at Andrews AFB, she does occasionally travel with the presidential party as in May of 2005 when President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Latvia, the Netherlands, Russia and Georgia.

Whether Air Force One carries President Bush to Crawford for a presidential vacation in Texas or to Baghdad for a surprise meeting with Iraq’s president, Kuth makes certain that fuel is available, that any aircraft parts can reach the plane anywhere it lands and that maintenance crews are there to keep it in prime condition.

“This requires extensive knowledge of the logistics transportation system available to us,” said Kuth.

And, it requires a heavy workload that leaves Kuth with limited spare time to share with her 6-year-old daughter, Emily, or to ride her beloved horses. Even so, the responsibility is worth it.

“In my humble opinion, to be on call for our Commander-in-Chief is the best job in the Air Force,” she said. “This is an off-the-scale job.”

Proud Promotion

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Angelo State University graduate Dwight Burns might have forever lost his class ring beneath an elementary school in Bonham were it not for Bennie “Junior” Montgomery and his hobby of metal detecting.

Burns, Class of ’72, was an assistant football and head track coach in the North Texas town of Bonham in December 1972 when he was working at turning over the soil on the football field. He took his ring off so he could put on work gloves. He put his ring in his jacket pocket. Sometime over the course of the afternoon, the ring fell out.

“After I got home, showered and changed, I looked in my jacket and noticed it wasn’t there,” Burns said. “I knew then I had lost it. We got some of the players to come out the next day with rakes and shovels to look for it, but it was to no avail.”

Burns’ gold ring featured an “A” on the crest. He earned the letter after playing two seasons as a quarterback for the ASU football team. Football coach Grant Teaff had given all the senior lettermen, including Burns, a diamond for their class rings.

Burns’ wife had bought him the ring with the money she earned working at the ASU bookstore.

“It devastated me,” Burns said. “I had just gotten it. It had the diamond in it from coach Teaff – I had a lot of respect for him. Finally, you work to get the degree and you work to earn the right to wear the ring, and then you lose it.”

More than 20 years later, Whitewright resident Montgomery was coin-hunting on the Bonham football field. The metal detector beeped, and Montgomery pulled out his Bowie knife to prod in the ground and find the presumed treasure.

“The detector beeped off, and it said it was a silver dollar,” Montgomery said. “I got down and just started digging and I couldn’t find it. I kept digging, and I finally found it.”

Montgomery pulled a plug of ground from the field and started prodding with his knife blade. After digging about 10 inches, he extracted from the soil a gold ring with a diamond on the seal.

The ring bore the initials “JDB,” though Montgomery did not know of Jerry Dwight Burns.

“I was almost tempted to keep it,” joked Montgomery, who estimated he has found some 500 rings in 20 years of metal-detecting. “I almost fell over when I pulled it out of the ground. It was a beautiful ring.”

For several years, the ring sat in Montgomery’s home, along with the other rings and trinkets Montgomery has found. In the fall, Montgomery’s grandson Matt Smith received his high school class ring, which reminded Matt’s father, Mike Smith, of the ring Montgomery had found.

Smith then contacted ASU Alumni Association Director Lynsey Flage to see if she could determine the ring’s owner. Flage went through the alumni rolls to find a “JDB” who graduated in 1972. The only person she found was Burns.

Flage contacted Burns, who is the high school football coach and associate athletic director at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. Wanting to be certain she had the right person, Flage was vague and let Burns fill in the gaps. Though Burns couldn’t remember many specifics about the ring, he remembered the diamond on the seal.

“At first I was shocked,” Burns said. “As she got to talking about the ring and the
circumstances, I knew they had found it.” Flage received the ring, almost as pristine as the December day it dropped from Burns’ jacket, and forwarded it to Roswell.

“What surprised me was the condition of the ring,” Burns said. “When I received it, it was like it was brand-new, out of the box.” An elementary school now covers the field where Burns lost his class ring, the only one Montgomery has managed to get back to the original owner.

“It’s hard to find anybody who lost their rings,” Montgomery said. “If it weren’t for my son-in-law reminding us about it, he wouldn’t have gotten it back. It felt good to get it back home.” Burns now wears the ring – which had to be increased a half size to fit on his finger 33 years later – all the time.

“When I got it back, it was like a newborn baby’s picture,” Burns said. “I was showing it to all the people here. A lot of people who had heard about the ring were coming by the office saying, ‘Where’s the ring? Show us the ring.’ “It doesn’t come off now. It’s like the wedding band; it’s welded on now.”

Ring Redux
Lost your class ring? Or, couldn’t afford one when you graduated?

You can change that by purchasing the Official Angelo State University Class Ring through the Alumni Association.

Each gold ring symbolically captures the uniqueness of Angelo State University. The top of the ring presents the ASU seal with the school motto, “Fiat Lux” (“Let there be light”), encircled by the words “Angelo State University” and the founding year, 1928.

One side of the ring shows the State of Texas with a star marking San Angelo. Below that, an oak branch represents the vital aspects of ASU life – hospitality, endurance and triumph. On the other side, the mascot Dominic, a burly Rambouillet Ram, symbolizes strength, courage and an intense resolve, especially when the going is rough.

Show your ASU pride and support the Alumni Association by purchasing an Official ASU Class Ring. For details, contact the Alumni Association at (325) 942-2122.
1942

E. Dale Miller, married to Louise, attended SAC on a basketball scholarship and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942. Their daughter is an ASU graduate and their grandson is currently attending ASU.

1948

Carlton Smith, married to Betty Lou, is a retired teacher/coach in San Angelo.

1955

Ronald T. Adams, married to Alice, played football for the SAC Rams. He coached high school football and retired from Spring ISD after 31 years. He is a publisher and Alice is a writer in Austin.

1956

Mary N. Manitzas is retired in San Angelo.

1957

Alex Nisbet, married to Meredith, is a professor of chemistry at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.

1961

Patsie Johnston, a retired office manager for AT&T, lives in Junction.

1962

Dorothy Dent, married to Bill, is a retired educator in Coppell.

1966

Gary Rodgers, married to Patricia, is a certified financial planner for ING Financial Advisers, LLC, in Austin.

1969

Mildred Hohmann (MA ’76) is a retired San Angelo ISD educator in San Angelo. Cynthia and Michael Perry are back in Texas after living in California, Mississippi and Alabama. Cynthia is assistant editor and Michael is editor and publisher of Corpus Beat Org. in Corpus Christi.

James Thomas, married to Janie, is a real estate broker and owner of Thomas Realty in San Angelo.

1971

James C. Patterson, married to Mary, is a professor of history at Houston Community College in Houston.

1972

Faron Pfeiffer (MS ’82), married to Barbara (’83), is a senior research associate for Texas A&M University Research Center in San Angelo.

1973

Steven Shelton, married to Wanda, lives in League City and is assistant vice president for community outreach at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

1974

Stephen N. Castle, married to Kay, is the president of Cowboys Resources Corp. in Midland.

1976

Noe Acosta, married to Rosemary, is a principal with San Angelo ISD.

Elton Click is retired from the U.S. Air Force and currently resides in Paint Rock.

Tony Williams, married to Pamela, is the sales and service president for Concord Business Service Inc. in Van Alstyne.

1977

Barbara Barnhart owns BonVoyage Travels and is an artist in San Angelo.

1978

Danny Daniels, married to Gayelyn, is a chemical technologist for Dow Chemical Co. in Lake Jackson.

1980

Shelia Click is retired from the U.S. Air Force and resides in Bandera.

1981

John Clark, married to Kay, is owner of Motion Furniture Services and lives in San Angelo.

Kelvin Louis Smith is the marketing director of KS Success & Associates and lives in Plano.

1982

Darla Custer, married to Dwain (’82), is an accounting specialist at Verizon in San Angelo. Dwain is also an accountant at Verizon.

Darryl De Seve, married to Robyn, is a senior staff systems engineer at Lockheed Martin in Manassas, Va.

1984

Barry Cooper (MS ’92) and wife Karla (’83, MA ’85) are both self-employed in Edmond, Okla.

Sarah Garcia has been serving in the U.S. Air Force for more than 21 years and was recently promoted to colonel. Col. Garcia is stationed in Alexandria, Va.

J. Michael Wedin, married to Becky, is a dentist at J. Michael Wedin D.D.S in Sweetwater.

1985

Dr. Mark Crouch, married to Karen (’72, ME ’92), is an assistant professor of computer science at ASU.

Michele Dickey-Webb, married to Phil Webb, is a switch planner at Verizon in San Angelo.

1986

Ms. Cynthia Yvonne Martinez is an instructor of math at Temple College.

Leesa G. Monroe is an assistant principal for Arlington ISD.

1988

Willie Ruiz, married to Leticia, is a specialist and supervisor at Verizon in San Angelo.

1989

Capt. Michael J. McGill is a pilot for West Texas Helicopters in San Angelo.
Kathy Muñoz is news director for KLST/KSAN in San Angelo.

1991
Cindy Pond is certification administrative assistant for the College of Education at ASU.

1992
Laren Green, married to Wes, is a finance specialist for Verizon in San Angelo.

Kathryn Kelly is a tax manager at Bull & Associates in Austin.

Manu Shukla is a software engineer for American Online in McLean, Va.

1994
Bruce Flage, married to Lynsey (’97), is energy manager for ASU.

1995
Michele Dierschke, married to Patrick, is a teacher for Veribest ISD and lives in Wall.

Guy Smith is a master claims adjuster for Nationwide Insurance in Newark, Del.

1996
Tim Brewster (MA ‘00), married to Bonnie, is a technology teacher for Junction ISD and lives in Eden.

Samuel Robinson, married to Kathy, is a teacher and coach in Levelland.

1997
Hope Veiga, married to Anderson, has been teaching special education for the Department of Defense schools for eight years. Hope lives in Fayetteville, N.C., and recently had her first child, Joshua Jacob.

Monyca Jean Byrne is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and lives in Cibolo.

Angel G. Flores (MS ‘01) is a self-contracted psychotherapist in San Angelo.

1999
Christine Burrell, married to Bryan, is a computer programmer for ASU.

2001
Shiloh Shannon is a consultant for Manhattan Software, Inc., in Richardson.

Kathryn Fogle (MS ‘01) is a project accountant for Basic Energy Service in Midland.

2002
Gordon Shane Estes, married to Misty, is an investment portfolio specialist with JP Morgan, Fort Worth, and lives in North Richland Hills.

2004
Richard Jimenez, married to Angie, is a BAR representative for Verizon in San Angelo.

Francesca Smith is a registered nurse in Dallas.

Jill Tambunga is executive manager for Target Stores in San Angelo.

W. Travis Bond is employed by Crosby County Fuel Association in Crosbyton.

2005
Jessica Garcia is public affairs coordinator at Fidelity Investments in Coppell.

Rebecca D. Slone is a special education teacher for San Angelo ISD and lives in Christoval.

2006
James C. Springer is an IBO at Power-Max Energy in San Angelo.

Former players under San Angelo College’s late football coach Max Bumgardner are planning a Ram Reunion March 31 on campus to honor the memory of “Coach Bum.”

Organizers are inviting all SAC Ram football players from 1950-70 to participate in the event. Plans include golf, a hospitality room, special activities for spouses and a banquet in honor of coach Bumgardner.

For more information, contact Lynsey Flage, ASU director of alumni relations, ASU Station #11049, San Angelo, TX 76909-1049, (325) 942-2122, (lynsey.flage@angelo.edu) or Ron Adams, 4617 Hoffman Drive, Austin, TX 78749, 1-800-774-1022, (rtadams2@aol.com).

Reunion organizer Adams said, “We’re attempting to locate all former players, so if you’ve kept up with teammates, please send their addresses so we can contact them about the reunion.”

Lambs & Lambelles

Alfredo Calzada ('02) and Ruby Barron Calzada ('01) welcomed Marisa Christina Calzada on July 19 in Midland. They also have a 6-year-old son, Alfredo Sandoval Calzada III.

Rob ('93) and Stephanie Grosz have recently welcomed newborn daughter Ella Kate.

Brianne Halfmann Killam ('04) is the proud mother of Addisyn Reshae Killam, born Dec. 19, 2005.

Davis Everett Lusk was born Sept. 15, 2006, to proud parents Mindy ('93) and Ward ('90) Lusk. He was welcomed by his two big brothers, Grayson and Walker.
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