

## September

- 14 \*VB, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.
- 15 CC, ACU Jon Murray Invitational
- 16 \*VB, Tarleton State, 2 p.m.  
FB at Southeastern Okla., 6 p.m.
- 17-20 89th Annual Bible Lectureship
- 19 \*VB at Angelo State, 7 p.m.
- 22 VB, Incarnate Word, 7 p.m.
- 23 FB, Southwestern Okla., 6 p.m.  
BSB, Annual Alumni Games, 11 a.m.,  
Crutcher Scott Field
- 25 VB, St. Edward's, 7 p.m.
- 28 \*VB at Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m.
- 29-30 Freshman Follies
- 30 CC, at OSU Cowboy Jamboree,  
Stillwater, Okla.  
\*VB at West Texas A&M, 2 p.m.  
\*FB at Eastern New Mexico,  
6 p.m. (MST)

## October

- 6-7 VB, LSC Crossover Tournament,  
Kingsville
- 7 FB, Central Okla., 7 p.m.
- 12 \*VB at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.
- 13-15 Homecoming Musical, "Singin' in  
the Rain," Abilene Civic Center  
Homecoming Preview Weekend
- 14 CC, at Chile Pepper Festival,  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
\*VB at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2 p.m.  
\*FB, Angelo State, 2 p.m.
- 17 VB at Lubbock Christian, 7 p.m.
- 19 \*VB, Angelo State, 7 p.m.  
\*FB at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.  
(Televised nationally by CSTV)
- 20 VB at St. Edwards, 6 p.m.  
Fall Break
- 21 CC, at LSC Championships,  
Stephenville
- 26 \*VB, West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
- 28 \*VB, Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m.  
\*FB, Tarleton State, 2 p.m.

### Legend for calendar:

FB, football; VB, volleyball; CC, cross country  
\*Lone Star Conference

## Centennial Campaign pushes toward \$150 million goal

In the past 22 months, ACU Centennial Campaign gifts exceeded \$50 million, increasing the cumulative total from \$61 million in September 2004 to \$111.5 million in August 2006. The total reflects all gifts and pledges to the university since Jan. 1, 2001.

The Centennial Campaign is a \$150 million fundraising effort that includes initiatives for capital improvements, an increased permanent endowment and Annual Fund revenues. The campaign's overriding purpose is to provide students with better facilities, enhanced programs, a stronger faculty, and an even better preparation before graduation.

"Meeting the challenges of our second century at ACU will require a renewed commitment to faith and excellence across campus and throughout our constituency," said Dr. John Tyson ('81), vice president for development. "Every goal of this campaign will affect our students' lives – today and far into the future. Only a strong, concerted effort by all our alumni and friends will secure the many important initiatives launching our next 100 years."

### Davies directs Calling Center

Shane Davies ('06) knows his way around ACU's Calling Center.

The senior from Tucson, Ariz., leads a team of about 50 students who help update records and secure Annual Fund pledges from ACU alumni and parents.

The Calling Center is operated by RuffaloCODY, a national leader in fundraising solutions for non-profits. All of the callers are students or alumni of ACU; however, Davies is the first RuffaloCODY manager who is also a student and soon-to-be alumnus.

Davies worked as a student caller, and then as a supervisor, for the past three years. When the full-time position opened to head the Calling Center, Davies, who will graduate in December, applied and was hired.

"I enjoyed the thought of actually being able to run my own center and impact something as big as the Annual Fund," Davies said.

"One of the most important jobs we do is to foster good feelings between ACU and the person we're

### Annual Fund Challenge met for third consecutive year

A third and final anonymous Centennial Annual Fund challenge was offered and met during the 2005-06 school year. With 6,619 individual donors participating, ACU received \$450,000 from an anonymous donor to help with scholarships, library and technology upgrades, campus improvements and more.

Thanks to the challenge gift and many sacrificial contributions, ACU received \$1,696,420 for the Centennial Annual Fund.

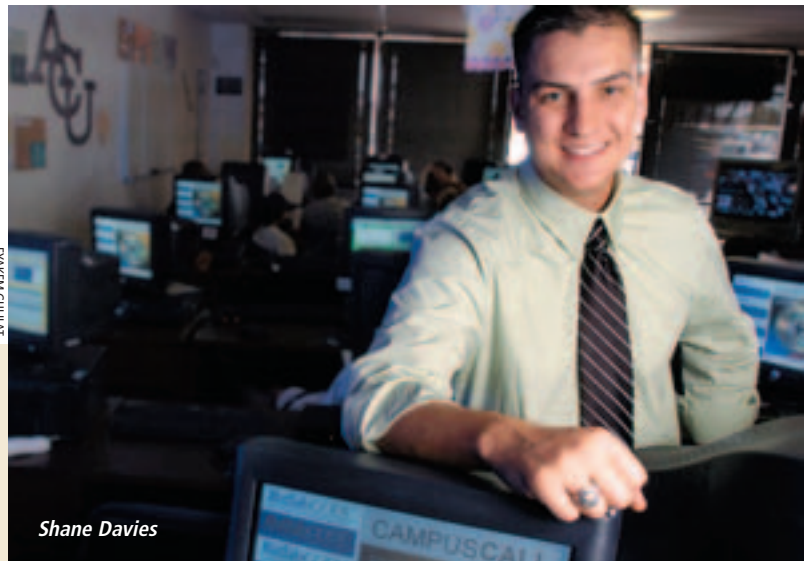
Again this year, Don Morris Team Members are listed in the Annual Fund Honor Roll of Donors.

The top class participation rate for the 2005-06 school year was the

class of 1959, with 43.7 percent of the class making an Annual Fund gift.

"During a year of tremendous financial challenge and many pressing philanthropic needs, you gave and gave and gave," said senior Annual Fund co-chair Jeff Knight ('77). "You blessed many students' lives. You invested in their days at ACU and their future influence throughout the world. Thank you and God bless you for your sacrifice."▲

Campaign information, updates and ways to participate are available at [www.acu.edu/centennialcampaign](http://www.acu.edu/centennialcampaign). The Annual Fund donor honor roll is at [www.acu.edu/donorreport](http://www.acu.edu/donorreport). To see how classes and social clubs compared in the Annual Fund campaign, see [www.acu.edu/donorstats](http://www.acu.edu/donorstats).



Shane Davies

calling," Davies said. "Sometimes we are the only ACU voice these people hear, so we always want to leave them with a good impression."

ACU's Calling Center also provides services for other universities and non-profits, including SMU, Barton College, University of Dallas, Wyoming Public Radio, and Nashville Public Television, ensuring that the Calling Center can provide year-round employment for the student callers.

"The students who work here are dedicated to their work and always give 110 percent when it comes down to crunch time," Davies said. "They are excellent employees and enjoy being able to impact the future of ACU."

Davies hopes to continue fostering an environment where students want to be.

"My goal is for this to be one of the most sought-after student jobs at ACU," he said. ▲

## ACU inaugurates new School of Information Technology

Computer-oriented education at ACU now has a new home with the introduction of the **School of Information Technology and Computing**.

About 50 students are enrolled in the new school, which is operational in 2006-07, and will be fully functional in Fall 2007.

The collection of faculty and students with backgrounds in computer science, information systems, and information technology share a common goal of advancing the use of technology to improve the world around them, said Dr. Tim Coburn ('73), director of the school.

"Cell phones, iPods, wireless communications, and Internet-based commerce are just a few of the relatively recent technological advances that have made a huge impact on the way we live, play, communicate and do business," Coburn said. "The careers and jobs that ultimately lead to new ideas and products like these also are constantly changing. Some of the highest projected job growth in the United States during the next 10 years will be in computer-related fields."

Inaugurated in June 2006, the school provides collaborative instruction in the high-tech arena, promotes greater understanding and use of technology across all academic programs of the university, and supports local and regional communities in addressing technological challenges and stimulating economic development.

For this school year, SITC's undergraduate programs include computer science and computer information systems. In 2007, the school also will include new degree programs in information technology and a cooperative degree through the College of Business Administration in information systems.

ACU has offered programs in computing and related fields since the mid-1960s. The degrees and majors have evolved to reflect market demand, as well as the changing organizational focus of the university, but for almost 40 years students have continued to receive strong foundations in computer science, systems and technology that have served as springboards to challenging and rewarding careers.

Nearly 400 individuals have graduated from ACU with a major or minor in a computer-related discipline, and many have become industry leaders in their fields. ACU computer science alumni work in all kinds of companies throughout the world, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, American Airlines, PepsiCo, SAP, Northrup Grumman, and Raytheon.

Increased demand for graduates in high-tech disciplines, as well as the pervasiveness of computer technology in all aspects of life, has sparked renewed interest at ACU in technology-oriented programs, said Dr. Rick Lytle, dean of the College of Business Administration.

Two years ago a consulting team brought to the university paved the way for the SITC with a report

exploring the future opportunities for academic study in the information technology and computing fields. The team interviewed faculty, met with students, reviewed visiting committee reports, examined national data on career opportunities and examined benchmark data.

"They were impressed with our expertise and talent," said ACU provost Dr. Dwayne VanRheenen. "They noted that more than 20 faculty and staff have master's degrees or doctorates in the field."

One goal of the program is to enable faculty members within the school to provide an extraordinary learning experience for students and prepare them to be exceptional recruits for high-tech careers when they graduate.

"The rapid expansion and infusion of technology is being witnessed in daily life, business operations, communication, world markets, medicine, the arts, and global consumer behavior, to name a few," Lytle said. "Through the School of Information Technology and Computing, ACU is able to leverage its resources

campus-wide to provide students with the best possible training."

While the school currently reports to Lytle and is housed in the Mabee Business Building, it will eventually become a free-standing academic unit. The faculty includes individuals with expertise in computer science, management information systems, business intelligence and analytics, technology management, systems administration, networking, and other areas. Some faculty hold joint appointments or special assignments in SITC and other colleges or departments, such as the College of Business Administration.

The new school also provides opportunities for students to move into a graduate program without leaving Abilene. Texas Tech University offers master's and doctoral-level programs in computer science in its Abilene location.

### Genesis Partnership

ACU and the School of Information Technology and Computing have an

emerging association with Genesis Networks.

Genesis is a company based in San Antonio that provides telecommunications, data communications, and IT-related business services, as well as state-of-the-art convergence solutions, to an international client base in the telecommunications arena. Major clients include companies such as Cingular, AT&T, Sprint-Nextel, Amdocs, and T-Mobile.

This partnership will result in a number of exciting opportunities for student internships and career development within SITC.

"It's a great opportunity for us, one that will distinguish us from other schools in Texas and other competitors," Coburn said. "Having a company in town to which we can feed students for employment and internships will really drive the school's development." ▲



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— DR. TIM COBURN

## Digest

### Barnard named to new post

Dr. Wayne Barnard ('80) has been appointed ACU's new university dean of spiritual formation. Effective June 1, he transitioned from his previous role as associate provost for student development and dean of campus life.

### New faculty for 2006-07

Eighteen new faculty members have been hired for 2006-07:

- **Stephanie Akins ('94)**, instructor of nursing
- **Tanya Brice**, associate professor of social work
- **Amanda (Hendrix '00) Carroll**, instructor of sociology
- **Melanie Castleberg**, instructor of political science
- **Kimberly Cooper**, instructor of nursing
- **Brad Crisp ('93)**, assistant professor of management sciences
- **Mikee Delony**, instructor of English
- **Laura Dillman ('93)**, instructor of exercise science and health
- **Julie (Brown '90) Douthit**, instructor of education
- **Steven Gaines ('01)**, instructor of communication
- **LeAnna Hale**, assistant professor of education
- **Karen (Taylor '68) Maxwell**, assistant professor of education
- **Valerie Miller**, instructor of nursing
- **Derran Reese ('00)**, instructor of Bible, missions and ministry
- **Michelle (Weed '99) Sanders**, instructor of English
- **Susan (Boyd '85) Teel**, instructor of music
- **Steven Ward ('92)**, associate professor of music
- **Joshua Willis ('96)**, assistant professor of physics

### Sing Song ticket orders go online

Buying tickets for the 51st annual Sing Song (Feb. 16-17) will be more convenient than ever this year. The new online box office will open Nov. 15.

When visiting [www.acu.edu/singsong](http://www.acu.edu/singsong), patrons can view seating diagrams of Moody Coliseum, see which seats have been sold, choose the section in which they wish to sit, purchase tickets with a credit card, and print them immediately from their computers.

"This Web-based option for buying tickets provides a new degree of customer service for those coming to Sing Song," said Sing Song managing director Tom Craig ('89).

The traditional Sing Song Box Office also opens Nov. 15, more than a month earlier than traditional January openings. Ticket prices remain the same, ranging from \$14 to \$20, depending on the show and seats, but with the new conveniences, some service fees will apply.

For more information, call the Sing Song Box Office after Nov. 15 at 325-674-2648.

# November

- 2** \*\*MBB, at Texas-San Antonio, 7 p.m.
- 2-4** VB, LSC Tournament, #1 North, TBA
- 4** CC, at NCAA Regional, Warrensburg, Mo.  
\*FB at Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m.
- 9-11** VB, Southwest Regional Tournament, TBA
- 10** \*\*MBB, at New Mexico, Albuquerque, 8 p.m.
- 11** \*FB, Midwestern State, 2 p.m.
- 16-18** VB, NCAA National Championship
- 17** WBB, at Incarnate Word, Austin, 6 p.m.  
MBB, Hillsdale Baptist, 7 p.m.
- 18** CC, at NCAA Division II Championships, Pensacola, Fla.  
MBB, Concordia, 5 p.m.  
WBB, at St. Edward's, Austin, 6 p.m.
- 21** WBB, Texas Lutheran, 6 p.m.  
MBB, Howard Payne, 8 p.m.
- 22-24** Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)
- 27** WBB, Texas-Permian Basin, 6 p.m.  
MBB, at St. Edwards, Austin, 7 p.m.
- 30** WBB, St. Mary's, 6 p.m.  
MBB, Dallas Baptist, 8 p.m.

# December

- 2** WBB, A&M Commerce, 2 p.m.  
MBB, A&M Commerce, 4 p.m.
- 5** \*WBB, Angelo State, 6 p.m.
- 7** WBB, at Northeastern State, 6 p.m.  
MBB, at Northeastern State, 8 p.m.
- 9** WBB, at Central Oklahoma, 2 p.m.  
MBB, at Central Oklahoma, 4 p.m.
- 14** WBB, Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.  
MBB, Rhema College, 8 p.m.
- 15** Commencement, Moody Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.
- 16** MBB, at St. Mary's, San Antonio, 7 p.m.
- 19** MBB, St. Edward's, 7 p.m.
- 19-20** WBB, at Hoop-n-Surf Tournament, Honolulu, Hawaii

### Legend for calendar:

FB, football; VB, volleyball; MBB, men's basketball; WBB, women's basketball; CC, cross country  
\*Lone Star Conference \*\*Exhibition game

## Tribute dinner in Dallas planned to honor retiring state Rep. Bob Hunter

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Robert D. Hunter ('52) know it would take a Texas-size tribute to honor him for the decades of service he has dedicated to the state of Texas, higher education and Abilene Christian.

"Deep in our Hearts: A Lone Star Tribute to Bob Hunter" aims to do just that.

Co-chaired by Texas Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick, the event will take place Oct. 26 in Dallas in the InterContinental Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

The evening will feature a pre-event reception for underwriters and sponsors, tributes and greetings for Hunter from associates and longtime friends, and a performance by Grammy Award-winning recording artist Amy Grant.

Proceeds will benefit the new Bob and Shirley Hunter Welcome Center on the ACU campus.

A \$14 million facility, the Bob and Shirley Hunter Welcome Center will help greet thousands of prospective students and their families, alumni and other friends as they come to ACU each year.

The 57,000-square-foot building will include meeting spaces for use



Hunter



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by campus groups and the Abilene community.

ACU's Board of Trustees voted in February to name the center in honor of Hunter and his wife, Shirley (Long '63), honoring Hunter for his lifelong service to Abilene, to higher education in Texas and to ACU. Alumni and friends have already contributed more than \$7 million toward the Welcome Center.

Lone Star Grand event underwriters and Gold Star event sponsors for the tribute dinner will be among the donors permanently recognized in one of the many naming opportunities throughout the building. Every event sponsor will be recognized among the friends who have honored Bob and Shirley in this new structure.

Four levels of event sponsorship are available – Lone Star, Gold Star, Silver Star and Bronze Star – and individual tickets may be purchased for \$250 each. Tables for eight are available for \$2,000.

For more information about the event or sponsorships, see [www.acu.edu/bob](http://www.acu.edu/bob) or call 325-674-2824.▲

## Summer enrollment tops previous year, strong freshman class predicted

Enrollment numbers for ACU's two summer sessions increased from last year, and a strong freshman class is expected this fall.

During Summer I and Summer II, students enrolled in a total of 6,662 credit hours, more than 100 hours above last summer's total, while head count enrollment rose from 1,667 to 1,692.

In addition, the 2006-07 freshman class looks to be strong in size and academics, said Robert Heil ('95), assistant vice president for enrollment and strategic marketing operations.

"We're looking at not only a large freshman class, but one that is very high achieving and academically strong," Heil said.

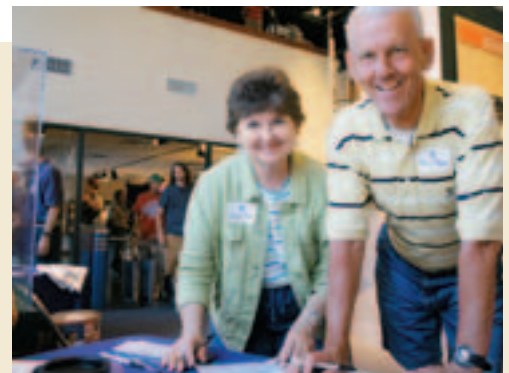
Increased numbers are expected in the graduate school this fall as a result of the introduction of ACU WorldWide, which offers two online master's degree programs – the Master of Education in Leadership of Learning and the Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.

The Bachelor of Applied Studies program will likely be larger than usual as well with three of its programs now offered in an entirely night and weekend format.▲

## Astros, Rangers games attract alumni for fellowship, fun

In two of ACU's biggest annual events outside of Abilene, baseball fans (and those who just wanted to see their friends) met at Minute Maid Park in Houston for the Astros' game June 10 against the Atlanta Braves, and at Amerquest Field in Arlington on June 17 for the Texas Rangers' game against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

This was the third consecutive year for the event in Arlington, which usually attracts 300-400 alumni. All 200



reserved seats for the Astros game were sold out.

"A lot of folks attend at least one professional baseball game a year, so why not make it with your ACU friends and family?" said Amber (McElyea '96) Peck, director of alumni relations. "It's a fun place to relax and catch up with old friends outside of Abilene. Plus it's a great event for all ages."▲

LEFT: Nancy (Baker '92) and John ('92) Vaught and their children at the Rangers' June 17, 2005, game.  
ABOVE: Gayla (Gieger '64) and Dr. Terry Pope ('64) registered for door prizes at Amerquest Field last year.



# Digest



The east entrance to the Education Building, formerly the Burford Music Center

STEVE BUTMAN

## Education Building provides new space for faculty, students

The former home of Catchings Cafeteria and, most recently, Burford Music Center, has received a new purpose and renovation for ACU's education program.

The newly renovated 18,500-square-foot Education Building was dedicated Aug. 26 and provides much-needed space for education faculty and students.

The facility houses the former education department, which is now two departments – the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Department of Graduate Studies in Education – and the dean's office for the new College of Education and Human Services.

"This is a beautiful place in which to teach and learn," said Dr. Malesa (Smith '80) Breeding, dean of the college. "I am so pleased about the building for many reasons, one of which is that when prospective students and their parents enter it, they will know that ACU takes seriously the business of

preparing Christian educators for tomorrow's children."

The \$3 million renovation included complete demolition and redesign of the interior and updating of the exterior, such as new windows and doors.

The west side of the building has been updated to match the other campus buildings, and the east side gained a drop-off area and driveway.

Rooms inside the building include a dean's suite of offices, offices for the two department chairs, a number of faculty offices, three classrooms, a computer lab, a reading clinic and lobby areas.

One of the classrooms serves as a production and curriculum lab, offering resources for pre-service teachers and student teachers to prepare lesson plans, bulletin boards, materials and other class projects. Another includes an observation room for reading recovery training.

"We've had many opportunities in the last few weeks to visit with ACU faculty and staff, students, and alumni who just drop in to see the new place," Breeding said. "As people enter the building on either side, they are greeted

with bronze sculptures of children playing, reading and contemplating the world. The sculptures have a wonderful way of focusing the minds of all who enter on the children who will be educated by our future teachers. It reminds us of how important education really is to all of us."

This has been a time of transition for the education department in ways other than just the physical location.

Upon moving into the new college and the new building, the education department split into two new departments. Dr. Dana (Kenamer '81) Hood is the new chair of curriculum and instruction, and Dr. Lloyd Goldsmith ('73) is chair of graduate studies in education.

Other departments within the new College of Education and Human Services include the Department of Exercise Science and Health, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and the School of Social Work. The college also houses TRIO and Student Success programs.

Dr. Allan Yarema will serve as the assistant dean of the new college, while continuing to serve as a faculty member in the Department of History.

"The building, like the new college, provides a fresh start," Breeding said. "It is equipped with the most updated technology. It provides much-needed additional classroom space and a welcoming environment that invites everyone to learn."▲



Reading lab in the Education Building

STEVE BUTMAN

## Students honor Don Drennan by creating scholarship in his name

The ACU College of Business Administration and students in the Introduction to Business and Technology course established the **Don Drennan Endowed Business Scholarship**.

Drennan ('58) taught the Introduction to Business classes at ACU for many years and began the Student-Managed Investment Fund (STAR), and retired in 1990 as associate professor emeritus of management sciences.

Students raised the money through the Venture Out Program, a component of the course that gives students a taste of entrepreneurial activities. Student teams create small businesses, from conception to harvest. The proceeds from their businesses formed the core investment for the scholarship fund.

Other endowed scholarships recently created at ACU:

- Neal Massie Endowed Scholarship
- Eula Adkins Carrington McClendon Elder Endowed Scholarship
- Nancy Zickefoose "Yellow Rose" Scholarship

For information about contributing to or creating an endowed scholarship, call **Barbara (Tubbs '71) Hejl** in the ACU Stewardship Office at 325-674-2600.

## Three to receive Gutenberg Award

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication will present **Gutenberg Awards** to three alumni at a dinner Oct. 13:

- **Serene Goh ('94)**, IN and Little Red Dot Editor, *The Straits Times*, Singapore Press Holdings, Singapore.
- **Byron "Ron" Harrell ('87)**, program director, WDVD/WDRQ ABC Radio, Detroit, Mich.
- **Jim Batts ('63)**, senior editor/writer, American Heart Association, Plano, Texas

## Employees honored for service

Seven ACU employees received special awards at the annual Faculty-Staff Appreciation Dinner in April:

- **Rodney Ashlock ('91 M.Div.)**, Faculty Advisor of the Year
- **Brad Bennett ('96)**, Outstanding Staff Member of the Year
- **Nuria Hall ('04)**, Degree Plan Specialist of the Year
- **Beverly Rama**, Outstanding Staff Member of the Year
- **Perry Reeves ('65)**, Faculty Senate Award of Excellence
- **Tracy (McGlothlin '80) Shilcutt**, University Seminar Teacher of the Year
- **Joel Swedlund ('93)**, Unsung Servant Award

## Errata

New ACU trustee **Billy Busch** of Cedar Park, Texas, is vice president for investments at UBS Financial Services Inc.