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TR at Red Raider Invitational  
BB at Delta State, Austin, 10 a.m.  
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MT, McMurry, 7 p.m.
- 17 \*WBB at Texas Woman's, 7 p.m.
- 18 BB at Cameron (2), 2 p.m.
- 18-19 Winter Dinner Theatre, "The Mousetrap," Fulks Theatre  
Sing Song  
Preview Weekend
- 19 TR at Sooner Indoor Invitational  
Classic, Norman, Okla.  
BB, Cameron (2), noon
- 20-23 87th Annual Bible Lectureship
- 24 \*WBB, A&M-Commerce, 6 p.m.  
\*MBB, A&M-Commerce, 8 p.m.
- 25 WT at Centenary, 2 p.m.
- 26 \*WBB, Midwestern State, 4 p.m.  
\*MBB, Midwestern State, 6 p.m.  
TR at Clemson (S.C.) Classic  
WT at Stephen F. Austin, 9 a.m.  
BB at Central Okla. (2), 2 p.m.
- 27 WT at North Central College,  
Denton, 2 p.m.  
WT at North Texas State, 5 p.m.
- 28 G at St. Edwards Invitational, Austin

**Legend for calendar:**

BB, baseball; G, golf; MBB, men's basketball;  
SB, softball; TR, track; MT, men's tennis;  
WT, women's tennis; and WBB, women's basketball  
\*Lone Star Conference

## ACU hits record enrollment, ranks high in college guides

More students enrolled at Abilene Christian University this year than ever before in the school's history.

According to the official 12th-day enrollment count, ACU enrolled 4,786 students from 47 states and 66 nations. Those students registered for a record 63,435 credit hours.

The headcount enrollment topped the previous school record of 4,761 (in 2000-01) and represents an increase of 111 students from last year.

Strong retention and a large entering class combined to make this year's enrollment a record high, said executive vice president Jack Rich ('76). More than 1,000 new freshmen began at ACU this fall. The total enrollment number includes 554 graduate students and 4,232 undergraduates.

ACU also once again scored in the top quartile of quality and as a "Best Value" in the 2005 U.S. News & World Report rankings of "America's Best Colleges."

U.S. News ranked ACU 20th overall among the 126 schools in the 15-state West region of the

"Best Universities-Master's" category, placing it in the top quartile. ACU has been in the top quartile for six consecutive years and 10 of the last 11 years.

In addition, ACU was listed among the "Best Values" for the West region. Schools in the "Best Values" category are selected based on academic quality and the cost of attendance for a student receiving an average financial aid package.

ACU also was listed among "America's 100 Best College Buys" and "America's Best Christian Colleges" for 2004, and was the only Texas private school in "America's 100 Best College Buys."

The independent organization Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc. publishes "America's 100 Best College Buys" and "America's Best Christian Colleges" each year and has included Abilene Christian every year in both publications. ACU is one of only 16 schools in the nation to be listed in both "America's 100 Best College Buys" and "America's Best Christian Colleges" for 2004. ▲

## Lectureship to focus on resurrected life

ACU's 87th annual Bible Lectureship, Feb. 20-23, will focus on life in light of the resurrection. The theme, "Since You Have Been Raised with Christ," stems from the book of Colossians.

"Resurrection not only guarantees life beyond our physical deaths, it also guarantees a power for life here and now," said Dr. Mark Love ('82), director of ministry events. "If you take the resurrection seriously, God isn't just an actor in the past but in the present. Jesus is living in His church. That's what we are emphasizing."

Lectureship will feature a continuation of last year's forum with members of the International Churches of Christ. The forum will address what has happened since last year's conversation between the International Churches of Christ and "mainline" churches, and hopes and plans for the future.

An additional forum will focus on successfully serving multi-racial congregations. Five ministers who work in congregations of racial or ethnic diversity will offer challenges and lessons.

Keynote speakers for Lectureship include Billy Wilson of Glasgow, Scotland; David Holmes of Malibu,



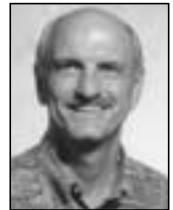
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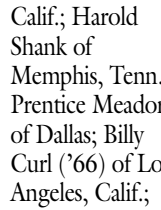
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Calif.; Harold Shank of Memphis, Tenn.; Prentice Meador of Dallas; Billy Curl ('66) of Los Angeles, Calif.; Phil Ware ('77) of Abilene; and Randy Harris of Abilene.



Curl



Ware



Harris

Lectureship will continue to offer special classes exploring the relationship between art and faith. The "Iron Apron Springs" art exhibit, featuring the artwork of Jill (Thompson '78) Maxwell, will be in the Shore Art Gallery of the Don H. Morris Center beginning Sunday at 8:45 p.m. The exhibit will feature paintings, drawings and multimedia works representing medieval religious icons.

The ACU Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band will present a concert featuring 19th- and 20th-century masterpieces Monday at 8:30 p.m. in Cullen Auditorium. Eric Harrell, assistant professor of theatre at ACU, will be acting in a

dramatic presentation entitled "An Inch of Rope" Sunday and Tuesday night following the main lecture.

Each evening after the main lecture, a "Gospel and Culture" coffee house will be held in the Beansprout in the McGlothlin Campus Center. Attendants can enjoy a late-night cup of coffee and discuss topics such as "The Gospel and The Passion of the Christ," "The Gospel and Joan of Arcadia," and "The Gospel and the World of Nick Hornby."

The Teague Special Events Center will again house exhibits, showcase singing groups, and provide a place for food and fellowship. ▲

**Schedule:** [www.acu.edu/lectureship](http://www.acu.edu/lectureship)

## First graduates from Impact represent success of inner-city ministry

As a third-grade summer camper relaxing in her Gardner Hall bed, Abigail Arango knew Abilene Christian was where she wanted to be.

When she graduated Dec. 10 with friends Rocío Vazquez and Aracely Velasquez – each from the Impact Houston Church of Christ in Houston – she represented a new generation of alumni generated from the dynamic inner-city congregation started 17 years ago by three ACU graduates.

As the daughter of Impact's Hispanic minister, Arango was active with her father's ministry. She was introduced to the university through interns and by attending ACU's Leadership Camps.

"I remember being in Gardner and telling myself, 'This is the place you want to be,'" said Arango. "What continues to fascinate me about ACU are the traditions, history and continual Christian atmosphere."

Aracely Velasquez didn't have a hard time choosing a college either.

"ACU was the only school I applied to," Velasquez said. "I knew I wanted to be at ACU ever since I knew what college was."

Velasquez began attending church in 1990, after Calvin Henry, a minister at Impact, started



Vazquez, Velasquez and Arango

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bringing food to her family in their apartment two blocks from the church building. After Bible studies with Henry, she and her mother and sister began attending church.

"My Dad was more hesitant," she said. "He had some trouble, but after he quit drinking and smoking, he became an active member of the church and is now an elder with a great testimony."

Rocío Vazquez starting attending Impact when the church bus picked up her and her brother, Isaac, from their home near downtown Houston.

"I knew people through Impact who made me aware of ACU and encouraged me to look at the school," Vazquez said. "When I was seriously considering going to ACU a lot of things started happening financially that made it seem impossible, but through various opportunities I was able to come."

All three attribute their desire to

attend Abilene Christian to the atmosphere they encountered at Leadership Camps as well as encouragement from church members, especially Impact minister and ACU missions consultant Charlie Middlebrook ('68).

"Our biggest motivation was from Charlie," Velasquez said. "He wanted us to be here, so he constantly encouraged us."

Middlebrook recognizes what makes Aracely, Rocío and Abby special, and knows what their accomplishments represent.

"These women and Impact represent a bridge between the brotherhood of the Church of Christ and ACU to the underserved," Middlebrook said. "They had to fight against the systematic oppression our culture has established, and now they are a new constituency of ACU alumni."

At Impact, the girls found faith in Christ and were encouraged to pursue their goals, thanks in part to the influence of ACU students and alumni who served at the church, Middlebrook said.

"Impact reaches out to those who are otherwise ignored to minister and encourage them," Velasquez said. "What we are achieving as the first ACU graduates from Impact is the true vision of the church."▲

– JENNIFER BASS

## Digest



Straughn



Harper

### Straughn to chair music department

**Dr. Greg Straughn** ('94), instructor of music, is the new chair of the Department of Music. Straughn recently received a doctorate from the University of North Texas.

### Harper receives honorary doctorate

**Marsha (Winn '59) Harper**, director emerita of the library and professor emerita of library science, received an honorary doctorate and gave the charge to the graduating class at the 2004 December Commencement. Harper served ACU's Brown Library for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2003.

### New scholarship endowments

These endowed scholarships have been recently created at ACU:

- **Richards-McGuire Family Ministry Endowed Scholarship**
- **Callie Performing Arts Endowed Scholarship**
- **Jennifer E. Graham Endowed Scholarship**
- **Marianna and Ken Rasco Endowed Scholarship**
- **Charles Trevathan Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

For information about contributing to or creating an endowed scholarship, call Barbara Hejl in the Stewardship Office at 325-674-2600.

### WACU paver project continues

**Women for ACU** is in the second year of a fundraising campaign that honors past and present ACU faculty, staff and board members with paved bricks around the Jennings House Museum.

The project, which continues through 2005, started as a landscape beautification project but is now a way to honor people for their achievements and contributions to the university.

Each brick costs \$100 and may be inscribed with a person's name.

For more information, call WACU treasurer Vivian Clark at 325-672-1040.

### Morlan Medal nominations sought

The Department of Education seeks nominations for the **Grover C. Morlan Medal**. The honor is given each year to an ACU graduate for outstanding teaching and leadership in education. Please send letters of nomination to Morlan Award, ACU Box 28228, Abilene, Texas 79699-8228.

## Trevathan was one of students' favorite professors, best friends

**Dr. Charles Trevathan**, instructor of sociology and associate general counsel at Abilene Christian University, died Oct. 12 in Abilene, after suffering a heart attack while meeting with students in his office.

Trevathan served ACU as vice president for campus life from 1991-97. He had been associate general counsel since 1987, and he was a member of the sociology and social work faculty since 1997.

In 2001, Trevathan was selected by students as ACU's Teacher of the Year, and he gave the charge to the graduating class at ACU's May 2003 Commencement. In his speech, he encouraged graduates to

live up to the university's marketing campaign and "Change the World," be it one business, department or neighborhood street at a time. Trevathan taught several popular sociology classes including Introduction to Sociology, Cultural Diversity, and Ethics and Social Issues.

"Charles was passionate about students, and about being a superior teacher," said Dr. Tom Winter ('71), associate provost and professor of social work. "Students

were deeply challenged by his instructional style, and he has made a lasting spiritual and professional impact on literally hundreds of ACU alumni."



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Trevathan's wife, Phyllis, worked in ACU's Career Services Office until her retirement in May 2004. She is a member at Hillcrest Church of Christ, where Charles taught adult Bible classes.

Trevathan graduated from Lipscomb University in 1958, and he earned a law degree from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1961. He served briefly in the Army before starting a more-than-25-year career practicing law in Kentucky prior to coming to work at Abilene Christian in 1987.

"His passion for social justice, born of his experience as a student in the 1960s and nurtured in his work as a practicing attorney, was evident to all of us at ACU," Winter said. "We will miss his voice on this campus."

Among survivors are his wife, Phyllis; daughters Carol Turner, Julie Bowie and Karen Trevathan Gunn; and four grandchildren.▲

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### Counting to One Hundred

Some ACU students, alumni and friends have wondered why the university will celebrate its Centennial year in 2005-06, rather than the calendar year of 2006 or the 2006-07 school year.

Abilene Christian University, first known as Childers Classical Institute, opened its first session on Sept. 11, 1906. Counting forward from that first Chapel assembly means the Opening Chapel of Aug. 22, 2005, will be the 100th opening of school for ACU, and will begin the 100th year of operation.

ACU's official 100th birthday will be Sept. 11, 2006, and that date will mark the conclusion of ACU's 100th year.

When counting birthdays of people or institutions, the first birthday marks the end of the first year. Thus, ACU's 100th birthday – Sept. 11, 2006 – marks the end, rather than the beginning, of ACU's 100th or Centennial year.

### Web Site Encourages Interactivity

The Centennial Web site, [www.acu.edu/centennial](http://www.acu.edu/centennial), is the place to find the most up-to-date information about Centennial events. It's also one of the most comprehensive information sources about ACU's Centennial.

The site includes profiles of major figures in ACU's history, with new profiles added regularly; a calendar of events, updated as new events are scheduled; a photo album; and a historical timeline of ACU's first 100 years.

In addition, the site offers ways for alumni, friends, students and employees to be involved by submitting their memories, nominating alumni for Centennial Alumni Awards, purchasing Centennial merchandise or providing historic memorabilia to the Centennial Collection.

Look for even more features and information to be added to the Web site in the months to come. You can find Centennial merchandise to purchase starting June 1.

### A Year-Long Celebration

Many major events are planned for 2005-06, and updated schedules will be added on the Web site as details



unfold during the coming year.

Some of the events already scheduled:

**Alumni Centennial Arts Exhibit, September-December 2005** – From Sept. 24 through Dec. 31, art and photography by ACU alumni will be featured in the main gallery of The Grace Museum in downtown Abilene. A reception in September will launch the exhibits.

**ACU-Philharmonic Concert, Abilene Civic Center, April 22, 2006** – This pops concert with the Abilene Philharmonic will feature professional alumni musicians performing memorable songs from the best-loved ACU Homecoming musicals of the past 45 years. A sell-out is expected, so plan to buy your tickets early.

**Wildcat Week of Service, March 13-17, 2006** – Hundreds of ACU students travel around the country and around the globe on Spring Break Campaigns, and ACU alumni and faculty/staff will be encouraged to join them by engaging in service projects of their own during the same week.

**"Abilene, 1906," Musical Comedy, Paramount Theatre, September 8-9, 2006** – This hilarious show, created by the team of Drs. Jack Boyd ('55) and Ed George ('61), will tell the story of Abilene at the time when ACU was a dream about to become a reality as Childers Classical Institute.

**Centennial Birthday Celebration and Open House, September 9, 2006** – The entire ACU and Abilene community will be invited for this major event designed to mark ACU's 100th birthday. Music, food and fun festivities will mark the special occasion. Families also will have the opportunity to view the Centennial Exhibits and take official tours of the campus. This is the year's grand finale.

**Official First Day, September 11, 2006** – To mark the official first day of classes at Childers Classical Institute (now ACU) on Sept. 11, 1906, ACU will have a special ceremony during Chapel at 11 a.m. in Moody Coliseum.

### How to Become Involved

One of the goals of the Centennial Celebration is to involve as many people as possible. Find a way to participate during this special year!

Visit the Centennial Web site to describe why you love ACU, to find out about upcoming events, or to share your memories. ▲



## Biblical Studies Building renamed

The Biblical Studies Building at ACU will soon receive a new name in honor of two couples instrumental in raising the funds necessary for the building.

The Biblical Studies Building will become the Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building, recognizing Robert and Kay Onstead, and Lynn ('50) and Barbara (Bell '50) Packer.

As board members and co-chairs of the campaign, Lynn Packer and Robert Onstead helped raise the \$13 million required for the building's construction in seven months, and they led the way with generous gifts.

The two also were involved in planning the design of the building, ensuring that this signature facility at ACU was of the finest quality and architecturally reflected the spiritual priorities of the institution.

Both Packer and Onstead passed away in recent years, and the Biblical Studies Building was the most fitting way to honor their memory, said ACU president Dr. Royce Money ('64).

"Both men dearly loved the church and wanted ACU to be a leader in preparing students for a life



The Onsteads



The Packers

of service and leadership," Money said. "We want to honor these two longtime trustees and distinguished leaders, as well as their wives, for their dedication to this university."

The building will be officially renamed at a ceremony in February before ACU's Lectureship. ▲

## Missions Institute to honor Halbert

ACU's Institute for Missions and Evangelism is about to become the Jo Ann Walling Halbert Institute for Missions.

Halbert ('55) spent much of her life supporting and encouraging mission work.



Halbert

At age 65, she became a missionary herself.

After visiting Sydney, Australia, to

speaking at a women's retreat, Halbert felt called to continue working with the church there. She set up residence and spent six months of each year supporting the church in Sydney in various roles for the last several years of her life.

Even after a diagnosis of cancer, Halbert continued to travel to Sydney until her declining health forced her to leave the country she loved. Halbert died in 2003.

"Her family wanted to honor the memory of this extraordinary woman who was a friend to so many," Money said. "Through their generosity, the Institute for Missions and Evangelism received a large endowment that will ensure its continuation of motivating and educating ACU students to prepare for missions throughout the world."

In addition, Barbara (Bell '50) Packer provided an endowment for the director of the Institute for Missions – the H. Lynn Packer Endowed Chair. This \$1 million endowment, combined with the \$3 million given by Halbert's family, comprise \$4 million of the \$6 million designated for the Institute for Missions in the Centennial Campaign.

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## Digest



Davis



The Jeffreys

### Biochemistry lab named for Davis

A newly-refurbished biochemistry lab bears the name of retired professor Dr. Alvie Davis ('55).

The \$30,000 update of the lab included eight computer workstations, an ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer, a full set of adjustable pipets, a new analytical balance, a new microcentrifuge, and two new printers.

Davis served 42 years as a member of the chemistry faculty before retiring in 2001, and he continues teaching part time.

### Jeffreys named Parents of the Year Morton and Suzy (Caldwell '71)

Jeffrey of North Richland Hills were honored as ACU's Parents of the Year for 2004 and were recognized during Chapel Sept. 24.

The Jeffreys are the parents of ACU student Andy Jeffrey, a senior integrated marketing communication major, and three ACU alumni – Kelly Vaughn ('92), Becky Brooks ('96) and Sam Jeffrey ('00).

### Blasingame golf tourney date set

The second annual Rachel Blasingame Memorial Golf Tournament will be held June 6 at Waterview Golf Club in Rowlett, Texas. The event raises money for ACU scholarships and honors the life of Rachel Blasingame, who died in a car accident in May 2003 before she was able to attend ACU. To register, call John Bagert at 972-289-8501.

### A&ES presents annual awards

At the annual Aggie Homecoming BBQ and Banquet during Homecoming weekend, the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Department honored alumni **Jeremy Terry** ('95) as the Outstanding Young Professional and **Dennis Sigler** ('75) as the Outstanding Aggie Alumnus.

### COBA Speaker Series continues

The College of Business Administration's Distinguished Speaker Series continues this spring, including a videoconference with Michael Dell:

- **Lynda Regan**, founder and CEO of Legacy Financial Services, Jan. 27
- **Michael Dell** (via videoconference), chairman and CEO of Dell, Feb. 8
- **Anne Beiler**, president and CEO of Auntie Anne's Pretzels, April 5.

Call 325-674-2857 for tickets or register at [www.acu.edu/cobaspeakerseries](http://www.acu.edu/cobaspeakerseries).

## From T-shirts to backpacks, legacy program provides connection

Initially it was baby's first T-shirt. Now it's a kid-sized backpack. Almost five years ago, the Alumni Association began sending a Wildcat T-shirt to newborn and adopted babies of alumni. This summer, we'll launch phase two of that program: purple, child-sized backpacks for 5-year-olds called CatPacks.

Wildcat BabyWear and CatPacks are part of a legacy program to keep alumni and their children connected to ACU.

BabyWear is wildly popular with alumni parents, who receive the garment free for each newborn or adopted infant they report to us using the CatPack card in this issue of *ACU Today* or completing the form at [www.acu.edu/acu\\_today/experiences.html](http://www.acu.edu/acu_today/experiences.html).

But the idea is much bigger than free ACU stuff for 1- and 5-year-olds.

Twenty-five percent of the



## ALUMNI NOTES

Amber Peck

students in this year's freshman class are children of alumni. That's an incredible number, and it shows parents are sharing their ACU experiences with their kids and encouraging them to consider ACU for college.

It also means when prospective students check us out, they like what they see. ACU is a leader in Christian higher education, and students are getting the message.

The third phase of the legacy program – still in development – will include something special for young teenagers, two or three years before they enter the admissions process.

In the meantime, we'll launch phase two – the CatPacks – this summer. Every 5-year-old child of an alum in our database will receive the mini-backpack. That means we need the names and ages of alumni children in the database. If you're not sure we have your child's information, complete the form at [www.acu.edu/alumni/generalinfo/update.html](http://www.acu.edu/alumni/generalinfo/update.html) or submit the CatPack card from this issue.

The legacy program provides cools stuff for kids, but the underlying message is even more important: You're an ACU alum and proud of it, and you want your kids to experience ACU because it's more than a diploma on a wall or a class ring on your finger.

It's a legacy. ▲

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### Counting to One Hundred

Some ACU students, alumni and friends have wondered why the university will celebrate its Centennial year in 2005-06, rather than the calendar year of 2006 or the 2006-07 school year.

Abilene Christian University, first known as Childers Classical Institute, opened its first session on Sept. 11, 1906. Counting forward from that first Chapel assembly means the Opening Chapel of Aug. 22, 2005, will be the 100th **opening of school** for ACU, and will begin the **100th year of operation**.

ACU's official 100th **birthday** will be Sept. 11, 2006, and that date will mark the conclusion of ACU's 100th year.

When counting birthdays of people or institutions, the first birthday marks the end of the first year. Thus, ACU's 100th birthday – Sept. 11, 2006 – marks the end, rather than the beginning, of ACU's 100th or Centennial year.

### Web Site Encourages Interactivity

The Centennial Web site, [www.acu.edu/centennial](http://www.acu.edu/centennial), is the place to find the most up-to-date information about Centennial events. It's also one of the most comprehensive information sources about ACU's Centennial.

The site includes profiles of major figures in ACU's history, with new profiles added regularly; a calendar of events, updated as new events are scheduled; a photo album; and a historical timeline of ACU's first 100 years.

In addition, the site offers ways for alumni, friends, students and employees to be involved by submitting their memories, nominating alumni for Centennial Alumni Awards, purchasing Centennial merchandise or providing historic memorabilia to the Centennial Collection.

Look for even more features and information to be added to the Web site in the months to come. You can find Centennial merchandise to purchase starting June 1.

### A Year-Long Celebration

Many major events are planned for 2005-06, and updated schedules will be added on the Web site as details



unfold during the coming year.

Some of the events already scheduled:

**Alumni Centennial Arts Exhibit, September-December 2005** – From Sept. 24 through Dec. 31, art and photography by ACU alumni will be featured in the main gallery of The Grace Museum in downtown Abilene. A reception in September will launch the exhibits.

**ACU-Philharmonic Concert, Abilene Civic Center, April 22, 2006** – This pops concert with the Abilene Philharmonic will feature professional alumni musicians performing memorable songs from the best-loved ACU Homecoming musicals of the past 45 years. A sell-out is expected, so plan to buy your tickets early.

**Wildcat Week of Service, March 13-17, 2006** – Hundreds of ACU students travel around the country and around the globe on Spring Break Campaigns, and ACU alumni and faculty/staff will be encouraged to join them by engaging in service projects of their own during the same week.

**"Abilene, 1906," Musical Comedy, Paramount Theatre, September 8-9, 2006** – This hilarious show, created by the team of Drs. Jack Boyd ('55) and Ed George ('61), will tell the story of Abilene at the time when ACU was a dream about to become a reality as Childers Classical Institute.

**Centennial Birthday Celebration and Open House, September 9, 2006** – The entire ACU and Abilene community will be invited for this major event designed to mark ACU's 100th birthday. Music, food and fun festivities will mark the special occasion. Families also will have the opportunity to view the Centennial Exhibits and take official tours of the campus. This is the year's grand finale.

**Official First Day, September 11, 2006** – To mark the official first day of classes at Childers Classical Institute (now ACU) on Sept. 11, 1906, ACU will have a special ceremony during Chapel at 11 a.m. in Moody Coliseum.

### How to Become Involved

One of the goals of the Centennial Celebration is to involve as many people as possible. Find a way to participate during this special year!

Visit the Centennial Web site to describe why you love ACU, to find out about upcoming events, or to share your memories. ▲

