



Keep vigil with war veterans

The 14th Annual Veterans Vigil will begin Thursday, Oct. 27. The vigil theme is "A Salute to Operation Iraqi Freedom."

A program in the Founders Lounge of the Memorial Student Center will begin at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 27. Speaking will be U.S. Army Brigadier Richard Proctor, Ret., of Paris.

Proctor and his wife, June, are both A&M-Commerce Alumni Ambassadors.

An M.D. who has commanded two U.S. Army hospitals and a medical center and was a consultant to the World Health Organization, Richard Proctor received his master's degree in history from the university. He is now retired and stays busy with his ranch.

The First-Year Leadership Class will also show a video they have produced on veterans.

Betty Rogers Bryant of Commerce, wife of a retired A&M-Commerce faculty member, will present "Daughter of a POW."

Following the program, the Vigil Flame remembering POWs and MIAs will be lit on the East Lawn, followed by a ceremony. Lighting the Vigil Flame will be World War II veteran Arlen Butler and Jessie West of Commerce.

Two vintage planes from Cavanaugh Flight Museum will fly over the East Circle.

The flame, guarded by area and local military personnel, will burn until shortly before the 2 p.m. football game on Saturday, Oct. 29. Standing first guard will be Wendell Edwards of the accounting department. He will wear his Revolutionary American War uniform. The last guard for the Vigil on Saturday will be Dean of Students Joseph Webber, who is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Pre-Game Patriotic Ceremony at Memorial Stadium will begin about 1:45 p.m., where the Vigil Flame will be extinguished. A flyover of military aircraft is planned.



ART STUDENTS SCULPT ALUMINUM — A three-dimensional model sculpted in styrofoam is packed into sand and clay. Molten aluminum is then poured into the container. The hot metal melts the foam, and replaces it in the cavity. The sculpture is removed from the sand and clay when cool. "It's a bit like digging out potatoes," says the art department's Jerry Dodd.

Prepare for Homecoming

A full slate of activities is under way for Homecoming 2005 this week. This year's homecoming theme is "Proud Legacy, Bright Future."

The Homecoming Hotdog Cookout is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, on the Memorial Student Center's East Circle. Everyone is encouraged to wear school colors of blue and gold.

The cookout will feature a Blue and Gold Spirit Contest with student organizations showing the most spirit winning cash prizes. The prizes will be \$50, \$75, and \$100.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, there will be a Fright Fest at the Morris Recreation Center. This event will be at 6 p.m., and families and their children, including the community, are invited.

At noon on Friday, Oct. 21, the College of

Education and Human Services will honor Outstanding Alumni. Dean Frank Ashley says 115 graduates will be honored.

This event will be in the American Ballroom.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will be at 8 p.m. Friday behind Whitley Hall followed by the bonfire.

Saturday, Oct. 22, will be a busy game on campus. For a complete listing of the Saturday events as well as the whole week's activities, refer to the university home page on the web.

The Alumni Homecoming Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Texas Ballroom. To be honored are the two Distinguished Alumni and two Gold Blazer winners along with presentation of the Homecoming Court of students vying for King and Queen.

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Extra Credit



FACTOIDS — Plunkett owns a home in Cumby. It once stood on the campus as an infirmary. He is a fourth generation alumnus of A&M-Commerce.

The A&M-Commerce employee of the month is Cameron Plunkett, graphics designer in Publications. He designs most of the materials that represent the university, including logos, brochures, recruiting pieces, T-shirts, posters, and *Pride* magazine. Plunkett handles creative work for all of the university's 100-plus offices and departments.

Years as a University employee: Almost a year.

What he enjoys most about his job: "Being able to work in a field that I am passionate about. I love seeing ideas and concepts become a reality."

What he thinks helps make him successful in his job: "Being creative, being a perfectionist, and being excited about what I do. I enjoy making a product that is better than the client originally envisioned."

Recent projects he has worked on: Rock climbing-themed recruiting materials for the Admissions Office; the "PLAY" band camp T-shirts and posters, which were a hit with school students around the state; and the new Lion Card.

What his boss, Ashley Tubbs, says: "Cameron has kept up a pace that would tire even the most energetic. There hasn't been a slow day yet for him. It's not uncommon for me to leave the office wondering how we'll get a certain project done in time, only to return the next morning and find that Cameron stayed late just to finish it. Most clients love his first offering. And, he's always smiling."

Publications

Chuck Arize, business administration and MIS, with others, "Purchasing Power Parity in Developing Countries: Evidence from Conventional and Fractional Cointegration Tests," *The International Journal of Banking and Finance*, Vol. 12, 2005.

V. Snow, Hardin-Simmons; **W.K. Simpson**, Hardin-Simmons; **A. Byars**, Angelo State; **Frank Ashley**, A&M-Commerce; "Sport Professionals and Professional Development," *Applied Research in Coaching and Athletic Annual*, Vol. 20, 2005.

Jiaming Sun, sociology and criminal justice, "Personal Global Connections and New Residential Differentiation in Shanghai," *China: An International Journal*, September 2005.

Presentations

Don English, **Ed Manton**, and **Jan Walker**, business administration and MIS, "Have Business Communication Instructors Changed Their Perception of Business Ethics? A Comparative Study with Implications for Teaching," International Business and Economic Research Conference, Las Vegas, Oct. 5.

Sherry Fairchild, social work, "Attachment Theory and The Clinical Assessment of Attachment Disorders in Children and

Families," Professional Development Program, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, Sept. 23.

Chris Green, elementary education, "High Tech Resources for Adult ESL Learners" at the 11th Annual UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico) San Antonio ESL Conference.

Brenda Moore, social work, "Building Community Health Infrastructure: Lessons Learned Through the Fannin Health Partnership," 2005 Texas Rural Summit, Austin, Aug. 30.

Kudos

John H. Humphreys, marketing and management, won the award for best paper in the management track at the 47th Annual Mountain Plains Management Conference held in Cedar City, Utah. The paper, "Transformational Leader Behavior: The Relationship with Gender and Organizational Commitment," will appear in the conference proceedings.

Graduate Council

Alan Francis, secondary and higher education, has been elected doctoral student representative, and **Gagandeep Bhatia**, computer science, has been elected master's student representative to the Graduate Council for the 2005-2006 academic year.

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Receiving Distinguished Alumni Citations which recognize graduates who have excelled and brought honor to the university, are Dan Moore, associate professor of music at the University of Iowa, and Thomas Huddleston, vice president of marketing, communications, and admissions at the University of Central Florida.

Winners of the Gold Blazer for service to the A&M-Commerce Alumni Association and the university, are Jack G. Pirkey of Cumby and Jerry "Jace" Carrington of Dallas.

The tailgate party will begin at noon on the West Lawn, lasting until shortly before the football game. At 2 p.m., the Lions will take on Northeastern State in Memorial Stadium. At halftime, the Homecoming King and



BIG EVENT — Homecoming committee members (back, left) Cameron Reynolds, Tye Randle, Jarred Davis, (front, left) Connie Mears, Jenny Rodriguez and Jane Martyn.

Queen will be announced.

The Pan-Hellenic Homecoming Scholarship Greek Show will begin at 6 p.m. in the University Auditorium.

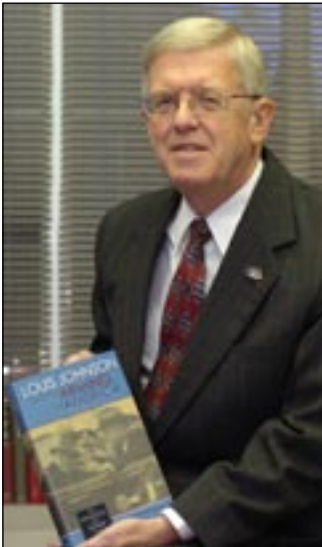
The Truax Scholarship Foundation Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in the Lion's Lair with the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet starting at 7 p.m. in the Texas Ballroom.

Fast facts



REGAL GIFT — Texas A&M University-Commerce recently received a gift of a lion statue in memory of Distinguished Alumnus Ford W. Hall, who was one of the most successful and respected corporate attorneys in the state. His career included an appointment as general attorney for Texas and as solicitor for Texas. Ford was the top student in his class when he completed his bachelor of arts degree in political science at East Texas State, as A&M-Commerce was formerly known, in 1940. The choice of a lion as a symbol of A&M-Commerce comes from the name of the university's founder, William Leonidas Mayo. The lion has been placed near the Gee Library.

COLD WAR — A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland has co-authored a new book, "Louis Johnson and the Arming of America." The book studies a once-powerful Democrat and defense secretary who clashed with President Harry Truman.



TREE TRIMMING — Facilities Services continue to work to upgrade the campus.



MEET THE TEAM — The new board of the University Personnel Association are (left) Liz Shaw, communications coordinator; Twila Scroggins, secretary; Misty Lair, president; Ginger Bostick, treasurer; and Shanna Hoskison, vice president. The group has opened membership to all at the university, and is also offering an A&M-Commerce scholarship to members' family.



BACK TO ROOTS — Jeana Yeager, who helped fly an aircraft on a non-stop trip around the world without refueling, takes a moment to autograph a T-shirt of a young fan during her visit to the campus of A&M-Commerce. Yeager came to campus through Breakout Entertainment and delivered a presentation on her record-breaking achievement. She is a 1970 graduate of Commerce High School and currently resides in Sherman.



WHAZZAT? — Mike Kury and his family admire art at the Ceramics Invitational held at the University Gallery. The show will be open during Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 to 11 a.m.



DISCOVERING PUMPKIN PI — Eileen Faulkenberry (left) of the mathematics department, with Community ISD teachers Jim Lu and Lora Titlow, measure a pumpkin to establish the circumference and diameter to discover pi. The activity is part of a workshop funded by an \$82,000 grant from the Higher Education Coordinating Board to focus on conceptions and instructional strategies for geometry and measurement. Thirty teachers from as far away as Plano, Rockwall and Dallas come to the A&M-Commerce campus monthly as part of their teacher development training. This is the second year that A&M-Commerce has received the grant.



MEAN MACHINES — A&M-Commerce police held a Cops and Rodders Auto Show, on Saturday Oct. 8. "Cars are a common ground that everyone can talk about," says Sgt. Jeff Hundley, an A&M-Commerce police officer. Hundley, who helped initiate and organize the event, says, "Cops and Rodders brings us an opportunity to interact with the community, and a chance for them to get to know us better and see us in a more positive light." Proceeds from the show will go toward establishing a Beat The Heat scholarship at A&M-Commerce.

Fulkerson offers campus gems

Richard Fulkerson, the new Mayo Professor at A&M-Commerce, received a standing ovation from the audience in the University Auditorium after being presented his medallion from President Keith McFarland.

A professor in the Department of Literature and Languages for 35 years, Fulkerson was to next give a speech in the 11 a.m. Oct. 6 program. "Perhaps I should just say, 'wow!' and quit," Fulkerson said.

He did go on to deliver his speech and even poked fun at academic life, much to the delight of his listeners.

On behalf of the excellent students he has taught through the years at A&M-Commerce, Fulkerson said he accepted the Mayo Professor Award, the highest award given to a faculty member at the university.

The Mayo Professor receives a medallion, stipend, plaque and the title of Mayo Professor for the remainder of his or her academic career.

Fulkerson's reflections on academic life — some serious, some humorous — were all based on his years as an A&M-Commerce faculty member.

His reflections include the following:

"I have seen a public vote by an entire faculty not to give Ross Perot an honorary doctorate. That action was followed soon by giving an honorary doctorate to an eminently forgettable Republican governor and one to his wife.

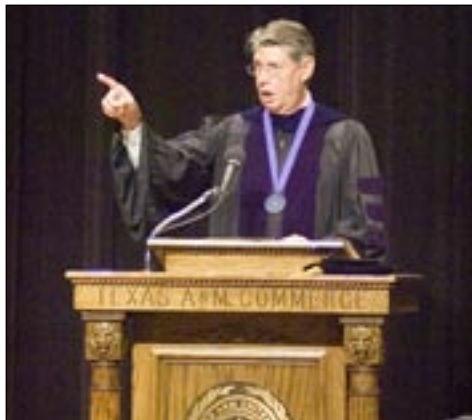
"I have seen a school that was officially segregated until 1968 go on to attract the highest percentage of African-American students of any formerly white university in the state.

"I have seen a faculty galvanized into cooperation by a Texas congressman who proposed turning us into a minimum security prison. Faculty, staff and administrators, actually working together, spent a hectic afternoon in a student center ballroom, working on an assembly line to stuff and seal hundreds of envelopes with letters pleading our case.

"I have seen a group of over 30 full-time English faculty reduced to the current number of 13 plus four on VME.

"I have witnessed a graduate dean, who shall remain nameless, although he has since been promoted to the highest level of administration, propose cutting out four doctoral programs — including the one I direct in English. He was 75 percent successful.

"I have seen a university-wide graduation ceremony, scheduled to take place in our sta-



MAKING A POINT — Richard Fulkerson, the new Mayo Professor, speaks at the Fall Convocation where he was honored on Oct. 6. A literature and languages professor, Fulkerson was recognized for his 35-year career at the university. The award for teaching, research, and service is the highest honor given to a faculty member. It is named for A&M-Commerce founder William L. Mayo, and winners are recognized for following his credo of "ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought, unselfish service to others."

dium, cancelled because of inclement weather, one hour before it was to begin.

"I have seen a technological fix for enrollment problems, which involved running costly fiber-optic cables from campus to distance sites — all the way to Campbell and Quinlan high schools. Those costly cables are no longer in use.

"I once saw a dean get into a dispute with the music department — and lose — not just the dispute but the deanship as well. (All four of our academic deans are new; I want that episode firmly planted in their minds.)

"And I have seen the adoption of a mission statement that is unclear, ungainly, ungrammatical, virtually unreadable, and entirely un-aesthetic — a mission statement that I helped to write. Randy McBroom, assistant to the president for planning and institutional effectiveness, assures me that we'll have a new one soon. But to prevent complaints from surly people like me, the new mission statement will be kept secret."

"Perhaps most wondrous of all, I have seen the removal of 24 classrooms. I understand these rooms will be sold at Allen Goldapp's next auction of surplus and unusable items. They will go in commercial groups of two or four, but you may be able to get one, or even a half, for souvenirs. I hope this sale works better than the one when we auctioned off our band uniforms, which we repurchased two years later, at a higher price."

October

- 17 — Homecoming 2005 Week begins. Activities each day through Oct. 22. For listing, see the A&M-Commerce home page on the web.
Casino Night/Elvis Impersonator Contest, 6 p.m., Memorial Student Center, Texas Ballroom.
Volleyball, against Southwestern Oklahoma, 7 p.m., Weatherford, Okla.
- 19 — Registration and drop/add begins for seniors and second bachelors for Winter Mini and Spring 2006.
- 21 — Mid-semester.
Midterm grade reports available on WEBTRAX.
- 22 — A&M-Commerce Homecoming, Athletic Association and Hall of Fame Celebration Weekend.
Lions' football, against Northeastern State (Homecoming game), 2 p.m., Memorial Stadium.
Men and women's cross country, Lone Star Conference Championships, 9 a.m., in Weatherford, Okla.
- 23 — Lions soccer against Texas Woman's University, noon, in Commerce.
Women's golf, Cameron University, Oklahoma Invitational at Lawton Country Club in Lawton. Continues through Oct. 25.
Men's golf, Cameron University, Oklahoma Intercollegiate at Lawton Country Club in Lawton. Continues through Oct. 25.
- 24 — Registration and drop/add begins for juniors for Winter Mini and Spring 2006.
- 27 — Registration and drop/add begins for sophomores for Winter Mini and Spring 2006.
Veterans Vigil program in Founders Lounge, Memorial Student Center, 11:30 a.m., followed by lighting of Vigil Flame, East Lawn. Vigil continues until shortly before Oct. 29 football game.
Volleyball, Midwestern State University, 7 p.m., in Wichita Falls.
- 28 — Lions soccer against Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m., in Commerce.
- 29 — University Day with area high school and community college students invited to campus.
Lions' football, against West Texas A&M.
Volleyball, Texas Woman's, 2 p.m., in Denton.
- 30 — Lions soccer against West Texas A&M, noon, in Commerce.

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