

ALL-AMERICAN — A&M-Commerce senior guard Kanani Marshal has been named to the third team on the Daktronics/Division II Sports Information Directors Women's Basketball All-America Team. She is the first All-American player in A&M-Commerce women's basketball. The Lions played in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship in Nebraska during Spring Break.

Basketball team plays in Elite Eight

In the final *USA Today/ESPN* Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll and for the first time in school history, the A&M-Commerce women's basketball team is ranked No. 13.

After winning the NCAA Regional, the Lions made their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight. In the national quarter-final, the Lions dropped a 60-55 decision to Clayton State.

In the regional tourney, A&M-Commerce defeated No. 8 Washburn, No. 9 Missouri Western State, No. 18 Emporia State, and No. 11 West Texas A&M. A&M-Commerce broke 28 school records on their way to qualifying for the NCAA Tourney.

Serving the community

It began with a lone man walking around a track to raise awareness and funding for the fight against cancer — today Relay For Life is global.

Relay For Life came to A&M-Commerce in 2004 through the work of Luis Franco, who was then a junior biology and Spanish major.

Franco, who now works for the university and plans to begin his graduate studies at A&M-Commerce in the next year, handed the reigns of event chair to math and physics major Sarah Muehlenbein.

Because of the dedication of A&M-Commerce students like Franco and Muehlenbein, teams of enthusiastic A&M-Commerce students and Commerce citizens will gather at Memorial Stadium for an overnight relay against cancer from 7 p.m. on Friday, April 13, until 7 a.m. on Saturday,

April 14.

"Relay For Life raises awareness about the progress against cancer as well as being a fund raiser," says Muehlenbein. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in reducing cancer death rates and in the quality of life following cancer treatment."

Both Franco and Muehlenbein have lost family to the disease.

"It's a worthy cause," says Franco. "It really attracts and encourages students to participate as they can not only serve the community, but relate their work for Relay For Life to their area of study."

Muehlenbein, who began her work by

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RIDING HIGH — The Carson & Barnes Circus brought its big tent to campus for two shows on March 28 and A&M-Commerce staff took the opportunity to ride the elephants. The elephants were a crowd pleaser during the 71st annual tour of the circus.



TIRELESS DEDICATION — Faculty and staff with long service were recently honored. Pictured are A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland, Tracy Reed, the print shop's Royce Reed, and David McKenna, executive director of facilities management/support services.

Honor long service

Employees with 10, 15, and 20 years of service were honored at a barbecue meal on April 3. Supervisors introduced their honoree, who received a plaque from A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland, and had their photo taken.

Those with 10 years of service are Robert J. Anderson, technology services; Leslie E. Arquette, facilities; T.J. Eilers, facilities; Steven Fleming, University Police Department; Danny Giddens, facilities; Douglas Godsell, student center; Pamela Hammond, social work; Terry A. Hoskison, facilities; Charlotte Larkin, instructional technology; Linda Matthei, arts & sciences.

Others with 10 years of service are Victor M. Miller Jr., facilities; Robert W. Nottingham, educator certification; Jerry D. Parish, business & technology; Sandra M. Pearce, facilities; Scott Stewart, university farm; William E. Thompson, mayo college; Dana Toles, library; Jon Travis, graduate studies and research; and Rosemary Varner, community counseling clinic.

Employees with 15 years of service are Charles E. Box, facilities; Charlene Crosby, campus mail service; Sharon Crump, planning & institutional research; Janis L. Edwards, facilities; Jeffrey Faunce, technology services; Katherine L. French, sociology & criminal justice; Cathy G. Haynsworth, diversity/cultural affairs; Penny Kervin, facilities; Dione L. Mahan, library; Eddie L. Norris, facilities; Martha Parrish, technology services; Donna E. Ray, education & human services; and Nancy Ward, extended studies.

Those with 20 years of service are Janet M. Hargus, advisement services; Mary Lou Hazal, marketing communications; Kathy Hoskison, agricultural sciences; Elizabeth Pohl, student health services; and Royce J. Reed, printing services.

Publications

Kathryn Jacobs, literature and languages, "Harry, Is that Potter, Percy, or Plantaganet?" *Journal of Shakespeare and Appropriation*, Spring 2006.

Also "Picking Up the Pieces," *Acumen*, (UK), January 2007.

Also "Twenty-First Century Saint," *Texas Poetry Journal*, Spring 2006.

Also "On the Job," "Memories," and "The Master," *Pulse Literary Journal*, January 2007.

Also "Reviewing James Shapiro, A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare, 1599, New York: HarperCollins 2005," *Texas Theatre Journal*, Spring 2007.

Ed Manton and Don English, business administration and MIS, "Reasons for Co-Authorships in Business Journals and the Extent of Guest or Gift Authorships," *The Delta Pi Epsilon Journal*, Vol. XLVIII, No. 2, Spring.

Derek Parker Royal, "Fragmenting the Post-Holocaust Subject: Uses of the Short-Story Cycle in Thane Rosenbaum's *Elijah Visible*," *Modern Jewish Studies/Yiddish*, 2006.

Jiaming Sun (with Xun Wang), sociology and criminal justice, "Personal Global Connectivity and Consumer Behavior," *Journal of International Consumer Marketing*, Vol. 19, Issue: 3, 2007.

Serge von Duvillard, health and human performance and biological sciences, "The Influence of Strength-Endurance Training on the Oxygenation of Isometrically Contracted Forearm Muscles," *The European Journal of Applied Physiology*.

Psychology presentations

Psychology and special education faculty and students participated in the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association. The meeting was April 5-7 in Fort Worth.

Presentations include:

Theodore S. Smith, grad student, "Content Analysis of Education- Relief Brochures Following Louisiana's 2005 Hurricanes."

Sau Hou Chang, grad student, "The Relationship Between Vividness of Visual Image and Memory Performance."

Lonnie A. Wakefield, grad student, and **Shulan Lu**, "Parsing Complex Everyday Events."

Victoria Zascavage, Xavier University; **William G. Masten**; and **Brian Clark**, Xavier University; "A Grimm Reality Revisited."

Bernadette M. Gadzella; **Victoria Zascavage**; **Mary E. McGlamery**, San Angelo State University; **William G. Masten**; and **Devin R. Pierce**, grad student; "Analysis of a Revised Stress Inventory."

Catharina F. Carvalho, grad student, and **Bernadette M. Gadzella**, "Locus of Control Among College Students with Different Stress Levels."

Bernadette M. Gadzella, *Victoria Zascavage*, and **William G. Masten**, "Strategies Students Used in Stressful Situations and Relationships Between the Strategies and Course Grades."

Bernadette M. Gadzella and **Rebecca C. Stephens**, "Assessing Educational Psychology Students Critical Thinking Scores and Academic Performance."

Melissa Hawthorne, grad student; **Harry L. Fullwood**; and **Tracy B. Henley**, "Changes in Definitions and Coverage of Special Education Terms in General Psychology Textbooks."

Victoria Zascavage and **William G. Masten**, "Critical Thinking: A Comparison Between Graduate and Undergraduate Special Educators."

Wenjuan Zhang, University of Texas-Pan American; **Barbara L. Ingram**, Pepperdine University; **Peter L. Kranz**, University of Texas-Pan American; **David L. Carlston**, Midwestern State; **Theodore S. Smith**, grad student; and **Sylvia Z. Ramirez**, University of Texas-Pan American, "Diagnosis and Treatment Issues in Clinical Psychology."

Kudos

Ben Cranor, industrial engineering and technology, has been recognized as Bronze Certified Safety Professional. He has held the certification credential for 10 years.

Fast facts



LASTING TRIBUTE — Theatre student Jan Swart is shown in the role of Penelope Sycamore in the University Playhouse production, “You Can’t Take It With You.” A former staff member in the Provost’s Office, Swart died after a long battle with cancer last month. A memorial service celebrating her life was held in the Performing Arts Center March 31. A playwriting scholarship in her memory has been established. Make checks payable to the A&M-Commerce Foundation with a notation to Jan Farr Swart Playwriting Quasi Endowment. Send checks to the Glenda Anderson in Advancement Services, A&M-Commerce, P.O. Box 3425, Commerce 75429.

Recognize faculty

Faculty Recognition Day is set Tuesday, April 17.

Hosted by the Provost’s Office, a luncheon to honor faculty will be at 11:30 a.m. in the American Ballroom.

Complimentary tickets have been provided to those wanting to attend.

Leo Sayavedra, vice chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs with the Texas A&M University System, will speak.

The H.M. Lafferty, Paul W. Barrus, and Neill Humfeld Awards will be presented.

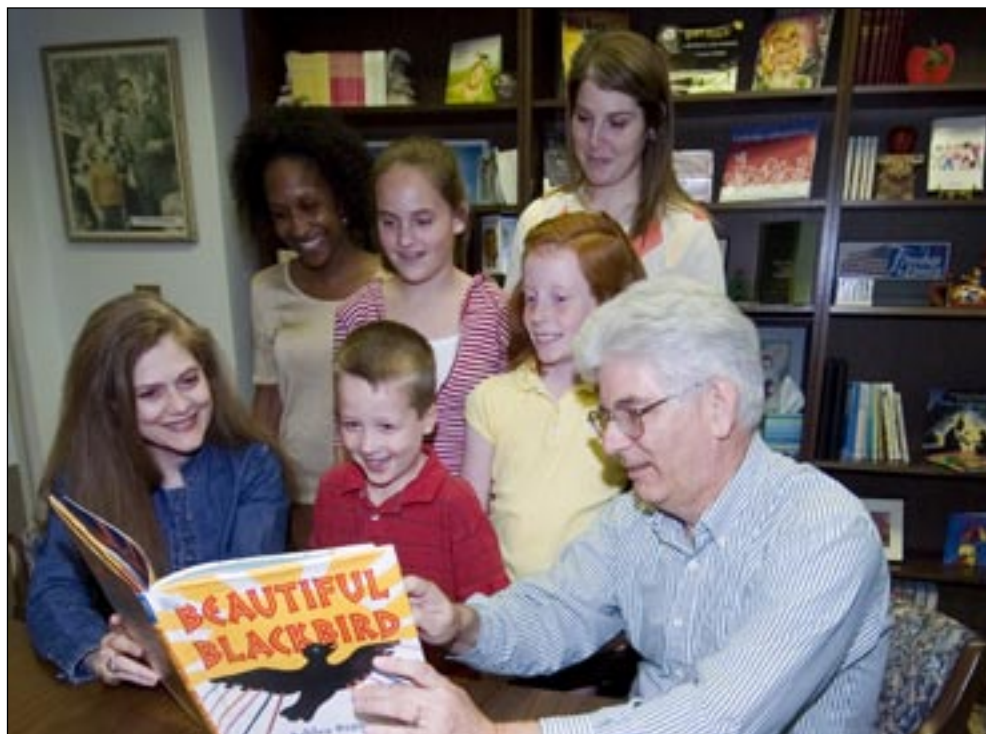
Attend Cotton Symposium

The Cotton Belt Symposium will be on Monday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The purpose of the symposium is to document, preserve, and celebrate the legacy of the employees and operations of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

Those on the program include authors Ed Cooper and Otha Spencer, who will discuss their research and publications related to the Cotton Belt.

Symposium sponsors are the Department of Educational Leadership and Gee Library Special Collections. For more information, email jason_davis@tamuc-commerce.edu.



BOOK NOW — Enjoying a work by noted children’s author and illustrator Ashley Bryan are Yolanda Johnson (left, back), Stacy Clark, Nicole Williams, (left, front) Martha Foote, Rockney Reid, Campbell Reid, and Josh Thompson. The Third Annual Bill Martin Jr. Memorial Symposium is set for Friday, April 27, at A&M-Commerce. Bryan will be the keynote speaker.

Enjoy the arts this month

The 2007 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition is on display at the University Gallery through Thursday, April 26. Gallery hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment by calling extension 5208.

The University Playhouse will present “Our Town” by Thornton Wilder starting Thursday, April 26. It will also be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

The second weekend of performances will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3, and run through Saturday, May 5.

The Department of Music will have several concerts in April culminating with “An Evening at the Eisemann” in Richardson on Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Explore S.E.T.I. at planetarium

Are there other beings in outer space? The A&M-Commerce Planetarium will explore this issue in “S.E.T.I.” (“The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence”), showing in April.

The show will be presented at 7 p.m. Fridays, followed by “Astronaut” at 8 p.m., and the new Rock Hall of Fame at 9 p.m.

“The show explores the prospect that we may not be alone in the universe,” said Kent Montgomery, planetarium director.

“The show examines what aliens might actually be like and if there is a possibility that UFOs have been visiting Earth.”

Call extension 8650 for tickets.



GRAD NOW IN CONGRESS — U.S. Representative Mike Conaway of Midland “came home” to his alma mater April 2 to address faculty and students at the Spring Faculty Convocation. A 1970 graduate of A&M-Commerce, Conaway said the accounting degree he received is part of the foundation, which he uses to do his work as a Congressman for the 11th District. The lawmaker said faculty would likely not have picked him out as a person to follow in Sam Rayburn’s footsteps to Congress. He is the second graduate of

Attend history conference

Don Graham, J. Frank Dobie Regents Professor of American Literature at the University of Texas, will be the keynote speaker at the Cotton and Rural History Conference.

The event is Saturday, April 21, at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum in Greenville. The conference will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Sponsors are A&M-Commerce and Collin County Community College.



CREAM OF THE CROP— Each year the most outstanding A&M-Commerce graduates who bring respect and distinction to the university are honored with the title of Alumni Ambassadors. This year they are (front row) Lui Barkkume, Linda Milton, (second row) Susan A. Adams, Diane McDowell, Bruce Ray Ellis, (third row) Al Hambrick, Ray McCall, Linda Henrie, Brenda Hass, Julie Combs, (fourth row) John Cothran, Kendra Ingram, Dwight York, Suzy Jones, Paula Grier, Cheri Shipman, Greg Powell, Elizabeth Penland, (fifth row) George Gray, Earl Turns, Stephen Campbell, Jason Chessher, Angeline Hawks Fulbright, Maggie Williams, Marialyn Barnard, and William Henry Scott, (back right of the lion) Jimmy Tally, Hoyle Julian, and Jeff Burnett.

New Alumni Ambassadors selected

Every year since 1983, academic departments have named its most outstanding graduates Alumni Ambassadors. The title is the highest award an academic department can bestow and recognizes the graduates' career achievements.

At a ceremony April 5, A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland welcomed the Alumni Ambassadors "back to your old

stomping grounds. You honor us by returning to campus," he said.

Derryle Peace, alumni director, noted that the Alumni Ambassadors "bring respect and distinction to the university."

The Alumni Ambassadors spoke to faculty and students about their college days and how they believe a college degree from this university has helped them.

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helping to organize the luminaria ceremony that honors cancer survivors and remembers those that lost the battle, says, "Participating in Relay For Life gave me the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to lobby congressmen for aid in the fight against cancer. I never dreamed of that."

Franco was the first recipient of the William Leonidas Mayo Student Leader Award, while Muehlenbein has received a Texas Space Grant Consortium Columbia Crew Memorial Scholarship. She plans to continue space-related research.



Student Sarah Muehlenbein and recruiter Luis Franco are passionate about serving others through Relay For Life.

April

- 13 Colleges Against Cancer Chapter hosting Fourth Annual Relay For Life, Memorial Stadium. Continues on April 14.
- 14 Track and Field, UNT Invitational, Denton.
- 15 Men's golf, Lone Star Conference Tournament. Continues through April 17.
- 16 Women's golf, Lone Star Conference Tournament. Continues through April 18.
- 17 Percussion Ensemble, Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Trombone Choir, Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Distinguished Alumni Awards, American Ballroom, 6:45 p.m.
- 21 Track and Field, Michael Johnson Invitational, Waco.
Track and Field, TCU Invitational, Fort Worth.
- 23 Color of Sound Concert, Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 "Our Town," Main Stage of Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Continues April 27-28, 8 p.m., and April 29, 3 p.m. Also May 3-5, 8 p.m.
- 30 MFA Thesis Exhibition opens at University Gallery. Continues through May 4.
- 30 Department of Music performs at Eisemann Center, in Mesquite.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of *A&M-Commerce Today* is Wednesday, May 2. Copy deadline for the issue is Wednesday, April 25. Please send your news to mary_hazal@tamuc-commerce.edu or by fax to 5522.

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