From the president

Can you believe that 2007 is almost over? I know time flies when you’re having fun, and I guess it flies when you are planning as well! Your board of directors has been busy planning all year. Our main goal for 2007 is to revise the Strategic Plan, and we are well under way.

The Strategic Plan is extremely important to the success of the association. The planning process has made us take a hard look at our past performance. There are areas where we did very well and some where we could have done better. The plan will truly be a map that will guide us as we grow from good to great. It is a worthy cause as it will empower us to support a very deserving entity, Texas State University.

A strategic plan is simply a document that identifies where we want to be in the future and how we plan to get there. We have recently revised the vision and mission statements and also the goals for the association. Our changes from the previous plan are subtle, but they are an attempt to more accurately describe the direction in which we feel we should proceed in the years to come. The points that follow will provide you with an update on our progress. We now want to solicit your input to assist us as we map the future for your Alumni Association.

Vision statement

The Texas State Alumni Association will build and advance Texas State traditions, pride and loyalty.

Mission statement

The Texas State Alumni Association promotes the future by embracing the past. The association is the link that forges a strong bond between alumni and the university. Through the contributions and talents of alumni and friends, we support the goals, values and accomplishments of Texas State and its alumni.

Goal 1

Raise funds to support scholarships, programs and endowments.

Goal 2

Establish and foster meaningful and lasting relationships with alumni, former students and friends.

Goal 3

Develop and sustain interactive relationships with Texas State students.

Goal 4

Fund and build the Texas State Alumni Center.

The next step in the planning process is to identify specific outcomes we would like to accomplish in support of each of these goals. For example, under Goal 3, I would like for us to determine the best method to inform students about the mission of the association and how we can help them while they are students as well as when they become alumni.

I would sincerely appreciate any suggestions you have regarding intended outcomes and our goals. After all, this is your association. You can e-mail your suggestions to me at jedmondson@txstatealumni.org, and I give you my word that I will consider each one.

I’d like to close this letter on a personal note. Each year the Alumni Association selects one professor to receive the prestigious Teaching Award of Honor. In September President Trauth and I presented this year’s award to Brock Brown, an associate professor in the Department of Geography. It was a special moment for me because I am a product of the Geography Department. Brock is one of those professors who changes lives. His passion and energy are not only famous, they are also contagious. Many young scholars enroll in one of his classes with the intention of simply completing an elective, but find themselves changing their major to pursue a career in geography. I was one of the fortunate ones influenced by Brock and so many others in the department. I changed my path, and my life has never been the same. So, Brock – on behalf of countless alumni, I say thank you.

See you soon,
Justin Edmondson ’88, ’01
President
Texas State Alumni Association

Feb. 9 — Scholarship Gala 2008

You are invited to the Texas State Alumni Association Scholarship Gala for 2008, Saturday, Feb. 9, in the LBJ Student Center ballroom. Table sponsorships are available at $900 for a table of eight people. Individual tickets are available at $90 per person. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and program. We will honor our Alumni Achievement Award recipients and celebrate awarding $100,000 in scholarships.

Ring Ceremony

The annual ring ceremonies get larger with each year. It is a very special time of year when students invite family and friends to come and watch as they get their official Texas State ring and follow the long tradition of dipping their hands in the waters of the San Marcos River. Above, from left, Rob Prazak, Johnathan Nelson, Brandon Schawe, Kyle Hall and Israel Ruiz show off their new rings at the May ceremony.

Golf Tournament April 12

The Greater San Marcos Area Alumni Chapter’s 8th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, April 12, with tee off set for 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the golf tournament go to Texas State scholarships for area high school graduates. All alumni and friends are invited to participate, and various levels of sponsorship are available. Get your team together and join in this friendly rivalry! Contact Kevin Gilley at K.Gilley@txstate.edu for tournament information or if you would like to assist in planning this very successful event.
Ahrens visits Bobcat in China

While on a visit to China, Lynn Ahrens ’03 presented Tim Hilbert ’79 a flag from Texas State. Tim is the owner of Tim’s Texas Barbecue in Beijing and is opening Tim’s Texas Road House next to the new U.S. Embassy there. Tim’s daughter Heather graduated last year.

Coloradoans show Bobcat Spirit

Bobcats don’t come any more loyal than Steve ’79 and Grace “Kelly” ’81 McCullough. When they moved to Grand Junction, Colo., they could hardly bear to part with their Texas State license plate. So they got the next best thing. The McCulloughs relocated to Colorado from Houston two years ago. Both Steve and Grace are lifetime members of the Alumni Association and huge supporters of Bobcat football.

From the front

Bobcats serving overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq send their well wishes to family and fellow Bobcats back home:

Cmdr. Jerome Janus ’82 is currently serving in Afghanistan as the executive officer with the 2/205th Navy Embedded Training Team Qalat Garrison. This is his second recall to active duty since transferring to the Naval Reserves. Janus is a marine biology graduate, and when he is not “playing Navy” overseeing operations of FOB (Forward Operating Base) Apache or mentoring the Afghanistan National Army, he resides in San Diego, Calif., with his wife Tricia ’82, and son Will.

Sgt. John Peary ’03 is currently serving in Afghanistan on active duty with the 235th Military Police Company Army National Guard under the 82nd Airborne Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He became a nontraditional student at Texas State after serving four years in the Marine Corps. An industrial technology graduate and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, he re-enlisted in the Army National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan. Peary’s wish is a place or wall, possibly in the Alkek Library, devoted to alumni or students who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Robert Reed ’88 worked on his paddle ball skills while at Tallil AB, Iraq, near Nasiriyah, where he was chief of safety for the base. He is now retired and moved this summer from San Antonio to Houston to begin a new job.

Jose Carranza ’06 from Los Fresnos is serving as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army in Al-Kasik, Iraq.
Basic members

2000s
Shameca Ragan ’07, Waco, is a member of Gospel Expressions Association, IMPACT Movement and Unlimited Praise Ministry. Melissa Satterwhite Copp ’06, Hewitt, moved to the Waco area after graduating with a master’s in legal studies in December 2006.

Krista Brefogle White ’06, Bastrop, works as a technical writer for 21st Century Technologies in Austin.

Ryan Foster ’02, Lewisville, is pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of North Texas in the counseling program and has received a $20,000 graduate fellowship.

Jason Farrell ’00, Round Rock, married Andrea in 2006 and is working for Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative in Austin.

1990s
David DeLuca ’91, LaGrange, has been elected president of Texas State Teachers Association, Region 2, and served as the All-State Band coordinator for the Association of Texas Small School Bands 2005-07. He is looking forward to celebrating his 14th wedding anniversary to Kim. They have two children, Millicent, 17, and Christopher, 12.

1980s
Christine Boyett Barr ’86, Paris, Tenn., is a weekly columnist for the Paris Post-Intelligencer newspaper and is working on her first book.

Stewart Spencer ’84 & ’05, San Marcos, currently teaches English and civics to immigrants and specializes in financial literacy education.

Gerri Morgan Kilti ’83, Austin, recently relocated from Georgia.

1970s
Scott and LouAnn Frazier Medbury ’75, Sugar Land, have a son Warren who graduated from Texas State in May 2006 with a B.S. in computer science and applied mathematics.

Dennis Thumann ’75, Littleton, Colo., loves living in the Rocky Mountains with his three children, Aubree, 17, Abby, 12, and Andy, 10.

Joyce Marshall ’73, Mansfield, made a late-in-life career change six years ago to work for Glaxo Smith Kline. She has since been promoted to executive pharmaceutical sales representative, finished No. 2 in the region and was selected to the Regional Leadership Development Program for 2007.

1960s

Others

2000s
Jennifer Sutton ’07, San Antonio, will be attending Mercer University School of Law and expects to graduate in 2010.

Michelle Baier ’06, Kingwood, is currently attending graduate school at UT-Dallas in speech pathology and plans to graduate in December.

Ana Garza ’06, San Marcos, is currently attending Texas State, pursuing her master’s degree in legal studies. She plans to attend law school after she graduates in December.

Minh Nguyen ’06, Austin, will be participating in the 2007 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. She will be working as an assistant language teacher in Gifu Prefecture, Japan, for the next year.

Frank Bustos ’04, Austin, currently works as a financial adviser for AXA Advisers.

Brady Richeson and Rebecca Warner ’04, Canton, Ga., are excited to announce their engagement.

Jose Sosa ’04, San Antonio, is currently employed at UTHSC in San Antonio.

Laura Ascherl Dietert ’03 & ’05, Bellaire, served two months in Ecuador as a WorldTeach volunteer this summer as part of her commitment to education and public service.

Gina García ’03, San Antonio, currently attends nursing school in San Antonio and says she enjoys life.

Colin and Melissa Goodnight ’03, were married on Jan. 24, 2004, are living and working in Houston, and say they are on their way out of the Rat Race.

Jamie Kelly-McCord ’03, Richmond, welcomed a baby daughter, Gianna Benae, into her life a year ago.

Jackie DeVooight ’02, Temple, is happy to announce her engagement to be married and hoping for a long and happy life.

Marcy Young ’02, recently relocated to Houston to be the 5 a.m. producer at KHOU channel 11.

Trent and Kay Baker Jones ’01, Fort Worth, were appointed by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board on March 21 to serve as missionaries in South America. Trent will serve as strategy coordinator, and Kay will serve in communication outreach/development and ministry.

Melita Hohman Croom ’00, Kansas City, Mo., graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Public Administration degrees. She will begin a one-year appointment with the UMKC Drug Information Center as a fellow of drug policy development and management.

Charles Gruber ’00, San Antonio, is currently involved with the formation of a new community bank in San Antonio.

Kimberly Gunn ’00 & ’04, Gardnerville, Nev., completed her Master of Public Administration degree in 2004 and was awarded a management fellowship in Reno, Nev., by the International City/County Management Association. She currently manages the legislative program for the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Jeffery Hernandez ’00, Ft. Hood, deployed to Iraq and served as the aviation logistics officer in the 615th ASB, 1st Cavalry

Mark Reeve ’72 of Cuero was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Honor this summer. With a head coaching record of 156-31-4, Reeve holds the sixth all-time highest winning percentage among Texas coaches. His 16 years as a head coach have taken him to Victoria High, Pearsall West Senior High and Cuero High. In 33 years of coaching, he has also coached at Frisco High, Pearsall High, and San Antonio’s Southwest Jefferson and Clark high schools. In Pearsall, he coached current Bobcat Head Coach Brad Wright. Reeve and his wife Jan ’72, Cuero’s junior high principal, are parents of Travis ’98, an assistant coach at Cuero High, and Charlie ’04, running backs coach with the Bobcats. (Photo courtesy Cuero Record)
Division from February 2004 to March 2005. He is currently assigned as a troop commander in the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Hood.

Noelle St. Amant Joseph '00, Alexandria, Va., is working as a case manager for adults with mental retardation.

Ruben Quiroz '00, Moleworth, United Kingdom, currently serves as an intelligence officer at the Joint Analysis Center of the Royal Air Force. He, his wife Janice and daughter Alana Rochelle plan to return to the United States in 2010.

1990s

Hugo Gutierrez III '99, San Antonio, was named one of the "40 Under 40: San Antonio's Rising Stars" by the San Antonio Business Journal. He is currently the business development executive at Falcon International Bank and serves on the McCoy College's Latin American Business Program Advisory Council.

Lisa Yacso Overmyer '99, New Orleans, La., has been promoted to vice president of administration with Water & Energy Savings Corp.

Jessica Young '99, San Antonio, has been elected to the board of directors for the Housing Crisis Center. She currently is an associate in Thompson & Knight's Trial Practice.

Kimberly Lyle Bostian '98, Coppell, has been married for eight years and has a daughter who strives to be a Bobcat someday.

David and Heidi Nelson Knight '98, Buda, have two daughters, Payton, 5, and Avery, 1.

Matthew Leschber '98 and his family reside in Buda and own and operate 1836 Realty.

Lindsey Mask '98, Washington, D.C., is currently the press secretary for Rep. Buck McKeon (R-Calif.).

Michael and Megan Miller '98, Farmers Branch, have three dogs, Celsi, Millee and Beegirl, and Michael currently is an account executive for Maritz Travel.

Amber Presley '98, recently relocated to Austin from San Francisco.

Reymundo Chapa '97 & '05, Madison, Wis., currently attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison pursuing a Ph.D. in anthropology/archaeology focusing on the Andes of South America, primarily Peru and Bolivia.

Jeff Cook '97, San Antonio, was named one of the "40 Under 40: San Antonio's Rising Stars" by the San Antonio Business Journal. He is currently the regional CEO of United Healthcare.

John and Cheryl Flanders Fisher '97, Cypress, married in 1998 and have two sons. Cheryl is currently an elementary assistant principal with Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

Jennifer Rugg Haworth '97, Dallas, currently serves as the vice president, sales and marketing for WebCE, a company she has been with since 2001.

Peter and Jenny Vega '97, Burk Burnett, have three children, Alex, 8, and twins Luke and Lily, 2. Peter flies a T-37 with the United States Air Force.

Jeffrey Downey '96, San Ramon, Calif., has been awarded the professional insurance designation, chartered property and casualty underwriter, by the American Institute for CPCU. He is currently employed as assistant underwriting manager for Zenith Insurance Co.

Susan Lee '96, Cordova, Tenn., has been honored with the Nancy Guillary Award for 2007 by the Texas Association for Play Therapy.

Darrell Willingham '96, Houston, was recently hired by Access Sciences Corp. to serve as director of enterprise content and record management technology and principal consultant.

David Deaton '95, Houston, was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers for 2006 and is currently a partner in the Business Transactions Section of the Houston office of Jackson Walker.

Trace Joyce III '95, Lytle, was married in 2001 and welcomed his son Whitt in August 2004.

Robin Barrow '94, Dallas, has been named the vice president in the retail division with Colliers International. She has been honored with the Best Deals Awards by the Dallas Business Journal and was made a member of the President's Circle at the Weitzman Group. Robin is a member of the North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors and International Council of Shopping Centers and is involved with Common Cares Cancer Foundation.

Chris and Kimberly Hunse Murr '94, Frisco, were married Oct. 3, 2003, in Frisco. They have a son Landon, 2.

Evelyn Allen Smith '94, Lakeside, Calif., received a master's degree in audiology from California State-Northridge in 1994 and a doctorate of audiology in 2006. She currently works as an audiologist in San Diego.

Sherman and Kimberly Burgess Taylor '94, Manor, have two sons and a daughter. Kimberly is currently employed by Maximus and is also an adjunct instructor for the University of Phoenix-Austin. Her first book, Babes in Christ: A Handbook for Motivational Enlightenment, was published in January.

Armando Cortinez '93, Washington, D.C., was nominated by his Congressional representative to attend the two-day National Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., and currently works for the National Marrow Donor Program.

Pamela McClain '93 & '95, Austin, has been elected a shareholder with Clark, Thomas & Winters. She is board certified in personal injury law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Greg Nichols '93, Austin, has been promoted to senior associate with TBG Partners.

Frank Willis '93 & '97, Severna Park, Md., conducts medical research focused on contracture reduction in orthopedic and physical medicine.

Mike '96 and Thilde Tarver Smith '92, Round Rock, own a real estate brokerage office, and have two children, daughter Cloe, 10, and son Ty, 12.

Joseph and Adriana Dickerson '92, Laredo, have two sons, Andrew and Patrick. Joseph is an attorney, investor and entrepreneur and has published a book, The Road Map to Rich.

Robert and Toni Tirk Cypert '91, Haltom City, welcomed their son Anthony Otis in December 2002. Toni is a self-employed
artist, and Robert is active duty in the Army.

**Brad Nabors ’91**, Humble, and his wife have settled back in Texas after living in Moscow, Munich, Boulder, Palo Alto and Johannesburg, with their three children, Katie, 6, John, 4, and William, 1.

**Valerie Vogt Todorovich ’91**, Phoenix, Ariz., has been elected to Gust Rosenfeld, an organization that provides legal counsel to individuals, private and public corporations and governments.

**Scot Courtney ’90**, San Marcos, has a new book called *Student Body of Law for Texas: Everything College Students Need To Know about the Law* published by Palari Publishing.

**Margaret Roach Nollen ’90**, Marietta, Ga., recently joined H.J. Heinz Co. as vice president of investor relations. She is active with the National Investor Relations Institute.

### 1980s

**Jeffrey Herndon ’89 & ’93**, Rockwall, is an assistant professor of political science at Texas A&M-Commerce and has released the publication *Eric Voegelin and the Problem of Christian Political Order.*

**Kim Oles Newton ’89 & ’93**, Los Angeles, has one son, Oscar James, 18 months old.

**Allen Partridge ’89**, Indiana, Penn., has a new book available, *Creating Casual Games for Profit and Fun.*

**Barbie England-Russell ’88**, has relocated back to Austin to be near family.

**Ruben Esquivel Jr. ’88**, Houston, is a real estate broker with over 10 years’ experience with Cosmopolitan Realty.

**Karen Cooper ’87**, El Dorado, Ark., has been selected to receive the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Power of Art Award. She has two sculptures on display at the Wichita Center for the Arts, a portrait that is to become a part of the Clinton Collection at the Clinton Presidential Library and a sculpture displayed at the Dallas Museum of Contemporary Art.

**April Rodriguez Hendrix ’87 & ’95**, Austin, works for a government agency and is a personal life coach. She was married in 2005 and has cats.

**Bruce Smith ’87**, Houston, has been named the Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration. Bruce currently serves as the president of Safety Vision.

**Eric Wilson ’87**, Tulia, is currently the athletic director/head football coach at Tulia High School.

**Gary Parks ’86**, Bryan, teaches criminal justice at Bryan High School after working 17 years in the criminal justice system.

**Douglas Dickerson ’85**, Fulshear, is a senior executive recruiter specializing in finding engineers, executives and other employees for international drilling contractors and exploration and production companies. He and his wife live on a lake and enjoy traveling to Costa Rica to visit his father, who lives on a ranch high in the mountains.

**Matthew Wendel ’85**, Washington, D.C., has joined the Office of the Chief of Protocol as deputy assistant chief of protocol for visits at the White House, where he has served for the past six years.

**Fernando Quiz ’83**, Del Rio, says his daughter is continuing the Bobcat legacy after enrolling as a business major this fall.

**Marilyn Ruiz King ’81**, Newnan, Ga., has been a military wife for over 26 years. She and her husband plan to retire in two years.

**David Mendiola ’80**, Elkhart, Mo., has been appointed state district judge in Harris County by Gov. George Bush in 1996, was elected in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. He returned to private practice as associate general counsel for Cooper Industries in 2000. In January 2004 he returned to public service as the general counsel to Gov. Rick Perry. Currently David serves as a member of the Texas Supreme Court.

### 1970s

**Ann Ragsdale Duncan ’79**, Celeste, works for a small “at risk” alternative school in Garland. She and her son raise Corriente cattle for team roping. Ann enjoys camping and trail rides with her horses.

**Kenneth Kleid ’79**, Flower Mound, was active duty with the Air Force for 13 years, flying the F-111D, EF-111A and F-16C. He serves as a captain on the Canadair t700 for ASA (Delta connection). Currently Kenneth is deployed to Iraq with the Air National Guard.

**Andy and Edie Buffington ’72**, Hurst, report that their son Ryan has completed his final year of residency at Methodist Hospital in Houston as chief resident and will be opening his Buffington Family Medicine practice in January 2008. Their daughter Amanda enters law school this year, and Edie continues to teach special kids at Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD.

**Grace Louise Allen Jackson ’57 & ’59**, Springfield, Mo., announces the publication of her new historical adventure novel, *Exiled! From Tragedy to Triumph on the Missouri Frontier.*

**Charles Barsotti ’55**, Kansas City, Mo., 1995 Distinguished Alumnus, has published a new book of cartoons from the New Yorker magazine called *They Moved My Bowl.*

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Book your personal and business travel on our new travel website, [www.TxStateTravel.com](http://www.TxStateTravel.com)!

Every time you do, the Texas State Alumni Association will receive a portion of the travel commissions – at no additional cost to you. You get the same low rates offered by other travel websites while helping to raise funds for the Texas State Alumni Association. It’s that simple!
The Student Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted its twice-yearly Trading Up Day in May. Members handed out Texas State T-shirts to anyone who traded in a tee from another university. By the end of the day, the group had 12 tin trash cans full of "other" university tees to haul to Goodwill Industries of Austin, which shipped them to their El Paso facility. Faculty, staff and coaches help the students with this big event every year.

The Student Chapter had a joint mixer with the Greater San Marcos Chapter at Riley's Tavern in Hunter. A record crowd showed up for fierce games of washers and horseshoes. Mario Herrera and Keisha Quintero take aim.

Alumni in the Laredo area met at Jerry and Angie Sanchez's office for a reception for Dean Denise Smart of the McCoy College of Business Administration. The Sanchezes are both 1990 graduates, and Jerry's office is full of SWT and Texas State memorabilia.

Events held the second Thursday of each month

Alumni had a wonderful opportunity to meet anthropology professor Jerry Melbye as he talked about his research on the mummies from Guanajuato, Mexico, (page 14) and Texas State's new program on forensic anthropology.

Events held first Thursday of the month

The San Antonio Chapter hosted another highly successful wine tasting mixer at Bin 555 on the West Side in San Antonio. Chapter President Debbie Christensen arranged for a talk on wine by one of the staff's senior sommeliers.

Events held second Thursday of the month

Vern Seifert, retired chair of allied health sciences and health administration, and his wife Nancy Lee visited with Health Professions Dean Ruth Welborn, center, as she updated our San Marcos alumni on the new nursing program at the Round Rock campus.

The San Marcos Chapter joined forces with the Student Chapter to host and prepare food for the Charles S. Cock House Museum for its weekly Cottage Kitchen. From left are Marsha Moore '72, Sue Cole '72, Marian Loep '94, associate alumni director Kevin Gilley, student Raymond Martinez, Debbie Heinsohn '79, student Leah Gilbert, Robert Cotner '72 and student Mario Herrera. All proceeds from the day go to support preservation efforts of the San Marcos Heritage Association.
Alumni gather from all over Houston to attend mixers. Head Football Coach Brad Wright gave the Houston Bobcats an update on the 2007 Bobcat football team at Champp’s Americana.

Events held third Thursday of the month

Dallas area alumni turned out for the annual watermelon polo game at the home of chapter president Quinn Grayson.

Houston area alumni gathered recently at Texadelphia. From left above are Angela Childress, Lynn Kiesewetter, Karen Carr, Shawn McGinnis and Kim Wright.

Events held third Thursday of the month

For the next meeting of your area alumni chapter, click the chapters link at www.TxStateAlumni.org.

Texas State Alumni Association insurance

As an alum of Texas State, you may purchase a variety of high quality, competitively priced insurance products through the Texas State Alumni Association. These plans are administered by the Marsh Alumni Services. For more information on any of the plans listed below, contact Marsh directly at 888.560.2586.

Short-term medical

Are you between jobs? Or perhaps a recent grad? Chances are you’re in need of temporary medical insurance until you become part of an employer’s plan. The Short-Term Medical Plan provides comprehensive, temporary medical coverage.

Catastrophe major medical

While we like to think that it will never happen to us, a serious accident or illness could occur. Would your current health insurance or Medicare cover all of the expenses? The Catastrophe Major Medical Plan is designed to help pick up where your basic health insurance, or even Medicare, leaves off.

10-year term life

You may be thinking, I already have life insurance. Why would I need more? Chances are, you probably do not have enough. Financial experts recommend you have life insurance coverage equal to six times your annual income. The 10-Year Term Life Plan offers up to $1 million in coverage.

Auto/home

The Texas State Alumni Association has teamed up with Liberty Mutual to offer Texas State Alumni Group Savings Plus – a program that provides savings of up to 10 percent on your auto and home insurance. Group Savings Plus also features convenient automatic account deductions with no down payment or finance charges, as well as 24-hour claims and roadside assistance.

Disability income

You select a monthly benefit that’s best for you – up to $10,000 per month to help provide an income when a covered disabling accident or illness prevents you from working. All alumni of Texas State and/or spouses of alumni, under age 60, who have been actively working (at least 30 hours a week) are eligible to apply for the Group Disability Income Plan.

Long-term care

Private long-term care insurance pays many expenses not covered by Medicare and helps prevent you from having to “spend down” your assets, a prerequisite for Medicaid assistance. More importantly, it helps protect your freedom to choose a nursing home facility or home health care provider. That’s a liberty you may not have with Medicaid.

Medicare supplement

The Medicare Supplement program can help keep intact the savings you’ve spent a lifetime building in the event of a prolonged illness or a severe injury. The plan is designed to help cover those expenses not covered by Medicare.
Alumni Association Century Club

Alumni by choice
Mark and Jane Baxmann, Sugar Land | Mary Camden, Houston | Jerome Cates Jr., Houston | Frank and Alexis Christensen, Converse | Jonathan Christensen, Converse, is beginning his sophomore year at Texas State. | Charles Collins


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Evila Hernandez Ruiz told that to her nine children so many times that it became a mantra for the family. She said it, and they believed it. She instilled in them a belief that they could go to college, so they did, and seven of them came to Texas State.

Evila Ruiz did not go to college herself. Even though she loved to learn, she was forced to leave school at age 12 when her mother died to help rear her three siblings. She married and before long found herself the divorced mother of three daughters. She worked at whatever jobs she could find – cooking, housekeeping, cleaning – to feed her family. Her brother Arturo had four children when his wife died, and Evila soon was helping to rear those four as well – all in the same house, with one bathroom. She later married Jose Ruiz, a self-taught electrician and auto mechanic who ran the Spanish language movie theatre on the weekends, and they had six more children.

It was Evila’s yearning for education that fortified her determination that her children would have the education she was denied. “She made sure we knew about the world outside Lockhart,” says daughter Sylvia. “She bought us two or three newspapers at a time and every local Sunday paper. And a long list of magazines. At mealtime we talked about the books we were reading and about politics and the news, whatever was going on at the time. And then there was the encyclopedia….”

The family loves the story about the encyclopedia. It was the early 1960s when a predator salesman came to the door of their house they describe as “surrounded by dirt, chickens and dogs, with wall-to-wall kids.” He was selling the World Book Encyclopedia, and if she bought it that day, she would get a free portrait of President John F. Kennedy. “That sold it right there,” remembers son Richard. “We all worked that summer picking cotton. She saved her money and ours, and the books arrived. She didn’t really want to tell Dad about them, so she hid them under my uncle’s bed and brought them out one at a time.”

“But what a revelation for us!” says Joe Albert. “They opened to us a world we didn’t know existed.”

Evila helped her children with their homework and made sure they did it. She became a regular visitor to their schools, elementary through high school, checking with teachers on their progress. And when they finished high school, they would go to college.

“There was some subtle but clear way that she set up the expectation that we were going to college,” remembers son Rudy. “We accepted it as naturally as if we had been told there was a 13th grade after the 12th.”

She and Jose did whatever jobs they had to do to make college happen. Her brother Oscar helped. Siblings helped siblings. Of Evila’s nine children, seven graduated from Texas State – Emily (Cole) ’63, Susie ’72, Rudy ’74, Philip ’75, Richard ’76, Joe Albert ’81 and Sylvia ’85. The other two, Juliette (Vira) and Virginia (Yanez), went to business college. Together Juliette and Virginia have seven children – all of whom graduated from college. Emily, Susie, Rudy, Philip and Richard have master’s degrees as well; Susie also has a law degree; Emily’s two boys are college graduates; and Philip’s daughter Caitlin is now a Texas State student. As Juliette’s son John says, “We were programmed from day one to go to college!”

Reflecting on the life of her mother, who died in 2002, daughter Emily says, “It’s amazing the influence that one forward-thinking woman can have on the lives of so many. We all realize that by living our lives just half as well, and as unselfishly as Mother did, we can pay this forward for generations to come.”

“Ours is the story of one family, but it could be anyone’s story,” says Rudy. “There’s no big secret – just believe you can do it.”

“And despite whatever social, economic, cultural, racial and academic obstacles that have to be overcome – never, ever quit,” adds Philip. ★
Blue October’s Foiled soars

Rock band Blue October’s latest album Foiled went platinum and clinched the No. 1 spot on the VH1 Top 20 countdown this spring, remarkable feats accomplished by the talented quintet that includes Texas State alumnus C.B. Hudson ’99 of San Marcos.

Hudson calls the group’s music an amalgamation of hard rock, jazz, blues, classical music, funk and R&B. “Whenever we write, we don’t think about genres, we don’t think about radio, we don’t think about writing — the word we don’t like to say — a hit,” he said. “We just write music from the heart.”

Hudson had a B.S. in psychology with a minor in business and was enrolled in the M.B.A. program when he was having lunch one day at the Kismet (which means “fate”) Café in San Marcos. “(Blue October vocalist) Justin Furstenfeld walked in and sat on a table,” Hudson recalls. “That’s when I presented him my demo.”

Although nine hours short of an M.B.A., Hudson is glad he enrolled. “The Texas State M.B.A. program had an emphasis on team effort. That has prepared me to be in a band because we are all a team — and it taught me a good work ethic,” he said.

has been living and teaching in Arlington for the past 10 years and is currently teaching second grade in Mansfield ISD.

Melissa Lawson Del Gaudio, Austin | Sharla Walker DeMedeiros, Austin | Christy Hebert Fargo, Cypress | Edmund Galvan, Austin | Ryan Lynch, Piano | Janice Paniego, Barrow, Alaska, is the finance director for the city of Barrow. She has grandchildren, loves camping and is elated the sun came up in January 2007 after having set in November 2006. | Debbie Peden, Cedar Park | Sonya Pruski, Stockdale | Cynthia Sadler, Austin | Rodney Schwarzo, Seguin | Kimberly Nelson and Ronnie Selsor, San Antonio | Stephen Touchet, Austin | John Walker, Dallas


Gregory Adams, Garland | Michael Bomar, Austin | Kellie Bryson, Johnson City | Andrew and Rebecca Rich Cable ’98, Wimberley. Andrew is a professional mediator for Omni Dispute Resolution, and Rebecca is a sales manager for Ballay Pharmacy Co. | Erik Chahi, La Vernia | James Griffin, San Antonio | Jennifer Stapleton Hanley, Jacksonville, Fla. | Ty and Andrea Jones ’94 Henderson, Rockwall | Judy Thornton Keller, Sugar

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deer Antelope | 9

Mary Fonseca and Justin Alexander ’98, Harlingen | Mary Ann Bourlon, Seguin | Fred Cook III, Yoakum | Kelly Kingsbury-Munoz, Humble | Leslie Warley and Brandon Morris ’99, Round Rock | Angela Schauer, Katy | Edwin Stuart, Austin

Derek Biasiolli, Saint Louis, Mo. | Joan Meadows Bond, Dallas | Scott Daniels, Katy | James Gay and Elsie Mock ’04, Austin | Melba Gonzalez, Harlingen | Doris Hug, Austin | Terry Pearson Morales, San Marcos | Alice Nance, Austin | Mark Passmore, San Antonio | Stacey Reed, Dallas | Zada True Takao, San Antonio | Julie Cannaday Thomas


Land | Kimberly Lambert Layton, Avondale, Ariz. | David Lindeman, Colorado Springs, Colo. | Kimberlyn Hays and Troy Moldenhauer ’97, Schertz | Kevin and Amy ’93 Norris, Houston | Kevan and Kelly Peek ’93 Price, New Braunfels | Brian South ’92 & ’95, Austin | Vincent Williams is an Air Force veteran stationed in Izmir, Turkey, and assigned to the NATO CIS Services Agency
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Maroon and gold on the border

Gilbert Rodriguez of Del Rio has taken on Texas State's HSI status as a personal challenge.

One of the university's goals is to become a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by 2012, which means that 25 percent of undergraduate enrollment must be Hispanic by then. Rodriguez is helping to make it a reality.

In 2005, he and David Howard '91 founded the Del Rio Bobcat alumni group, which hit the ground running. In their first year, the group gave four $500 scholarships to area students, donated $1,000 to the Texas State band, hosted the Texas State salsa, jazz and mariachi bands for a Del Rio concert and paid for lodging, held an engineering summit across the border in Acuña with two Texas State professors and toured Mexican manufacturing plants with them, joined Texas State recruiters at the local high school, encouraged the local bank president to hire more Texas State graduates and cooked for Texas State students on a nearby anthropology field trip.

The following year they increased the number of scholarships to eight, hosted two fundraisers, brought members of the Acuña city staff and maquiladora owners to campus to tour science facilities and meet faculty, hosted a symposium on “Water and Population in Growing Border Cities” with 10 science and engineering faculty from Texas State and civic leaders on both sides of the border, and connected with alumni in El Paso, Eagle Pass and Laredo to begin a Bobcat Border Alliance.

Rodriguez is used to making things happen. He took over his family business, Del Rio Welders Equipment, when his father died unexpectedly in 1992 and has transformed it, with the help of his brother Charlie, into a high-tech company, expanding into Mexico with annual sales of $5 million. He branched into other industrial gases and equipment, safety equipment, power tools, generators and propane equipment. The company is now licensed by the Food and Drug Administration to provide medical gases and supplies Laughlin AFB, the largest pilot training base in the Air Force, with aviator breathing oxygen, meeting the toughest military standards.

The successful businessman and community activist admits that he was not always a go-getter. “I was not gifted in academia,” he says with a grin. “I graduated from high school about 325th out of 450 or so.”

He spent two years at Laredo Junior College and then transferred to Texas State, where his sister Diana '77 was already enrolled. “That first semester, I flunked out of every class, including handball!” he says. He sheepishly returned to Del Rio and got an ultimatum from his father – “This is your last chance!”

Rodriguez credits Celia Morgan, who retired in 1994 as a distinguished professor of economics emerita, with “lighting a fire under me.” Several other faculty helped with the transformation, he says, naming Randall Bland, Ted Hindson, Dan Farlow and Richard Henderson, political science, and Robert Galván and James Champion, modern languages. He graduated in 1979 with a double major in political science and Spanish.

Returning to Del Rio, he didn’t have the heart to ask his father to send him to law school, so he started working in the family business. Gilbert Sr. had begun working as a delivery and route driver with Laredo Welders Equipment in 1956. Seven years later, with news of the pending construction of Amistad Dam, the company owner asked him if he would move to Del Rio and manage a store there. He did and then bought it in 1976, while Gilbert Jr. was in college.

Soon after Gilbert Jr. began work, he talked his father into opening a second store in Eagle Pass. A third came in 1993 in Ciudad Acuña, in anticipation of five coal-fired power plants that were to be built southwest of Piedras Negras. That store now provides industrial supplies to 1,500 manufacturers in and near Acuña.

The construction of Amistad Dam brought the Rodriguez family to Del Rio, where Gilbert Rodriguez now operates one of his three industrial supply stores. When not working, he’s an active recruiter for Texas State.

All three Rodriguez sons go to Texas State – Alan, left, Gilbert III, front, Carlos Dante, back, shown here with Dad ’79.

National chains have made countless offers for the company, but Rodriguez insists that “this is a family business.”

To Rodriguez, being in business in the community means being involved in the community. He’s been a baseball and soccer coach and scout leader for his three sons; he’s on the boards of the San Felipe Country Club, Del Rio National Bank and the Shumla School, which sponsors educational programs on environment and cultural heritage.

Rodriguez’s wife Genevieve is a bilingual education teacher. Their three boys are now at Texas State – Gilbert III, senior criminal justice and Spanish major; Alan, junior anthropology major, and Dante, sophomore industrial engineering major.

Rodriguez’s efforts at helping reach the HSI goal, along with other initiatives at the university, are paying off. This fall, 23 percent of undergraduate students – and 25 percent of new freshmen – are Hispanic. ✯
Rhonda Woodard ’85 & ’89
Dallas, Westmoreland, San Angelo, Cameron, Fla.

Rebecca Chizak ’85 & ’89
Hanover, Pa.

Jennifer Gentry Jr. ’84
Cibolo, N.M.

Liliane LeBlanc ’85 & ’89
Panama City, Fla.

Lori Jeanne Smith ’85 & ’89
San Marcos, Buda, Round Rock, Fry ’90

William Butler, Cibolo

Cindy Skrла ’84 & ’87 and Joseph
Campbell ’01, Houston, Randall

Deavers ’84 & ’94, Georgetown

Logan Giesie, Wharton

Sandra Michalewicz ’84 & ’91, San Marcos

Paul Neilson, New Braunfels

Lynette Baldwin Pierson, West Linn, Ore.

John Rodriguez, Wimberley

Mike Russell Sr., Wimberley

Ernestine Kapavik

Sutherland, Kerrville

Charlene Baca, Austin

Charlene Baccus, Bedford

Brent Barrett, Industry

James Black, Ramona, Calif.

Andrew Burnett, The Woodlands

Jesse Ellison, San Antonio

Terry Martinez and Richard Fernandez, Del Rio

Daniel Gunter, Canyon Lake

Teresa Hardy-Homan, Suwanee, Ga.

Jeannine Wogan Henry, Houston

Mark and Linda Renfro

Jalufka, San Marcos, Paige

Lueking, Dallas

Cheryl Moore ’83 & ’90, Georgetown

Mark and Theresa Geiser ’84 Rose, Fort Lavaca

Cynthia Alexander-Garrett, San Antonio

Wesley and Libby Lowe ’83 Box, Austin

Harold Doty, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Paul Duffy, Austin

Douglas Foshee, Houston

Donald and Cynthia Aki ’84 Heath, Live Oak

Charles Lemos, Atlanta, Ga.

Linda Moreno Maldonado, Austin

Cynthia Moreno, San Marcos

Paul Morin, Cedar Park

Corise Coryell and Paul Morrison ’83, Boerne

Sandra Baumgart Ottmers, Boerne

Jacqueline Wilkinson Ross, Houston

Keith Scharnhorst, Grandview

Elizabeth Wilson, Anchorage, Alaska

John Wisneski, Houston

Lillie Cundiff and Christian Cruz

Bobcat weddings

As reported between Jan. 1 and Aug. 17, 2007

Marcelo Castaneda ’00

Ashley Patton, June 30, Richardson

Christopher Cortez and Keely

Jalowy ’04, Jan. 27 Wallis

Luis Guevara and Gloria De

La Cruz ’95, May 19, San Antonio

Jack Hughes ’02

Charlotte Squier, March 4, League City

Gouss Joseph and Noelle St.


Matthew Jones ’04 and Lora

McElreath ’05, April 28, Waco

Casey Koehn ’99 and Deluca

Goonesekera, May 12, Houston

Gavin Lewis and Anisa Farro

’04, May 18, Austin

James and Stephanie

Tucker Lindler ’05, Dec. 21, Charleston, S.C.

Christopher Motal ’00 and

Jill DeShano, April 21, South Bend, Ind.

Jason Sims and Stacey Niles

’05, June 2, San Antonio

‘86, Garland | Dwight and Ruth

Arledge Dalrymple, Richmond

Kelly Phillips Emery, Cleveland

Debra H erauf Forst, Bartonville

Maria Gomez ’81 & ’87,

New Braunfels | Sally Luttrel, Richardson

Mark and Jana

Beard Mayfield, Marble Falls

Larry Patrick, Boerne | Steve and

Cindy Vallandingham ’84 Peirce,

San Antonio | Lucille Picard, Fair

Oaks Ranch | Susan Hobson

Pickering, South Pasadena, Calif.

Jandis Price ’81 & ’82, Dallas

Susan Saenz-Solis ’81 & ’94, San Antonio | Roger Souders, Spring

Martin Stalnaker, Houston | Mark

Westerbeck, Stafford, Va.

Jeannie Meyer Wood ’81 & ’83, Highland

works for NASA and is a single

mom living in the Houston area with

two boys, ages 15 and 13, two dogs

and a horse.

Grady Adams, San Antonio

Jeffrey Avant, Dilley | Wilbert

Blayney, San Antonio

Matt Cawthon, Waco, 2001

Distinguished Alumns | Julie

Downey, McQueeny | Moses

Escobedo, San Antonio | Mark and

Sharon Handrick ’85 Hampton,

New Braunfels | Bryan Hart,

Baltimore, Md. | Kari McCauley

Hollway, Houston | Mary Clay and

Randall Hoyer ’81, Columbus

Michael Kase ’80 & ’84, Austin

Richard Martin ’80 & ’82, McAllen

Timothy Orem, San Antonio

Virginia Dunne Price, Mineral

Point, Mo. | Charles and Janet

Moehlin Proschoko, Yoakum

William Rundhaug, Bastrop

Gregory Spears, Victoria

Lila Aguirre ’78 & ’86, San Antonio

Frank Arnold, San Antonio

Kimberly Banks Beckman,

San Antonio | Paul and Donnita

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Trinity, born to Tracy ‘92 and Tanya Cerna
Beach ‘93, March 29, 2006, Dallas
Virginia to Greggory and Patrick Burk, grandparents Jerry ‘69 and Linda Gregg
Fields ‘66, Aug. 11, Houston
Lark Kathleen to Scott and Kelly Nelson
Feille ‘03, March 15, Fort Worth
Gita Jayanti to Jessica and John Guerra ‘66,
Jan. 3, Westlake, Ohio
Julia Belle to Kevin and Jennifer Stapleton
Hanley ‘92, March 19, Jacksonville, Fla.
Dylan Samuel, to Charlotte and Jack
Hughes ‘02, June 29, 2006, Houston
Abigail Shay, to James and Stephanie
Tucker Lindler ‘05, May 18, Charleston, S.C.
Justin Carl to Justin and Natalie Bethel
Long ‘99, Feb. 15, San Antonio
Cristian Alejandro to Ronnie and Francis
Vasquez Lopez ‘02, Feb. 19, Austin
Kiya Jordan to Ashley and Kevin Moore ‘02,
Dec. 12, Sugar Land
Jackson Lee to Jeff ‘96 and Jessica Moore
Mieschien ‘03, March 30, 2006, San Antonio
Carter to Sean and Jill Enders Moran ‘01,
Aug. 23, 2006, San Antonio
Lucy Elizabeth to Jill and Scott Purcell ‘87,
Jan. 20, Urbandale, Iowa
Brice Martin, born July 19, 2004, and
Brinkley Morgan, born Dec. 20, to Darold
and Tami Rice Reeves ‘90 & ‘98, San
Marcos
Jack Ryan to Ryan and Lea McCormack
Robinson ‘97, June 21, 2006, San Antonio
Nicholas William to Greg and Annette
Grandy Royal ‘03, March 23, Austin
Robert Dane to Patti and Mike Stockman
‘90, March 21, 2006, Houston

Baby Bobcats As reported to Alumni Relations between Jan. 1 and Aug. 17, 2007

Hamby Branch, Cypress | Lee and
Dawnelle Phillips ‘82 Doughtie, Austin | Keith Dunn ’79 & ’83, San
Antonio | Cathy Bizzell Green ‘79 &
‘80, Bellevue | Leroy Hardy, Incline
Village, Nev. | Claude Hippard, Houston | Linda Stevenson and
Dennis Powers ‘81, Austin | David
and Jill ‘95 Ralph, New Braunfels
| Andrew Roberts, Houston

Wendy Bennett, Irving | Charles
Bird, Corpus Christi | Kathleen
Bishop ‘78 & ’89, Austin | Michael
and Dianne Hunt Bowman, Houston
| Joseph Brandesky Jr. ‘78 & ’82, Lima, Ohio | Phillip
Clampitt, De Pere, Wis. | Barbara
Reid Falkenhagen, Galveston
| Debra Faubion, Galveston | W.P.
Hayes, San Marcos, has owned and
operated Smiling Eyes Photo
Gallery in Guerne for 32 years.
He also owns Guerne River Inn, a
14-room inn on the Guadalupe
River. | James Hudson, Austin | Jon
Moore, San Marcos | Bobbie
Dreiss Morgenroth, Missouri City
| Joseph Niland Jr. | Lynette O’Briant ‘78 & ’90, El
Campo | Monte Pitman, Kerrville
| Nancy Flick Riley, San Antonio
| Robert Seals, Riverside, Calif.
| Catherine Shippy Tedrick, Denton

Antonio Collazo, Chester, Va.
| Jerry Haecker, San Antonio | George
Koplos, Goshen, Ky. | Clayton Pick, Temple
| Pedro Saenz, Aurora, Colo. | Charles
and Vicki Bourgeois Sandburg,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Leslie Kiefer Amann, Houston
| Stephen and Michelle Yager
Braden, Bryan | James Chiles
III, The Woodlands | Edward
Dvoracek Jr., Waco | Jim Mzurek,
Boerne | Nancy Jungman and
Monte Nusbaum, San Marcos
| George Pena, Mission | Joe
Powera, Houston | Thomas
Pressley, Pleasant Hill, Calif.
| Robyn Reynolds, Orange Grove
| Salvatore Sberna, Las Vegas, Nev.
| Phil Seidenberger, Seguin
| Richard Walla, Cypress

Shirley Ford Burton ‘75 & ’89, Austin
| Paul Cecil ‘75 & ’77, Round
Rock | Lois Pressler Duewalt,
Helotes | Moor ‘80ers, Hondo
| Donna Ford ‘75 & ’76, Buda | Nancy
Wyatt Jurecka ‘75 & ’77, Weimar
| Howard Kleinecke, Victoria
| Scott and Lou Ann Frazier Medbury,
Sugar Land | Robert Pascasio ‘75 & ’94, Austin
| Charles Repka, Inez
| Charles Rufe, San Antonio
| Rolando Salinas, Saint Louis, Mo.
| Mark Ulrich, La Grange | Ernest
Zernial Jr., San Antonio

Mary Borm, San Marcos | Elaine
Nipper Cervantes, San Antonio
| Tom and Laketa Toelner ‘75
Dennis, El Campo | Elizabeth
Perrenot Heinemann, Hempstead
| Drexel Johnson, Austin | James
Kosub, Eldorado | Margaret
Langford, San Antonio | Alan
Moore, Austin | Robert Robson,
Universal City | Juan Salas ‘74 & ’77, San
Antonio | Wanda
Riedel Sdao, Sugar Land | Alfred
Villarreal, San Antonio | Charles
Wueste, Baytown

Margaret Sweeney ‘73 & ’76
and Dennis Dunn, San Marcos.
Margaret is a 1999 Distinguished
Alumna. | Elaina Gluckzin, Bryan
| Joyce Marshall, Mansfield | Leon
Rosen, Killeen | Vaughn Smith,
Dripping Springs | Richard Yoe, Las
Vegas, Nev.

David Bludau, Austin | Jimmy
Duecker, Stonewall | Alvin Frerich,
Red Rock | Lydor and Oscar
Galvan ‘78, Buda | Elsie Short
and Edmond Gille Jr., Houston
| Cecil Kelley, Live Oak | Dennis
Krackau, San Marcos
| Tommy
Levisay, Bangs | Thelma Bailey ‘72
& ’80 and James Long Jr. ‘73, San
Antonio | Joe and Lisa Rosborough
‘76 Pfau, Bellare | David Robinson
‘72 & ‘73, Austin | Ronny Sacks,
Round Top | Ruben Whitney, San
Antonio

Alter Holand, McAllen | Mary Ann
Johnson, Austin | Ronald ‘71 & ’80
and Glenda Davee ‘73 Morrison,
Round Rock | John Schott, San
Marcos, is a 2001 Alumni
Achievement Award recipient.

David Boyd, Wimberley | Dennis
and Emily Leffler ‘71 Burk, Bedford
| Michael Coyle ‘70 & ’75, Katy
| Janice Dyer, San Antonio
| Michaelyn Dixon Emmons, Garland
| John Fitzgibbon Jr., Laredo
| Clyde and Judy Cervenka
Gottshall, Temple | Pat Hoffmann,
San Antonio | Bill and Ellen Binnion
Hudnell, San Antonio | Candice
Gibbons and Billy Mikeska ‘71,
San Angelo | Beverly Bosworth
‘70 & ’80 and Lawrence Pesek ‘71,
Fredericksburg | Ronald Philo ‘70 & ’73, San
Antonio

Homer Bludau, Newport Beach,
Calif. | Wayne Brascomb, Horseshoe
Bay | Bertha Estes, Port Isabel
| Paula Mace Fisher ‘69 & ’00,
San Marcos | Cindi Dunn and
Dennis Gorka ‘71, Richmond
| Patricia Hemsell, Dallas | Jo ‘69
& ‘74 and Conrad Housler ‘76
& ’79, San Antonio | Darrell Hunt,
Lubbock, is the current head coach
for girls track and JV basketball
and a biology teacher at Monterey
High School. His wife Melynn is
the assistant athletic director for
Lubbock ISD. Their two sons are
coaches and teachers — Doug in
Georgetown and Kyle in Godley.
| Bruce Lockhart, San Marcos | John
Marambio ‘68 & ’70, San Diego,
Calif. | Roy Meyer, Temple

Eddie Dunn, Corpus Christi.
| Sidney and Ann Natho Hathaway,
Peoria, Ariz. | Emil Stavinoha,
Castroville | Janet Kahl Van
Eman, Midland | Truett Whitmire,
Jourdanton | John ‘68 & ’71 and
Connecting with alumni: Lindsay Johnson’s story

by Susan Rauch

S taying connected is what Lindsay Johnson strives to do as a lifetime member of the Texas State Alumni Association. A former president of the association’s Student Chapter, Lindsay graduated from Texas State last spring and moved to Houston, but her involvement with the university continues. “I still want to maintain a permanent connection to my university, as well as make a contribution that would support future students. Even though I am not in San Marcos to see the great changes first hand, I will remain tied to Texas State through my membership,” she says. Lindsay recently took a giant step in solidifying that connection by becoming a Lifetime Alumni Member.

This year the Alumni Student Chapter begins its third year, and Lindsay was involved with the organization from its conception. She started out as chapter treasurer and worked her way up to president. Starting and developing a new organization was a lot of work, she says, but making that “one big footprint on campus” was worth it. That “one big footprint” was made when the chapter started Trading Up Day, where students trade a T-shirt from another university for a Texas State tee. The event started a new tradition with the chapter creating a huge impact with students. Lindsay said, “Seeing the reaction of students on campus with school spirit and wanting to get involved was incredible.” Students began associating the Trading Up Day with the Alumni Student Chapter, which also gets involved with other events throughout the year such as Homecoming and Bobcat Build. Lindsay believes that connecting with an organization on campus is vitally important — a good “breather” from studies — and allows students to develop new peer relationships and connect with others not in their major field or school.

Lindsay took a job in Houston with Merrill-Lynch Commodities as a senior specialist, a position where she had to learn “a whole new business.” The most challenging parts of leaving school and working full time are “adjusting to the real world” and living on a set “time schedule,” she says. “I’m still doing homework!” She hopes to stay faithful to her plan of reconnecting with alumni friends and wants to become involved with the Houston Alumni Chapter.

Lindsay says her experience as an officer with the Student Chapter allowed her to implement the leadership skills and character qualities needed to be successful in the real world. She emphasizes to students how important getting connected is. “Connections are something you will have for the rest of your life,” she says, “whether they are through relationships at school or work. Staying connected is the key that will open many new doors that last a lifetime.”
Friends we will miss

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Pedro Abrigo '63
Mary Adams '42 & '45
Margaret Albritton '40
Carl Allred '70
Nathan Altman '04
Carl Anderson
Rejoice Andrews '84
John Arkwright '49 & '53
Hazel Hofheinz Arnold '30
Hazel Arrington '41
Martha Barker Arrington '33 & '43
Brenda Atkins '71
Ruby Allee Avant '49
William Avey '24 & '38
Faye Baird
Chester Baker '58
Paulina Browner Baldwin '42
Vance Baldwin '49
Searcy Barber '39
Louise Barden '41
Ellis Barnett '13
Lorenna Sudduth Barnett '41
Florence Barr '70
John Barron '31
Waller Bartels
Ada Barton '49
Amy Bart '98
Horace Bates '41
Jesse Bates '35 & '59
John Baugh
Kayte Bean '85
Tempe Speck Beasley '36
Gil Becker
Joshua Beierman '05
August Benner '40
Horace Bennett '49 & '50
Robert Bennett '32 & '40
Carl Bergquist
Connie Bevii
David Biggers '94
Stanislaus Bily '37
Bill Black '72
Franklyn Bliss '50
Barbara Bliss '99
O.P. (Bob) Bobbitt
Juanita Petermann Bode
Jack Boggus '78
James Boggart '91
Marjorie Borscheme '75
Paul Bowen '42
John Brandtstader '34 & '40
Ronald Breeden
Mary Breeding '42
Marion Brieger '42
Emely Brooks '50
Gary Brown '68
Jeraldeen Brown '41
Joyce Brown '43
Nell Brabaucl '36
Tom Brundrett '75
Vivian Lane Bryan '59
Melva Robinson Burge '38
Hattie Hodges Burke '42 & '51
Myrtle Hornsby Callan '42
Dorothy Campbell '44
Katherine Berkley
Cannon '54
Paul Carlisle '47 & '50
Hollis Henderson Carroll '40
Cheryl Leblanc Carter '87
Jennifer Carter
Roberto Castro '56 & '58
Martha Carroll Cervenka '63
Truett Chance '36
Albert Chovanec '41 & '42
Julia Chovanec '41
John Church '81
LaNeta Cieliekie '92
Lecia Vivian Clay '39 & '40
Annie Crecrom
Cleveland '43
Edward Click III '79
Alton Cobb '63
Scott Cockrell Jr. '39 & '41
Thomas Coers '49
Jeffery Grubbs
Gloria Compean Guajardo '86
Gary Gummelt '74
Connie Gustafson '82 & '85
Louis Gutting
Priscilla Alger Guylor '32
Ted Haase '47
Ed Hamilton
George Hammerschmidt '91
Karen Gorka
Hammerschmidt '91
Robert Hamrick '78
Marilyn Hansen '87
Virginia Stephens Haralson '41
Ruben Faselar '39 & '47
John Faulk
Stephen Fay '47 & '50
John Fisher '76
JoAnn Cravens Ford '55
Mary Yarbrough Foreman '74
Russell Forest '34
Morris Franklin '38
William Gangel
Sam Gardner
Susie Gardner '62
Doris Askey Garner '22
Geraldine Hester Gary '39
Isie Gimp
Reynaldo Gomez '71
John Gonder '38 & '40
Erwin Graeter '42
Chuck Graham '79
Lessie Graham '85
Andrew Graves
Dorothy Henderson
Howard Henderson '62
Larry Herber '74
Nathan Herzog '05
Jody Bell Hess '96
John Hess '60
Alfred Hill
David Hulgard
Bryan Hogan '95
Janice Horne '34
Eunice Houston
Douglas Huddleston '98
Justine Schraub Huey '49
Jefferson Humphries '90 & '94
O.C. Jackson '50
William Jackson '77
Clare Jaks '30 & '46
Mary Gill Johnson
Carmen Johnson '88
Christopher Johnson '92
Claudia Taylor (Lady Bird) Johnson
Tracy Johnson '89
Colby Jonas '05
Dennis Jones '83
Horace Jones '79
William Jordan Jr. '50