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NEWSLETTER

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Thousands of Aggies, friends and families have visited the BONFIRE MEMORIAL since its dedication.

HOWDY!

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is the year 2005? And what a year it will be – full of renewing old acquaintances, reminiscing and creating new memories. Sounds fun, doesn't it? Well, you can do all that and more at our upcoming 25th Anniversary Reunion (is it here already?). We know these thoughts did cross your mind... "We're too young!"... "How could this be!" Well it's true - we've been out of A&M for 25 YEARS (shhh...we won't tell anyone if you won't)! We have officially earned the title of "Old Ags".

Planning for such an eventful occasion takes a lot of time and months of preparation, so once again we are asking for your help in making this our most memorable Reunion yet. If you did not receive the Reunion survey

included within by email, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and send us your thoughts. The weekend has been set for **September 16-18, 2005 (SMU game)**, so mark your calendars and start saving your pennies to come back to Aggieland for our 25th Reunion - you won't want to miss it!

As always, we love hearing your news, so please let us know where you are and what you're doing. We haven't heard from some of you in awhile; keep those emails, cards and letters coming!

Look for Reunion details at www.AggieNetwork.com/Reunions on the Class of '80 link. Hotel information is currently posted. Reserve your room today!

Your faithful Class Agents,
Bill, Patty and Sara

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PES & CLASS GIFT UPDATE

CLASS OF '80 CLASS GIFT

The Class of '80 President's Endowed Scholarship is much more than the money that enables a qualified student to receive a four-year scholarship to the school we all think so grand. It involves touching someone's life in a way somehow that would otherwise not be possible.

Jason Schall '02, our previous PES recipient, is in his final year of law school at Columbia Law School in New York. Jason maintains regular contact with us even though he graduated nearly three years ago. Recently, Jason reflected upon the Bonfire Memorial and what it meant to him. We wanted to take this opportunity to share his thoughts with you.

Dear Aggie friends,

Five years ago, many of our lives changed forever. When Bonfire fell and 12 members of our Aggie family died, everything else in life seemed so irrelevant, so meaningless. Back in November 1999, we were faced with our darkest day and toughest challenge. The response of all Aggies and all those Texans familiar with the University was indeed inspiring.

The first time I get to see the Bonfire Memorial, I will surely be struck by the doorway for Michael Ebanks, a high school friend, opening up in the direction of our hometown, Carrollton. But it is the symbolism of the Memorial as a whole - the unity, the Aggie family, the love we have for one another and the special bond that we share - that will forever remain with me. On cold nights here in New York, that community keeps me warm.

While most of my Classmates here cannot grasp what Bonfire was (one of my friends tried to compare it to a bonfire they have at Dartmouth) or how much the tragedy effected all of us, they can all recognize something special about A&M. They can see it in the ring I wear, the t-shirts I proudly boast, the football games I fly across the country to attend, the countless Aggie friends that have visited me in NYC, and perhaps most tellingly, my often times illogical defense of it all.

I took that community that each of you shared with me in some way for granted back then, with everyone so close by. Whether we cut down trees, played football, or just sat around talking, it seemed like those times would never end. Living half a country away from home and those that you are closest to, however, certainly bring things into perspective today.

It's that community that makes us strong and that appeared so powerfully five years ago. Sure, we don't all see the world through the same colored lenses, but the beauty of it is that, on occasion, none of that matters. We aren't Republican or Democrat, nerdy engineer or slimy lawyer, we are Aggies - true to each other as Aggies can be. And whether you loved Bonfire or hated it, it fostered that community.

At the end of the semester last spring, my buddy Matt drove all the way from Dallas to New York to pick me and all of my stuff that wouldn't fit on an airplane up at school. He made the drive in 28 hours flat. It was stupid, no doubt, and in the end, it cost us a whole lot more than it would have to buy a plane ticket and just ship my stuff across the country. But it was never about getting home. No, that trip was about the community that shared experiences bring you. We drove across the country in 5 days, and neither of us will ever forget it. Extend that out a few months and you begin to see what Bonfire was really about. Sure, parts of building Bonfire were stupid and immature and at times made me feel distant from some of the other people out there. Many Aggies felt this way. But the end goal wasn't about a fire or any stack of logs - it was about one another.

And it still is.

On this night, five years after tragedy struck our campus, I ask you not to dwell on the pain or debate about whether there should be a Bonfire in the future. Instead, celebrate that community that makes being an Aggie so great and so envied across the country. Celebrate what we gained from the sacrifice, however unnecessary, of our 12 peers that died that night: a realization like no other that Texas A&M is a special place, and nobody can take that away from us. I think that's how they would want it to be.

In remembrance,
Jason D. Schall '02

PES & CLASS GIFT CONTINUED ON PAGES 3-4

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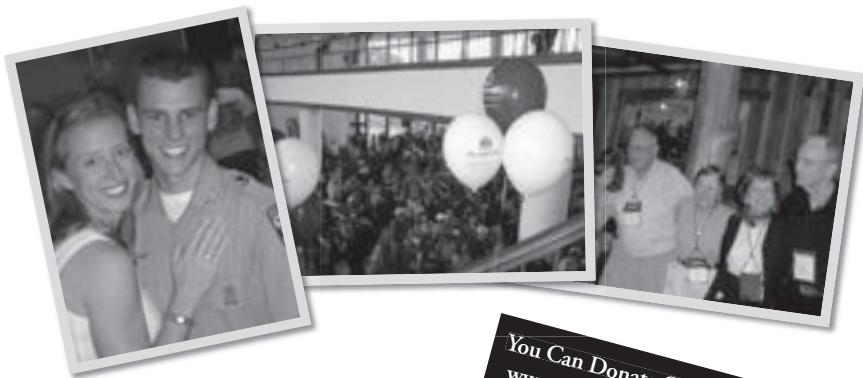
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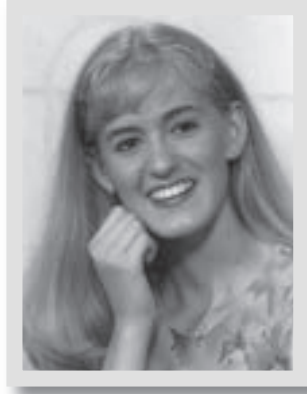
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Tracie Book '07, our current PES recipient, is a sophomore and attempting to earn an internship in Germany for the summer of 2005. She sends her warmest regards and appreciation to you for the support you have provided her. It has been our privilege to meet her wonderful family. Her brother also attends A&M while her youngest sister provides many delights to their family at home.



Howdy to all of you!

Thank you all for the generous support you have given me over the past couple of years. I am currently finishing up my fifth semester here at A&M, and looking forward to spending some quality time with my family over the Christmas holidays. My classes have been challenging, but I find the field of chemical engineering interesting and exciting.

This past summer I participated in the undergraduate summer research grant program and had the opportunity to study polymer latex synthesis and learn about the research going on in the field of latex crystallization.

Researchers in the group I worked with hope to develop methods to manipulate these microscopic particles into perfect crystalline structures that can find applications in optical computing technologies. In our lab, we performed experiments using laser microscopes that allowed us to image and record the three-dimensional motion of individual particles on the order of 1-5 microns in size. The most beneficial part of the experience was observing the synthesis of information and concepts from so many subjects to solve the problems encountered in this area of research.

This semester I am learning German and I look forward to participating in a study abroad program in Germany over the summer. I am excited that I may also have the opportunity to intern with Krupp Uhde in one of their chemical plants near Duesseldorf during the fall semester. WHOOP!

Outside of school, I remain involved in several honors organizations on campus and at St. Mary's Catholic Center. I spend as much time as possible playing the flute and the piano and am currently the pianist and choir leader for one of our choirs. I also enjoy helping with College Sunday School and several retreat programs organized by our church.

Again, thank you for the financial support you have given me over the past two and a half years. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Thanks and Gig'em!
Tracie Book '07

PES & CLASS GIFT UPDATE

CLASS OF '80 CLASS GIFT

Class of '80

President's Endowed Scholarship II

INVEST IN THE SPIRIT!

As we see the first-hand benefit of our first President's Endowed Scholarship, we encourage you to reflect and invest in the spirit of our second PES. We are 1/3 of the way to reaching our goal.

If you are interested in assisting with this very worthwhile endeavor, you can either contribute your time and energy or simply make a contribution directly to the Class of '80 gift fund.

If you are interested in contributing time and energy, please

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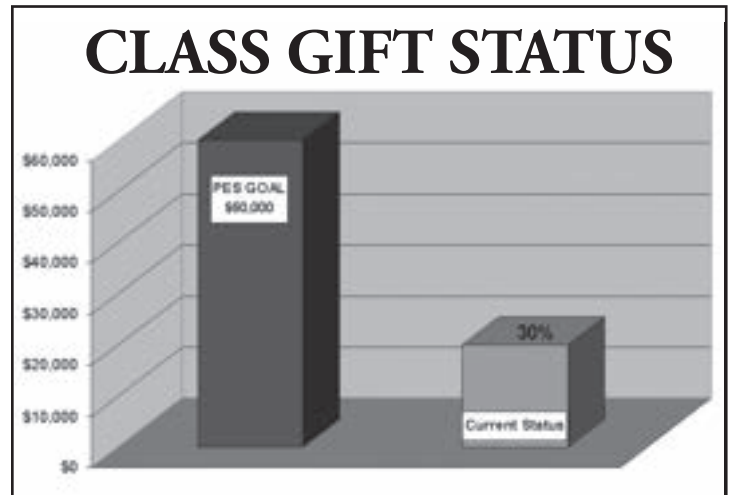
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For those wishing to make a direct contribution to this project, complete the pledge form below, and return it to the Texas A&M Foundation, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840-2811. Watch this space for news about our Class of '80 Gift Fund's growth!



If you could make an additional contribution of \$100 towards the Class Gift, we would have more than enough to reach our goal. Please consider how you can help.



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READ THIS AND FIND OUT HOW TO MAKE IT *YOURS!*

By Eric Webb '02 and Bret McGowen '03

The Association of Former Students' newest addition to www.AggieNetwork.com is *myAggieNetwork*, designed to help keep all members of the Aggie Network connected with Texas A&M University, The Association of Former Students and fellow Texas Aggies. Once you log in and set up your personal *myAggieNetwork* page, you'll receive all the A&M news and event information you want and only that which is relevant to you. For example, if you're a member of the Class of 1992 who graduated from the College of Business and you live in Waco, on your personal *myAggieNetwork* page, you'll receive news and information about your class, the College of Business and the Waco A&M Club. You can also opt to receive news from other areas of interest. You can because it's *your* Aggie Network. To further customize your page, you are able to add personal links to your favorite web sites. *myAggieNetwork* is your definitive source of information for news and events concerning Texas A&M and Texas Aggies.

Utilizing resources in the A&M community, *myAggieNetwork* will always be up to date and will continue to improve. To make your first visit to *myAggieNetwork* more enjoyable, we included a road map to *myAggieNetwork* in this month's Network Bytes.

As always, if you have any questions about *myAggieNetwork* or any comments on how we can make *myAggieNetwork* better for YOU, please e-mail us at WebEmail@AggieNetwork.com. We will respond to everyone that takes the time to e-mail us.

Back to *myAggieNetwork* Home

Click on The Association of Former Students' logo to go back to your *myAggieNetwork* homepage from any page within the *myAggieNetwork* site.

Main Navigation Menu

This will be your guide to *myAggieNetwork*. The menu will be on every single page contained in *myAggieNetwork* and easily connects you to other sections of *myAggieNetwork*.

Help

If you are stuck on a section or not sure how to get something done, help is just a click away. In the help section you will find a list of frequently asked questions and a search engine for finding answers. If you can't find your answer there, please contact us by e-mail or phone.

Customize

To fully utilize the power of *myAggieNetwork*, click on Customize. You'll find that your Class, degree granting college, and your local A&M Club are already selected. However, you can opt into any other Class, A&M Club, College, or other A&M entity to stay in touch. This list will continue to grow as *myAggieNetwork* expands and we will let you know of major additions.

Links

From the Links section, you can add your own custom links you would like displayed on your *myAggieNetwork* homepage. You will notice that we have pre-populated some links, including your local A&M Club, your Class website, and your degree granting college's website. You can alter your links by going to the customize section of *myAggieNetwork* located on the main navigation menu.

Aggie News

Here you will see the seven most recent headlines from the organizations you selected when you customized *myAggieNetwork*. Based on your preferences, *myAggieNetwork* automatically filters out the news that does not apply to you. This list will change frequently. If an article disappears off the homepage, you can find the article by clicking on the Aggie News option in the main navigation menu. If you would like to receive more news, you can click the Customize link to choose more news groups.

Buddy News

Trying to stay in touch with your friends from your time at A&M? Add them to your list of buddies in the Buddy News section of *myAggieNetwork* and stay in touch. Each time one of your Buddies sends a news item or update to one of the Class Pages or via *myAggieNetwork*, you will receive a notice on your Buddy News page. This section will show you the five most recent buddy news postings that you have not read. Once you read your Buddy News, the item will be archived in the Buddy News section, which is accessible from the main navigation menu. Buddy News is available to all donors of \$50 or more.

Calendar

Much like the Aggie News section, the events displayed are from the organizations you selected when you customized *myAggieNetwork*. If there is an event for you to see, the word "EVENT" will display on the date of the event. You can then click on the day and see the event information displayed just below the calendar. You can personalize your calendar the same way you customize your Aggie News section. Simply select the various A&M news organizations from the Customize window.

Class of 1980

C l a s s m a t e • N e w s

“my master’s thesis at A&M was on a biomedical engineering project, and it’s nice to be back in that field.” *Congratulations, Robert!*

JOE PIERCE reported on our Class News page on AggieNetwork.com, our daughter, Monica, is a freshman in the Mays School of Business at TAMU-Class of ’08! She was one of 200 selected for the freshman business initiative, a special business course. **WHOOPI!** *Congratulations to Monica and her proud parents!*

SUE REDMAN returned to Aggeland in February 2004 as the senior vice president and chief financial officer of TAMU after a successful career in public accounting. *Congratulations, Sue!*

BARRY T. SMITHERMAN was appointed to the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) by Governor Rick Perry ’72. The three-member PUC encourages competition and customer choice in Texas while ensur-

ing electric and telephone operations, services and rates are fair and reasonable. Barry has served as a Harris County assistant district attorney since Jan. 2003. Prior to joining the district attorney’s office, he amassed 26 years of experience as a public finance investment banker, including positions as head of J.P. Morgan’s Houston office and managing director and national head of tax-exempt origination at Bank One Capital Markets in Chicago. He is a former adjunct professor of public administration at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Barry received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. He received a master’s in public administration from Harvard University, where he received the John F. Kennedy School of Government’s first Joel Leff Fellowship in Political Economy.

SCOTT & Terry TERRY sent an email saying that they’ve recently bought a house in College Station, as their daughter, Lindsey, is attending A&M and running on the women’s

track team as a distance runner. Scott says that it’s very surreal to attend the track meets and hear Sara Beaves’ dad, Roger Feldman, still announcing. Lindsey was honored this past spring as one of the 26 Aggie athletes that earned a 4.0 during the 2003-2004 academic year. *Congratulations to Lindsey and her proud parents!*

CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” CWINBERT also reported in this summer on AggieNetwork.com. “Howdy, Ags! Karen & I are still in Big Spring, and our middle daughter, Crystal, has been accepted to A&M for the Class of ’08. She is valedictorian of her high school class this year, and will major in civil engineering (like Dad) this fall. Our oldest, Brian, is a sophomore at Angelo State, majoring in music. Youngest, Kelly, will be a junior in high school next year.” Chris and Karen hoped to see Class of ’80 friends at a one of the Aggie football games in the fall. *We hope they connected with them, and are looking forward to being there for our Reunion this coming fall!*

Did you notice the picture on page 14 of the November 2004 issue of the *Texas Aggie* from the 4th annual Company C-1 Class of ’80 Reunion in San Marcos? See the picture at the right. Held the 4th weekend in July, nine families descended on San Marcos to cook fajitas, play dominoes and float down the river. How many of the guys did you recognize without looking at the caption beneath the picture? **JOHN GRUNWALD, JIMMY STEWART, SCOTT PURL, MARK SCHMIDT, TERRY BROUMLEY, MIKE SWENSON, RON METZ, TOM HOUSE, RICK ESPARZA** and their families enjoyed the weekend this year and hope to see more of their Cobra C-1 buddies next summer. **We hope to see all of you in the fall at our 25th Reunion!**



Left-right: Class of ’80 Cobra C-1 members: John Grunwald, Jimmy Stewart, Scott Purl, Mark Schmidt, Terry Broumley, Mike Swenson, Ron Metz, Tom House and Rick Esparza

YOUR DOLLAR\$ AT WORK

From *Texas Aggie* magazine

With annual donations from former students and the entire Aggie Network, The Association of Former Students provides support to Texas A&M University and Texas Aggies. "Your Dollars at Work" provides examples of the many ways annual gifts to The Association of Former Students impact the lives of Texas A&M students, faculty, staff and former students, leaving a lasting legacy of Aggie Spirit, camaraderie and pride.

ACCESS LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The Access Learning Communities expanded this fall to 304 freshmen, including many who received Regents scholarships. Every Access student was enrolled in two core curriculum classes and a CAEN 101 class, all of which were limited to twenty-five students per class. In addition, students enrolled in one or two courses required for their major. The freshmen were organized into six "communities" of fifty students, with "houses" of ten freshmen led by two trained peer mentors and a



faculty/staff namesake. The year began with community retreats during Howdy week, and continued throughout

the semester with one house and one community activity per month, which the peer mentors planned and coordinated. Topics of discussion at these events included college budgeting, academic integrity, cultural issues, and special exhibits in the campus library. During November there was a Dean's dinner for all of the communities, and during Parents' Weekend there will be a reception for all of the students and their parents.

AGGIE RING DAY



On September 23, 2004, The Association of Former Students hosted Aggie Ring Day at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. The Association staff and numerous volunteers distributed Aggie Rings to 3,097 deserving students—setting a new mark for the largest Aggie Ring Day to date. The previous record was set last April, when 3,091 Aggies celebrated the milestone. Family and friends accompanied the recipients in a fun and festive atmosphere that included music, photo stations, drinks, ice cream, and much more. The Aggie Ring is perhaps the most enduring symbol of our Spirit, and with Aggie Ring Day we are able to give these students a joyous and memorable event.

BLINN TEAM (TRANSFER ENROLLMENT TO A&M) PROGRAM

There were 369 freshmen and 195 sophomores enrolled in the Blinn TEAM Program this fall. These students indicated they wanted to be on the Admission Wait List, but due to space constraints they could not be fully admitted. TEAM majors enrolled in up to five hours at A&M and eight to ten hours at Blinn College each semester. Many lived in A&M residence halls and were able to participate in most campus activities including the Corps of Cadets. When these students complete two years with 3.0 GPR's on both

campuses, they will shift to full-time status. They will also have the option to apply for full-time status through the transfer admission process at the end of the freshman year. This was the fourth fall that the TEAM Program provided the opportunity for these students to be Aggies during their freshman year. Of the first cohort, seventy-five percent are currently enrolled and completing degrees at Texas A&M University.



Aggie Baby Central

A Future Former Student Program

MICKY & Sherri McCREA announce the arrival of their newest Aggie, Trace Robinson, on 02-13-04. Trace is truly a miracle baby! If you've seen the announcement on our Class Page at AggieNetwork.com, you'll notice he weighed only 1 lb., 5-1/2 oz. at birth. Trace arrived three months early following a car accident in which Sherri's car was hit by someone who ran a stop sign. Neonatologists flew to San Angelo from Cook Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth to deliver Trace by c-section. He was flown that night back to Cook

Children's, where he stayed for the next three months. Micky has a website chronicling Trace's amazing first few months from his birth to his arrival home on May 16. See <http://mysite.verizon.net/res0cdf6/index.html>. Trace now weighs just over 12 lbs. The website includes a very special picture of Micky's mom holding Trace the night he got home. He was her 19th grandchild! Unfortunately, she only got to enjoy him for a few months, as she passed away on 07-18-04. Trace joins big brother Reece and big sister London in the McCrea

household. Ross McCrea '01 is also proud of his new cousin.

STEVE PLOCH and Elizabeth (Prichard) '93 welcomed Benjamin Christopher into the family on 10-29-03. Weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., Benjamin is the pride and joy of his Aggie parents, as well as uncles Tim Prichard '92 and Gary Ploch '76 and aunt Brandie Prichard '95.

MARK & Beth SIME announce the adoption of their little Aggie, Viktor Jacob, on 12-22-03. Viktor was born on 12-27-02.

T H A N K Y O U

Thanks to all of you that responded to our planning survey in the last newsletter. It was great to hear from all of you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Reunion. Please see the second survey enclosed (pages 7-10) if you haven't already responded via the e-mail blast, and join these Classmates in making our 25th Reunion the best ever! *Also, don't forget to send us your latest news for our next newsletter!*

CHERYL (PENCE) & STEVEN BARTLETT

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C l a s s m a t e • N e w s

FORREST ANDERSON reports that he's still living in Uvalde, where he works for the Middle Rio Grande Development Council. Forrest has been the 9-1-1 Director for 11 years, and recently received the added title and responsibilities of Homeland Security Director for the nine county region as well. In this new role, he works with TAMU, TEEX, and TEES on equipment and training, special projects, etc. Forrest adds, "Howdy to all of the old Animals out there, as well as 1st Battalion. Gig'em and see ya at the 25th Reunion." *We'll see you there, Forrest!*

TRACY & FRANCINE (NOLES) **B**OWLING have a new address: PO Box 400, Hockley, TX 77447. They report, "we're getting closer to home, since both kids are in College Station." *pinkpiggyx3@yahoo.com*

WILLIAM C. "BILL" & Jean "Tinka" (Adams) '82 **BYERS** reported in with an AggieNetwork.com Class News posting in June. "Where do we start? Tinka is pursuing her master's degree in counseling and guidance at Texas State (she's a Financial Aid Counselor there as well). Bill is working on his post-professional doctorate in physical therapy. In 2002, Bill was deployed for nine months to Bosnia, working at the combat support hospital in Tuzla. We just celebrated 23 great years together. Our two oldest children are currently at A&M. Kyle will graduate in May 2005. He's a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and is studying Zoology. Bob will graduate in 2007. He's currently a member of the Concert Band and the Aggie Players. He's a double major in English and History. Patrick will be a junior in high school. He performed at

Bass Concert Hall for the state finals this past May in One-Act-Play. He's thinking about going to North Texas to study film production. After Bill left active duty in 1993, we settled in Wimberley. And we still just love being here." *Great to hear from you!*

DERRELL CHAPMAN was recently named president and CEO of First Federal Bank Texas and the bank holding company, East Texas Financial Services, Inc. (ticker symbol ETFS. OB; web site www.ffbtx.com) in Tyler. Congratulations, Derrell! *derrell.chapman@ffbtx.com*

STEPHEN GREEN has relocated to Bangkok, Thailand, as Unocal's Regional VP, North Asian. You can reach Stephen via email at sgreen@unocal.com or through Unocal's Thailand offices at 662-545-5555. *We hope to see you when you come back to the States to visit!*

Did you notice **COL. THELMA (ROMAN) HALES'** picture on page 18 of the November 2004 *Texas Aggie*? If not, see the picture above. Thelma was one of four Aggie female colonels attending the Women in the Corps Reunion at the Wyoming vs. A&M game in September. The year 2004 marked the 30th anniversary of the admission of women to the Corps. More than 100 female former cadets attended the festivities, which included the opening of the *Women in the Corps* exhibit at the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. Thelma is currently serving as the Commander

of the 37th Mission Support Group at Lackland AFB. *trhales80@yahoo.com*



L-R: COL THELMA HALES, COL Pauletta Blueitt '81, LT COL Jennifer Pickett '82, COL Doriot A. Mascarich '81, MAJ Kim Currens '84, and CAPT Monica Strye '99 enjoy the A&M v Wyoming football game as part of the Women in the Corps 30th Reunion.

MICHELLE STOPSCHINSKI-MHELLER and her husband, Jeffrey, live at 3201 Glenhurst Court, Plano, TX 75093 972-473-2726. Michelle would love to hear from Linda Cooper. *mnpugsly@aol.com*

MICHELLE HERRING was promoted to vice president of corporate marketing and communication for BindView Corporation. A 20-year marketing veteran, Michelle was formerly executive director of marketing communications for Tulsa-based WilTel (formerly Williams Communications).

ROBERT KUSNETZ reports that after running his own consulting business for the past four years, he was recently hired by Medtronic as a global education curriculum manager for CRM (Cardiac Rhythm Management) Education Services. He states,

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7. What other suggestions do you have as we continue with the planning for our 25th Reunion?

8. These are the people that I really hope are planning to come to the Reunion. I commit that I will make some kind of personal contact to encourage them to come.

9. At our 20-year Reunion, we voted as a Class to raise funds for a Class Gift to be presented at our 25-year Reunion. The goal established at that time was a 2nd President's Endowed Scholarship. Please circle one of the answers below to indicate your thoughts regarding our Class Gift.

- a. I have contributed to the Class of 1980 Gift Fund.
- b. I have not yet contributed to the Class of 1980 Gift Fund, but you can count on me making a contribution of \$_____ prior to the Reunion. (See form on page 4 for making contribution.)
- c. I am willing to donate \$ _____ to the Class of 1980 Gift Fund at the time of the Reunion Registration in addition to the actual cost of the Reunion activities.
- d. I prefer to give back to A&M in another way instead of making a cash contribution to the Class of 1980 Gift Fund.

10. If we have not raised enough funds to reach the goal of a 2nd President's Endowed Scholarship as of the time of the Reunion (select one):

- a. I recommend we continue raising money until we reach our goal of a President's Endowed Scholarship.
- b. I recommend we vote on an alternative gift with the funds raised as of the time of the Reunion.

11. I understand that Class Agents will be elected at the Reunion. I am interested in knowing more about what's involved in being a Class Agent. Please contact me to tell me more about it.

Name _____ Phone number--daytime _____

E-mail _____ Phone number--evening _____

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESPONSE TO ONE OF US BY FEBRUARY 28, 2005. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online from our Class of 1980 page at www.AggieNetwork.com or we can email it to you to return to us via email.

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Howdy! We need your input to make our final planning decisions for our upcoming 25-year Class Reunion. From the results of the survey in our earlier newsletter, you wanted us to choose a Fall 2005 football weekend. **Our 25-year Reunion is set for September 16-18, 2005 for the SMU game.** From the earlier survey results, you also want us to try to keep the cost in the range of \$200 to \$300 per person. We've come up with a few new ideas to try to meet this objective, so we need your feedback.

Please take a few minutes to answer these questions and mail it back to one of us so that we will have the best Reunion ever!

If you prefer, you can complete this survey on the web at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=95272705570>

Or you can email one of us and we can email you the survey. You can reply within the email back to one of us. (If you responded to the email from The Association of Former Students in December, we've got your feedback already. Thanks!)

1. In the earlier survey, we asked about your reasons for attending our 25th Reunion. As we move forward with our planning, please help up us in prioritizing the many options we have for the Reunion weekend. We will use this input in planning and scheduling the Reunion activities.

Please rank the following in order of importance to you (1 = most important and 5 = least important) regarding your participation in the reunion weekend.

- ___ Time to visit with friends
- ___ Attending the football game
- ___ Affordability
- ___ Time to tour the campus
- ___ Time to visit College Station haunts/landmarks (e.g., Northgate establishments, Lakeview, Hall of Fame, etc.)

2. For a football weekend in College Station, the hotels require a two-night minimum stay. Rates for the Class of '79 Reunion in 2004 were \$179/night plus taxes at the Hilton and \$139/night plus taxes for the Courtyard by Marriott. To hold down the costs, we've looked into the option of using a Houston hotel or a camp as our "Reunion Headquarters." Select all of the following that you would be willing to do.

- a. Houston headquarters hotel with a bus trip to College Station on Saturday. With this option, we would have the Friday events in Houston at a hotel or venue on the northwest side of town (cost estimates of \$65 to \$95 per night per room without a minimum stay requirement). We would then arrange for bus transportation early on Saturday morning to spend the entire day on campus including the game, then return to Houston late on Saturday night (cost estimate of \$30/person). This option could eliminate your need for a rent car and cut the hotel cost in half if you are flying in for the Reunion. Many of you may also have friends or family in Houston, which would eliminate the need for a hotel room.
- b. Camp Allen is a camp near Navasota with dorm-type rooms with a central dining hall and gathering area where we could have a hospitality room. The Association of Former Students has held a family camp outing here the past two years. Average cost per night would be approximately \$57 per adult and \$12 per child (age 3-12; under 3 is free) including breakfast, without a minimum stay. It is roughly 35 miles to campus.
- c. What are you thinking? All of the Reunion activities need to be in College Station, with the headquarters hotel there.

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PLANNING SURVEY # 2

3. What activities are most important to you to be included in our Reunion plans? Please mark your “must be included” activities with a 1, your “might attend” activities with a 2, and your “wouldn’t attend” activities with a 3. Please use the following scale: “Must be included” means that you would attend regardless of the cost (assuming it was not “exorbitant”); “might attend” means that you have an interest in the activity or event, but the cost or timing would weigh in your final decision; “would not attend” means even if it were free and you had no timing conflict, you would not be interested in this activity or event.

___ Tour of campus buildings added since we graduated

___ Tour of the George Bush Presidential Library

___ Tour of Bonfire Memorial

___ Golf tournament

___ Corps outfit activity. Please provide more details about what you might want for this activity (ex: meet for a meal, Happy Hour, etc.) _____

___ Other special interest group activity (ex: sorority, Fish Camp, Vocal Music groups, etc.). Please provide more details about what you might want for this activity (ex: attend Vocal Music department for a tour/rehearsal) _____

___ Time on own to spend at Northgate or other College Station sites

___ Athletic activities at new Student Rec Center (“Survivor Games”--basketball, volleyball, racquetball, etc.)

___ Self-catered barbeque (similar to what we did for our 20th Reunion)

___ Catered barbeque (let someone else do the work)

___ Country western dancing at Lakeview/Hall of Fame/other venue

___ Dance with DJ-provided variety of music at hotel or other venue

___ Midnight Yell Practice

___ Hospitality Room at the headquarters hotel (or Camp Allen, if Option B in Question 2 is selected)

___ Business meeting to elect Class Agents, honor deceased Classmates and discuss Class Gift

___ Campus briefing from Dr. Gates or other representative(s) of the TAMU Administration

___ Tailgate party before/after the game at Spence Park or near Reed Arena

___ An Aggie win against the SMU Mustangs at Kyle Field!

___ Sunday morning service at All Faiths Chapel

___ Sunday brunch at hotel

___ Sunday brunch at campus dining hall

___ Other suggestion(s) _____

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4. I am willing to help with the planning and/or execution of the following events/activities. Check all that apply. Planning Execution of Special Interest Group Activity (Corps, Band, Vocal Music, Sorority, MSC Committee, Student Government, Dorm, etc.) Indicate group(s) _____

	Yes	No
I live in Bryan/College Station and would be willing to host an event in my home for one of the special interest group activities or other Reunion weekend event (provide details below)	_____	_____
Welcome Table at Reunion Headquarters	_____	_____
Hospitality Room	_____	_____
Golf Tournament	_____	_____
Barbeque Dinner	_____	_____
Dance	_____	_____
Business Meeting	_____	_____
Tailgate Party	_____	_____
Sunday Morning Service	_____	_____
Farewell Brunch on Sunday morning	_____	_____
Scrapbook/slideshow from campus life to be shown/shared at reunion (includes gathering photos from classmates and organizing for reunion presentation)	_____	_____
Anything you need—just contact me	_____	_____

5. Contact info if you've volunteered to help with one or more events:

Name _____ Phone number--daytime _____
 E-mail _____ Phone number--evening _____

Details regarding hosting an event in your B/CS home (e.g., number of people you can accommodate, type of event you'd be comfortable hosting, address, etc.)

6. What individual(s) (e.g., Dr. Jarvis Miller, Dr. John Koldus, former professors) would you like us to invite as guest(s) of the Class of 1980 to one or more events during the reunion weekend?
