

Class Notes

Bessie Mae Kee, '34 BS in English, was selected as the first Distinguished Secondary Teacher by the SHSU College of Education and was honored at a ceremony on March 5, 2005. Retired for 34 years from the profession, she recently celebrated her 100th birthday with 300 guests and former students in Alvin.

Mora Evelyn Waddell Boone, '37 BS and '51 MS, is a retired teacher. At the age of 103, she is currently living in Grand Court in Bryan, where she stays busy with her two sons, five grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and two on the way.

Alfred "Fred" Hluchan, '39 BS, was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame in October 2004.

Alton Burgess, '48 BS and '50 MA, was honored for his contributions to the Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company at an appreciation dinner on April 18 in Huntsville.

John W. Smith, '48 BA, recently had his non-fiction novel, "

T.J. Honeycutt, '49 BS, was honored for his contributions to the Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company at an appreciation dinner on April 18 in Huntsville. He taught at SHSU for 21 years and served as a director for Ag Workers for 20 years.

Clemon L Montgomery, '50 BS and '57 MEd, is the chairman of the board for the Agriculture Workers Auto Insurance Company.

George Lantrip, '65 BS and '93 MS, and wife, Anita, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2005.

Ivy Evans, '70 BS and '77 MEd, has owned and operated Groveton Insurance Agency since 1983. He has served 12 years on the Groveton ISD Board of Trustees, 10 of which he was vice president, and ran for re-election within the trustees this past May.

Rosemary Bendele, '71 BBA, retired this May from Hondo ISD after 31 years in teaching.

Charles Cox, '73 BS and '75 MA, was recently named Beaumont city president and manager of the business banking for Southeast Texas for Hibernia Bank.

Richard McWhorter, '73 BS and '89 MEd, received the first doctorate degree ever offered at Prairie View A&M and the first in juvenile justice in the United States at the December 2004 commencement.

Diane C. Tolley, '76 BA, recently had her poem, "I'd Rather," published in an anthology as the first entry in "Touch of Tomorrow." She attended the International Society of Poets' convention in Orlando, Fla., from Feb. 25-27, 2005. She is married to Henry Hall Tolley.

Nyla Watson, '77 BBA, was selected as one of two of Pearland ISD's Principals of the Year for the Ninth Grade Center. She has worked with Pearland ISD for 23 years, and under her direction, the ninth grade students scored among the highest TAKS scores in the state.

Jimmy M. Jamison, '79 BBA, was recently promoted to director of operations for the Port of Houston Authority. He manages and directs operations for Barbour's Cut Terminal, Turning Basin Terminal, Galveston Container Terminal, Bayport, Port Police and Marine Departments.

Charles W. Jones, III, '81 BA, was awarded the 2004 Westcorp Leadership Award at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in Huntington Beach, Calif., on Jan. 24, 2005.

Rudolph Alexander, '81 BS in criminal justice, has his book, "Racism, African Americans, and Social Justice," published in April 2005 by Rowan & Littlefield. He is currently a professor and director of the Bachelor of Science in Social Work Program at Ohio State University.

Linda C. (Bowman) Vandagriff-Ottinger, '87 BBA, will receive her master's degree in management from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Ore., in June. She is the business manager at Fairchild Medical Center in Yreka, Calif., where she and her husband, Gary, are enjoying their "empty nest."

David Wixson, '89 BBA, has been employed with Hewlett-Packard since 1998, and currently serves as a senior account manager for HP's public sector division. He relocated to Mechanicsburg, Pa. in 2000, with his wife, Christine, to whom he has been married since 1995, and his three children Hannah, 5; Austin, 3; and Cole, two months.

David Kercheval, '90 MS, began his own company involving the use of microbes within the agricultural and petroleum industries in August 2000. He is a small business consultant and insurance advisor with Woodmen of the World, and serves as superintendent for the National FFA and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Derek F. Beck, '96 MBA, was named vice president for office services at Moody Rambin Interests in Houston on Feb. 13, 2005. He handles leasing for office property owners in the Houston area.

Karyn Cameron, '97 BA, recently completed her Master of Business Administration degree with a certificate in supply chain management from the M.J. Neeley School of Business at Texas Christian University. She will work for Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth.

Jodie Smith, '99 BS in agriculture and '00 MS in agriculture, organized the 2004 Ag in the Classroom Field Day, sponsored by the Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau, for fourth graders in Nacogdoches. She is the area coordinator for Texas Farm Bureau, which covers a six-county area.

Randall S. Woods, '01 MBA, was recently recognized as the 2005 Young Engineer of the Year by the Society of Professional Engineers. The award, given during the Young Engineers Award dinner as part of National Engineer Week, honors those who early in their careers are involved and active in professional societies and civic activities and are making significant contributions in the local engineering community. He currently serves as a reservoir engineering supervisor for ExxonMobil Production Company and lives in The Woodlands.

Erin Mills, '02 BA in journalism/advertising, is currently living in Seattle, Wash., with her fiancé, who is stationed at Ft. Lewis with the Army. She is the events coordinator for a major retailer in the area that specializes in culinary events.

John C. Riley, '02 BBA, and wife Ashley Fairfield-Riley, '02 BBA, recently bought their first house in Carrollton, Tx. Ashley is now working for the Staubach Company.

Angie D. Cartwright, '04 BA in criminal justice, was awarded the Governor's 2005 Criminal Justice Volunteer Award in April 2005 for her "outstanding performance" as a student intern in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice sex offender treatment program. An article she authored on offenders' needs and risk scales was published in the Spring 2005 edition of the American Psychology and Law Journal. She is currently a probation officer in Conroe.

Arthur L. Jacoby, friend of the university, and his wife, Barbara Jeannine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2005.

Marriages

Samantha Dobyms, '96 BS, married David Tallent on Jan. 15, 2005.

Shari Ann Murphy, '98 BBA, married Stephen Wyatt Warschak on April 2, 2005.

Jamilyn Ann Grimm, '00 BS, married *Judd Thomas Wall*, '94 BS, on Aug. 28, 2004.

Leah Winfield, '00 BS and '02 MA, married *David Mulligan*, '95 BS, on March 12, 2005.

Jennifer Gaile Elsick, '01 BS and '02 MA, married *Matthew Wayne Balz*, '02 BS, on Dec. 11, 2004.

Elaine Juvenal, '01 BS, married Joel Bradley Marrs on Nov. 13, 2004.

Katy Jean Michalka, '01 BS, married Eric Landeros on Nov. 20, 2004.

Amy Landrith, '02 BA, married Michael Wilganowski on Dec. 21, 2004.

Justin Wayne Hupe, '03 BBA in accounting, married Wendy Nichole Warmke on Nov. 20, 2004.

Carrie McDowell, '03 BS, married James Wick on March 12, 2005.

Jennifer Shoefstall, '03 BA, married David Bridges on March 19, 2005.

Paige Nanette Stimson, '03 BBA, married Ben Richard Streiff, '01 BBA, on Oct. 23, 2004.

Scott Anthony Boris, '04 BS in criminal justice, married Carrye Elizabeth Conner, on April 16, 2005.

Carrie Jane Kemp, '04 BS, married Steven Wayne Kaltwasser, '02 BBA, on June 19, 2004.

Shawna Marie Staff, '04 BS, married Heath Aaron Thornton on Jan. 15, 2005.

Elizabeth Malee Stracener, '04 BS, married Christopher Dean Greenway, '04 BBA, on March 5, 2005.

Terry Todd Teetz, '04 BS, married Carrie Anne Kent on Dec. 17, 2004.

In Memoriam

Betty Jane Wise, '41 BA in Education, on April 18, 2004.

Lasca Ellis McChristial, '42 BS in Education, on Feb. 10, 2005.

Tom W. Fox, Sr., '50 BS, on Nov. 26, 2004.

Rena Humphrey, '51 BBA, on April 25, 2004.

Walter Allen Hodges, Jr., '52 BS and '54 MEd, Jan. 29, 2005.

Nolan L "Rink" Field, '52 BS, Oct. 7, 2004.

Col. Tom Wesley Bridgwater, Jr., '58 BS, Jan. 22, 2005.

Robert T. Childress, '67 MEd, passed away.

James Monroe "Jamie Buck" King, '72 BS, Jan. 11, 2005.

David Cross McClellan, '01 BA, Dec. 13, 2004.

Deborah Kay Kennedy Bargsley, '04 MEd, Jan. 27, 2005.

Alfred C. "Al" Habelman, '77 MS, in Iraq on April 1, 2005.

Charles Lowe, Master's in Agriculture, on May 3, 2005.

Lilly Theresa Olsen, '38 BA, passed away on May 30, 2000.

Patsy Taylor Pond, '62 BS, passed away on Feb. 23, 2005.

A.G. Godley, '47 BS and '53 MS, passed away on March 4, 2005.