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Dear Friends of Austin College

By now, we all are familiar with the impressive statistic that allows Austin College to lay claim to being a national leader in global education: over the last 10 years, an average 70 percent of our students have studied abroad. Equally remarkable, during that same period, our students have explored 92 countries on six continents. While I am eager for that number to reach 100, I am gratified to know that we continue to find ways to enhance the educational component of study abroad.

A new initiative involves encouraging Austin College students returning from study abroad to create digital stories that use both words and images to convey meaningfully the core of their learning. My thanks to Truett Cates, director of the Center for Global Learning, for spearheading this effort, and to Brett Boessen, assistant professor of communication studies, for lending his expertise. And this summer, our Global Outreach (or GO) Fellows are taking with them iPod nanos with built-in video cameras to begin digital records of the difference their participation makes to themselves and the world. Please visit our YouTube channel to see examples.

Given that students now are digital natives, this form of communication is entirely natural to them. But just as good penmanship does not assure one is a good writer, familiarity with digital tools does not mean our students can use them to communicate effectively. That is why it has become of increasing importance to me that a liberal arts education integrates the study of symbols, pictures, and other visual images into the traditional disciplines. It is my hope to create a state-of-the-art digital learning lab on campus so that students in every discipline have the opportunity to deepen their “visual literacy” skills. Allow me to explain the educational merit.

Traditionally, our curricula pay close attention to helping students develop sophistication in those forms of literacy (reading, writing, and speaking) that *privilege* what the philosopher in me would call “the word.” As our graduates know, the ability to write and speak with grace and rigor, and to interpret written texts and spoken narratives quickly and deeply, are essential skills for success in every field of endeavor. Projecting forward, these skills only are going to grow in importance—deeply developed literacy skills are a prerequisite for participation in the information economy.

Austin College supplements these core forms of literacy with expanded skills in foreign languages. We are fairly unique among small liberal arts colleges in our commitment to offer a wide range of languages and in the depth to which our students typically study one or more languages. Even more, few schools our size can boast an immersive residential language experience as is offered by the Jordan Family Language House.

We also have a curriculum devoted to developing quantitative reasoning, and our requirements in mathematics and statistics foster broader skills in argumentation and problem-solving.

But let me put in a word for adding visual literacy to these core skills. Our graduates need to be able to approach the interpretations of

images with as much depth and sophistication as they approach written texts or statistical evidence. They need to be able to communicate using images—still and moving—with the same degree of confidence with which they communicate in writing and speech. Yes, the courses our students take in the visual arts are a part of this, but we also are increasing the attention we pay to visuality in disciplines that are traditionally more rooted in text.

I would be grateful to hear from those of you who find visual literacy an important part of the work you do. Let me know what you would recommend that we offer to our students.

We intend to be more intentionally visual in our recruitment and development efforts, too. Visit our new website and stay tuned this fall for a visual campus tour, full of video interviews with the talented students and faculty who make our thriving academic community both high-touch and high-impact.

In the meantime, please take seriously your role as an Austin College storyteller as well. By sharing with others the amazing story that is Austin College, we will move from strength to strength by continuing to attract bright and talented students and increasing the generous alumni and friends who support them.

Gratefully,

Marjorie Hass, President
Austin College





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Griffith Installed in Morris Chair

David E. Griffith, associate professor of business administration since 2006, was installed in the Jack B. Morris Chair of Entrepreneurial Studies at the College's annual Honors Convocation this spring. He also was awarded tenure effective fall 2010.

The endowed faculty chair was established in 2005 by Mrs. Jack B. Morris and the Morris Foundation in recognition of the life and achievements of the late Jack B. Morris. Morris was an entrepreneur whose love for education extended throughout his life, evidenced by many philanthropic activities and various scholarship gifts to Austin College. **Linda Morris Elsey** is a member of the Austin College Board of Trustees.

Making the announcement, President **Marjorie Hass** said that **Mike Imhoff**, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty, had reported to the Board of Trustees last fall that "while David's teaching and professional activity are outstanding, his service to Austin College, his department, and the community is remarkable."

Griffith is an active member of the Posey Leadership Institute Board and coordinates the Todd Williams Executive-in-Residence speaker series. His successful involvement of Austin College students in his research has resulted in several student presentations, including one at an international consumer behavior conference in India.

Completing a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Griffith continued his education with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Texas. He has taught at several schools, including the University of Auckland in New Zealand and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas.

David Griffith, second from left, poses with Joseph Monteleone of the Morris Foundation of Fort Worth, Texas, far left, and Linda Morris Elsey and David Elsey at the installation.



College Community Mourns Loss of Dan Setterberg



Daniel Setterberg, respected and beloved long-time Austin College professor of communication studies and the Cecil H. Green Professor in Communication Arts, died February 5. He was 66.

Dr. Setterberg joined the Austin College faculty in 1976 and for 34 years contributed in ways that highlighted his creativity, leadership, and vision, including several years as department chair, two four-year terms as dean of Humanities, and involvement in a number of campus committees and interdisciplinary initiatives.

With **George Diggs**, professor of biology, Setterberg created documentaries on plate tectonics, filming volcanoes in Guatemala and Costa Rica in 1987, and on the deforestation of South American rainforests in Ecuador and Costa Rica in 1992. That film, *By the Hand of Man: The Tropical Forest Crisis*, was made available to high school science classes throughout Texas and shown at the Botanical Research Institute in Fort Worth, Texas.

Setterberg technically produced a "made-for-TV" play, *Home Again, Home Again, Jiggety-Jig*, in 1981 and organized *Camera One*, an Austin College student talk show produced in 1997.

Also an accomplished photographer, Setterberg's art was displayed on campus and beyond. He recently completed a Texas photography project, "Roadnotes," and contributed photos for *Washed in the Blood*, a book by **Shelton Williams**, professor emeritus of political science.

Remembrances and condolences to his family may be shared online: <http://rememberingdansetterberg.blogspot.com>.

Jane White says teaching “fills my life with optimism, challenge, and purpose and feeds my intellect, my emotions, and my spirit.” That passion was recognized this spring when she received the 2010 Austin College Excellence in Teaching Award. White, an associate professor of education, has taught students in the Austin Teacher Program since 1994.

The award recognizes the fundamental importance of quality teaching in the educational process and seeks to honor an individual who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate in areas such as classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering pedagogy, and instructional support. Nominations for the award are offered by students and faculty to a committee that makes the final selection.

Jane decided she wanted to teach when she was a high school student. “I had a really bad high school English teacher. I thought ‘how can she make something this fun so bad?’ Then I dedicated my life to being a better teacher,” she said. Now she’s preparing future teachers.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in English and secondary education from Southern Illinois University and was a high school English teacher in Decatur, Illinois, for five years. She continued learning and teaching, working at a community college and East Texas State University before joining the Austin College faculty.

“I am happiest in the classroom,” Jane said. “I teach for personal reasons—to make me whole, to feel a part of the lives of my students, to make connections to the future, to make my mark in the world of education.”

At Austin College, she teaches the introductory course for education majors, a children’s literature course, and graduate-level courses in literacy for beginning and older readers.

“My Austin College students are so bright, so well-read, and motivated. They come from a strong liberal arts curriculum. They are stretched in their education classes and are dedicated to serving others, especially children. They will change lives,” she said. “Teaching is worth every bit of energy you can give it.”

While Jane loves the daily interaction with her students, she also teaches for reasons higher than herself, as she said anyone who stays in the profession must. “I teach to make my students believe they can learn anything, and then make that learning possible. I try to model teaching that exemplifies what I hold dear—the philosophy that every learner has an equal right to be intellectually challenged, supported in learning, and celebrated for the ways in which that learning can be expressed.”

Jane has found her perfect career. “As a teacher, I get to celebrate human potential, the idiosyncratic but often brilliant insights of learners, and get to giggle sometimes in the bargain. What other profession can offer such delight?”

*Austin College nominations for outside awards also are considered campus teaching awards. The 2010 nominees were **Light Cummins**, history, for CASE Professor of the Year, and **Melanie Fox**, economics, for Minnie Stevens Piper Professor.*

Teaching Is Her Delight

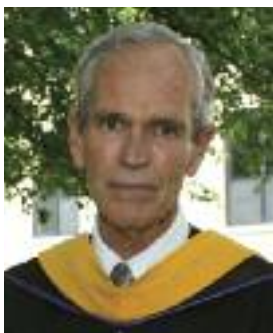


Powell and Manley Retire

Wilbur Powell, who began his association with Austin College nearly 48 years ago, has been student, staff member, and faculty member on campus. Retiring this spring, he takes on a new title—associate professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science.

Powell began attending Austin College in fall 1962 but joined the Navy, where he worked on computer circuitry, before completing his degree. He returned to the College in 1970 and graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1971. He later earned a master's degree at Southern Methodist University and did further study at the University of Texas at Dallas.

During the summer of 1971, he wrote a symbolic logic program for a philosophy professor at Austin College, which began his Austin College employment, with positions ranging from research technician to faculty programming consultant, and in 1976, adjunct instructor in computer science, two years before the College purchased its first desktop computers (Apple IIs). He continued to advance, receiving tenure and promotion to associate professor of mathematics and computer science in 1987.



The introduction of the personal computer was a landmark change, he said, and computer science has continued to evolve during his tenure. “The biggest change has to be the Internet, which didn’t really get going until the ’90s,” he said. Now, “if I have a question about something, we can look it up online, in class; before, it might take me five hours of research in

books. It’s made information more available to both me and the students—something that’s both good and bad.”

Powell retires to his farm outside of Sherman, where he grows irises, daylilies, fruit trees, and a small vegetable garden. Though retired, he is not really gone from Austin College: he will teach one course a year as an adjunct faculty member.

Cynthia Manley joined the French faculty at Austin College in 1977, was awarded tenure in 1982, and was promoted to professor of French in 1990. Though health problems have kept her from the classroom the past few years, she officially retired from the College this spring and has been granted emerita faculty status.



She worked with many outreach activities of the language department, including organizing Foreign Language Weekend and Fete Francaise programs for high school students for many years, as well as taking part in programs for high school French teachers.

Additionally, Manley was very involved in the international education program at Austin College, serving as director for several years. “I am astonished at the changes that have taken place at the College since my arrival in 1977,” she said. “Perhaps the greatest growth has been in global study. Under the leadership of the late **Myron Low**, **Shelly Williams**, myself, and now **Truett Cates**, global education has become so important that the faculty voted it the number one priority during the latest accreditation process, resulting in creation of the Center for Global Learning.”

In her retirement, Manley continues her research in 18th century literature and is involved in a collaborative work preparing a critical edition of *Ouvrage sur les femmes* (*Work on Women*) by Louise-Marie-Madeleine Dupin, an 18th century feminist—before there were feminists, Manley said.

Class of 2010 Takes on the World

Though rain threatened all week, the Class of 2010 Commencement ceremony happened just as it should on May 16—on a rain-free morning with a host of proud families and friends on hand. Nearly 300 students were awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees and 24 graduates were awarded Master of Arts in Teaching degrees.

Before the graduates crossed the stage, the audience heard from Kern Wildenthal, former long-time president of University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, who presented the Commencement address, and from **Redwan Hoque** '10, chosen to speak on behalf of his classmates.

Austin College awarded honorary doctoral degrees to Wildenthal, Doctor of Science; Joe Clifford, baccalaureate speaker and pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Doctor of Divinity; and **Jay Evans** '64, who recruited hundreds of students for Austin College during nearly 40 years with the Office of Admission and has been a devoted supporter of Austin College, Doctor of Humane Letters.

Attention turned again to the Class of 2010 as President **Marjorie Hass**—officiating at her first Austin College Commencement exercises—happily greeted each graduate, delivering diplomas, smiles, and warm handshakes to all.

Closing the event, Dr. Hass spoke to the new alumni, challenging them to “keep this place and its people close to your heart. You are bound to us—and we to you—by strong ties of commitment to knowledge in the service of justice, to community that celebrates differences, and to the blending of a local and global vision. Do well. Do good. And do keep in touch.”

Top Scholars Named

Scholarship medals are awarded each year to the two graduates with the highest academic records in the class, as selected by faculty. **Michael Carlson** of Galena, Illinois, received the J.C. Kidd Scholarship Medal, and **Allen Wang** of San Antonio, Texas, was awarded the J.M. Robinson Scholarship.

Carlson, the Mary Fry Chapman Presidential Scholar and member of the Posey Leadership Institute, graduated summa cum laude with majors in economics and history, having completed Departmental Honors in Economics. He presented his honors thesis at the Dallas

Federal Reserve Bank/Austin College Economic Scholar Conference this spring. He and **Nathan Bigelow**, assistant professor of economics, were co-authors of three papers, including a review published this month in the *Journal of Politics*.

Michael spent his junior year at the London School of Economics, participated in a JanTerm course in Turkey, and completed an internship in Bangkok, Thailand. A delegate for five Model United Nations conferences, he served as a head delegate this spring in New York City. He also was a member of the A Cappella Choir and an editor for the College student newspaper, *The Observer*. Michael has taken a job with the Board of Governors at the Federal Reserve Bank in Washington, D.C., and is doing research on the international banking and finance desk.

Michael is the son of **John** '79 and **Jean (Beck) Carlson** '82 and the grandson of Austin College Professor Emeritus of History **Arvid John “A.J.” Carlson**.

The Robinson Medalist, Wang was unable to attend the ceremony as he was finishing classes at the London School of Economics, where he spent the 2009-2010 year.

The economics and philosophy major participated in the Sherman Symphony Orchestra, lived two terms in the Jordan Family Language House German wing, and studied piano. During his time on campus, he was a member of the Asian Students Association, the Speech and Debate Club, the Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students (ECOS), the Philosophy Club, and Habitat for Humanity. He received the Grace Collins and Will Collins Scholarship in Business.

Allen is the son of Minghong Wang and Liming Han.

See Commencement photos on page 14.



Michael Carlson



Allen Wang

Brooks Hull Named New Vice President for Advancement

Brooks A. Hull begins duties as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Austin College on July 1, overseeing development, college relations, and alumni and parent relations programs. He previously served as executive director of development for the College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, where he has held fundraising and campaign leadership roles for more than 10 years.

"I consider myself privileged to assume this leadership position," Hull said, "particularly given the stature Austin College enjoys in the world of American higher education. I am eager to begin working with the supportive and dedicated alumni, parents, and friends who make the important work of the students, faculty, and staff so successful."

Leadership experience specific to Hull's new role began in 1998, when he returned to his alma mater as a director of development during OU's "Reach for Excellence" campaign, which raised \$508 million. He next oversaw the largest OU campaign for a single college, the "Campaign for Engineering," which raised \$137 million.

"We approached the search process aware that this position requires someone with a unique set of talents not only to lead our fundraising efforts but also to engage our alumni and be strategic in how we move forward," said President **Marjorie Hass**. "After a thorough search and review of a number of very qualified candidates, we are confident that Brooks has the skills and experience to lead us to the next level."

Hull earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs and administration and a master's degree in human relations, both at the University of Oklahoma.



Sweeping the SCAC

Austin College men's and women's basketball squads returned to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament this season, the men clinching the SCAC-West title and making their third straight appearance. The women made their first conference tournament trip in three years. The Austin College teams made a historic sweep, with men's coach **Rodney Wecker** and women's coach **Deb Hunter** each receiving SCAC Coach of the Year honors and **Kola Alade '10** and **Katy Williams '10** taking Player of the Year honors.

For four years, Alade and Williams have dominated their sports, and this year was no exception. The two took top honors as the Austin College Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Williams caught attention early, named SCAC Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, and she has been All-SCAC for four seasons. This year, in addition to SCAC Player of the Year, she was named First Team All-SCAC, First Team All-South Region, and Third Team All-America. Williams broke the SCAC career rebounding record in February.

A three-time All-SCAC player, Alade was named First Team All-SCAC, SCAC Player of the Year, Second Team All-South Region, and was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III All-Star team and then to the NABC All-South Region First Team. This season Alade became just the 18th player in the 100-year history of Austin College men's basketball to surpass 1,000 career points.

In addition to SCAC coaching honors, Hunter also was named the 2010 Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year.



A historic sweep—Top honors for SCAC basketball players and coaches went to, left to right, Deb Hunter, Katy Williams, Kola Alade, and Rodney Wecker.

New Austin College Website Launches July 1

Austin College staff have been working throughout the academic year on a redesigned website for the College.

The new site is scheduled to be accessible and functioning as of July 1. Visit the new site at the “old” address:
www.austincollege.edu



Homer P. Rainey Awards Honor Service

College Registrar **Phyllis Rieser** and Professor **Dan Setterberg** (posthumously) were honored with the Austin College Homer P. Rainey Award at the Honors Convocation in April. Patti Setterberg, Dan's wife of 44 years, received the award on his behalf.

The Board of Trustees established the Homer P. Rainey Award in 1975 to be presented each year to a member of the faculty or staff for outstanding achievement and service to Austin College. Occasionally, two awards are given as deemed appropriate by the board.

Rieser became registrar at Austin College in fall 1992, having served as registrar at Oklahoma City University and St. Edward's University. **Mike Imhoff**, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty, said that Rieser combined a detailed understanding of the academic program and procedures with an attitude that took into account the unique circumstances of every student's situation. "She protected the integrity of an Austin College education while at the same time guiding students through academic requirements so that they might graduate on time," he said. "She put a smile on the face of the Registrar's Office. Many graduates and their families are indebted to Phyllis for her caring attitude and strong commitment to their students."

Rieser retires from the College at the end of June.

Setterberg, who died in February, had been a member of the College faculty since 1976, teaching and working in the Communication Studies Department. (See more on page 4.)

Homer P. Rainey was a 1919 graduate of Austin College, who returned to teach at the College for four years before leaving to earn his doctorate at the University of Chicago. He later he taught at the University of Oregon and from 1928 to 1952, held presidencies at Franklin College of Indiana, Bucknell University of Pennsylvania, the University of Texas, and Stephens College of Missouri. From 1956 until his retirement, Dr. Rainey was professor of higher education at the University of Colorado.



*Left to right; Patti Setterberg, Mike Imhoff, and
Phyllis Rieser*

Outstanding in their Class



The members of the Class of 2010 have done some incredible things thus far—and even greater things are on the horizon for them. How difficult it must have been for the students in the class to select the Outstanding Senior Man and Woman from among the many accomplished and active students. The awards, determined by members of the senior class, recognize scholastic achievements and co-curricular involvement. Outstanding Greek Man and Woman, named for the first time this spring, honor achievements within the campus Greek system.

Left to right; Redwan Hoque, Ashley Sallee, Tayyar Unal, and Taylor Woods

Outstanding Senior Man

Redwan Hoque, a business administration and economics double major, was involved with many facets of campus life. His peers selected him as senior speaker for Commencement, and he represented students in welcoming Muhammad Yunus on campus. *For more on Redwan, see page 22.*

Outstanding Senior Woman

Ashley Sallee, a Spanish major with a minor in psychology, took full advantage of the opportunities at Austin College. She was president of the Omega Zeta social sorority and little sister of the Zeta Chi Beta fraternity. She was a former left-fielder on the softball team and a resident assistant for Caruth Hall, and worked in the study abroad office.

Ashley participated in JanTerm classes that traveled to Italy and to Peru, Ecuador, and the Galapagos and spent fall 2009 in study abroad in Seville, Spain. “With each experience in a different country, you just learn so much about yourself and their culture,” she said. “It was an experience of a lifetime.”

Outstanding Greek Man

Tayyar Unal, a member of Chi Tau Chi fraternity, completed majors in psychology and political philosophy. A resident assistant in Dean Hall and Johnson 'Roo Suites, he was elected vice president of Student Assembly, served on Student Development Board, the

Academic Integrity Committee, and the Senior Committee, and was a member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention intervention program. He also was on the swimming team for two years.

Tayyar joined Chi Tau Chi his freshman year. “It was a home away from home. It’s a group that you can lean on in times of adversity,” he said. “There are different facets of Greek life that fill each of the niches on campus.”

Outstanding Greek Woman

Taylor Woods, a communication studies major with a minor in gender studies, served as president of the Greek Council and is a member of Kappa Gamma Chi sorority.

During her Greek Council presidency, two Greek groups regained a campus presence. “The more Greek groups there are, the more opportunities there are for people to join, and more groups to give back to Sherman,” she said.

She participated in three international JanTerms, for courses on Scotland, Italy, and Europe in World War II. She also wrote for the Austin College *Observer* newspaper.

“I try to put out 100 percent in what I do,” Taylor said. “If you don’t give 100 percent, you’re not only cheating yourself, you’re cheating everyone around you. How can you expect them to give their best when you aren’t?”

Taylor also is a member of Alpha Psi Omega theater honor society and Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity.

Three Graduates Receive Fulbright Awards

Ashwini Shridhar '05, Claire Balani '10, and John Mark Purcell '10 have been awarded Fulbright grants for 2010-2011 study in England, China, and South Korea.

Shridhar received a Full Research Award to pursue a master's degree in movement studies at the University of London Central School of Speech and Drama. Her application, titled "Creating Collective Art through Movement," seeks to create a performing arts collective "that will serve as a bank of knowledge, history, and experience for artists" in performance and theatre.

The full Fulbright grants to the United Kingdom are the Fulbright Commission's most competitive awards, explained **Patrick Duffey**, Austin College Fulbright coordinator and dean of Humanities. "Ashwini was one of only 13 selected from 597 applications. She is the 20th Austin College student to receive a Fulbright award and our first successful applicant to the United Kingdom." Students are eligible for Fulbright grants for five years after graduation.

Since graduating from Austin College in 2005, Shridhar has lived in Bangalore, India, working in dance with Shiri Dance Company, where she teaches classical dance, performs, and interacts with children in a creative movement workshop.

Balani was awarded a Full Research Award and three months of intensive language training through the Critical Language Enhancement Award. Her application is titled "Capacity Building and Transnational Advocacy

Networks in the Pearl River Delta." She will study the effectiveness of training programs in strengthening relationships between local and international non-governmental organizations and the government in the Pearl River Delta region of China. She will begin study at Shenzhen University School of Law in December 2010.

Balani is no stranger to the region. She explored Chinese culture and ethnic minorities at the School of International Training in Kunming of the Yunnan Province in fall 2008. In spring 2009, she completed intensive Mandarin language study in Beijing. The 2008-2009 study was funded by a National Security Education Program Boren Scholarship.

Purcell received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship and will teach English in South Korea for just over 12 months, living with a Korean family throughout the experience.

Purcell grew up in St. Petersburg, Russia, and has studied around the world. His Austin College explorations took him to Bangladesh, where he interned at Grameen Bank; a study abroad term in Paris, France; and an independent study in Berlin, Germany.

Jacqueline Moore, professor of history, also was notified this spring of a Fulbright award to teach American Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University for the 2010-2011 academic year. More details will be available in the next issue of *Austin College Magazine*. 🇺🇸

Ashwini Shridhar



Claire Balani



John Mark Purcell





by Megan Kinkade

Muhammad Yunus: An Economy of Change



In 1975, Bangladeshi economics professor Muhammad Yunus did not set out to do anything radical—he saw a need and worked to fill it.

“I did a lot of crazy things—and the funny thing is, they worked,” he said.

Bangladesh was a country rich in farmland, but in the mid-1970s, the country was in the grip of terrible famine. Moved by the plight of starving villagers near the University of Chittagong, where he worked, he took an interest in the use of deep-well irrigation, and saw firsthand the difference between the “really poor and marginal farmers.” He could not stand aside while people died for want of basic resources.

Giving of his time, his insight, and initially, money from his own pocket, Yunus now is dedicated to creating a world without poverty.

*“Development
should be viewed
as a human rights issue,
not as a question
of simply increasing the
gross national product.”*

A Basic Human Right

Unable to personally have significant impact on major problems like famine, Yunus turned to what he knew—economics. He started with banking, founding Grameen Bank, which loans money to the poorest of the poor.

Yunus set out to make Grameen, or “village,” bank different.

“What do the big banks do?” he asked himself. “I learn how they do it—and then I do the opposite.”

Unlike mainstream lenders, Grameen disperses small loans, without collateral, to help build and grow small businesses. An overwhelming majority of the borrowers are desperately poor women—the people banks most often exclude from business and, Yunus found through experience, those most likely to reinvest their profits for the benefit of their children and their household, rather than spend on themselves.

Grameen Bank begins with the fundamental belief that access to credit is a basic human right, and that all borrowers are honest. If a borrower misses a payment, it is not because she is inherently bad; there was some personal circumstance—a medical emergency, a natural disaster—and Grameen will step in to help find a way past those roadblocks.

“The word ‘credit’ means ‘trust.’ Traditional bankers took credit and built a system on distrust. The whole Grameen Bank is based on trust,” Yunus said.

And—also unlike traditional lenders—Grameen Bank has a whopping 98 percent of its loans repaid.

Creating a Bank for the Poor

Yunus started Grameen out of frustration: frustration that poor farmers were starving on the streets around a privileged college campus; that neither charity nor the government seemed able to work lasting change; and that banks kept the abysmally poor from borrowing funds, leaving them to take loans from usurious moneylenders who held the borrowers in *de facto* bondage.

Seeing the poverty and trouble around him, the American-educated economics professor talked with some of the poorest workers in the nearby village of Jobra, the women who made bamboo stools. He was shocked to learn that though each stool sold for a reasonable price, the women made only a penny in profit because of the high interest rates the moneylenders offered.

He loaned 42 workers \$27 of his own money and saw the radical difference a relatively small amount of money made in their lives. Able finally to keep their profits, the women could trade at more favorable rates, invest more in their businesses, and stand to make a greater profit.

*“Grameen
has given me an
unshakeable faith
in the creativity
of human beings.
This has led me to believe
that human beings
are not born to suffer
the misery of hunger and
poverty.”*



“They started looking at me in a strange way, as if I had done a miracle. I thought to myself, with \$27 you can become an angel,” he said. “If you can make so many people happy with \$27, you should do more.”

He went a step further: He drafted a proposal and sought loan money from a traditional bank, offering to act as an intermediary between the institution and the borrowers.

In January 1977, Yunus formally created a pilot version of Grameen Bank, initially funded by the government’s Janata Bank. Through trial-and-error, he created the basic structure of the bank: borrowers seek loans as a group; saving is required; borrowers go through an initial training period; and loans are repaid,

weekly, over a year’s time.

The group has to work together to solve problems and help each individual prosper. Alex Counts, a friend of Yunus who wrote *Give Us Credit*, said the group requirement made a fundamental difference. “Poor families that would normally have no relationship, or perhaps an antagonistic relationship borne of religious or caste differences or a generations-old feud, are almost forced to help each other.”

Grameen Bank grew to 28,000 borrowers by the end of 1982, and the bank became officially independent in October 1983. Now the bank—93 percent owned by the borrowers themselves—has 2.1 million borrowers in Bangladesh, collecting an average \$1.5 million in loan repayments each week. The bank offers the original income-generating loans, as well as housing, educational, and disaster loans. It also offers a savings plan, a pension plan, and loan insurance.

By 1993, Grameen was Bangladesh’s largest bank and had disbursed \$3.9 billion in loans as of 2003.

Servant Leadership

Yunus saw a problem and felt he had to fix it—but poverty and starvation are big, complicated issues.

“I made my ambition very small. I said, ‘I can’t do anything for the country, because I’m too small, but I can do something for the village.’”

“Very quickly I decided, ‘no, that’s too big for me, too, there are too many people in the village.’ I said, ‘I can do one thing; I can be of use to one person.’ And that way it became very easy for me. I can really do something for one person. And then one person for life is very difficult; I said, ‘One person, even for a day. That is what I’ll do.’”

For his struggles and his successes—Grameen Bank now has over 8 million borrowers worldwide—Yunus, in conjunction with Grameen Bank, was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize “for their efforts to create economic and social development from below.” In 2009, he was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom.

And on February 25, 2010, he received the Austin College Posey Leadership Award at a public lecture held at the Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas. Yunus also gave a presentation to students, faculty, and staff at an on-campus lecture, followed by a session with economics and Posey Leadership Institute students.

Other programs and countries have taken note of Bangladesh's Grameen success. Grameen programs have been replicated in 58 countries across the world, from Malaysia to South Africa, Norway to Canada. Grameen has opened projects in the United States in New York City and in Omaha, Nebraska, and Grameen-style microlending programs operate in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Chicago, Illinois; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Dallas, Texas.

Grameen also has increased its programs. Branches of Grameen now include ventures relating to stocking fisheries, building tube wells, linking Bangladesh's hand-loom weavers to the international garment market, spreading cell phone access to rural areas, offering solar power and renewable energy, providing internet access, selling stock options, and operating a health program.

"Yunus probably would not want us to refer to him as a great man—but his work is great, and to us the two go together," Austin College Board of Trustees Chair **Robert Johnson** '53 said in his on-campus introduction of Yunus.

Yunus used his portion of the \$1.4 million Nobel Prize to create a fortified yogurt factory with Groupe Danone to increase children's nutrition and to establish a series of eye hospitals to offer cataract surgery to rural Bangladeshis.

"Development should be viewed as a human rights issue, not as a question of simply increasing the gross national product," Yunus wrote in his book *Banker to the Poor*.

A World Without Poverty

Despite all he has achieved, Yunus is far from complacent. He has two global goals.

He announced the first goal at a microcredit conference in 1997: By 2050, "I want to see a world free from poverty. This means that there

will not be a single human being on this planet that may be described as a poor person who is unable to meet his or her basic needs."

He wants to start by reducing poverty by half by 2015. Yunus has made great strides toward this goal within his own country of Bangladesh: By 2006, 58 percent of Grameen borrowers had moved above the poverty line.

"When we look at poor people described in our textbooks, we get the feeling that something is missing from these people—that is why they cannot get out of poverty," Yunus said. "But when you come very close to them, you realize they are just like everyone else. They are as intelligent, as enterprising, as anybody could be. But they are still poor. Poverty is not caused by her or him; poverty is caused by something else. Poverty is created by the system that we built."

His second goal is to reform economics as a whole. He hopes to establish a "social entrepreneur" economy, in which social consciousness can "replace greed as a profit motive." Such businesses still would operate for profits, but also would focus on giving back to their communities.

"Human beings are not money-making machines," he said. "But how come economists couldn't put the whole human being into their theory? Economists took this part of a human being—selfishness—and built the whole theory of business: Everything is for me. Nothing for others."

"What about selflessness? As human beings, we are also selfless beings. But that is not in the theory of economics. I said, 'that is where we went wrong.' We should have included the selflessness—not get rid of the selfishness, it's important—but take the selflessness too."

Yunus wants businesses—and individuals—to live by his mantra: "I shall not live life in a way that shall take away enjoyment of life from another person."

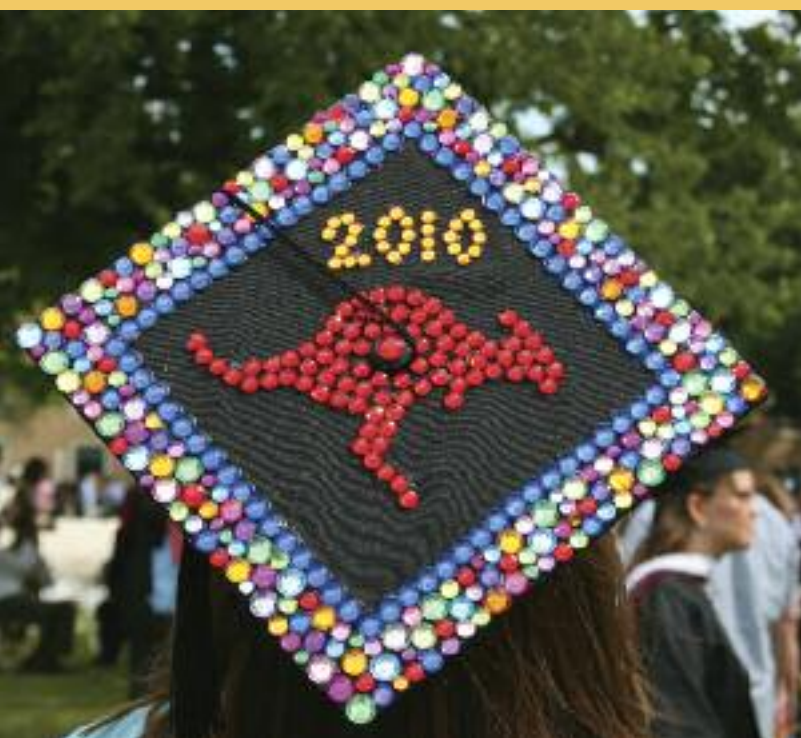
"Poverty should not belong to human society. Poverty should belong to poverty museums," he said. "If we believe in it, we can make it happen." 🌍



Four Austin College students who have completed summer internships at Grameen Bank posed with Muhammad Yunus during his campus visit. Left to right are Rachel Dodd '11 of Austin, Texas; Adnan Merchant '11 of Colleyville, Texas; Dr. Yunus; Redwan Hoque '10 of Dhaka, Bangladesh; and John Mark Purcell '10 of St. Petersburg, Russia.



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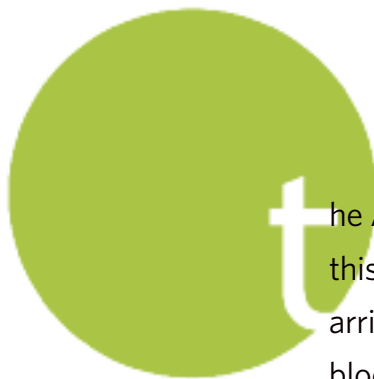
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by Megan Kinkade



Think Green



he Austin College community was thinking green this spring—and the focus was on more than the arrival of warm temperatures, sunny days, and blooming flowers. On April 15, the campus launched the Thinking Green campaign, renewing a long-held commitment to environmentally sound practices and encouraging sustainability, recycling, and intelligent consumer choices.



More than 600 college and university communities with similar concerns joined forces through the establishment of the Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC), which then-President **Oscar C. Page** signed in 2008. Upon her arrival as the 15th president of Austin College in July 2009, Dr. **Marjorie Hass** charged the campus committee established by Dr. Page to continue—and broaden—its research and proposals.

“I invited the PCC Advisory Committee to expand its focus so that our efforts at environmental responsibility are not merely responsive to external initiatives and plans, but grow organically from the Austin College soil, where leadership, service, community, and care are our ways of living,” Dr. Hass told faculty, staff, students, and friends at the Thinking Green launch.

Though controversy surrounds some sustainability issues, most people recognize the responsibility of the “reduce, reuse, recycle” concept at the heart of the Austin College plan, and agree that the College should be a good steward of resources—financial and environmental—and that such decisions should be well thought-out.

Thinking Green isn’t just for a season—it’s about forever changing the Austin College culture.

Global Concern

The Austin College Center for Environmental Studies has been part of the organizing force behind the new campaign. The College established the center in 1997. In 2000, **Peter Schulze**, professor of biology and environmental science, was named its director.

“Our society’s resource consumption is not sustainable—we can’t go on this way,” said Schulze. “The energy supply has serious long-term problems.”

Geopolitical issues with fossil fuels are just the beginning, he says, listing water supply problems, endangered and invasive species, expanding deserts, soil degradation, drought, famine, and more. “There is no one thing that will solve all these problems,” he said.

Dr. Hass agrees that sustainability is a global problem, and believes that Austin College students can be the key to finding solutions. “This is the first truly global generation,” she said at the Thinking Green event.

Because of a more global education, through study abroad and technology, “this generation has a very important role in expanding the sense of ‘home’ to include not only our little patch of land, but the globe.”

Financial Rewards

Good stewardship of limited resources has been part of the campus ethos for years. Physical Plant director **John Jennings** began looking several years ago for ways to dramatically reduce the College’s power and water demands.

In 2000, “we saw that if we didn’t do something, we would be spending \$1 million a year on electricity by 2007,” Jennings said. He and **Heidi Ellis**, vice president for Business Affairs, made changes to reduce the campus electricity consumption.

“Original estimates had savings of \$75,000 per year for electricity costs over five years. We’ve saved \$110,000 a year,” Jennings said.

Consumption cuts began in the heating system. Jennings found leaking pipes, defective machinery, and parts that simply were not working as intended, which wasted \$20,717 worth of natural gas in 2002.

Over the next five years, Physical Plant staff made a lot of changes, some big—adding a “winter mode” to the cooling system—and some that seem much smaller, but had a huge impact, like switching to the more energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Now, Jennings said, energy costs still are high, but campus modifications have helped. “We reached \$1 million a year in energy costs, but that’s because the cost of electricity has gone up and the campus is expanding,” he said. “But even while energy prices are rising, we’re below what we were using and we’re saving a tremendous amount of money.”

Additionally, in 2007, Jennings and Ellis helped the campus negotiate a new energy contract—the first agreement of its kind among small liberal arts colleges in Texas: 15 percent of the campus electricity is generated with wind or other renewable energy sources.



Think Serve

"There's a lot that has been done that people don't realize," he said. "We've changed our consumption by 2 percent a year for the last six years. We have been thinking environmentally."

Student Initiatives Have Long Reach

Citizens of Sherman have become quite familiar with the curbside recycling program adopted by city officials several years ago. Many people, however, don't realize that Austin College students and faculty had an integral role in the program's creation.

In 1997, **Julie Lobrecht Crownover '98**, who completed a biology major and environmental studies minor, did a senior project on "Citizen Interest in Curbside Recycling." Her door-to-door survey found that 80 percent of Sherman residents wanted more accessible recycling. She went to city council officials and found they were willing to put the program in place, but needed \$1 million in startup costs.

Crownover graduated, and other Austin College members took up the challenge, including **Karann Durland**, now chair of the Philosophy Department. With help, the city received a grant and built a commingled recycling program in 2001. The College had on-campus recycling in the 1990s, but it was difficult and underused. The city's changes allowed the College to streamline its recycling program; now, 30 percent of on-campus waste material is recycled.

Environmental Studies students long have been encouraged to take on projects that will help the campus be more green, though not all have been as ambitious as city-wide recycling. Student initiatives have led to an underground sprinkler system for the campus; copiers and printers set to print on both sides of paper; refinement of the campus recycling system; and less waste in food delivery with reusable to-go containers and other paper-saving plans.

"Implementation of their ideas helps students understand that people are listening and is satisfying for them," Schulze said. "Modest changes and bigger, research proposals provide learning experiences."

Another student-started project is the composting of food waste from the dining hall. About 100 gallons of



Recycled art by Hector Gonzalez '12

food waste are produced each week and made into compost for campus landscaping. If that waste weren't composted, it would be thrown into a landfill, where it would decompose without access to oxygen. That type of decomposition produces large amounts of methane gas, a greenhouse gas about 20 times as bad for the environment as carbon dioxide.

"Making compost instead of throwing the food in the trash reduces greenhouse gases, reduces the amount of material stored in landfills, produces materials useful for the campus grounds, and provides educational opportunities in biology courses," Schulze said.

Two Austin College student groups focus on environmentalism: the Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students (ECOS), which sponsors Earth Day events and organizes environmentally-oriented activities; and the Biology Interest Group (BIG), which provides a forum for discussion of biology topics and promoting interest in biology and ecology. Both are open to students of any major.

Psychology major **Vanessa Perales '12** of El Paso, Texas, leads BIG. "One of our major goals is allowing people to see not only how we can help the environment, but the goodness of the environment—showing there is a reason why we all should be contributing to improving it," she said.

Sneed Prairie

Students with an interest in the environment have had local educational and service opportunities for nearly 20 years through the College's Sneed Environmental Research Area. Friends of the College, Clinton and Edith Sneed donated their 100-acre farm in the 1980s and biology professor **Howard McCarley** planted native grasses and conducted some of the first research there.

But the property contained dangerous, decaying farm equipment and wasn't very useful until the mid-'90s when members of Alpha Delta Chi sorority initially took

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on cleanup of the property as a service project. On the first day of volunteering, the women collected more than 10,000 pounds of metal for recycling, filling an industrial dumpster.

Today, the prairie is a classroom, a working laboratory, and rigorous scientific experiment: Sherman schoolchildren visit and learn about ecology and Austin College students work on ecology, biology, physics, and chemistry lessons. Along with Schulze, **Keith Kisselle**, associate professor of biology and environmental science, and **Kelly Reed**, associate professor of biology, and their students are operating a long-term experiment on the most effective ways to restore a prairie.

The Presidents Climate Commitment

Through the PCC, Austin College joined a national effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The PCC includes a goal of climate neutrality—by balancing the use of climate-harming resources with use and support of those that help the environment.

Dr. Hass said the Austin College community may set additional goals. She is keenly interested in maintaining the environment, teaching good stewardship, and celebrating positive change at the College. “We are looking beyond the Presidents Climate Commitment to a more holistic plan—thinking both more broadly and more locally,” she said.

The first step in the commitment was the greenhouse gas audit. At most schools, this important task was restricted to research faculty; at Austin College, environmental studies major **Jade Rutledge** ‘09 made the audit her senior honors project.

“This process required talking to many different people within the College, including staff, faculty, and students,” she said. Rutledge had to account for the energy used to power the campus, for commuting, air travel, waste processing, and more, and calculate the amount of greenhouse gases generated by those resources.

“The three largest sources of greenhouse gases for our campus were electricity, natural gas, and air travel,” she said. “I also learned about all the possibilities Austin College has to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus.”

The Thinking Green campaign is part of reducing that footprint. “This campaign is about changing habits—rethinking standard operating procedures so that we are more attuned to the environmental impact of our decisions,” Dr. Hass said.

Environmental studies student **Katie Masucci** ‘11 of Plano, Texas, is eager to see the results of the campaign. “I don’t think most people try, on purpose, to do harmful things, but they just don’t know about the simple changes they can make.”

Masucci is one of the student representatives on the Presidents Climate Commitment Advisory Committee. “Our ultimate goal is to make the green lifestyle part of the culture,” she said. “We’re taking small measures that have a big impact, and I think students can understand being smart about our actions. Our goal is to appeal to everybody.”

Building “Green”

The planned IDEA Center will be the next major step in Austin College’s plan to meet the Presidents Climate Commitment. Austin College faculty members have worked with the architects so that the building will meet LEED Silver certification standards. The center also will be the first LEED-certified building in Sherman.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the nonprofit U.S. Green Building Council. “LEED certification is like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval for green buildings,” Schulze said.

The IDEA Center will be built with recycled materials and local resources, have rainwater collection, use native plant species, promote green transportation, use 40 percent less water, and use 14 percent less energy than other buildings. The process is challenging.

“This isn’t compared to other science buildings,” said **David Baker**, associate professor of physics who is coordinating the LEED certification efforts. “The LEED

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standards are ‘generic;’ there isn’t a specific standard for science buildings.” So science buildings use the same standards as other buildings, “But science buildings are energy hogs,” Baker said, adding that science buildings—with exhaust hoods and mixing chemicals—are inherently difficult to make efficient. “To have a 14 percent energy reduction is quite impressive.”

The goal of LEED certifications, Baker said, is to “leave the environment as undisturbed as possible while putting a building on it.”

Controversy Remains

Encouraging sustainability is not without controversy.

When it comes to fossil fuels, climate change, and other environmental issues, debate can get heated. Some question whether these are problems at all, or whether the issues will be solved naturally without human interference. “We can never eliminate uncertainty about the future, but I prefer to err on the side of caution,” Schulze said. “Rather than bet the planet, I would prefer to see us do our best not to cause regrettable, potentially irreversible changes.”

Baker said the evidence “unequivocally” shows that the average surface temperature of the Earth is getting warmer. “You may not want to believe that humans are causing it, but the evidence shows otherwise,” he said. “The climate is changing and there’s a greater than 90 percent chance that human activities are responsible.”

Schulze says working toward a cleaner Earth is important. “It’s akin to having car insurance or homeowners insurance. We don’t know for certain that there will be an accident, but we carry insurance because we know the possibility exists,” he said.

Dr. Hass agrees that climate change should be addressed, but she has not determined how all aspects of the PCC will be met. “The challenge is that the Presidents Climate Commitment has a carbon neutrality goal, which seems to require carbon offsets,”

she said, noting that campus energy use can be made only so efficient.

“We can’t achieve carbon neutrality strictly through reduction,” Jennings said. “There are some areas we still can reduce energy consumption; if we can get down another 15 percent from where we are now, we’ll have to offset remaining fossil fuel consumption,” he said.

Carbon offsets are purchases that “counter” greenhouse gas emissions by funding an activity that reduces emissions, such as planting trees or supporting wind farms or other renewable energy.

Even if the campus produced no waste, Austin College’s emphasis on study abroad opportunities presents an environmental concern.

Air travel—and its high use of polluting fossil fuels—“has to be offset,” Baker said. “The only other two options are: 1) we don’t travel, which, with our emphasis on study abroad, should not happen, or 2) a new technology comes along and airlines no longer need to burn fossil fuels, which unfortunately seems to be a long way off.”

To achieve the Presidents Climate Commitment goal of carbon neutrality, the 17 percent of Austin College greenhouse gas emissions produced through air travel—plus any remaining emissions from electricity production—would have to be mitigated through the purchase of carbon offsets. Switching to only renewable power could limit the greenhouse production, but there would still be waste that would need to be offset.

Students took a first step this January—some JanTerm faculty encouraged students to individually purchase carbon offsets for their travel. Participants in seven courses elected to purchase offsets. Carbon emissions for 124 students, seven faculty, and three alumni were offset—helping pay for creation of a wind farm in Greensburg, Kansas.

President Hass is not ready to include carbon offsets in the College operating budget or to require any students or faculty to commit to offsets, but she supports individuals who want to use volunteer donations and is committed to facilitating those donations.

Schulze has done some calculations, and estimates that the College could achieve climate neutrality now

based solely on buying offsets for a cost of about \$0.25 a day for every person on campus, but no one is proposing that action. The challenge, Schulze said, is for the College to conserve where feasible and avoid the need for offsets where possible.

He further estimates that, if the campus adopts sustainable practices and reduces energy consumption, the College could be greenhouse neutral by 2020—with the purchase of the carbon offsets.

Think First

“We want to find ways to make the Thinking Green campaign part of the campus ethos,” Dr. Hass said. “We need to think before doing things, and consider our waste. We as a campus community must weigh the environmental impact of our decisions.”

Dr. Hass feels it is an advantage of an institution of higher learning that differing opinions are welcomed and discussed, with sound compromises made. “We may disagree on details, but what we agree on has a bigger impact—that is, to make this initiative part of the campus and our larger Austin College community,” she said.

Masucci agrees. “Hopefully, students will take what they learn from campus greening efforts and apply that to whatever professional ends they pursue and to wherever they may leave a positive impression,” she said.

“Being an environmentally responsible institution is surely an addition to our already prestigious reputation,”



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Masucci added. “I’m proud to go to a college that embraces its role in creating responsible and conscientious adults, and extends that goal to environmental awareness.”

Indeed, The Princeton Review found that 66 percent of the students polled in its 2009 “College Hopes & Worries Survey” ranked environmental efforts as influential in their college decision.

Sustainability and stewardship practices are important to past, present, and future members of the College community and, because of that, the College has made a long-term commitment to emphasize Thinking Green.

“I’m pleased and proud to be a spokesperson and champion for green efforts,” President Hass said. “I am gratified to be part of an institution that places an emphasis on environmental stewardship. I am excited to see future student initiatives and responsible, thoughtful use of our resources on ‘our little patch of land’ and beyond.”

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He had been accepted to good schools, colleges where friends were planning to attend—Cornell University, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Pennsylvania—but **Redwan Hoque '10** wanted to try something different.

He picked a small liberal arts college in a town he didn't know much about, and decided to move 8,458 miles from home. "I'll just try it out, I thought," Redwan recalled. "I went against all the advice of my friends and parents ... and I've not regretted it."

He moved from Dhaka, Bangladesh, to Sherman, Texas, to attend Austin College. He had grown up in the bustling capital of Bangladesh and was educated at the Scholastica International School, where he learned unaccented English. He was very shy in school and academically oriented; he had played a few sports, but nothing remarkable.

In 2006, Redwan was accepted to Austin College and flew to America, taking flights from Dhaka, Bangladesh, to Singapore, before boarding a 17-hour flight to Newark, New Jersey. There, distant relatives from Pennsylvania picked him up until he could take the two-day bus trip to Sherman. He struggled his freshman year. He was half a world from home—and still quite shy. "At the end of

freshman year, I only had 10 friends on Facebook. I don't like to admit that," he said.

"Redwan was one of four international students in my fall 2006 Communication/Inquiry class on 'Whose Globalization?'" said **Janet Lowry**, an associate professor of sociology who retired in 2008. "Having a student from Bangladesh who was articulate and studious was great, though he was kind of shy initially. I remember talking about my first-year student group and being assured that though Redwan was quiet, he was engaged in learning and college activities."

Shyness, foreignness, and financial concerns nearly led him to drop out at the end of his freshman year. Austin College scholarships helped Redwan remain enrolled. "This school means a lot to me, and that extra effort showed me that I meant a lot to the school. I really dedicated myself to giving back after that," Redwan said. He accepted a position as a resident assistant in Baker Hall and became more involved.

Being a resident assistant changed everything. "I realized it was my platform to change myself," Redwan said. "I'm a lot more confident about myself. I've realized that everyone brings something different to the table. You can't get anything done if you don't speak out."

Transformative Education

The idea of Redwan Hoque as a shy freshman is difficult to comprehend when considering the active and popular Outstanding Senior Man he became.

"Redwan Hoque is an amazing person," said Kelsel Thompson, former dean of students. "As a first-year student, he was not the confident, mature, outgoing person he is now. He has developed his leadership abilities through a variety of experiences." Last spring, Redwan received the Robert Bradshaw Scholarship for exceptional leadership through involvement in co-curricular activities, including service as student body vice president, and was elected to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

During 2009-2010, Redwan was head resident of Baker Hall, was co-chair of the Economics and Business Administration Department's Student Investment Fund, and participated in a wide variety of co-curricular activities, including Chi Tau Chi fraternity and service as vice president for the Indian Cultural Association.

"They say sleep is overrated; I agree. But I sleep a lot on weekends," Redwan laughed. "It's been quite an interesting journey."

He also completed majors in economics and business administration and a minor in religion. And, his peers selected him as senior speaker for graduation.

"He is a leader in the truest sense of the word," said **Michael Deen**, director of Student Life. "Redwan has held numerous leadership roles on campus and in every case, he has been exemplary. He is a role model for students on campus and someone who will be very successful in all that he does in the future."

"He truly has taken advantage of the multi-dimensional opportunities offered at Austin College," Thompson said. "He has relationships with faculty, staff, and students—even Board of Trustees members. He has been involved with Greek life, cultural groups, student government, and residence life. He has an inspiring personal story as an international student."

After his freshman year, Redwan interned with Grameen Bank in his hometown of Dhaka, Bangladesh. The bank's founder and microcredit pioneer Muhammad

Yunus was the 2010 Austin College Posey Leadership Award winner.

"I loved that Redwan had the opportunity to work with the Grameen Bank and that he then introduced Dr. Yunus this spring at the Austin College lecture," Lowry, Redwan's freshman-year mentor, said. "What a thrill for him and a great statement about the opportunities Austin College presented to him—of which he has taken full advantage with skill and great character."

Redwan interned with the Center for Policy Dialogue in Dhaka after his sophomore year. There, he worked with the Bangladeshi government to improve the financial underpinnings of the country. He was part of a 15-person team responsible for auditing the national budget, independently chiding and praising the government's work based on their financial decisions.

"I learned that running a government is hard," Redwan said without irony. "When you're in a position of power, you'll always be criticized. I saw that it is hard to come up with solutions."

Redwan switched to a private company for his next internship with Litton Loan Services in Irving, Texas. There, he said, he was shocked and curious about the amount of money flowing through a financial services company—sometimes more than the entire gross domestic product of his home country.

The internship with Litton resulted in a full-time position upon graduation. Taking the job had some personal consequences—he hasn't been to Bangladesh or seen his family in a year and a half, and isn't sure when he'll be able to return.

"You can't have everything. It's hard sometimes, but I know it should be," he said. He stays focused on his long-term "big picture" goals. "I'm sort of stubborn," he said. "I'm really big on proving people wrong who doubt me—proving to myself that I can do it, and proving it to others." 🌟

Familiar and new faces will lead Austin College athletics teams next season after several staffing and coaching announcements this spring. **Tim Millerick**, vice president for Student Affairs and Athletics, has passed the day-to-day role as the school's chief athletics administrator to **David Norman** '83. Norman has been promoted to the role of athletics director as of July 1. Millerick, who led the department for 14 years through times of significant growth and accomplishment, will continue his oversight of the athletics program at the vice presidential level.

Norman has spent 21 years at Austin College in coaching, teaching, and fundraising for the Athletics Department and the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, including 14 seasons as head football coach. Stepping down from coaching, he was named assistant athletics director in 1996 and was promoted to associate director in 2008.

Loren Dawson, who was the Austin College football team's defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator, and recruiting coordinator from 2002 to 2007, has been named the head coach of the 'Roos. Former coach **Ronnie Gage** left Austin College earlier this year for a coaching position in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

Last season, Dawson's Colorado School of Mines team finished the year with an 8-3 record and finished second in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with an 8-1 conference mark. In 2008, the Orediggers finished the season with an overall record of 8-4 and a 7-2 conference mark.

Deb Hunter, women's basketball coach for the past 11 seasons, has left her position for health reasons. Hunter's 2009-2010 team completed a season in which it went 18-8 and she was named both the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference and Russell Athletic/WBCA Region 5 Coach of the Year.

Michelle Filander, the new women's basketball coach, came to Austin College from Washington & Jefferson College, where she served as an assistant coach for four seasons. The Presidents made three trips to the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament with Filander on the sideline, including a first-round appearance this year when the team went 23-5. Overall, Filander helped coach the Presidents to an 86-26 record in her four years.

New and Returning Faces Lead the 'Roos



Loren Dawson



Michelle Filander



Left to right, Tim Millerick, Marjorie Hass, and David Norman

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Kangaroo Court: 100 Years of Basketball

Nearly 1,000 alumni and friends were on campus in February to celebrate 100 years of basketball competition at Austin College. Those guests cheered on the 'Roos men's and women's teams, told stories (and some of them were true!) of their own exploits on the courts, and several suited up to prove their skills in an alumni game. A celebration dinner highlighted the agenda.

Former players and Austin College Athletic Hall of Honor inductees **Jim Rogers** '63 and **Don Johnson** '71 wrote *The Kangaroo Court—100 years of Austin College Basketball*. The book chronicles Kangaroo teams from 1910 (less than 10 years after the sport's creation) to 2010, with photos and descriptions of each season—including establishment of the first women's team at Austin College in 1919—53 years before Title IX mandated equal opportunities in college athletics. Descriptions of championships, outstanding players, and coaching staffs complete the history.

Among those historic teams were those coached by **Floyd Gass** from 1955 to 1962, and **Robin Potera** from 1994 to 1998, with those coaches leading some of the most successful teams in the 100 years.

Gass, a recipient of the College's Coach Joe Spencer Award for Meritorious Service and Lifetime Achievement in Coaching, took teams to the NAIA national tournament in the 1957-1958 and the 1958-1959 seasons. The 1957-1958 team finished 19-6, which stood as

the best single-season record at the College until the 2009-2010 team won 20 games.

In 1962, Gass passed the coaching duties on to **Bob Mason** '52, who had his own significant role in Austin College coaching history.

Gass continued his relationship with Austin College and his players throughout his career at Oklahoma State University and until his death, at age 79, in 2006.

Potera took her Austin College women's teams to three consecutive championships from 1996 to 1998. During five seasons as coach, she won more games than any other Austin College women's coach, going 85-47. She now coaches at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

The history book is available for \$20 through the Austin College Athletics Office; contact Norman at 903.813.2499 or dnorman@austincollege.edu for details.



Above: Writers of the Austin College basketball history are Jim Rogers, left, and Don Johnson. Left: Buck Buchanan '97 and Shane Allison '95 were among those celebrating the basketball milestone.

Alumni on JanTerm

Where
Do You
Want
to Go?



Kris McKinney at the Cape of Good Hope

Kris Berry McKinney '78 of Evergreen, Colorado, is "still savoring every moment" of January 2010. She joined 14 Austin College students and **Lisa Brown**, associate professor of psychology, in travels to South Africa for the January Term course "Social Change in Post-Apartheid South Africa."

Kris was not the only graduate enjoying JanTerm 2010. **Kay Kinkler Casey** '68 of Denison, Texas, joined "Understanding Modern Germany" with **Kai Diers**, assistant professor of German, and **John Taylor, Jr.**, '75 attended "Foreign Policy Decision Game" in Washington, D.C. with **Shelton Williams**, professor emeritus of political science.

So, what are you doing for JanTerm 2011? Maybe take an intensive language course in "Spanish in Seville and Beyond," with a look at the historical significance of Seville and a four-day trip to Morocco with **Randi Tanglen** of the English faculty; observe "Taiwan's Poetical Environment" with **Don Rodgers**, political science; explore "Rising China" travelling to Beijing, Xian, and Guangzhou, China, with **Shelton Williams**; or concentrate on "London Theatre" with **Kirk Everist** of the Communication Studies Department?

The three alumni participants in 2010 give the experience high marks for educational opportunities, connections with their alma mater, and the chance to see more of the world. More comments from the alumni are available on the Austin College website.

Alumni should contact the Center for Global Learning at janterm@austincollege.edu to receive detailed course descriptions, costs, and other information by email. Costs range from \$3,700 to \$5,100, with additional out-of-pocket costs. Some costs are subject to change.

Class of 1960



50-Year Graduates: Members of the Class of 1960 were on campus during Commencement to celebrate 50 years since their own graduations. Pictured at the event where each received an anniversary diploma and Golden 'Roo medallion are, left to right, front row: Priscilla Abbott, Charlene Tucker Arnold, Mary Kennedy, Nancy Gracy Jones, Mary Kaye Herron-Anders; row 2 and 3: Jerry Apple, Bud Maines, Larry Smith, Peggy Floyd Shields, Joyce Thrasher Coney, Barbara Lodge, Margie Noel, David Dickey, Jerry Loveless, Laughton Whitehead, Sandra Reininger Moline, Vern Sutton, Dottie Richardson Maines, Patricia Wargo Hart, and Buck Files; back row: Randolph Coney, Kemp Moore, Jr., John Denton, Tom Huey, Robert Minshew, Bill Harris, and Jon Moline. Present, but not pictured, Sam Shields.

More photos are posted on the Austin College website and Facebook site.

BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

Lyndon Taylor '51 was back in the Austin College classroom this January for extra lessons—from the other side of the lectern.

For two consecutive JanTerms, Taylor returned to his alma mater to teach. Last year, his grandson **Daniel Hook '11** from Lake Jackson, Texas, attended his class. The course, "The Singularity is Near," focuses on the far-reaching implications of future technology.

While at Austin College, Taylor double-majored in physics and math, then earned his master's degree and Ph.D. in physics at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He worked with Texas Instruments shortly after the company introduced the silicon transistor, giving him a solid foundation in experimental, rather than theoretical, physics. He taught electrical engineering at the University of Texas in Austin for 18 years before returning to a hands-on approach to work as a component engineer, developing fiber optics for telecommunications companies.



Since retiring, he has taken on a few odd jobs—like working with Frito-Lay to optimize their potato transport and make more potato chips. And, of course, he's taken time to teach at Austin College as an adjunct professor.

His course, though relying on actual science, delves frequently into science-fiction comparisons.

"In some senses," he said, "this was more of a philosophy course with an underlay of science."

An example of the questions his students grappled with, based on *The Singularity is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology* by Ray Kurzweil: With the growing ability of medicine to replace parts of the human body with artificial substitutes or enhancements—such as hip replacements, artificial hearts or pacemakers, or cochlear implants—is the modified human still completely human, or a hybrid? As more replacements and enhancements become available, will there be a point at which a person with enhancements can no longer be considered a human?

Despite the difficulty of such questions, Taylor knows one thing for certain: "I'm glad I don't have to compete with the Austin College students. They are sharp!"

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(9) Jim Wilson received the 2010 Carey Cox Citizen of the Year Award at the McKinney community awards celebration in February. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the well-being of the community in terms of expenditure of resources, energy, and creativity over a sustained period. In making the announcement, it was noted that Wilson, a physician, has exemplified these characteristics throughout his lifelong dedication to his patients and community, and that in the early days of his practice, he often made house calls and accepted items such as cakes, pickles, and chickens for payment. His community involvement has included service as a team doctor, providing free physicals for local football teams, as well as volunteering for many community free clinics. He served on the boards of the Boys Club and the Samaritan Inn, also volunteering as their physician. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and has taught Sunday School at Trinity Presbyterian Church for 15 years. His supporter and wife of more than 54 years, **Marian (Sherard) Wilson '55**, joined him at the ceremony.

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Emory Glover spent last June riding the rails in eight European countries, visiting some two dozen friends via 44 trains. Back in Houston, he is a broker associate of Keller

Williams Realty, ESL Instructor for Berlitz, guest preacher for the Thai Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church, and president of the Willow Meadows Civic Club.

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Tom Sehon is living in Marlin, Texas, with his wife, Helen. After graduating from the University of Texas Law School in 1970, Sehon practiced law for 37 years before retiring on September 1, 2007. During his career, he served 20 years as Falls County district attorney and nearly five years as Falls County judge before blood pressure problems forced him to retire. Sehon credits Austin College with providing him with a peerless, quality education that has been a "tremendous benefit" to him in the years after graduation, noting that **Kenneth W. Street**, professor emeritus of political science, had "an enormous positive influence" on his life in many ways.

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Shirley Smith Duke has written a new young adult book, *Unthinkable*, coming out this spring and is working on two children's science books.

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Tyler Hughes has been appointed to the board of governors of the American College of Surgeons, headquartered in Chicago. In

that role, he will attend national meetings, review policies related to surgery issues, and attend committee meetings ranging on issues from education to socio-economic factors.

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David "George" Johnson is the director of Information Services at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas.

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David Corrigan, CEO of Corrigan Investments, Inc., was named 2010 board chair of the Dallas Regional Chamber. He has served as president and is a long-standing member of the board of the Dallas Museum of Natural History and is president of the board of trustees for the Lamplighter School. He also is affiliated with the Real Estate Council, the Dallas Assembly, and North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors. The Dallas Regional Chamber includes a 92-member board of directors.

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Alfonso Charles has been appointed by Governor Rick Perry as the presiding judge of the 124th District Court in Gregg County (Longview), Texas.

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Lynn LaRowe was named 2009 Journalist of the Year by the North and East Texas Press Association for her work as legal reporter for the *Texarkana Gazette*. Her work also led to her appearance in December on an episode of *America's Most Wanted*, speaking about a case she has covered in depth.

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Andy Porter joined the office of the Tarrant County district attorney as an appellate prosecutor in June. For the previous seven years he worked as a staff attorney for the Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana. He was a trial and appellate prosecutor for the office of the Gregg County District Attorney for nearly four years prior to the Texarkana position.

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Eric Cox has written his first book *Why Enduring Rivalries Do—or Don't—End*, which became available in May through FirstForumPress.

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Scott Grischow has been promoted to managing director in FTI Consulting's corporate finance practice in Houston, Texas. He focuses on large business restructurings and turnarounds in the financial services sector.

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(2) A son, Walker Gordon, was born on February 17 to Ben and **Abby Hagan Harris**. The family, including big sister Lainey, lives in Plano, Texas. ■ (6) **Jennifer Miscovich** and **Sean Ferratt** were married October 24, 2009, with **Kristen Hartman** as maid of honor. Jennifer and Sean met while acting in a community theater production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!* The couple lives in Houston where Jennifer is the senior labor and employment attorney for Cameron International and Sean is an accountant for Dresser-Rand. ■ (5) **Joshua Robinson** graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May 2009. He received the Dr. George D. Carter, Jr., Pastoral Ministry Award, which recognizes demonstrated outstanding promise for pastoral leadership. In August 2009, Joshua was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and was installed as associate pastor at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

in Roanoke, Virginia. ■ (12) A daughter, Alise Ford, was born March 22, 2009, to **Jason '98** and **Caroline Williams Ford**.

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(8) A son, Everett Watson White, was born February 18, 2009, to Richard and **Dana Lynne Dalton White**. The baby has a big sister, Jillian Marie, 4. ■ (1) Twin sons, Douglas Edwin Lowe III and Breckenridge Kelley Lowe, were born January 22 to **Douglas '00** and **Kelli Gerber Lowe**.

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(13) **Kristin Orsak** and **Charlie Robinson** were married October 24, 2009, in Dallas at the Hickory Street Annex. **Kathryn Kincaid Goldsmith '04** was maid of honor and **P.J. Maslanka '05** was best man. **Sarah Demarest Allen '03** officiated and many other 'Roos attended the celebration.

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(10) **Katie Deming** and Michael Shuman were married July 31, 2009, in Wenatchee National Forest in Ronald, Washington. Bridesmaids included **Kara Janasak '04** and the bride's sister, **Anne Deming '12**. The couple lives in Redmond, Washington, but will move to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands in July. ■ A daughter, Esme Jo, was born to Emily and **Christopher Dixon** on December 12, 2009. The family lives in Kansas. ■ (4) A daughter, Alyvia Leigh, was born September 26, 2009, to Chris and **Lauren Vincent Douglas**. ■ (14) **Regina Floyd** and **David Joseph Waddell, Jr.**, were married July 25, 2009, in Dallas, Texas. The wedding party included **Andrea Fitzgerald Smith '04**, **Lenora Mathis '04**, and **Sam Horton '03**. Other alumni attending included **Tracy Orwig**, **Erin Panko**, **Andrew Forward**, **Cassandra Evans Mackie '02**, **Amon-Ra Mackie '03**, **Paul Lawyer**, **Jacqueline Hunton Lawyer**, and **Pablo Davila**.



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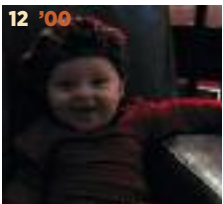
(7) **Brooklyn Bruner** and Dwight Clasby were married June 6, 2009, in Gatesville, Texas. The groom's brother **Mark Clasby '04** was the best man and **Britain Bruner '09** was a groomsman. **Jenna Carl '07** was maid of honor and bridesmaids were **Jess Cassenave '07** and **Stevie Demarest '08**. **T.J. Roberts '06** was a bridesman and **James Skinner '09** was an usher. ■ (15) **Andrea Leonard** was one of 1,300 individuals from more than 40 countries to participate in the Gaza Freedom March in December 2009. The five-day march began in Cairo, crossed into Gaza, and traveled north along the Gaza strip to the Israeli border. Andrea participated in the march as a delegate of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, a national organization pursuing justice and peace through nonviolence. After graduating from Austin College, Andrea spent a year in humanitarian work on the U.S.-Mexico border and now is completing master's and education specialist degrees in school psychology at Georgia State University. In the photo, Andrea smiles with children in a West Bank city during a 2008 trip there.

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(3) **Stephen Carpenter** and **Kaiti Martinez** were married May 24, 2008, in Austin, Texas, at Villa Antonia. The couple lives in Austin, where Kaiti works for Smiley Media, an online advertising company, as a product manager, and Stephen works for Carpenter & Associates, Inc., a brokerage, development, and investment firm. The company is developing the Central Texas Airport and Green Corporate Centers project and Stephen is in charge of the hangar sales and leasing, as well as business and corporate campus sites. Kaiti volunteers at the Austin Humane Society, and Stephen plays on a Premier Austin Men's Soccer Association team.

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(11) **Hillary Powlen** and Eric Croissant were married in McKinney, Texas, on December 27, 2008. The wedding party included **Emileigh Stewart**, **Tracy Wright**, and **Megan McMillian**. The couple lives in Melissa, Texas, where Hillary is a fourth-grade teacher. Eric is a 2008 Texas Tech graduate and works at Raytheon in McKinney.



LAW AND ORDER

Catherine “Cat” Moran ’07, president of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society at the University of Texas School of Law, arranged for the Texas Supreme Court to hear arguments at the law school during a February symposium, “Pursuing Justice through Legal Innovation.” Cat invited other campus law organizations to join in presenting an annual symposium.

The symposium’s similarities to the Texas Supreme Court’s visit to Austin College a few years are not accidental. Cat was a member of the Austin College Pre-Law Society that hosted that event and said the experience played a key role in her efforts to recreate the visit at the law school.

Following the oral arguments, more than 300 symposium attendees participated in a series of panels covering civil, criminal, and ethical topics.



Cat and a partner won the Rocky Mountain Regional Moot Court Championship in 2008-2009 and in 2009-2010. She was nominated by UT Law faculty for the prestigious Pickle Citizenship Award and the PAL-MAKE A DIFFERENCE Award for community service work.

Cat completed her law degree in May 2010 and now is preparing for the bar exam. She has yet to decide upon a position, though she has received several offers to prosecute around the nation.

Cat is pictured with **Osler McCarthy** ’73, staff attorney and public information officer for the Texas Supreme Court, and at right, Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Longtime friends and Austin College graduates gathered to celebrate the first birthday of Lola Rey Bragg, born November 8, 2008, to **Joy Kirkpatrick** ’99, at center. They are joined by **Lauren Clark Siewert** ’99 and daughter, Violet Belle Siewert, born June 6, 2009, left, and **Whitney Evans Musitano** ’99 and daughter, Olivia Irene Musitano, born July 31, 2009, at right.



TAKING THE LEAD

Several Posey Leadership Institute graduates were on campus in February for the presentations by Muhammad Yunus, 2010 Posey Leadership Award recipient. Several of the alumni participated in the Posey Leadership Institute selection process for applicants among freshmen entering Austin College in fall 2010. Pictured, left to right: **Michael Bardgett** ’04, international development consultant in Washington, D.C.; **Kristin Saboe** ’08, doctoral student in industrial and organizational psychology at the University of South Florida in Tampa; **Will Radke** ’08, analyst with Goldman Sachs Realty Japan in Tokyo; **Amber Childress** ’08, analyst with the Terrestrial Carbon Group in Washington, D.C.; **Mariam Chaudhry** ’08, recent graduate of the Master in International Affairs program at the Bush School of



Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University.

BACK STAGE

A play written by **Micah McCoy** ’07 was selected as one of four best new works in the Texas Nonprofit Theatres POPS! (Production of Original PlayS) competition.

His play, *Homegrown Tomatoes*, focuses on the story of a young Christian fundamentalist seminarian who accidentally winds up living in a hippy commune in Austin, Texas. As he struggles with the differing views of his living companions, he finds out his homophobic father—a minister of a mega-church—was arrested for having an illicit rendezvous with another man in a public restroom. The seminarian struggles with his ideas of faith and family amidst the crisis. (Micah points out that though his father is a minister, the character in the play is not based on him.)

A 20-minute excerpt of the play was staged at the Texas Nonprofit Theatres annual convention in Beaumont, Texas, in March. The play will be produced by the San Pedro Playhouse in San Antonio, Texas, in late 2010 or early 2011.

“It’s a lot of fun to write a play, but it doesn’t feel truly finished until it is performed,” Micah said. “Being able to share something I’ve put so much work, thought, and love into will be an incredible experience for me. I can’t wait to see how the director and actors bring it to life on the stage.”

Homegrown Tomatoes is Micah’s first full-length play. His 10-minute play *Procreative Sex* appeared in the 2009 New Plays Festival in Cornwall, New York, and placed in the top three audience favorites.

Micah lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and makes a living as a communications specialist for the ACLU of New Mexico. 🌵



IN MEMORIAM

'33	Virginia Norris Barham	March 5, 2010
'45	Dr. Edith 'Jean' Church	January 6, 2010
'46	James E. "Jim" Richards,	February 21, 2010
'49	Martha J. (Greene) Jordan	March 19, 2010
'51	Barbara Biggerstaff Worsham	April 6, 2010
'52	Robert T. Lynn	May 2, 2010
'55	Carl Stanton Rogers	May 20, 2010
'56	Cmd. Donald E. Sheppard	December 7, 2009
'58	Donald Ray Shepherd	May 16, 2010
'63	Virgil Boyd Graves	April 9, 2010
'67	Lela Peabody	February 4, 2010
'68	Celia Riddle Millemon	March 15, 2010
'69	Pamela Sue Wilkerson Wheeler	March 4, 2010
'71	Gregory Stewart Burgin	January 21, 2010
'71	D. Craig McCoy	February 9, 2010
'74	Ann Olson Ivey	April 3, 2010
'77	Ben Allen Francis	May 10, 2010
'82	Rebecca Dee "Becky" White	February 1, 2010
'06	Ashley Khosla	January 10, 2010

Friends We Will Miss

Longtime Austin College friend and supporter **Mary Elizabeth Lockhart** of Sherman died February 2. All memorial gifts will support the Ellis and Mary Elizabeth Lockhart Endowed Academic Honors Scholarship.

Former staff member **Virginia Mae "Sherry" Sherard** died February 13 in Garland, Texas. She served at the College from 1963 to 1967 in numerous positions, including director of student personnel and from 1975 to 1979 as resident director of Dean Hall

Mayme Porter, Austin College instructor in education and communication arts from 1974 to 1980, died March 4 in Sherman, Texas.

Dan Bedsole, who worked at Austin College from 1965 until 1984, first as library director and then as dean of the faculty, died at his home in Ashland, Virginia, on May 11 of complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 79.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The following individuals were listed incorrectly or omitted from the 2008-2009 Honor Roll of Donors published in January. Every gift is important to Austin College and we regret all errors or omissions.

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*Note the schedule change: dinner on Saturday, golf tournament on Sunday.

See the Austin College website for details or call 1.800.467.6646.

From the Copenhagen Summit

Last December, I was one of 24 American youth selected by the non-profit organization SustainUS to attend the most highly anticipated summit on climate change in history: the 15th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP15). The main objective of the conference was to determine how the world should address climate change after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

Thousands of pages of documentation were reviewed during the two-week session that included legislation on emissions reductions, adaptation to a changing climate, technology transfer between countries, and financing and carbon credit markets. Some legislation extended beyond the scope of the Kyoto protocol. A program called REDD+ (reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation) seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from these land use changes and deforestation while protecting biodiversity and providing assistance for poverty reduction. Currently, 13 million hectares of forest (roughly the size of Nicaragua) are converted to other land usages each year. Despite long hours of grueling effort, the result of COP15 was a mere three-page non-binding accord with vague parameters and suggestions for reducing global warming.

My original interest in attending the conference was predominately academic. For some time, I worked for an engineering company on the North Slope of Alaska setting up weather stations and analyzing data. Consequently, I fancied that I knew something about climate change. Participating in the climate conference, however, helped me to realize that climate change has a much greater impact than I had anticipated.

Melting glaciers, dying polar bears, desertification, and rising sea levels are all important. However, I was not prepared to confront the human face of climate change, the effect climate change will have on my family and friends. My children may never be able to see coral reefs because of ocean acidification (a less commonly considered consequence of CO₂ emissions).

In my lifetime, 40 island states could be obliterated, leading to millions of environmental refugees. Friends of mine, people with whom I was writing policy recommendations and speeches, may one day have no country.

In Copenhagen, I also realized the immense influence the United States wields on an international level. We live in a wealthy country with abundant natural resources, top research institutions, and strong political organization. I believe that we are more than capable of taking a strong stand on climate change. Yet, so long as the United States refuses to lead, climate legislation will remain inadequate. The inaction of our leaders now will contribute to problems my generation will deal with for a lifetime. It's humiliating and it's frightening.

Although the efforts taken by the government are minimal, it is nice to see that Americans across the country are taking action on a smaller scale. I cannot adequately express my excitement and gratitude that Austin College is showing true leadership with its efforts on climate change and the initiative to become carbon neutral by 2020. Although there is a long way to go in addressing climate change, the example Austin College sets will have a lasting and beneficial impact.

Marielle Remillard is a second-year graduate student in environmental engineering at the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. During her Austin College experience, she became interested in water conservation and supply and organized two WaterCan Walk for Water 6-K charity races in support of clean water for people in eastern Africa. She completed an internship in Alaska during summer 2008 working with Geo-Watershed Scientific and continued to work with them following her January 2009 graduation. She hopes to use her master's degree to assist with disaster relief and sustainable development.

Opinions shared in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views or policy of Austin College, its administrators, or its Board of Trustees.

Alumni: Do you have an area of expertise for which you would like to share relevant information for today's world? Send ideas for a 500-word article to editor@austincollege.edu for consideration.



JULIA VETTERS '13

Covenant Presbyterian Church Sara Bernice Moseley Fellowship

My Story: I took time off before starting Austin College and spent several months as a village manager with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Mississippi and Louisiana in areas devastated by hurricane damage. I was in charge of grocery shopping, collecting paperwork, making chore lists, and ensuring that the volunteers had everything they needed to get their work done. Next, I served with the Nations Ministry Center in Nashville, Tennessee, tutoring African immigrant middle-schoolers and refugees. I also spent time helping my aunt research Angelman Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that affects my cousin—who is a living example of the adage “anything is possible” and who truly inspires me. It was a wonderful year, full of unforgettable experiences!

Major: While my major is undecided, I know that I want to do something useful, helpful, and meaningful for others. I love Austin College and am grateful for the opportunities available to me here. I appreciate all of the donors who support us and realize it is due only to the incredible generosity of alumni and friends that I am able to attend Austin College.

My Austin College Activities: Austin College Concert Band (flute), Habitat for Humanity, English Country Dancing, Great Day of Service, Hannah’s Horseshoes of Hope (equine therapy)

What I Like about Austin College: Everything! I think the campus is beautiful. I like being in a small town. The professors all have been wonderful.



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I have always been impressed with Austin College's applicants to UT Southwestern Medical School—applicants who incidentally are remarkably successful in getting into medical school; the percentage of Austin College graduates we accept is the highest in Texas and comparable to the Ivy Leagues and Stanford.

