



## Lots of Bobcats

**W**ith 29,125 students, Texas State set another enrollment record this fall, registering 1,004 more students than last fall. That number means that the university is now the fifth largest in Texas. Last fall it was the seventh largest but passed the University of Texas at San Antonio and Texas Tech this year.

Also setting records were the number of freshmen (3,338) and transfer students (3,194). Diversity among the freshman class was also a record 33 percent, 25 percent Hispanic. A record 15,000 students applied for the freshman class.

The number of master's and doctoral students increased 7 percent to 3,714, or 13 percent of the student body. The retention rate (freshmen who re-enroll the following year) also increased 3 percentage points to 77.6 percent.

Students come from 226 or Texas' 254 counties, from 47 states (Delaware, Montana and Vermont are the holdouts) and from 68 countries.

## Move over, CSI

**T**exas State introduced its 10-acre Forensic Research Facility to the public this fall. The facility to study the decomposition of human remains — the largest such facility in the world — sits on a portion of the university's 4,000-acre Freeman Ranch.

The facility, which will be an integral part of a graduate program in forensic anthropology at Texas State, will train students and assist law enforcement officials in establishing the time of death and the nature of death when bodies are found. It will also provide training in the identification of skeletal and dental remains. Workshops for law enforcement at the facility will include crime scene training, human identification, cadaver dog training and numerous other workshops.

## Ever work at Aquarena?

**A**quarena Center is planning a reunion of all former employees (yes, even Ralph the Swimming Pig!) in fall 2009. To send invitations to this event, the planners are trying to locate all former employees — like this Aquamaid. Do you know who she is or when this picture was taken?



If you ever worked at the theme park or the center, make sure you are on the invitation list. Contact Ron Coley, director of the center, at 512.245.7539 or RC13@txstate.edu.

## Ethics lecture series

**A** new lecture series on healthcare ethics has been established by the estate of a Distinguished Alumnus and his wife. The Jack H.U. and Jessie Brown Endowed Lecture will bring speakers to the campus to discuss the latest developments in this evolving area.

J.H.U. Brown '39, who died in 2004, was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1981.

He was a celebrated professor, researcher, author of numerous scientific publications and held several government posts, including acting director of the National Institutes of Health. He developed drugs that are still used in cancer treatment. His wife of 61 years, Jessie Schultz Brown, died in May.

### Johnson daughters here April 14

Luci Johnson and Lynda Johnson Robb, below, daughters of President Lyndon Johnson '30, will give the Lyndon B. John-



son Distinguished Lecture together in a story-telling setting on April 14 in Evans Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Johnson proteges Harry Middleton and Bob Hardesty will moderate.

The sisters were on campus in August for the launching of the LBJ Centennial Celebration, a year-long commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of their father. The celebration is being coordinated under the theme of the Common Experience,

“Civic Responsibility and the Legacy of LBJ.” Initial events were the opening of an exhibition of photographs from the White House years in the Joann Mitte Galleries, the fall convocation, the annual LBJ welcome-back picnic for faculty and staff, and the New Student Convocation. Johnson’s grandson, Lyndon Nugent '89, gave the keynote address at the latter event. Texas State is partnering with the presidential library in Austin, LBJ state and national parks, the LBJ Foundation, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the LBJ Museum of San Marcos in the statewide celebration.

### People

Max Warshauer, mathematics, and Angela Murphy, history, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, at the fall convocation that begins the academic year. Also at the event, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activity went to Dittmar Hahn, and Weston Nowlin, both in biology; Robert Mooney, health administration, and Kymberly Fox, journalism and mass communication, received Presidential Awards for Excellence in Service.

Warshauer and Mary Ann Stutts, marketing, received the Faculty Senate’s Everette Swinney Awards for outstanding contributions to the teaching profession and to the university as a whole.

Brock Brown, geography, received the Swinney Award and was Texas State’s 17th Piper Professor. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation recognizes eight to 15 teachers as the best college professors in the state each year, and Texas State has had more

Pipers than any university except the University of Texas at Austin.

Bob Habingreither, associate dean of the College of Science, has received the Alumni Association’s Teaching Award of Honor. He was also recently honored with the American Foundry Society Texas Chapter Memorial Award, the highest given by the chapter.

Beverly Penn, art and design, will share her creative activity with the rest of the faculty in giving the 2008-09 Presidential Seminar in spring 2009.

Terence Parker, retention management and planning, was named the 2008 Employee of the Year.

The Mariel Muir Mentoring Award, given each year to a faculty member and a staff member for their mentoring of both students and employees, has been awarded to Shirley Ogletree, psychology, and Karen Bryson, English.

Nico Schuler, music, will be the presidential fellow for 2008-09.

Thomas Clark, longtime music professor and administrator at the University of North Texas, joins our faculty this fall as director of the School



Welcome banners around the San Marcos downtown square and along entry points to the city greeted returning faculty and students this fall. President Denise Trauth, left, and San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz display the banners, which were the idea of Kyle Morris, former student liaison from Texas State to the San Marcos City Council. The partnership between the university and city goes back to 1899, when the legislature founded the school to be built on 11 acres donated by the city.



Max Warshauer, mathematics, shown here with Diane Corley, director of the Texas State University System Foundation, was named a Regents Professor in August. This is the second year that the TSUS Board of Regents has named Regents Professors — a handful of full professors from the seven

institutions in the system who will hold the distinction as long as they are in the system. Warshauer, director of the highly successful math education program Mathworks, was one of three recognized this year.



Fans at the Nov. 1 football game — as well as Krisstian Brookins — got a delightful surprise at halftime. Krisstian, senior education major from San Antonio, was chosen to attempt the “superkick” (\$500 in gas from Sac-N-Pac if you can kick a field goal). After she missed the goalposts, the announcer told her, “Too bad, Krisstian, but we have a consolation prize for you. Please turn around.” When she did, there was Nate Langford on one knee, ring in hand, asking her to marry him. Nate, senior recreation administration major from San Marcos and four-year football letterman, was pretty sure his girlfriend of two and a half years would say yes, and she did. The two plan a wedding after they both graduate in May. They got a standing ovation from the crowd.

of Music. From 1976 to 2004, Clark was affiliated with UNT, where he developed the New Music Performance Lab and served as chair of the Doctor of Musical Arts Program and director of the Center for Experimental Music and Intermedia. Since retiring as professor emeritus from UNT in 2004, he has served as dean of the School of Music at the North Carolina School of the Arts. An accomplished trombonist, he is also a prolific composer of works that have been performed in Canada, Mexico, Japan and the Czech Republic, as well as the U.S.

Poet Li-Young Lee will hold the University Chair in Creative Writing this academic year. Lee has taught at several universities, including Northwestern and the University of Iowa. He is the author of *Book of My Nights*, the 2002 William

Carlos Williams Award winner; *The City in Which I Love You*, the 1990 Lamont Poetry Selection; and *Rose*, winner of the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Poetry Award, as well as a memoir entitled *The Winged Seed: A Remembrance*, which received an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. His latest book is *Behind My Eyes*.

Michael Forstner, biology, has been named holder of the Alexander-Stone Endowed Chair of Genetics.

Paul Hart, history, is now the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Southwestern Studies.

Mark Busby, director of Texas State’s Center for the Study of the Southwest, has been named to hold the Jerome H. and Catherine E. Supple Professorship in Southwestern Studies.



“Hey, aren’t you the kid whose picture is on the Blue Bell carton?” Freshman Tyler Stapleton gets that a lot. Word spreads, it seems. When he was 7 years old, the Blue Bell Ice Cream marketing people used his all-American face to sell its sugar-free popsicles. And they’re still using it. “I modeled some as a kid,” he says. “Guess they couldn’t resist the red hair and freckles.” Tyler is the son of Kelly Nettleton ’82 and the late Steve Stapleton ’81. He graduated from Atascocita High in Houston and is now a criminal justice major with his eye on a “second” career in FBI or drug law enforcement.



Honored at the fall convocation as Distinguished Professors Emeriti were John Beck, former dean of education; Lydia Blanchard, former chair of English; Daniel Hannon, who established the BFA degree in theatrical design and technology; and Michael McBride, former chair of journalism and mass communication.

President **Denise Trauth** was included in the first annual list of the 36 Most Powerful and Influential Women in Texas in May in *Texas Diversity*, a new publication that focuses on diversity and inclusion in the state of Texas.

Longtime Dean of Students **John Garrison**, after more than 30 years with the university, was named president of San Marcos Baptist Academy this summer.

**Ruth Taylor**, marketing, spent July teaching at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, Peru, as part of her second Fulbright Award. Her first award, also to Peru, was in 2006.

**Jack Ransone**, health, physical education and recreation, received the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from the National Athletic Trainers Association in June. Shortly after he accepted the award

in St. Louis, he headed to the Olympics in Beijing to serve as a medical coordinator for the U.S. track and field team.

Graduate College Dean **Mike Willoughby** was one of four recipients of an Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Texas A&M College of Education and Human Development in October. He was the first male elementary education graduate at Texas A&M.

**Nathan Bond**, curriculum and instruction, has been elected president-elect of Kappa Delta Pi international honor society in education and will assume the presidency in 2010, when the organization celebrates its centennial.

Members of the student chapter of the **American Marketing Association** placed second out of 56 schools at the AMA's international 2008 Collegiate

Case Competition in New Orleans in the spring semester. The case for all of the contestants was to develop a marketing plan to stem declining sales of a well-known textbook publisher. The Texas State chapter has competed for three years, and all three years has finished in the top eight. The University of Pennsylvania won first place.

The **Students in Free Enterprise chapter** placed in the final four of 140 teams competing on the national level at the 2008 SIFE National Exposition in Chicago in May. SIFE began at Texas State in 1994, and since 1997 the student team has won the regional competition and gone to nationals every year, placing in the top 20 teams nine of the last 11 years. The Texas State team won the international championship in 2000. ★



**S**culptor Matthew Palmer of Friday Harbor, Wash., left, was on campus for the installation of his statue of an attacking bobcat in October. Students appropriated a portion of their student service fee money to commission the sculpture, which stands just off the Quad between the Psychology and Taylor-Murphy buildings. The bobcat was dedicated during a Homecoming ceremony.