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BOR Chairman Prenis Williams 1936-2011

AC lost one of its greatest advocates and dearest friends when Prenis Williams, chairman of the Board of Regents, died April 17.

Mr. Williams was born Jan. 28, 1936 in Wilson, Texas, south of Lubbock.

He was appointed to the Board of Regents in 2006. He was reelected to a six-year term through 2014 and was chairman at the time of his death.

He ultimately succumbed to leukemia after a lengthy battle with the cancer, which amazingly never managed to diminish the level of his service to College or community.

President Paul Matney said this of Mr. Williams: "All of us who knew him admired him, appreciated him, and loved him. Prenis was a strong man and wonderful leader.

"Amarillo and AC have lost a remarkable man. He leaves a legacy for all of us to admire."

Back to the Future *Time Nears for Return to Parcells Hall*

For those who were displaced by the renovations to Parcells Hall, the move back home will commence on or about July 5. This migration to Parcells is set to coincide with the long-anticipated evacuation of Byrd Business Building, which must be empty by July 18 so that asbestos abatement can get under way.

Ground zero for all this maneuvering on the Washington Street Campus is Dutton Hall, a way station from which the Parcells' nomads hope to depart before the Byrd sojourners arrive and encamp.

David Ziegler, assistant director of the Physical Plant, will help orchestrate the dual mass moves, and a couple of box trucks and some extra manpower will be pressed into service. Everyone ought to be comfortably tucked into their respective digs by mid-to-late July.

And if those new digs happen to be stately, revitalized Parcells Hall, it should be a real treat because this is one extreme, energy-efficient, shades-of-gray makeover.

"It looks like a new building inside," Bruce Cotgreave, director of the Physical Plant, said. "It was gutted



Bruce Cotgreave studies plans as work progresses in Parcells Hall.

and redone, and the design team took pains to give it a scholarly, professional look using dark grays and excellent lighting. We're very pleased with how it turned out."

And so, a few weeks ahead of schedule, Parcells Hall is on the verge of repopulation and should be all-systems-go in time for classes in fall 2011. That should help keep the renovations at Byrd Business Building on schedule too, meaning it should be ready for the resumption of classes by fall 2012.

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Common Reader: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*

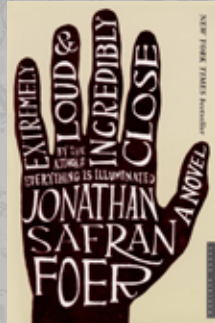
A novel set in post-9/11 Manhattan about a boy's esoteric odyssey following his father's tragic death has been selected as the 2011 Common Reader.

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by bestselling author Jonathan Safran Foer is the first work of fiction selected by AC's Common Reader Team to date. It tells the story of a 9-year-old self-described inventor, tambourine player and pacifist as he searches New York for the lock that matches a mysterious key left by his father, who died in the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

The book naturally is tied to AC's inaugural Institutional Theme, which in 2011-2012 will be "Reconstructing 9/11: Where Are We Now?" It will, of course, be distributed this summer to students who will be attending AC as freshmen next fall.

Additionally, 100 copies of the book have been set aside for AC employees who are being asked to vie for them by filling out a survey at this link. You will be asked how you intend to use the book to "promote student success by engaging students as learners within an academic community."

The release of a movie based on the book and starring Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock is anticipated sometime in 2012.



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Also planned, but only as a possible option, was enclosing the ground-level breezeway beneath Byrd; however, thanks to a combination of sound management practices and recessionary competition among contractors, AC finds itself some \$1.7 million under budget with about 77 percent of its bond construction funds thus far committed. That, Cotgreave says, makes additional projects possible, and so the option of closing in the breezeway for future use was given the green light and is ongoing.

In fact, Regents will soon consider enclosing the breezeway under Parcels, as well. What the new spaces would be used for is TBA.

WEST CAMPUS UPDATE

Where the availability of Dutton Hall lent itself to the temporary relocation of programs housed in Parcels and Byrd, no such luxury exists at the West Campus, where renovations are just getting under way at the much-utilized Allied Health Building.

Work there must be done during the brief and infrequent periods when classes are not in session, with the medical lab and respiratory care areas most directly affected.

"It's far more complicated to renovate an area that you cannot completely vacate," Cotgreave said. "But by working with the various programs and scheduling the work around their needs, we believe we can have all the work done by the second week of September."



Various shades of gray highlight the revitalized interior of Parcels Hall.

The Time to Prepare for Tornadoes is Now

**By Rusty Cornelius
Emergency Manager**

As many of you know and have heard from the recent news, we have entered the prime of tornado season. Of course tornadoes can and do occur year-round. But this year the tornadoes have been extreme. Now that it really is tornado season, it is time for us all to be prepared.

When speaking to campus groups about preparedness I am surprised at those who believe they will be notified by sirens in the event of a tornado. Amarillo has an excellent siren-based warning system, but I'm amazed at the reactions when I explain the Tornado Warning Sirens are designed to notify those persons outdoors of the approach of a tornado.

Amarillo College's plan to notify you in the event of a tornado warning is through the AC Alert system. The College will send you a text message, voice message, and email to all the personal electronic devices you have registered with AC Alert. Please note that

unless you have enabled your personal electronic devices to receive emergency notifications from AC, no matter how



many times we try, they will not go through.

The basic tornado safety procedures for Amarillo College are:

Know where the tornado safety areas are for every building on our campuses that you enter. The Tornado Safety areas are designated in yellow on the Tornado – Fire Safety maps posted near the entrances and exits to every building.

It is not College policy to dismiss class because of a tornado warning. It is our procedure for everyone to enter the Tornado Safety Areas immediately when a tornado warning is issued.

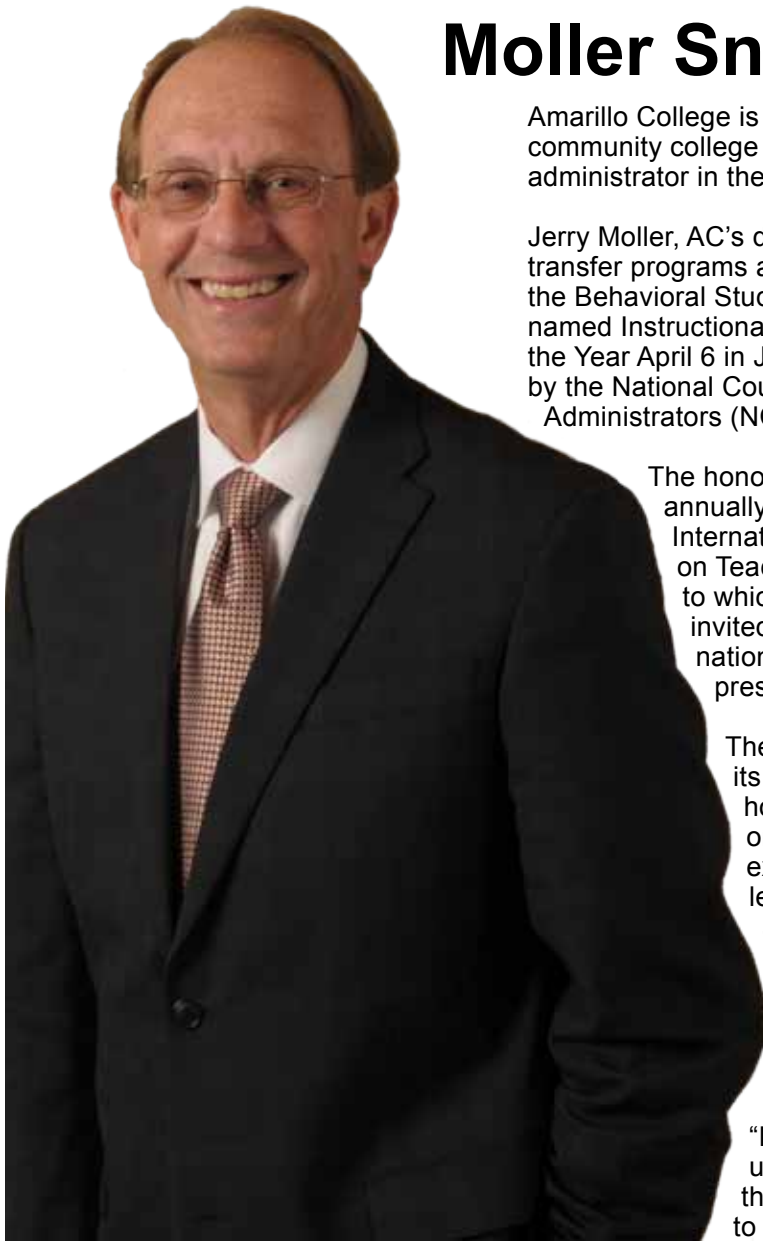
You should remain in the Tornado Safety

Areas until the time period established by the National Weather Service for the tornado warning has passed, or the all-clear has been given by an authorized Amarillo College Official (member of the Threat Response Team, College Police, or notice is given by the AC Alert System).

Please share all the information and notices transmitted through the AC Alert system with as many people as possible. Remember: not everyone has a personal electronic device that will receive emergency notifications. Just a little thought and personal planning can make the difference between life and death.



Moller Snares National Acclaim



Amarillo College is home to the best community college instructional administrator in the nation.

Jerry Moller, AC's dean of academic transfer programs and chairman of the Behavioral Studies Division, was named Instructional Administrator of the Year April 6 in Jacksonville, Fla., by the National Council of Instructional Administrators (NCIA).

The honor is bestowed annually during the NCIA's International Conference on Teaching and Learning, to which Moller was invited as one of four national finalists for the prestigious accolade.

The NCIA selects its ultimate honoree based on "demonstrated exemplary leadership" in such areas as outcomes assessment, institutional effectiveness, and faculty development.

"It's a humbling and unexpected honor that I'm truly pleased to accept on behalf of

Amarillo College," Moller said. "I don't think it's so much about me; I believe it reflects the high esteem in which Amarillo College is held by its peer institutions throughout the country."

That AC holds Moller in high esteem was evidenced last August when the College recognized him with its Administrator of the Year award. That distinction, like the NCIA award, was based greatly on Moller's exceptional service during the illness of late AC President Steven Jones.

Throughout 2009 and into 2010, in addition to his duties as divisional chairman, Moller served as acting vice president and dean of instruction after Dr. Paul Matney was elevated from that post to fill a void as interim president. Of particular note during that span, Moller spearheaded the successful reaccreditation of AC's Mortuary Science Program. He also was an advocate for AC's Center for Teaching and Learning, which added technological resources and staff during his tenure.

"Amarillo College is indebted to Jerry Moller for his superb service as acting vice president," Matney said. "Jerry's experience, integrity, dedication and professionalism kept us moving forward during a difficult time."

Moller joined the AC workforce in 1990.

AC Selected to Join 'Achieving the Dream'

How important is Amarillo College's inclusion in the 2011 cohort of Achieving the Dream?

"People will look back at this day 100 years from now and know it was a defining moment in our institution's history," Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, vice president for academic success said.

That's one strong statement, but then Achieving the Dream is one cast-iron consortium.

Conceived in 2004 by the Lumina Foundation for Education, Achieving the Dream is national non-profit that helps community college students succeed, particularly students of color and low-income students. The organization works on multiple fronts—including efforts on campuses and in research, public engagement and public policy—and emphasizes the use of data to drive change.

AC was chosen in March to join the select consortium, which tabbed 30 community colleges for the 2011 cohort, raising the tally of institutions taking part to just 160 nationwide.

"Amarillo College's inclusion in the Achieving the Dream consortium places us in elite company nationwide," Lowery-Hart said. "Our acceptance in this program means that more of our students will complete their degrees and achieve success because of their experiences with Amarillo College."

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~ Russell Lowery-Hart

As an Achieving the Dream institution, AC will develop and implement research-based policies and practices based on quantitative and qualitative analyses of its institutional strengths, problem areas and achievement gaps. Through Achieving the Dream, AC will have the opportunity to learn from other member institutions, while receiving assistance from experienced practitioners in building a culture of evidence, using data to identify problems, setting priorities, and measuring student-success progress.

Core Mission Remains Intact Despite Challenging Budget

By Dr. Paul Matney
AC President

As community colleges in Texas, including Amarillo College, continue to experience historic enrollments, the Texas Legislature continues to recommend historic declines in state funding.

A conference committee comprised of five House members and five Senate members is now meeting to reconcile differences in their two budget bills, both of which make deep reductions in community college instructional formula, group health insurance, and retirement funding.

Our Cabinet leadership team has been working for weeks on developing a balanced budget for 2011-2012. We are committed to using a balanced approach to budget reductions so that we can "share the pain" across the institution. To date our strategy involves:

- Unit and departmental budget reductions
- Voluntary retirement incentive program
- Attrition (retirements and resignations)
- Tuition and fee increase
- Use of reserves
- Possible employee reductions
- Possible tax-rate increase

Specific budget strategies cannot be determined until the Legislature passes a budget bill which is signed into law by the Governor. Then we will know specifically how deep the budget cuts go. I remain extremely disappointed that the Governor, Lt. Governor, and a majority of the Legislature continue to refuse to support use of "Rainy Day" funds for next year.

AC budget managers have stepped up to the challenge to reduce operational budgets. Deep legislative funding reductions are requiring us to not only

balance the budget for next year, but also to "right-size" the institution to create a "new normal" and to ensure future sustainability for the biennium and beyond.



President's Message

Not replacing some personnel who resign or retire will help balance the budget and will force us to do more with less. Due to employee participation in the voluntary retirement incentive program approved by the Board of Regents and to extraordinarily hard work on the budget so far, at this time I do not anticipate numerous employee layoffs. However, when state appropriations are finally determined, some additional personnel reductions may be necessary.

We have pledged and are committed to protecting the core mission of Amarillo College, which is providing quality educational opportunities for our students.

Even during a challenging legislative and budget environment this spring, Amarillo College has continued to meet its mission of serving students well. Faculty have been teaching, students have been learning, student organizations have been active, students have been advised, classified staff have provided excellent support, administrators have led, and, most importantly, commencement will be celebrated on May 13 with 765 students earning degrees and certificates. The outstanding work of AC goes on.

Simply put, AC continues to change lives and create futures. And, as we meet the budget challenges presented by the Legislature, we will continue doing just that in the future. Dedicated faculty, classified staff and administrators will continue to serve students in remarkable ways.



AC Accolades

Faculty members who in April received promotions in rank are: instructor to ASSISTANT PROFESSOR—**Theresa Edwards** and **Verena Johnson**, ADN nursing, **Bruce Moseley**, paralegal studies, **Wade Olsen**, emergency medical services, **Sam Schwarzlose**, biology, and **Teresa Smoot**, vocational nursing; assistant to ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR—**Kim Boyd**, medical lab technology, **Pamela George**, nutrition, **D'Dee Grove**, ADN nursing, and **Mark Rowh**, nuclear medicine; and associate professor to PROFESSOR—**Edie Carter**, math, Dr. **Michael Kopenits**, biology, and **Jan Martin**, medical lab technology.

Dr. Richard Pullen, professor of nursing, **LaVon Barrett**, associate professor of nursing, and **Teresa Smoot**, instructor of nursing, had an article appear in the March issue of *Nursing Made Incredibly Easy*. The article's title is "Getting to the Bottom of Behcet's Disease."

The radio campaign, "Cool, It's on KACV" won two ADDY Awards from Amarillo's Chapter of the American Advertising Federation Feb. 19. The spots, produced by **Ellen Green**, chief of marketing and communication, won a Gold Award for Best Radio Campaign and a Special Judge's Award for Best of Show. Also, three students studying under **John Chaka**, instructor of graphic design, won ADDYs.

Ellen Green made headlines again March 26 when she received a Distinguished Service Award from the Amarillo Area Woman's Forum. Each year the Forum honors five Panhandle women who made a difference by volunteering.

Badger of Honor recipients for February, March and April, as tabbed by the First Year Experience Team, are **Bruce Moseley**, director of the Paralegal Program; **Sammie Artho**, Career Services coordinator; and **Trena Rider**, Intramurals coordinator. The monthly recipients are selected based on their efforts to engage students and promote student success.

WEST CAMPUS WELLNESS ROUNDUP



10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, April 5
AMARILLO COLLEGE, WEST CAMPUS • 6222 W. 9TH AVE.

A Health Fair with Flair

THE FAIR:

All the usual health screenings such as Blood Pressure & Cholesterol level

THE FLAIR:

- Pulmonary Function Screening
- Mini Mobility Evaluation
- End-of-Life Planning and Information
- Environmental Safety and Planning in the Home
- General Wellness for Women and Men
- Mini Dental Exams
- Fun and age appropriate Games for children, and more

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Ann Fry and students, Interior Design

Health Fair a Hit

Those who took advantage of the inaugural West Campus Wellness Roundup on April 5 found out firsthand that it indeed was a "health fair with flair."

Patrons were offered valuable information about everything from environmental safety in the home (interior design, above) to end-of-life planning (mortuary science, below left). Of course the old standbys were there, too, like nursing (below center), occupational therapy (below right), the dental-health folks and so much more.



Scott Rankin, Mortuary Science



Ruth Whitehead, Roundup Chair



Sheree Talkington, Occupational Therapy



Jack Stanley, chairman of the Sciences and Engineering Division, accepts the award for AC.

MCC Shares State Award

A partnership between the Moore County Campus of Amarillo College and the Dumas Economic Development Corporation (EDC) that is generating a well-trained, wind-energy workforce has caught the attention of folks far beyond the Panhandle of Texas.

The far-reaching Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) in April selected the Dumas-based collaborators to share its 2011 Workforce Excellence Award for cities under 15,000.

The Workforce Excellence Award, which TEDC gives annually in five population categories, is meant to recognize the "exceptional contributions of Texas communities who have implemented successful workforce initiatives." Criteria for evaluation include innovativeness, transferability, community commitment and leverage, measureable objectives, and secondary benefits.

The award was presented during an award's breakfast April 27 at the TEDC's Spring Conference in Sugar Land.

"Working closely with our friends at the Dumas EDC to help locally bolster the renewable-energy workforce has been a rewarding experience," Renee Vincent, executive director of AC's Moore County Campus, said. "We are extremely gratified by this recognition of our partnership with the Dumas EDC and the community."

Dumas Business Women Recognize Renee Vincent

When Renee Vincent moved to Dumas to become executive director of Amarillo College's Moore County Campus, she found not only a fledgling branch campus to guide but an industrious community to serve.

That she met both happy tasks with equal enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed within the community, and certainly not by the professional women of Dumas.



For her exceptional leadership, extensive volunteerism, and dedicated support of working women throughout Moore County, Vincent was named Community Woman of the Year by the Dumas chapter of Texas Business Women.

She received the honor at a Dumas Business Women dinner March 24 during Business Women's Week in Texas, as proclaimed by Gov. Rick Perry.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Amarillo College Moore County Campus," said Vincent, whose arrival in Dumas coincided in 2000 with the birth of AC's branch campus, which at first count served 129 students.

MCC is bursting at the seams today with about 380 students.



Fat Tuesday — *Folks in the Business Office celebrated Fat Tuesday (March 8) by decorating chairs and donning bead-laden costumes. They are, from left, Janie Roach, Amanda Mohler, Rachel Williams, Cynthia Urbina and Alan Greer. Cynthia won the top prize.*



Local artists will perform each Tuesday in June on the Washington Street Campus as part of June Jazz. The free music begins at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the Amphitheater Pit. The schedule is June 7, AC Jazz; June 14, Polk Street Jazz; June 21, Pat Swindel; and June 28, the Fakebooks. Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Progress Evident on Gender-Equity Issues

By Susie Wheeler
Texas STEM Equity Project

The spring 1980 issue of the AC Current, the student magazine of Amarillo College, included an article "Local Women Set New Working Trends." This article told of "remarkable changes in women's roles." Women were choosing careers in welding, carpentry, and auto mechanics, jobs traditionally held by men. It continued, "... some people feel certain occupations are not suitable for both sexes."



Perkins Leadership Grant

Fortunately, progress has been made on gender-equity issues. Families are more supportive of their children going into these careers because they see the financial advantage. Even though they may consider truck driving a "man's job," they recognize the potential for their daughter to make a good wage, or they realize their son will make a good living as a nurse. The media is improving its presentation of stereotyped gender careers. Men are seen as paralegals and women in the criminal justice system. Peers are becoming more supportive as women choose to become welders, or men choose to become surgical technologists.

Students, both male and female, will benefit from an effort by Amarillo College as a result of a Perkins Leadership Grant dealing with non-traditional genders in Career and Technical Education. This effort will encourage students to pursue high-wage, high-demand jobs regardless of gender. Awareness of programs that lead to these occupations, including salary potential, will be highlighted. Instructors from under-represented genders will be called on to be role models. Advisors and faculty will make efforts to actively recruit non-traditional-gender students.

Amarillo College is fortunate to have career and technical instructors who welcome the nontraditional, underrepresented genders into their classes. They are supportive of these students and recognize that it is the skill and interest of the student that brought them to their class.

Why should anyone care about this issue? Students take classes at AC to enable them to have a more prosperous life, be it in job satisfaction or in monetary benefits. Amarillo College wants to equip students with a quality education that will provide a living wage and supply workers needed for our economy to grow. Most important, we can assist students in finding a career by their skills and interests, not by gender.

Just as women in 1980 were setting trends in the workforce, women and men in 2011 continue the efforts. Through initiatives put in motion by the Perkins Leadership Grant, students should be able to find a career that suits their skills and interests and that will provide them a living wage.



Roll 'Em

With Ellen Green and Jackie Smith of the KACV production team looking on, Buddy Squyres, production coordinator, wires Dr. Bret Errington for sound in preparation for filming an AC commercial featuring the AC alumnus and doctor of neurosurgery.

Davis Leads 'Reorganization' of CE

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, vice president for academic affairs, wants continuing education to become better integrated into AC's academic landscape, and that's what he's charged his newest dean to focus on. Kim Davis, who had been director of CE since 1995, became dean of the Continuing Education Division in April, filling the void left by retiree Damaris Schlong.

"This is an important moment for Amarillo College because we have an opportunity to build new partnerships, improve processes, and truly integrate continuing education with academics," Lowery-Hart stated in a campus-wide email in which he charged Davis with not only growing CE, but aligning it more closely with institutional practices and producing greater revenue.

"Ms. Davis has the necessary skills and commitment to lead CE through its reorganization within the Academic Affairs Division," he said. Davis already is working toward those ends.

"We intend to work together and collaborate with academic affairs in every possible way," Davis said.

New and unique certificate programs are already in the works, she said, through which CE may soon begin offering "marketable skills certificates" related to AC's technical and healthcare programs.

Also, while hardly wholesale in nature, other changes have recently been made affecting CE: the Criminal Justice Program has been moved from CE to academic affairs, while the Lamplight Youth Theatre Program was moved from academic affairs to CE and reorganized as the AC Conservatory Theatre.



Get One Quick—Before Bananas Split

He has long dispensed goodwill in bunches. Not sporadically, mind you, but in bunches of bananas, free fresh fruit frequently found on the first floor of Lynn Library.

Jim Morris, special projects manager for Assessment and Development, has been doling out bananas on the Washington Street Campus for nigh onto seven years. Early each morning he piles them high on this table or that and happily watches from his adjacent office window as folks of every sort snatch them up.

"It just became sort of a habit," Jim says. "The bananas are for everyone—students, employees or anyone else who uses the library. Everybody is welcome to take a banana."

You might call him The Banana Man, which they do at United Market Street. That's where Jim stops each day on his way to work to pick up about 15 pounds of bananas for sharing with whomever. The bounteous bunches usually don't last long.

"Free bananas will go whether they are really ripe or still green," he says. "You just can't turn down a free banana. They're usually gone by 9 or 9:30 in the morning."

It all started when Jim decided to combat his diabetes with an occasional banana. When a student looked

longingly at his midday snack, he offered her an extra, which was readily accepted. That incident gave Jim the impetus to pick up more and more extra bananas each day and put them in a public place—which he did for the first couple of years in relative anonymity—simply because he thought folks would enjoy them.

But think about this: Jim's "habit" sets him back something like \$8 or \$9 a day, which at the extremely modest estimate of 200 working days a year, times seven years, puts his cumulative and astonishing contribution to fellow fruit lovers in a lofty, five-figure neighborhood.

"My wife has complained about it a time or two, but it didn't do any good," he quips. "But the blessings are far greater than the exertion or the expense of bringing them in."

Jim is not only humble about his generosity, he's about to retire. This very month of May will be his last at AC, and that puts Lynn Library's banana tradition in serious jeopardy.

"I'll be passing on the crown at the end of May, he said. "I just hope someone takes up the cause."

Just in case nobody does, well, you'll want to get yourself one of Jim's bananas fast, before he slips in with his final bunch and peels off.

Beth Duke is Distinguished Alum for 2011

Beth Duke loves Amarillo College, and it loves her.

The civic leader, noted Rotarian, and hall-of-fame journalist who developed a passion for print media while serving as editor of AC's student newspaper, *The Ranger*, is the 2011 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.



She was presented with the award April 17 during the AC Honors Convocation.

Duke attended AC in 1972 and 1973. Her 29-year career with the *Amarillo Globe-News* was punctuated by her induction into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame. She credits Amarillo College with putting her on track to a successful career.

"The long afternoons I spent in the journalism room and the professional training I received at AC prepared me to go to work in any newsroom, anywhere" Duke said.

Duke presently serves as executive director of Center City Amarillo, an organization devoted to the revitalization of Downtown Amarillo.

Newest Program Receives Grants

Amarillo city leaders recognize local industry's need for an influx of qualified utility power workers and machinists—and Amarillo College's ability to deliver them.

The Amarillo City Commission at its May 10 meeting approved a grant of \$369,400 that Amarillo College will match and use to launch its Utility Power Worker Program next fall.

Additionally, the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation has approved an AC request for \$110,100 to update and add vital equipment in its Machining Technology Program.

"This is a gratifying show of support that will help Amarillo College as it continues providing a qualified workforce that our local industry needs in order to grow and prosper," Dr. Shawn Fouts said.

Contributions Fuel Amarillo College Foundation

By Claudie Biggers

Over one billion served. Wouldn't it be exciting if that was an advertisement for the number of students educated instead of the number of hamburgers sold? Sadly the biggest obstacle for those wanting an education is money, and wallets cannot be easily supersized. Maybe if it was possible to get investors to franchise out intellectual talent fewer people would have to ask "do you want fries with that," and true potential would be recognized.

Benjamin Franklin would suggest, "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." In 1962, Mr. Leon Hoyt Jr. and a group of like-minded citizens created a foundation to help Amarillo College students invest in their knowledge. Since then the Amarillo College Foundation has effectively solicited and administered gifts and grants to benefit not only

Amarillo College students, but faculty and staff as well. Through the years, the Foundation has been fed, loved and sustained by generous people who have made charitable contributions.



Today, the Foundation administers more than 460 separate scholarship funds. During the 2010-2011 academic calendars, the Foundation gave a total of \$460,000 and awarded that money to 1,420 scholarship applicants. Students from all disciplines are eligible for the scholarship awards. As successful as the Foundation has been, one-third of the students who apply go without. The money that funds our scholarships comes from generous donations given by private individuals, companies and people like you.

The Foundation accepts gifts in the form of cash, stocks, and even property upon approval by the Board of Directors. Many donations are made as memorials for friends or relatives. Donors may derive substantial tax advantages through estate planning, trust funds and bequests. There are many ways to give to the AC Foundation. Any gift, no matter the size, will assist the Foundation in its goal of providing a quality education to our students. The administrative fees are minimal, and the majority of your donation will be used by students, faculty and staff.

Take a moment to supersize this thought and consider how education has affected your life. Would you agree with Benjamin Franklin that investing in education pays off, or that one billion served is a worthy goal? If so, please consider helping others by investing in their education through the Amarillo College Foundation.

Plugged In Spring Photo

Life of Brian

Dr. Brian Farmer, by day a mild-mannered professor of social sciences, pulls out all the stops on occasional nights when he's lead singer for Lazy Boy and the Bentwood Rockers. In the background you can see Homero Campos, AC instructor of guitar. In this photo, taken March 26, the band plays its classic blues and rock n' roll—everything from Jimi Hendrix to Marshall Tucker—at D'Vine Wines over in Wolflin Village. Catch 'em if you can.

