Texas A&M University-Commerce
Community Update

President Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
October 28, 2015
In Memoriam

Dr. Dale Bedgood
- Passed away October 17th
- Joined A&M-Commerce faculty in 1967
- Retired as Professor of Mathematics in 1995; named Professor Emeritus in 1998
- Established the Computer Science department

Dr. Stuart Chilton
- Passed away October 18th
- Joined A&M-Commerce faculty in 1969
- Retired as Professor of Educational Administration in 1984; named Professor Emeritus in 1984
- First faculty member to serve as president of ETSU Faculty Senate (1975-76)
Director of Athletics

- **Tim McMurray** new Director of Athletics
- Over 26 years experience in intercollegiate athletics
- **Education**
  - Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences in Communication, Lamar University, 1992
  - Master of Sports Business Administration, Ohio University College of Business, 2013
Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management

**Dr. Fernando “Fred” Fuentes**
named Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management for Hispanic Outreach & Retention

- Worked as a Counselor in the Counseling Center
- U.S. Army Veteran

**Education**
- Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 2005
- Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2013
Academic Affairs Budget Officer

- Marshall Campbell named Academic Affairs Budget Officer
- Returning to position after a year at University of North Texas at Dallas
- Certified Public Accountant (Texas)
- Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting, Baylor University
13,000\textsuperscript{th} Student

- John Salem
- B.S. in Agricultural Science
- From Emory, Texas
Fall 2015 Enrollment

- Record Enrollment
- 12th Class Day: 13,076
  - 7,885 undergraduate students
  - 5,191 graduate students
  - Up 6.13% (755 students) from last year
- 20th Class Day (Census Date): 12,846
  - 7,792 undergraduate students
  - 5,054 graduate students
  - Up 4.86% (599 students) from last year
- Fall-to-Fall Retention: 72.53% (up from 67.71% last year)
Record Graduate Enrollment (First Semester)

Applications Received
- Fall 2014: 2,854
- Fall 2015: 3,562
- Increase: 25%

Applicants Admitted
- Fall 2014: 1,766
- Fall 2015: 2,168
- Increase: 23%

Applicants Enrolled
- Fall 2014: 1,318
- Fall 2015: 1,465
- Increase: 11%
Record Graduate Enrollment (Admissions and Graduation)

- As of October 21st:
  - 899 graduate applicants admitted for the Spring 2016 semester
  - 35% increase in graduate admissions over last year at the same time
  - Largest increase in computer and computational sciences
- 724 graduate students have filed graduation applications for the Fall 2015 semester
We have students from all corners of the world...

- **North America**: Canada, Mexico
- **Central America and the Caribbean**: Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico
- **South America**: Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela
- **Australia (Oceania)**: Fiji, Samoa
- **Africa**: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe
- **Europe**: Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- **Asia**: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
Record International Student Enrollment

81% Graduate
19% Undergraduate

917 international students representing 56 countries
808 of our international students come from the five countries above, and 109 come from 51 other nations.
Steel Branding Scopes of Work

• Website Overhaul
  • Started: August 2015
  • Estimated Completion: June 2016

• Branding & Messaging
  • Started: October 2015
  • Estimated Completion: November 2015

• Marketing & Media
  • Starts: October 2015
  • Estimated Completion: March 2016
Yellow Rose of Texas Award

- Received by Jalinna Jones on October 14th
- Commission by Governor of Texas
- Highest award presented to women in Texas
- Given in honor of Texas women who have demonstrated exceptional volunteer and community service
- Presented by State Representative Dan Flynn on the Governor’s behalf
Lt. Gen. Claire Chennault Marker Dedication
Dallas Teacher Residency Program

- D.I.S.D. **partnership** with A&M-Commerce Teacher Residency Program
- Provide teacher candidates with Bachelor’s degrees the opportunity to obtain certification and a Master’s degree
- Response to need for more high-quality teachers
- Will help ease teacher shortages
Adult Education Graduate Program

• A&M-Commerce ranked #3 by Graduateprograms.com

• Rankings cover a variety of student topics such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid, and quality of network

• Top 5 Programs
  1. Teachers College at Columbia University
  2. Duke University
  3. Texas A&M University-Commerce
  4. Northeastern State University
  5. Cleveland State University
Low-Cost Textbook Initiative

- An initiative of the College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
- Goal: provide students with high-quality textbooks/materials for no more than $25.00 per course
- Will begin Spring 2016 with 11 courses (designated by blue piggy bank icon)
- More courses to be added
- Faculty participation is voluntary
Career Closet & Suit Bank

- Provides gently worn business attire for students to wear at interviews
- $5,000 support from Texas A&M University System
- Contact Tina Boitnott in Career Development for more information
Bike Trail

- Grand opening October 12th
- 5 mile circuit; 4 different loops
- Designed for both bicycle and pedestrian traffic
- Open 5:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Adventure Center offers bike rentals, clinics, and group rides
100 Years of *East Texan*

- **1915** – First issue of the *East Texan*
- **1950** – *East Texan* is first published in the on-campus print shop by campus personnel
- **1998** – *East Texan* begins publishing color
- **2010** – *East Texan* goes online
- **2015** – *East Texan* celebrates 100 years of publication
- **1915-Present** – Former staff members and editors have gone on to distinguished careers on the state, national, and international levels
THE STATE OF TEXAS
GOVERNOR

To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this certificate recognizes:

The East Texan

on its

100th Anniversary

I am pleased to congratulate The East Texan for 100 years of providing news, sports and event coverage to Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Your commitment over the years has enabled you to be a strong voice for your students. Through your hard work, you have gained the loyalty and respect of readers throughout the community. Today, I commend your contributions to your university and to the Lone Star State.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for continued success.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 13th day of October, 2015.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
Facilities Updates

• P-3 Residence Hall
  • Construction to begin June 1st
  • Projected occupancy August 2017

• Nursing & Health Sciences Building
  • Construction to begin May 2017
  • Projected occupancy May 2019

• Multi-Activity Court (Morris Recreation Center)
  • Construction to begin mid-late January 2016

• Humfeld Lot
  • Plans are tentative
  • Landscaping
  • Sign for One Stop Shop
Fall 2016
Guaranteed & Optional Tuition Plans

Guaranteed Tuition Plans

• **2 Year Guaranteed Tuition Plan**
  • 3.3% CPI Increase

• **4 Year Guaranteed Tuition Plan**
  • 5.62% CPI Increase

Optional Tuition Plan

• **1 Year Optional Plan**
  • 2.2% CPI Increase
  • Not a guaranteed rate

*Plus proposed increase of $5/SCH for University Services Fee*

Affects:
Incoming Freshmen - New Transfers - New Graduate Students - New Doctoral Students
Advancement

- Fundraising total for FY15: $2,055,882 (original goal was $2 million)
- Summer 2015 Pride magazine now available
- Donor wall includes all societies in the President’s Club, Society of 1889, Distinguished Alumni, and Gold Blazers
Lucky’s Thank You Celebration

• **Pride Sponsor ($15,000):** L3 Mission Integration
• **Mayo Sponsor ($5,000):** Oncor
• **Gold Table Sponsors ($1,000):**
  - College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
  - Hunt Regional Healthcare
  - Brian and Barbara Cullen
  - Robert R. Galvan
  - Robert Rhoads and Leonard Merrell
  - Roy Rhodes
  - A&M-Commerce Foundation Board
  - Ken Threlkeld
  - Vice President for Institutional Advancement

• **Blue Table Sponsors ($600):**
  - A&M-Commerce Alumni Association
  - President’s Office
  - American National Bank of Texas
  - College of Business
  - College of Education & Human Services
  - College of Science & Engineering
  - Department of Health & Human Performance
  - Sodexo, Inc.
  - Vice President for Academic Affairs
  - Vice President for Business Administration
  - Vice President for Student Access & Success
Bridge Builders

- FY 2015: 41% full-time faculty/staff were Bridge Builders
- This year’s goal: 45%
- Any gift, to any fund, anywhere on campus, will make you a Bridge Builder
- There will be a Thanksgiving-themed Bridge Builders reception in November—more details coming soon
- To make your gift, contact Stephanie Fiorisi
1938 Football Team

Bub McDowell
#65
Lions Football

- 2015 Lone Star Conference (LSC) Champions
- 7-1 overall
- Completed LSC play undefeated (6-0)
  - 11th season undefeated LSC play in program history
  - 22nd LSC title
  - 1st back-to-back title since 1958-59
- One of 3 teams in NCAA with 2 running backs averaging 100 rushing yards per game
- Will enter LSC Playoffs as the #1 seed
  - Guaranteed two more home games:
    - November 7
    - November 14
Lions Softball

• Inaugural season: 29-24; one of the best opening seasons for a start-up in recent history
• Awarded 8th highest GPA (3.536) in NCAA Division II from the National Fast pitch Coaches’ Association (NFCA)
• 11 players earned All-America Scholar-Athlete Honors from the NFCA
Student-Athlete Advisory Council

- **Taryn Driver** selected for NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
- Will represent the Lions and the LSC
- Will be involved with the changing landscape of the NCAA
- Will have a direct vote on legislation at the Division II level
Upcoming Events

- **November 5-6:** Veteran’s Vigil
- **December 2:** Inaugural President’s Book Club Meeting
- **December 9:** President’s Holiday Reception
- **January 14:** Spring Assembly
CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY
OPEN FORUM
Senate Bill 11: Campus Concealed Carry

- Campus Concealed Carry informational webpage: www.tamuc.edu/ccc
- You may view the Senate Bill 11 video on our webpage
- Your voice matters! Please feel free to send us your questions or comments via our Suggestion Box, found on our webpage