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STAR ACHIEVEMENTS

**December Graduation -
292 Graduate and 326
Undergraduate**

CONGRATULATIONS

Luz Roque - received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Lane (Rocky) Newby - received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Eartha Walls - brother, Everson Walls (Dallas Cowboy and NFL interception leader '81, '82, and '85) was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame on November 15, 2003.

STAFF LEAVING

Thomas Frazier - FA - Assistant Director

ANNIVERSARIES

Lorinda Lamb - 12 yrs!

Monica Cordero - 9 years

VIPs - Very Important Ponies



Some of our **VIPs** this month are:

Adrienne Hawa - Just a quick note to express my appreciation to you regarding Ms. Adrienne Hawa. I have been in communication with her regarding a financial aid issue concerning my daughter. She has been a tremendous help and such a blessing in assisting me with this matter.

Lillie Rose - I want to take a moment to rave about Lillie Rose's customer service. She received a request for transcripts from a student. However, when she looked up the last request, there was something that made her suspicious. Lillie called the student to confirm the request only to find out that her signature had been forged. Had Lillie not gone the extra mile and called the student when she felt something was wrong, we would have sent the transcript without the students knowledge and permission. Lillie in following our motto of "Trust but verify" saved the University from sending a transcript to a person who was not authorized. Great job, Lillie.

Lauren Hanson - having more people like Lauren Hanson would encourage more people to come to financial services. She was very helpful and willing to do everything in her power to better assist me. Lauren was wonderful.

Charles Harper

A Celebration of 45 Years

DON'T FORGET

There is ***NO***
January DES Meeting

Division Highlights

Important Dates

UG Pymt Due Date - Dec 15

Winter Break - Dec. 22-26

New Years Holiday - Jan. 1

1st day of Classes - Jan. 12

Last day to Drop/Add - Jan. 16

MLK Holiday - Jan. 19

Quotation of the Month

"I challenge anybody in their darkest moment to write what they're grateful for, even stupid little things like green grass or a friendly conversation with somebody on the elevator. You start to realize how rich you are"

Jim Carrey

Marc Peterson - 5 years in DES

Jenny DeMasi - 3 years

Shannon Grandberry - 3 years

Phillip Burks - 1 year

BIRTHDAYS

Darrah Rippy - Jan. 5

Peggy Boykin - Jan. 23

Winn Perdue - Jan. 28

If you are not on the list and should be, this is produced from the Employee Roster on the V drive. Let Kathy know if there is an error.



Here is a little more on the Wilkinson Center

The Wilkinson Center was started in 1982. The pastor at Munger Place United Methodist Church found children looking for food in the church dumpsters. The church began to help the people in its East Dallas neighborhood with food and clothing.

Since that time, the Wilkinson Center has grown. In addition to providing food and clothing, it provides programs that help those in need become economically self-sufficient. One way in which they do this is to provide safe after-school care for children. The WorkNet Career Development Center helps clients to progress past entry-level jobs into actual careers. In addition, the Computer Center teaches clients computer skills.

The Center helps children in more ways than simply through after-school care. They provide art programs and the Adopt a Family holiday program.

There are many ways to give. Please look through your closets for gently used clothing and

On Thursday, December 11, 2003 a group gathered in 112 of the Blanton Building to honor Charles Harper for his 45 years of service to Southern Methodist University. Among the guests were Charles' family, representatives of the University, Enrollment Services, and Student Financial Services -- all colleagues and friends.

Charles Harper came to SMU on December 9, 1958 after a hitch in the Army and working a couple of years at the Rio Grand Life Insurance Company. Charles grew up in Frost, Texas -- a small town between Hillsboro and Corsicana.

During the span of his 45 year career at SMU, John Hall (SMU University Registrar) stated, "Charles has distinguished himself as a 'go to guy'. That is, no matter what the problem or the situation, you can always go to Charles."

Everyone who has worked with Charles over the years has a story in which after a lengthy meeting at which Charles continues to explain why something will not work, he returns within an hour to tell you how he can get it done!

Charles has seen SMU grow from a few building through the move to the Blanton Building. He has had offices in renovated kitchens, dinning halls, basements, and dormitories. He has survived an two IBM based computer systems, a Remington Rand system, Univac, Control Date, and PeopleSoft. He has worked with FAMS, Payroll, BRS, Validine, Pony, SIRS, and now *infiNet*.

As John Hall concluded at the dinner, "Charles, congratulations on reaching your 45th anniversary at SMU! You've contributed so much to SMU it is impossible to say THANKS loud enough. But I think it is clear how much we value your contributions to SMU, and how much we cherish your friendship."

Holiday Celebration

Several staff deserve recognition and a big Thank You for making the Blanton Building beautiful for the holiday and for making the Holiday Lunch a huge success.



Thank you to Erin O'Neil who spent her Thanksgiving weekend buying the wonderful decorations for the building. Also, thank you to Darrah Rippy, Angie Flores, Stephanie Tavor, Chris Salone, Jean Porter, Alyce Anderson, and Bill Chandler for decking the halls. We received wonderful complements for the decorations.

The luncheon planning group put together a fun, festive, and filling event. Thank you to Erin O'Neil, Priya Kongara, Jean Porter, Barrie



SMU Trivia

What residence hall was built in 1958?

Answer:

McElvaney Hall
The first Residence Hall in the South Quad.

blankets, into your pantry for food you don't need, in your bathroom for new products you can afford to give to someone else, or go out and buy a toy for child who might be getting nothing else for the holidays.

For more information, check the Wilkinson Center website at:
<<http://www.wilkinsoncenter.org/>>

Glasscock, Marcia Miller, Chris Salone, and Luz Roque. Special Thanks to Lauren Hanson for sharing her musical talent and playing holiday music on her cello.

We always appreciate Tom Tunks' continued support with this event and for Jo Geisler coordinating with Dining Services to provide the Turkey and Dressing.

Thank you to Chris Sekerke for suggesting the Wilkinson Center as our holiday philanthropy and to Kelly McMillan and Linsey Jackson for helping her organize, collect, and recognize the collection of items for the Center. And of course to all the winners!



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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