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Nicole Demontigny is a sopho-
more member of the Cardinal
Cheerleaders. She is the daughter
of Dale and Susie Demontigny of
Houston.

Moving onward and upward

Over the past year, many good things have happened at "The Valley." Our students continue to excel in many areas, such as Phi Theta Kappa, Student Senate, sports, theatre, band, choir, drill team, rodeo and others that are too many to mention. Our students continue to learn and excel in their quest for higher education and a future career – just like we did when we were Cardinals!

Our campuses continue to change, including new additions such as the M.L. Risinger Learning Resource Center on our Terrell campus. Our newest addition to the Athens campus is the newly completed Ronald C. Baugh Technology Center and the Bob J. McDonald Plaza. These two additions have brought the physical appearance of the campus together

Check out the HCJC-TVCC Alumni website at www.tvcc.edu/alumni.

with a common plaza area that is already serving as the center point of the campus.

Every day the number of students needing financial assistance is increasing, and we are making great strides toward helping them with tuition costs. Our capital campaign, which supports scholarships, has now passed the \$2 million mark and is headed toward the third million. As this magazine goes to press, we have just completed the awarding process of scholarships to academically qualified new students for the 2007-2008 year. This is the fourth year we have awarded scholarships to area students, and the



number of recipients grows every year.

Many HCJC-TVCC Alums may not realize that as a part of our campaign, our Alumni Association has set up a scholarship fund for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of former students. This fund continues to grow and we are always happy to receive your contributions for this program.

Homecoming 2007 is almost here and I would like to encourage you to make your plans now to attend our activities on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007. This year's honored groups will include former cheerleaders, the 1947 Cardinal football team and members of the classes of '70, '71, & '72. We look forward to seeing you then!

As always, enjoy this year's issue of "The Valley" magazine.

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SAYING FAREWELL

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A NEW TVCC PRESIDENT

TVCC President Ron Baugh gives a speech at a recent graduation.

It has been more than two decades since TVCC has searched for a new president.

In February, that changed. Longtime President Ron Baugh announced to the board of trustees that he would be retiring on Feb. 29, 2008, the day he will complete his twenty-first year as president.

Baugh became president in 1987. At that time, he was already employed at the college, serving as assistant to then president Bill Campion. Baugh was named as interim president upon Campion's departure and helped the board conduct the search for a new president. Despite the fact that Baugh did not apply for the position, the board offered him the job.

During his tenure, the face of TVCC has drastically changed. The college, under his guidance, adopted a master building plan in 1989. In the years since, more than

10 buildings have either been constructed or extensively remodeled on the college's four campuses.

In the past 20 years, the college has:

"It's so hard for me to express in words all he's done. He's been the image of this college for years."

- Former TVCC Board President Bob McDonald

- Rebuilt the maintenance building on the Athens campus, which caught fire in 1989;

- Built a new dormitory on the Athens campus;

- Built a large general classroom building – the Andrew Gibbs Building – on the Athens campus;

- Remodeled the Orval Pirtle Administration Building on the

Athens campus;

- Constructed a new cafeteria/bookstore building in Athens;

- Constructed a new learning resource center on the Athens campus and one on the Terrell campus;

- Constructed a new football fieldhouse in Athens;

- Built a fiberoptic ring underneath the Athens campus;

- Built a plaza gathering area on the Athens campus; and,

- Built a classroom building on the Palestine campus.

All of that construction was done without borrowing money, according to former TVCC Board President Bob McDonald, no small feat for a college district with one of the lowest tax rates and lowest tuition rates in the state. Under Baugh's leadership, the college

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The Henderson County Junior College Foundation was organized in 1974 and served the college well through various activities and programs for many years.

In the years between the college's name change to Trinity Valley Community College in the 1980s and 2000, other scholarship programs provided aid to students. In particular, the Memorial Scholarship Program helped many students with tuition costs.

In 2001, that all changed. The Foundation board was reorganized and board members were appointed from all areas of the taxing district of the college. At that time, the total in the Foundation was \$125.

The board agreed to begin the college's first capital campaign. The goal: To build a scholarship endowment fund. As an endowment, the principle amount donated to the college will never be spent. Instead, the interest earned each year provides the money to assist students with tuition costs.

By building an endowment, those



Charles Dobroski (left), librarian at TVCC-Palestine, was just one of many faculty and staff members recognized this year for their contributions to the foundation scholarship program. Also pictured presenting the award is Charlie Akin, Provost of the TVCC-Palestine campus.



ABOVE: The "Star Harbor Boys" golf team took first-place honors in the TVCC Golf Tournament. LEFT: John and Lois Osorio share a dance during "The Valley" gala event at Athens Country Club. The Osorios were sponsors of the golf and gala event. Both events were held in June and benefited the TVCC Foundation.

who support this concept will help students many years into the future.

"The college offered a scholarships from the board of trustees for students in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes, but after that we had no academic scholarships to award to those who were under that top 10 percent level," said David Hubbard, TVCC assistant to the president.

"We felt we were missing the boat by not providing help to those good quality students who could take advantage of a scholarship but who were not necessarily top 10 percent."

The first ever capital campaign began with a goal to reach \$3 million by the end of 2007. Of that money, \$2.5 million would go directly to the scholarship endow-

ment and the rest would go to support academic needs.

Five years into that campaign, the goal is in sight. Currently, the Foundation is working on raising the third million.

Fund-raising activities have included annual fund drives, solicitation of alumni support, golf tournaments, and private foundation grant support.

This year, a new event was added. "The Valley" Golf & Gala – a combination golf tournament and western-style dance held at Athens Country Club in June – raised more than \$25,000 for the Foundation.

Hubbard, who organizes the college's Foundation fundraising events, said he has wanted to add a gala to the golf tournament for several years.

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"It's difficult to begin an annual event like this, but it was received very well," said Hubbard.

As contributions of \$1,000 or more are received from individuals, families, corporations and private foundations, their gifts are honored or memorialized by placing the donor's name on the Tree of Opportunity & Excellence. The brass sculpture is prominently displayed in the front lobby of the Orval Pirtle Administration Building on the Athens campus.


The "leaves" and "stones" on and under the tree serve in perpetual honor to those who have supported the TVCC Foundation.

Recognition levels of giving in relation to how contributions are displayed on "The Tree" are as follows:

- Engraved leaf – \$1,000-\$9,999;
- Engraved stone– \$10,000-\$24,999; and,
- Large Engraved stone– \$25,000 and over

Ways to give to the TVCC Foundation include:

- Gifts of cash;
- Gifts of securities;
- Real estate;
- Life income planned gifts;
- Charitable remainder trust;
- Charitable gift annuity;
- Other planned gifts;
- Charitable lead trust;
- Gifts of life insurance;
- Gifts from retirement plan assets; and,
- Charitable bequests by will or trust.

For more information on supporting the TVCC capital campaign, please contact the TVCC Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 903-670-2620 or e-mail: dhubbard@tvcc.edu. 



Employees of communications company Embarq receive a plaque of thanks for their continued support of the TVCC Foundation. The company's contributions helped support scholarships to students this fall.

Students receive scholarships

For the 2006-2007 school year, 21 students received Foundation scholarships.

For 2007-2008, that number is expected to grow to 24.

Several scholarships are available through the endowment fund, including the Cain Endowed Academic Scholarship, the Ginger Murchison Endowed Academic Scholarship, the Archie and June Dennis Endowed Math and Science Scholarship, the Williard and Sarah George Endowed Business Scholarship, the Ray and Jean Adams Endowed Academic Scholarship and the Opportunity and Excellence Endowed Scholarship.

This year's scholarship recipients include the following:

Ray & Jean Adams Endowed Academic Scholarship

- Cameron Hambrick is a recent graduate of LaPoynor High School and plans to study accounting.
- Robert Miller of Brownsboro and has not yet declared a field of

study.

Cain Foundation Endowed Academic Scholarship

- Tara Courson is a recent graduate of LaPoynor High School and plans to pursue a career in criminal justice.
- Brittany Robertson graduated from Scurry Rosser High School and is planning a career in graphic design.
- Heather Simmons graduated from Neches High School and plans to be a pharmacy technician.
- Parker Stringer graduated from Martins Mill High School and will be studying fire science.

Archie & June Dennis Endowed Math & Science Scholarship

- Crystal Bailey graduated from Neches High School and plans to study nursing.
- Kodi Ladd graduated from Scurry Rosser High School and plans to study science.
- Julie McCoy is a graduate of Canton High School and plans to

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study nursing.

- Robin Preston is a recent graduate of LaPoynor High School and plans to pursue a career in nursing.

- Aaron Reed graduated from Malakoff High School and plans to study engineering and math.

- Amanda Wallace graduated from Cross Roads High School and plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

- Brittany Willmott graduated from Neches High School and plans to study nursing.

Willard & Sarah George Endowed Business Scholarship

- Gregory Etheridge graduated from Martins Mill High School and plans to study agricultural science.

- Bobby Green, a graduate of Cross Roads High School, plans to study business.

- Sarah King of Athens plans to study computer science.

- Brandi Long of Kemp graduated from Kemp High School and plans

Details on the endowment scholarship

The value of the scholarship is \$500 and may be used for subsequent, fall and spring semesters until it is depleted. The goal of the scholarship is to help people in TVCC's service area have the opportunity to attend college.

Scholarship recipients must be first-time students who plan to enroll full-time. Scholarships are available not only to graduating high school students, but also to non-traditional age students as well.

For more information about supporting Foundation scholarships, log onto www.tvcc.edu and click on the TVCC Foundation link.

to pursue a career in accounting.

Ginger Murchison Foundation Endowed Academic Scholarship

- Ayla Harper is a graduate of Kemp High School and has not yet declared a field of study.

- Charlisa Pounds, a graduate of Eustace High School, plans to study cosmetology.

- NiaChel Rand graduated from Wills Point High School and plans to become an elementary school teacher.


Opportunity & Excellence

Endowed Academic Scholarship

- David Floyd, Jr. is a graduate of Eustace High School and plans a career in welding.

- Robert Parker, a graduate of Crandall High School, plans to study information technology services.

- Kasie Pendley graduated from Neches High School and plans to study cosmetology.

- Danielle Richardson graduated from Cross Roads High School and plans to pursue a career as a dental hygienist. 

Celebrating 60 Years Of Cheering for The Cardinals! After Game Tailgate Party/Dinner

Honoring ALL Former Cheerleaders

Saturday, October 13, 2007

7:00-9:00 PM

Reservations Required

**for more details, contact Lucy Strom
at 903-675-6359 or e-mail at lstrom@tvcc.edu**

NEW ADDITIONS

BUILDINGS DEDICATED AT TERRELL, ATHENS

It was a year of dedications at TVCC.

After two years of construction, the three-story technology center on the Athens campus and its adjacent plaza were completed in the winter of 2006. The building was opened for the spring 2007 semester and in May the two were officially dedicated.

The three-story 51,000 square-foot technology center was named after longtime TVCC President Ron Baugh, who has served as the college's president for more than two decades.

In the new Ronald C. Baugh Technology center, each of the building's three stories contains five classrooms, four computer labs and office space.

The plaza adjoining the new technology center was named after Bob McDonald, who served on the board of trustees for 16 years, including spending his last several years as board president. McDonald left the board in December 2006.

Athens was not the only campus to begin the use of a new building in 2006-07. In the summer of 2006, the new M.L. Risinger Learning Resource Center was dedicated on the Terrell campus.

The facility was the first construction project on the Terrell campus since the two original buildings were erected in the mid 1980s.

The TVCC Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name the new



A B O V E : Bob McDonald speaks at the dedication of the Baugh Technology Center and the McDonald Plaza. **R I G H T :** The M.L. Risinger LRC was dedicated at the Terrell campus last year.

building in memory of Risinger, who served the board representing the Terrell area for 19 years, including eight years as board president. Risinger's son, Dr. Charlie Risinger, now serves on the board.

TVCC-Terrell's former library was 2,700 square feet. The M.L. Risinger Learning Resource Center includes 11,000 square feet for the library alone.

The building also contains 11 classrooms, a new network room for expanded information technology services, conference room and faculty offices.

In the past 20 years, extensive construction has taken place on various TVCC campuses as part of the college's master building plan.

Until this spring, the next step in the construction process was set to be the remodeling of the Technical Building on the Athens campus. The building, which is more than 40 years old, was scheduled for a full remodel and asbestos removal.

However, engineers on the project identified warning signs of structural trouble. Because of the findings, the TVCC board dealed the project. Instead, the college will conduct a survey of the older buildings on the Athens campus to determine the integrity of those structures.

The board is planning to redo its master building plan in the coming months, after identifying which buildings are in the most need of repair.



The Risinger LRC provides plenty of space for both studying and media storage.

CARDINAL ACHIEVEMENTS

BEEF CATTLE SHOW TEAM TAKES AWARD FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT YEAR

The Trinity Valley Community College Beef Cattle Show Team now has seven first-place plaques on the wall.

The team took first place in the Good Herdsman Award competition in March at the 2007 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The team has won the award in its division the past six years.

"The team has to decide that we're going to win. Basically, this award is judged in a way that the team that works the hardest during the show wins," said TVCC Show Team Sponsor Marc Robinson.

In order to win the Good Herdsman Award, a team must meet a set of stringent requirements. Judges stopped by TVCC's stalls several times during the livestock show to grade the students on a variety of factors, including how clean the animal and stalls are, personal appearance of the herdsman and exhibition of good sportsman-



Members of the TVCC Beef Cattle Show Team celebrate winning the Good Herdsman Award at the Houston Livestock Show.

ship.

In addition to the Good Herdsman Award, TVCC also brought home several other accolades from the show.

Although the competition is difficult, Robinson said it is worth the effort.

"The students got a lot of compliments because they worked hard.

People came by just to see how hard they were working and see what the cattle looked like. I am appreciative of the compliments concerning the genetics and quality of the cattle improving, as well as the excellent show condition the cattle are in. Most of the credit needs to go to the hard working students on the TVCC show team," said Robinson.

SHOWGIRLS PLACE THIRD AT SPRING DANCE COMPETITION

The Trinity Valley Community College Cardette Showgirls took third place last spring at the American Dance and Drill Team National/International Competition.

The team, made up of a dozen members of the Cardettes, competed March 31.

The third place finish in Division II was a step up for the Cardette Showgirls, who placed fourth in the competition last year.

The Showgirl dance team is open to current Cardettes, said Director Darla Mansfield. However, there are a very limited number of dancers on

the team.

"They are judged on technical ability, projection and how well they fit in with the style of dance we will be using," said Mansfield.

For the national competition, the Cardette Showgirls are allowed to present a single routine. This year, the group chose a modern dance style.

"We had a guest choreographer come in and do the routine. It's a lit-



The 2006-2007 Cardette Showgirls took third place at a national competition last spring.

tle edgier, a little more technically advanced than what we typically do on a daily basis," said Mansfield.

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BAND, CARDETTES BRING LUCK TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

Members of the Cardinal Regiment, Cardinal Wildcat Swing Orchestra and Cardettes came back from a week in Ireland last spring raving about their voyage across the Atlantic.

"I was proud of (the students) the entire trip. Everyone represented themselves well, and did Texas proud," said Cardette Director Darla Mansfield.

After months of planning and practice, more than 130 students, faculty members and parents got the chance to show off in March during Dublin, Ireland's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

While they were there, the students got plenty of attention,



The Cardinal Regiment proudly walks the streets of Ireland during St. Patrick's festivities in March. The band and Cardettes visited Ireland and participated in parades in the Irish cities of Dublin and Limerick.

including some from the local media. Before the group arrived, their performances were advertised to the public. Once there, they were the topic of radio interviews, newspaper articles and television spotlights.

The events leading up to the March trip began two years ago, when Mansfield sent a publicity packet to the Lord Mayor of Dublin and his committee. It included pictures and videos of TVCC performances and a history of the Cardette dance team. After going through a selection process, the TVCC groups were chosen.

At the center of the week's worth of public performances was the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, where the group got to show off in

front of 1.5 million people. The TVCC students also performed in the Limerick Parade, at the Guinness Brewery, and opened for the "Canadian A.M. Show," equivalent to America's "The Today Show."

While the group was in Ireland, the Lord Mayor of Dublin honored the participants in the Dublin parade with a Recognition Program.

In all, the trip was a stellar success, said Mansfield.

"We really enjoyed it and would definitely entertain the idea of going back, although it will be awhile before we can go again. We have already been getting e-mails from people who would like to see us come back," said Mansfield.



Cardette Annde Loyd proudly displays the shape of Texas during a parade in Dublin.

STUDENT APPEARS ON NBC TV SERIES "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS"

To local viewers of the NBC hit series *Friday Night Lights*, wide receiver Chuck Pierce was a familiar face.

Pierce, who appeared briefly on an episode of the show last fall, was played by Ryan Ciardo, a lifelong

Mabank native and TVCC theatre student.

Ciardo landed the part after being seen by Heather Collier, owner of Collier



Ciardo

Talent Agency in Austin.

"She saw me and thought I had some talent," said Ciardo.

After trying out for a few different roles, Ciardo was cast for the part of Pierce, a minor character scheduled for only one episode.

NATIONAL FORCE

CARDINAL CHEERLEADERS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

When Doris Gardenhire sits in the stands at TVCC games and looks out over the Cardinal Cheerleaders on the sidelines, she can't help but be amazed at how different they look than when she stood on those same sidelines in 1955.

"It was very simple back then. Now, it's work. People like to watch the cheerleading as a performance. With us it was just cheering. Just waving our arms and jumping and trying to get people to cheer," said Gardenhire.

Gardenhire cheered for the 1955-56 season before she left Henderson County Junior College (She would later return as a student and then as a long-time English teacher on the Athens campus).

Sixty years ago this fall, the first squad of Cardinal cheerleaders took to the field. Since then, the team has developed a rich tradition of excellence, including earning eight national championship titles.

Over the years, cheerleading at HCJC-TVCC has changed, but that change didn't come overnight.

When Gardenhire first started cheering for the school's squad, the little group of five girls and two guys had no formal coach. Instead, Francis Grayson, the first Cardinal cheerleading sponsor, helped the squad.

"We didn't have practice

every day. It was much more relaxed. It wasn't a competition. We were just trying to get the crowd to yell," said Gardenhire.

The team traveled to games on a bus with other students or took their own cars.

One big difference between the squads of yesterday and that of today, said Gardenhire, is the size.

"When they took our cheerleading photo, they wanted a photo of us spelling out HCJC. But we were so small that they had to take four different photos with each different letter," said Gardenhire.

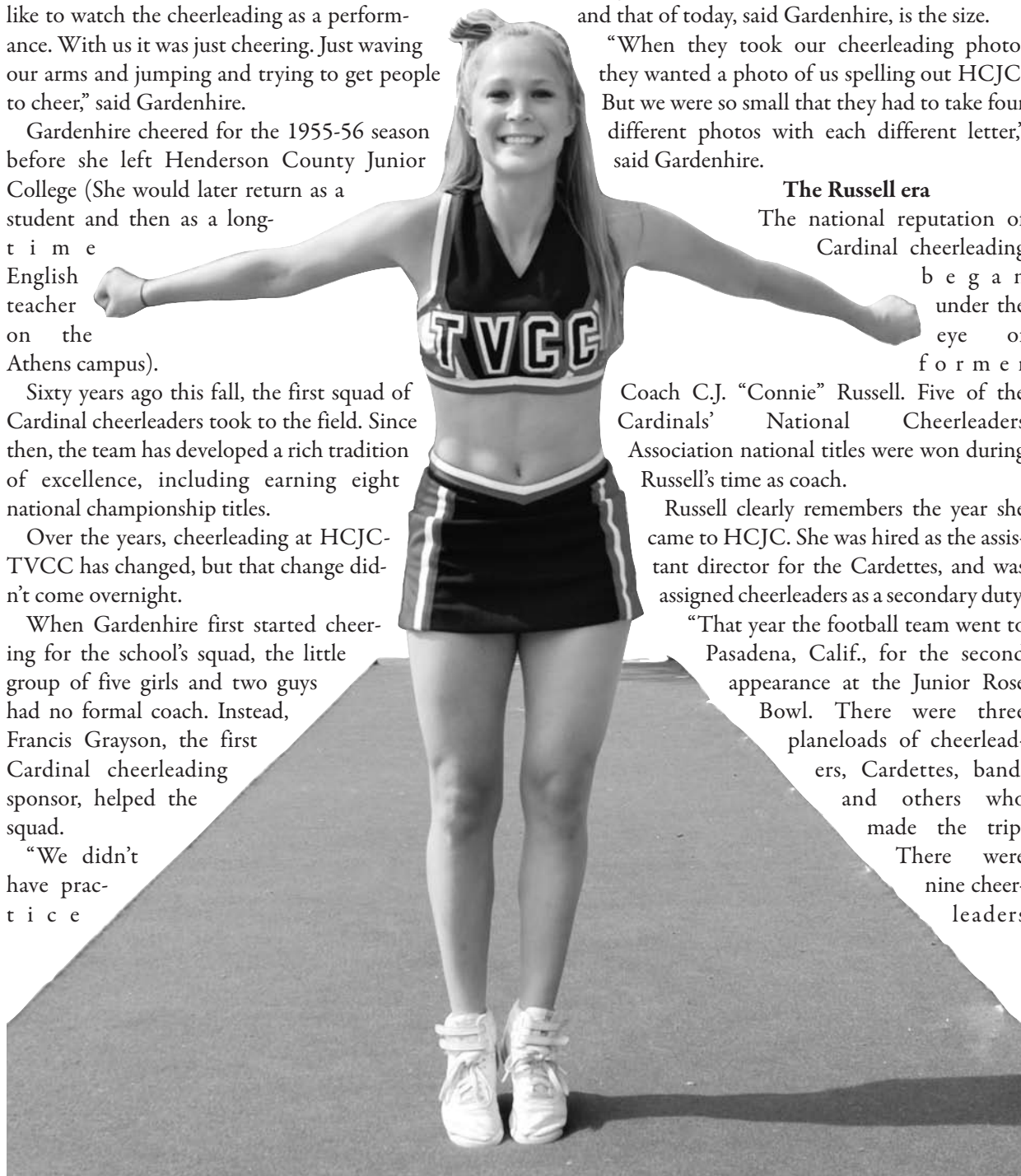
The Russell era

The national reputation of Cardinal cheerleading began under the eye of former

Coach C.J. "Connie" Russell. Five of the Cardinals' National Cheerleaders Association national titles were won during Russell's time as coach.

Russell clearly remembers the year she came to HCJC. She was hired as the assistant director for the Cardettes, and was assigned cheerleaders as a secondary duty.

"That year the football team went to Pasadena, Calif., for the second appearance at the Junior Rose Bowl. There were three plane loads of cheerleaders, Cardettes, band, and others who made the trip. There were nine cheerleaders



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on that squad – four men and five women,” said Russell.

In the late 1970s, Russell gave up her other duties to focus on the cheerleaders. In the mid-1980s, the Cardinals began competing on the national level.

“They had the nationals competition about three years before we tried out. I took the squad up to Mesquite and auditioned in front of the president of the NCA. We thought we had a good routine, but he suggested we make it more difficult. We were the only junior college out of 20 teams,” said Russell. Now, the NCA has a competition category specifically for junior colleges.

In 1989, the squad captured its first national title at a competition in Dallas.

Russell and the Cardinal squad continued their winning ways in the 1990s, taking national titles in 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1996. The same year the squad took its fifth national title, the group was invited to participate in the opening of the Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

“Performing at the Olympics is one of the things I’m proudest of,” said Russell.

Davidson takes over

Russell retired in 1997 and was succeeded by Shannon Davidson. Davidson coached the squad to two national titles in 2001 and 2002.

When Davidson began at TVCC, cheerleading was in a period of change.

“They started judging differently. We had to go with more difficult things with the level of the stunts and the tumbling and the pyramids,” said Davidson.

When she took over the team, she had big shoes to fill.

“Any time you get a new coach after so long there is a lot of change. The first year was real difficult. C.J. stayed on to help me transition, but there were a lot of people who said when C.J. left, it couldn’t be done again,” said Davidson.

But the tradition of TVCC excellence prevailed.

“Winning back-to-back was so special. Everyone realized TVCC cheerleading is still around and going to be good” said Davidson. “The years we won I just had excellent, excellent cheerleaders.”

Davidson, as Russell before her, was not a cheerleader. Her years at TVCC, said Davidson, were a new and exciting experience.

“People don’t realize the time and energy it takes. You have to take care of all other cheer duties first. After everyone else’s season is over, then it’s our turn,” said Davidson.

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The Strom years

Davidson left TVCC in 2002 to take a job coaching basketball and golf at Eustace High School.

Under Russell and Davidson, Athletic Secretary Lucy Strom had served as official team aide. When Davidson departed, Strom took her place. Like her two predecessors, Strom also has never been a cheerleader.

Strom still holds the coaching position. The squad took its most recent national title in 2005 with Strom as coach.

TVCC holds more national cheerleading titles than any other school in the nation.

The team has placed second for the past two years at nationals competition in Daytona, Fla. At NCA summer camp in August 2007, the squad won a bid to compete in the 2008 nationals competition, taking first in its division.

The Cardinal tradition

The national championship trophies are great accomplishments, said Russell, but it is the traditions of Cardinal cheerleading that make the program so unique.

"Several traditions came about from the cheerleaders themselves. They are the ones who started some of the traditions, we just had to keep them going," said Russell.

One of Russell's favorite traditions held is a simple piece of mat.

"It went to nationals with us, just a piece of one of our home mats in a baggie. We took that piece of our carpet and put it on the nationals mat. It was our way of saying it was our mat," said Russell.

The tape ball is another time-honored tradition. According to Russell, one day the students started saving the tape off their wrapped wrists and ankles. Eventually, the ball weighed more than 80 pounds.

"One individual, usually a rookie, had to take it to nationals. Everyone

Milestones

- **1947** – First HCJC cheerleaders take the field.
- **1966** – Russell hired.
- **1983-84** – TVCC is the first junior college to compete at nationals – placing 11th of 20.
- **1987-1988** – TVCC places 2nd in the Div. II University category (still no category for junior colleges).
- **1989-1991** – Three national championships in a row.
- **1993** – 4th national championship.
- **1996** – 5th national championship and performance at Olympic opening ceremony.
- **1997** – Russell leaves - Davidson takes over.
- **2001-2002** – Cardinal Cheerleaders take back-to-back national titles.
- **2002** – Davidson leaves – Strom becomes coach.
- **2005** – 8th national championship.
- **2006** – 2nd at nationals. Cardinals set a community college record, scoring higher than any team in the preliminary round, including the Division 1A schools.
- **2007** – 2nd at nationals.

who went to nationals signed it. Each time we went to nationals, all the Cardinals, new and old, were all together on the floor," said Russell.

Today the team has four tape balls and brings three pieces of mat with them to nationals.

"These old traditions have continued but have changed with the times," said Strom. "Each year it seems new traditions get started."

Modern times

Over the years, the main role of Cardinal cheerleading has not changed, but many aspects of the sport have.

"The sideline cheering is still a big part of things, but how it is done has

completely changed," said Strom.

Because of the work of the cheerleaders over the years, TVCC has become a team with a national reputation.

The program is so strong these days, said Strom, that students from all around the country compete for a spot on the TVCC team.

"Kids are fighting to get in here," said Strom.

Strom said Cardinals often go on to cheer at powerhouse universities.

"The universities want a TVCC graduate on their team and praise their work ethics," said Strom.

Strom said cheerleading has moved from an informal event to a sport.

"They are athletes. They have to be real gymnasts and be able to perform in front of a crowd," said Strom.

To be successful, cheerleaders and coaches have to be able to change with the sport.


"They've actually gone backwards now because there are stunts you could do while I was coaching you can't do now," said Davidson.

"Around the year 2000, studies showed cheerleaders were more at risk for serious injury than football players," said Strom. "So there were some rule changes. But it is still a very tough sport physically. Today's cheerleader at TVCC is conditioned and must have a great deal of athletic discipline to be on the team."

The role of individual cheerleaders is also shifting. Until the past few years, cheerleaders could specialize in particular areas.

"That's changing. The straight stunter is gone. The straight tumbler is gone. There are still a few schools who are doing it that way, but very few," said Strom.

But one thing has not changed: the dedication of the TVCC cheerleading program.

"My philosophy was always to get the best and expect no less," said Russell. 

BALANCING ACT

SCOTT IHRIG MANAGES TEAMWORK, GRADES

When Trinity Valley Community College Sophomore Scott Ihrig isn't hitting the books, he's on the mat, perfecting his cheerleading skills in hopes of leading the 2007-08 Cardinal team to a ninth national championship.

CHEERLEADING TODAY

In the time left after home-work and practice, he's traveling with the National Cheerleaders Association, attending camps and helping other cheerleaders perfect their skill.

Ihrig became involved in gymnastics at a young age, but didn't take up cheerleading until his sophomore year at Lake Travis High School in Austin. He joined because he loved tumbling and knew that he would one day need a college scholarship.

The late start didn't seem to hurt his career though. He's already in his second year of working for the NCA. When working for the organization he travels all over Texas teaching junior high and high school students how to be a cheerleader.

His goal – to “instill in them my philosophy of stepping up and living life to its fullest.”

Working with the NCA has given him opportunities to network in the cheerleading world. He's also learned a lot about himself.

“It's taught me how to be a leader, with young people and peers as well,” Ihrig said.

After being on his high school's very competitive cheerleading team, he felt that TVCC was the next step for him, for reasons other than just

the price.

“I came because it's a junior college and I could get my basic credits for a cheaper price but also because I love cheerleading and the Trinity Valley squad is eight-time national champs,” Ihrig said.

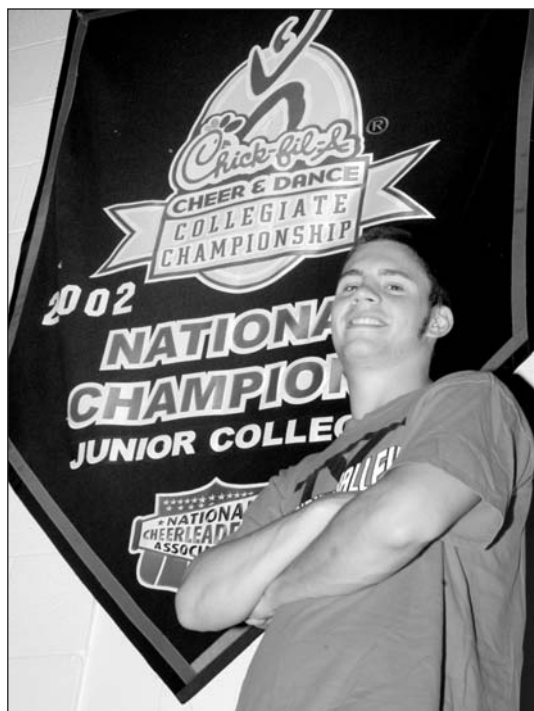
However, coming to Athens was a culture shock to him. According to the United States census bureau, as of 2005 Austin had 690,252 people in its limits, while Athens had just 12,559.

“In Austin there are a lot of places to go, a lot of places to see... Athens has a Wal-Mart,” said Ihrig.

With one year at TVCC behind him, he is maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Balancing cheerleading and academics isn't too tough said Ihrig. Describing himself as goal orientated and steadfast, he says that all it takes to keep up his grades is to “stay on track, stay on top of work, and it's not that hard to do.”

Ihrig says the other 26 members of the Cardinal cheerleading team have taught him a lot about working together. Since the group is so close – all the male cheerleaders live in the same dorm and the female cheerleaders all live together in a different dorm – life can get complicated.

“I've learned a ton here. [I've learned to] be a good leader, and be a great friend. When you live with




When TVCC Cardinal cheerleader Scott Ihrig isn't learning stunts with his fellow teammates, he's working to maintain his 4.0 GPA and teaching younger cheerleaders the skills needed to succeed in the sport.

people an entire year, you live their lives. It gets hard and you get to help and that's the best part of Trinity Valley: If you've got a problem, twenty other people can help,” said Ihrig.

Once he graduates from TVCC, Ihrig plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in sports psychology.

Ihrig says so far, he is thrilled that he chose to come to TVCC.

“Trinity Valley has been a life changing experience for me. I've seen and met the most diverse kind of people from all over the United States and I've learned to work and live with every single one of them. Being able to help these people makes me a stronger person and a better leader,” said Ihrig. 

CARDINALS STARTING OVER

SEASON BEGINS WITH NEW PLAYERS, COACHES

Cardinals Coach Brad Smiley describes the upcoming 2007 season in three words: "Starting from scratch."

"We're starting over. We have a completely new system," said Smiley.

Between the Cardinals' last season, during which the team went 2-7, and the first spring workouts in 2007, the college underwent a complete coaching staff change. Smiley, who was an assistant coach with the Cardinals in the late 1990s and most recently coached at Louisiana's Tulane University, spent the spring and summer evaluating returning players and recruiting new players.

"I gave every player a clean slate and re-evaluated even the best players," said Smiley. "A lot of the players liked it because it gave them a chance to start over."

Returning from last season's team are 14 sophomores and 14 players who were red shirted in 2006.

Among the returning starters will be Defensive tackle Blake Gumm (6'2" 290), who was named to the NJCAA Pre-Season All-American team, and 2006 1st Team All Conference punter/kicker Ryan Butler (5'9" 175).

Offense

With starting quarterback Ben McMahan having moved on to play at Midwestern State University, the position is up for grabs.

Patrick Cook (6'2" 200), who was on the roster last fall, was the only quarterback at spring practice, said Smiley.

He has been joined by freshmen Bobby Jo Barrett (6' 185) of Arlington-Seguin High School and Marcus Bowman (6'2" 195) of



Brad Smiley
Head Coach

Smiley is in his first year as head football coach for TVCC.

He served as the offensive line and tight ends coach for TVCC in 1998 and 1999.

Most recently, Smiley spent seven seasons at Tulane University.



Will Reed
Defensive Coordinator

Reed was a part of the TVCC coaching team in 1998 and '99

Since 2004, Reed has been coaching at Texas College where he was defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator, and associate athletic director.



John Launius
Offensive Coordinator

As offensive coordinator at Dodge City Community College, Launius directed the offense to one of the school's best seasons.

He has also been a head coach at the high school level.



Terrence Murphy
Receivers

Murphy attended Texas A&M University, where he became the school's Most Decorated Wide Receiver.

After being a first-round draft pick, he played for the Green Bay Packers.



Archie McDaniel
Linebackers

McDaniel spent the fall of 2006 as a linebacker with the Detroit Lions.

At Texas A&M he was a three-year starter at inside and outside linebacker, and the 2005 A&M line-man of the year.



Tremaine Jackson
Defensive Line

Jackson was the 2006 defensive line coach at Texas A&M Kingsville.

He also helped the San Antonio Ravens to a division championship as the defensive coordinator.

2007 CARDINAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 25	@Garden City CC	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	Arkansas Baptist	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	@Georgia Military	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 15*	NEO	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22*	@Cisco	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29*	Navarro (Family Day)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6*	@Blinn	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 13*	Kilgore (Homecoming)	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 19*	@Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Open	
Nov. 3	Conference Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 10	SWJCFC Championship	TBA
Dec. 1	Conference Bowl Game	TBA

*Southwest Junior College Football Conference Games

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Alumni Awards - 2007

HONOREES TO BE RECOGNIZED AT HOMECOMING

RED AND WHITE AWARD

Darin Broady

If it hadn't been for a red-headed cheerleader on the football field at his high school one day, Darin Broady may never have discovered cheerleading at all.

"We had a really smart coach that sent the girls out to recruit boys for the team, so they got all these football players and wrestlers for the team that year," said Broady.

Broady came to Trinity Valley Community College in 1997, after being on the All-Star Cheerleading team at his high school in Jeffersonville, Ind.

His coach turned out to be good friends with C.J. Russell, a former TVCC cheerleading coach, so he decided to try out for the "world renowned" team.

In the two years he was at TVCC, Broady helped bring the Cardinals to the NCA nationals competition. The team placed second both years.

Cheerleading wasn't the only organization that Broady was involved in while he was a Cardinal.

Since he had wanted to be a police officer since he was young, Broady became a part of the criminal justice program.

Between cheerleading practices, he was a part of the criminal justice fraternity on campus. In his sophomore year he was president of the student senate.

"I tried to do everything that I could at TVCC," Broady said.



Broady

After graduating in 1999, Broady continued his schooling at Oklahoma State, graduating in 2000. From there he attended a military police academy and served one tour of duty in Afghanistan.

For now, he lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., again, holding a job with the Sellersburg police department and living with his wife and three pets.

He still holds fond memories of his days at TVCC

"I have way too many [favorite memories at TVCC]. Every time the cheerleading team got together, whether for practice or to socialize, we got along great."

OUTSTANDING ALUM

Debbie Hatton

Trinity Valley Community College was just the start of something wonderful for Debbie Hatton.

A native of Murchison, Hatton graduated from Brownsboro High School and then made her way to TVCC. She earned Associate of Arts degree and was in numerous plays.

"My favorite memory (from TVCC) is when I performed in a Tennessee Williams one-act play because I had to play a character so much older than myself. It made me really look and notice people," said Hatton.

Her interest in the theater came in part through the guidance of former instructor Jerry Phillips. She had aspirations to be a veterinarian, but



Hatton

after liking theatre in high school, she kept an open mind about other areas of study. Already in the choir, she tried out in an open audition, and the rest, as they say, is history.

After graduating from TVCC Hatton went on to East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce). She later earned master's degrees in theatre, speech and social history from the University of Texas at Tyler.

"History goes along with theatre, because you have to know history to do plays. And I do a lot of political communication and love it because a lot of plays go with politics," said Hatton.

Now teaching communications at Sam Houston State University, Hatton has also become very involved in speech and debate.

As a debate teacher for the past 15 years, the National Debate Association has sent her all over the world to speak. The association also named her one of the top debate coaches in the country.

In the world debate tournament in 2000, she coached team USA in Sydney, Australia and was also there to see the competitors arrive for the Olympics.

During all this, she's also written three textbooks for colleges.

"TVCC got me started. It gave me a really good foundation, and gave me the possibilities to do all kinds of things," Hatton said.

OUTSTANDING ALUM

Mike Reynolds

One tryout sent Mike Reynolds on the path he would travel for the rest of his life.

He began cheering in high school

ALUMNI AWARDS (CONT.)

simply because of some friends on the team.

"One of my good friends wanted to try out, so I did too," said Reynolds.



Reynolds

Reynolds attended TVCC, earned a spot as a stunter on the Cardinal cheerleading team and helped choreograph routines. While at the time he wanted to attend TVCC because it was local and he didn't feel like leaving Athens, it turned out to be the place that put him on track for his career.

"It was the best years of my life. It's the reason I'm doing what I'm doing now, and it basically set my whole life up for me," Reynolds said.

After graduating from TVCC, Reynolds attended and cheered for Long Beach University and then for the Los Angeles Rams in California.

Since his days on the Cardinal team Reynolds has found a love in coaching and choreography.

He is the co-owner of Pace Performing Athletic Center in California. There he coaches and choreographs for Orange Coast College, Pace All-Stars, Phoenix All-Stars and Deer Valley High School.

Orange Coast is a UCA six time Collegiate National Champion.

He also has over 100 national titles for cheerleading, and was named as one of America's top dance directors in 2002, 2004 and 2005 by Dance Teachers Magazine.

The United Performers

Association inducted him into their Hall of Fame and bestowed upon him a coach of the year title.

In 2005 he received the National Cheerleaders Association Creative Choreography award for his work at Orange Coast College.

He also co-owns the Phoenix All-Stars, located in Glendale, Ariz.

Even though he lives in California and keeps himself busy with his work, Reynolds says he still keeps in touch with the people on his team from TVCC, especially his advisor, C.J. Russell.

"My favorite times were with C.J. and just everyone on the team," said Reynolds.

CARDINAL AMBAS- SADOR AWARD

Kelly and Sara Smith

Although it's been a few years since Kelly and Sara Smith attended Henderson County Junior College (now TVCC), they still remember those days fondly.

"It was so much fun," said Sara, who started attending classes in 1963.

In fact, she fondly remembers, she stayed longer than she needed to before transferring to the University of North Texas because she loved being at HCJC so much.

"I just didn't want to leave," said Sara. While at HCJC, Sara was a Cardette.

The two lifelong Athens residents met in high school. Kelly, the elder of the husband-wife pair, graduated first and started classes at HCJC. He then did a stint in the Navy and returned to the college.

Sara attended HCJC just out of high school and the two both transferred to UNT.

Both taught a short time at schools in the Dallas Independent School District. Kelly later got a job in the clothing industry.

When the chance came up to



Kelly and Sara Smith

begin his own company, he grabbed the opportunity, starting the Dutyman Corporation.

The company, which has its main office in Maxwell, near San Marcos, manufactures a variety of police equipment and gear.

"He knew someone who was with uniform companies and someone suggested he manufacture equipment," said Sara.

The company has its main manufacturing plant in China. According to Sara, Dutyman was one of the first American companies to develop a Chinese manufacturing facility. Now the corporation sells police and combat gear to police departments around the country.

Although the pair is not directly involved with college activities these days, the two still support TVCC financially and are always ready to tell the community about how the college makes the Athens community better.

"I wish the community of Athens knew what an asset the junior college is. They just don't realize what it does for the whole town," said Sara.

And, when they can, they still love to sit in the stands and take in a little Cardinal football.

Memories

Recent thoughts and updates from alumni

For other memories or to post your memories, visit our website: www.tvcc.edu/alumni

'40's

Bob Farmer, Class of '48-'49 tells us that even as young as he looks, he is an excellent great-grandfather to Gabriel Wade Farmer – born in December 2001 – and Hattie Ree Mills, born in March 2003.

Jonel Edmondson Henderson, Class of 1946, remembers when classes were held in the Baptist Church and she rode the school bus from Palestine.

Greenville, now lives in Winnsboro, Texas and is employed by Sphere 3 Environmental Company of Longview.

Alfred Wilson, Class of '63, has many fond memories of his two years at HCJC. He remembers pulling the Circle K bathtub on wheels from Athens to the convention in Nacogdoches.

He tells his grandchildren with pride that he rode a school bus to and from his first two years of college.

He remembers fondly, Grace and Marlin Cade, Victor Lewis, Roscoe Francis, Margaret DeHart and Frances Grayson.

2001.

Brad Mock, Class of '97, after leaving TVCC, graduated from Sam Houston State University.

He is currently working in the oil industry in Wyoming. He is married to Tricia and has a daughter and two sons.

Tricia Machann Mock, Class of '97, was Co-Captain of the Cardettes. She and Brad have been married for 9 years and have three children.

She taught high school math for two years and now is a "stay at home" mom. They have lived in Wyoming since 2004.

'50's

Winston Brand, Class of '56-'57-'58, who played football, basketball and baseball at HCJC and was a member of Circle K Club tells us that after receiving his BS and M Ed. from North Texas, he is now retired from coaching after 28 years.

He has now started a vending business to stay active.

Glenn Reynolds, Class of '54-'56, remembers his involvement in Circle K Club, Ag Club and Student Council.

He is now retired after many years of teaching at TVCC and says he is living in the woods near downtown Payne Springs.

'90's

Cari Dyson Berryhill, Class of '95, was a Cardette and a member of Student Senate.

She is married and has two children, Cailey, who is seven years old and James Jr., who is seven months old. She now works from home and is enjoying being a mom.

Darin Broady, Class of '99, graduated from TVCC with an AAS degree in criminal justice and cheered at TVCC, before transferring to OSU and continuing to cheer there.

He is now a police officer in Sellersburg, Ind. He is also in the Army Reserve and served 10 months in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Kari Stephens Long, Class of 1998, graduated from UT Tyler and teaches 2nd grade in Eustace, Texas. She was married in June of

'00's

Jeff "Smiley" Mallory, Class of '00, played football at TVCC and later attended Texas Southern University and played football there, receiving his Bachelors in Design Technology degree in 2003.

He graduated from TSU in 2005, earning his Masters Degree in Transportation Planning & Management. He is currently working in Houston, Texas as a transportation professional in ocean exporting.

Sheremecia "Quinn" Menefee, Class of '02, graduated from "The Valley" after being a member of Student Senate, serving as a dorm assistant for West Hall and as a tutor for college math.

She now lives in Houston and works in the Accounting Department for Reynolds & Reynolds.

'60's

Jim Johnson, Class of '66 and Cardinal Band member from

Looking back at HCJC-TVCC

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Editor's Note: At last year's homecoming celebration, the classes of 1966-1970 held a reunion. At the game, we asked some of them to share with us where they are now and to describe their favorite memories of their years at HCJC. Here are their answers.

Carol Wurz – Class of '69

Where is she now: Retired from National Parks Service, Fredricksburg, Texas.

Favorite memory: I was a Cardette ... Just the camaraderie and getting to go to all the games.

Tricking Ethel Walker and signing out and saying I was going home and not going home.

Marshal Crawford Jr. – Class of '69

Where is he now: Chandler City Councilman.

Favorite memory: Playing on the Cardinal basketball team. Sophomore year we were 25-4 and ranked as high as number six in the nation. I was second-leading scorer on the team with 21.5 points per game.

Joe Brock – Class of '69

Where is he now: High school teacher in Tennessee.

Favorite memory: All the friends, the camaraderie. We were very close, and that was important to us in those days. We were a close family back then. I played basketball, won district championship in 1969.

Kathy (Calhoun) Wood – Class of '69

Where is she now: Greenville, Texas.

Favorite memory: I was secretary of the freshman and sophomore



The classes of 1966-1969 dedicate a memorial stone for the members of their class who have passed away. The dedication took place last year at homecoming.

classes. I met my husband, Mike, at HCJC. We just made it be a special time in all of our lives. We just grew up together here.

Randy Shelton and Frank "Sonny" McCallum – Classes of '70, '71

Favorite memory: The day we blew up the canon.

We loaded up the canon, took a cigarette out to light the canon and forgot to blow the powder from around the fuse hole.

It shot, and all the powder came back out. The next year, it completely disintegrated.

Bill Young – Class of '67

Where is he now: Teacher in Farmsville, Texas.

Favorite memory: Being one of the Cardette escorts and getting to go to the Junior Rose Bowl. Just being around all these great people.

Don Jackson – Class of '70

Where is he now: Cedar Creek

Lake; architect and fireman.

Favorite memory: I was a cheerleader in my last year and that's when I met my wife (Sheryl). That's my fondest memory and my best memory.

Sandra Hogan – Class of '70

Where is she now: Parker, Colo.

Favorite memory: This is my first time back since 1970, so I was really excited about this.

I was an officer (lieutenant) for the Cardettes. Those are some of my favorite times.


Mona (Hines) Craig – Class of '69

Where is she now: Back in Athens after being in Tyler for 30 years.

Favorite memory: I got my husband (Bobby) here.

Vicki (Cobb) Angel – Class of '67

Where is she now: Texarkana

Favorite memory: Chemistry class, because that is where I met my husband (Stewart). 

BAUGH

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amassed the funds for the construction through budgetary savings.

"It's so hard for me to express in words all he's done. He's been the image of this college for years," said McDonald.


Baugh claims few accomplishments, crediting many of the highlights in his career to the support of the board and the strengths of his employees. He says his years at TVCC have been a wonderful experience.

"I feel I've accomplished most of what I am capable of for this institution and it's time for someone else to come in and take over," said Baugh. "I hope (the next president) brings his own skills set that will be advantageous to this institution. And I hope he has half as good a time as I have."

In addition to serving the college, Baugh has also served the community by serving on the boards of directors for First United Methodist Church, Athens Chamber of Commerce, Keep Athens Beautiful, Athens Main Street Project, Henderson County United Way, Athens Economic Development Corporation, Athens Industrial Foundation, and the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

According to Baugh – who was asked by the board of trustees to assist in the search for his successor – the college received 36 applications from those who wish to serve as TVCC's next president. Those applications are currently being reviewed by the board.

The board plans to begin conducting interviews in September.

Although the timeline is flexible, Baugh said the board will likely name one or more finalists for the job in late fall. 

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Carthage.

"I'm very concerned about the quarterback position. It's one of the biggest decisions we have to make," said Smiley.

The offensive line could be a strength for the Cardinals in 2007.

"There will be lots of experience on the offensive line," said Smiley.

Jason Guillory (6'4" 335), Tony Washington (6'7" 290), Irv Hernandez (5'11" 275) and John Hamilton (6'2" 310) will all be returning to the Cardinals' roster.

Receiver Jahbari McLennan (6'170) proved his ability to make plays in spring workouts. He will be competing for playing time with 2006 red shirt freshmen Tyrone Gibbs and Tyler Parsons.

At fullback, William Pittman showed promise in spring workouts, said Smiley.

At tailback, 2007 red-shirt freshman Lloyd "L.J." James (5'9" 180) is returning to the Cardinals roster. James was recruited as a cornerback, but has been moved to tailback for the upcoming season.

Defense


Defensive tackle Gumm will

anchor the Cardinals' defensive line. Other expected powerhouses on the defensive line include Kevin Allen (6'2" 275), who played defensive end and defensive tackle on the 2007 Cardinal team, and Dexter Beck (6'2" 245), who was a part-time starter at the end of the 2006 season.

Defensive backs will be a strength for the 2007 Cardinal team. Returning players B.J. Medley (6'2" 200) and Khenon Hall (5'10" 190) will probably be a strong part of this year's defense along with cornerback Cordarius Mingo (5' 11" 185), a Terrell sophomore who was a regular starter in 2006.

Returning players at linebacker will be Siosaia Maeakiola (5'11" 225), who played special teams last year, and Cernel Mingo (6'2" 230).

Special Teams

Putter/kicker Ryan Butler (5'9" 175) of Nederland will be a strong force on special teams. Butler, who shone for the Cardinals last season with his ambidextrous kicking and scrambling skills, will be retuning in the same position. Also returning to the roster will be Cross Roads native David Johnson. 



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HOMECOMING 2007 SCHEDULE

Celebrating 60 years of Cardinal Cheerleading

Saturday, October 13, 2007

- 10 a.m. – Former HCJC-TVCC Alumni Reception – Orval Pirtle Administration Building-Athens Campus – Everyone Welcome
- 12 noon - 2 p.m. – Tailgate luncheon at Bruce Field – Cost is \$5 per person
- 2:30 p.m. – Pre-game festivities begin, including the crowning of the 2007 Homecoming Queen
- 3 p.m. – Kickoff – Cardinal football versus Kilgore College

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