



Gloria and Bruce Ingram

The Drs. Ingram

Bruce and Gloria Ingram of New Braunfels, for whom the Ingram School of Engineering is named, were awarded honorary doctoral degrees at commencement on Dec. 18.

The Ingrams recognized the need for endowed support for the university's rapidly growing engineering programs and in 2006 provided a \$5 million gift that became the critical step in establishing the School of Engineering. That gift provided one endowed chair, two endowed professorships, faculty development support, scholarships and program support. A subsequent \$2 million gift endows additional scholarships.

The Ingrams were both born and reared in San Antonio. Gloria Ingram, her mother and her sisters all attended Texas State. Bruce Ingram attended Texas A&M and served with the Seabees in the Navy. He got his first job the day they were married, and the newlyweds moved to Dilley, Texas. In 1957 he borrowed \$500 to start his business as the founder of Ingram Readymix, a manufacturer of concrete. He paid the loan back in full and never borrowed money again. Ingram Readymix now operates 26 concrete plants in 22 Texas cities.

The Ingrams moved to San Marcos in 1970 and relocated their corporate offices to New Braunfels. After 34 years in San Marcos, they relocated to Comal County in 2004. Bruce Ingram, at age 79, continues to work fulltime.

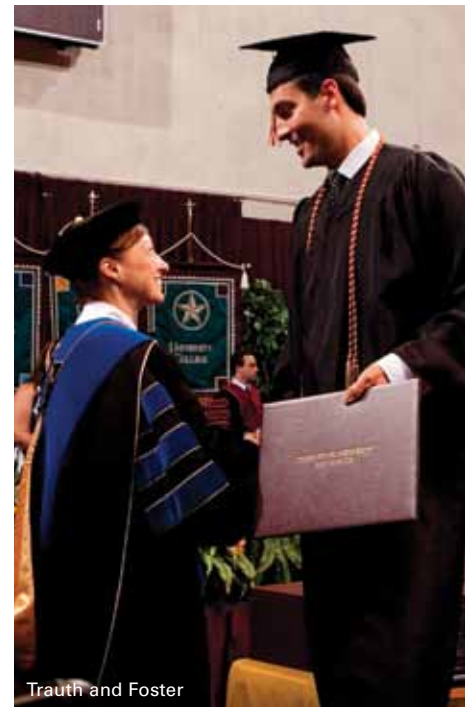
The couple serve on the President's Council and are co-chairs of the Academic Excellence Pillar of the Pride in Action campaign. Bruce Ingram provided guidance in establishing the university's new undergraduate program in concrete industry management, which began in the fall of 2009. Gloria Ingram serves on the Development Foundation. They have four children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pacer gets diploma

Former Texas State star basketball player and current NBA standout Jeff Foster has added another trophy to his case. This one is in the form of a sheepskin, as Foster graduated from Texas State in August with a bachelor's degree in applied arts.

Foster has had a 10-year career with the Indiana Pacers and, when he was chosen in the first round of the NBA draft in 1999, he was just a few credit hours short of completing his degree. Now, he has accomplished that goal and fulfilled a promise to his family and to himself.

"It has been on the back burner while I went through my NBA career," said



Trauth and Foster

Foster. "Now that I have kids and look at their futures, I realize how important it is for their development to know their dad has his bachelor's degree. I want them to know that is a big deal in our family and something I want them to attain."

The 6-11 center became just the fifth player in franchise history to play 10 seasons with the Indiana Pacers in 2008-09. He ranks fourth on the team's all-time career list for games played with 681. He also is one of the greatest offensive rebounders in team history after he ranked 13th among NBA leaders with 215 offensive rebounds, marking the sixth consecutive season in which he has grabbed more than 200 offensive boards.

Ninth doctorate

A Ph.D. in criminal justice became the ninth doctoral program at Texas State in July, just in time to enroll 14 students in the first class this fall.

“There’s been considerable demand for a doctorate in criminal justice in this area for a very long time,” said Mark Stafford, professor of criminal justice, who will supervise the program. “The department recognized the demand in Austin and San Antonio several years ago and began developing a doctoral program.”

There are only about 35 criminal justice doctoral programs in the nation. Texas State’s new criminal justice doctorate is a research degree that should appeal to people in state agencies and law enforcement who are interested in conducting original research and applying that research to the criminal justice system, Stafford said. Potential enrollees are not so much prosecutors or police officers as they are upper-level administrators who see the value of research and desire more graduate education.

Currently 346 students are enrolled in the nine doctoral programs, a 28 percent increase over last fall. The university now offers 101 bachelor’s degree programs, 88 master’s programs and nine doctoral programs – three Ph.D.s in geography, two in education, and one each in aquatic resources, mathematics education and criminal justice, and a D.P.T. in physical therapy. A doctorate in developmental education has received preliminary approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and one in materials science and commercialization is seeking approval.

Project to protect river

A \$1 million state appropriation will fund the River Systems Institute’s development of a long-term plan to guarantee the sustainability of the San Marcos River basin.

Announcement of the San Marcos River Observing System project, a partnership of the Texas State institute, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the National Park Service, was made on campus in July by State Representative Patrick Rose.

Rapid growth in the region and a severe drought have heightened aware-

ness of water issues, said Andy Sansom, director of the institute. In underlining the need for such a project, he told the announcement audience, “We have granted permission for more water to be withdrawn from many of our rivers than is actually in them.”

To help with the project, the institute has recruited Thomas Hardy, the nation’s leading expert on ecohydrology. He is an internationally recognized authority on the environmental flows of rivers, or the amount of water that needs to run down the streambed to support the aquatic ecosystem. Hardy joined the faculty as a research professor of biology and chief

science officer of the River Systems Institute in August.

Green partner

Texas State has partnered with MicroPower Global to develop cutting-edge “green energy” technology, with the goal of developing the world’s first 20 percent efficient modules that will revolutionize the thermoelectric market. The new technology is expected to save energy, reduce harmful emissions and lead to the availability of substantial carbon credits.

The idea is to build on a technology already planned for the 2010 BMW-5 Series, which converts heat into electricity



A place for memories

Texas State dedicated a Memorial Garden during homecoming weekend in October and set it aside as a place to remember students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who have died.

The garden, an idea spearheaded by the Pride and Traditions Committee, is located just off the Quad between Flowers and Lampasas (formerly the Art Building) halls near the bell tower. Any person with a connection to the university can be memorialized on a wall brick, a stone tablet or an iron bench, each with a bronze name plaque.

At the Oct. 31 dedication, President Denise Trauth described the significance of the new addition to campus. “Texas State University is a unique place because of the people who have worked here and studied here and made their lives here for more than a century,” she said.

“The people who have touched the life of this university have shaped it and its personality. And their presence remains with us. Some of them were here only a few months as students; some spent their careers on the faculty or staff; and some took their education from here and made their place in the world. But they all left footprints on this campus, and this is a fitting memorial to them.”

Bricks along the walls surrounding the garden may be purchased for \$400. Plaques displayed on stone tablets in the center of the garden are \$750, and iron benches are \$1,000. Information about the garden and memorials is available through the University Advancement Division by phone at 512.245.2396, by e-mail at vpua@txstate.edu and on the Web at ua.txstate.edu/TSTA.html.

for the car's air-conditioning and other power systems. MicroPower believes that the work it will perform in Texas will yield new efficiencies that will in turn open up huge new applications, such as heat recovery from jet engines.

The partnership, facilitated by the Texas Emerging Technology Fund and the Innovate Texas Foundation, will initially see MicroPower carry out its 12-month prototype development plan using the new Multifunctional Materials Laboratory at Texas State.

"Our investment through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund has helped create partnerships like those between Texas State University and MicroPower and is moving Texas forward by developing cutting edge technology that will continue to enhance our state's global competitiveness and eventually introducing these technologies into the marketplace," said Texas Governor Rick Perry.

MicroPower Chairman Max Lewinsohn helped finance the development of the company's technology. "It is clear

Texas State has much to offer with its first-class research expertise and facilities and a strong desire to see technologies commercialized," he said. "We hope to strengthen our relationship with the university as we work to eventually introduce this breakthrough technology into the marketplace."

MicroPower is planning to move its operations to the Interstate 35 corridor, becoming a key early tenant of the off-campus commercialization center, developed by Texas State in conjunction with the City of San Marcos.

Graduate College is 75

An exhibition celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Graduate College opens March 15 on the first floor of the Alkek Library. The college plans to host other events and award commemorative medallions during commencements in 2010 to honor the milestone.

In the late 1930s the Southwest Texas State Teachers College Graduate School began by offering a master of arts degree and a major in education. This major

emphasized the areas of "administration, supervision and more effective classroom teaching." The master of arts was approved because of the growing demand by people from the surrounding areas and the public school systems. In the 1936 summer session, the first courses were offered for the M.A. degree. By 1938-39 majors were offered in education, social science, science and mathematics, and in language and literature.

Margaret McClung Walker received the first M.A. degree in May 1937.



President Denise Trauth welcomed former president Lee Smith back to campus for a reception in his honor in August. Smith, who now lives in Bedford, was president of the university 1974-81.

People

At the convocation that began the fall semester, President Denise Trauth presented several awards. **Mary Brennan**, history, and **Maria Alejandra Sorto**, mathematics, received the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching; **James McWilliams**, history, and **Marian Houser**, communication studies, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activities; and **William Stone**, criminal justice, and **Joyce Fischer**, mathematics, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Service. McWilliams was also given the Presidential Seminar Award for the 2009-10 academic year. Everette Swinney Teaching Awards went to **Mary Ann Stutts**, marketing; **Max Warshauer**, mathematics; and **Steven Wilson**, English. **Susan Beebe**, English, received the Alumni Association's Teaching Award of Honor.

Lisa Vallejo, human resources, was named the 2009 Employee of the Year.

Bill Chittenden, faculty member since 2000, has been named chair of the Department of Finance and Economics. He serves as president of the McCoy College of Business Administration's



Gift to Honors

The Stephen R. Gregg Presidential Endowed Scholarship in Honors was announced by President Denise Trauth Oct. 21 at a reception in the Wittliff Collections before a lecture by Daniel Pink, author of this year's Common Experience text, *A Whole New Mind*.

Gregg '70, retired president of the Art Institute of Houston who now lives in Wimberley, was present to unveil the plaque honoring the \$100,000 gift that will hang in the Honors Forum in Lampasas Hall. Gregg serves as vice chair of the Development Foundation and a member of the Academic Excellence Pillar of the Pride in Action campaign.

"After I graduated, I did not return to the campus for years," Gregg told the reception crowd. "But when I did, I was immediately impressed by changes that had taken place since I left. The university offers students so many amazing opportunities – like the University Honors Program – that I was eager to offer my support. Almost makes me want to go back to college!"

Student Managed Investment Fund, where McCoy students manage a portion of the McCoy Development Foundation's assets.

Gary Beall, chemistry, will serve as presidential fellow and a member of the President's Cabinet in 2009-10.

Duane Knudson, former associate dean and interim chair of the Department of Kinesiology at California State University, Chico, is the new chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Bruce Smith, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications 2000-06, has returned as director this fall.

Michael Elliot, lieutenant colonel in the Army, came to Texas State as chair of the Department of Military Science this fall.

William Ruger, political science, returned to teaching this fall after serving a year in Afghanistan with the Army National Guard.

Michael Huston, biology, was awarded a \$165,085 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project to study biodiversity and why it varies from one place to another.

New to the Texas State University System Board of Regents are **Kevin Lilly**, founding partner of the Avalon Advisors investment management firm in Houston; **Ron Mitchell '72**, director and vice chairman of Horseshoe Bay Resort; and **David Montagne** of Beaumont, assistant manager for the Sabine River Authority of Texas.

An article by **Rahul Chakraborty**, communication disorders, in the *Journal of Speech-Language and Hearing Research* was selected for the 2008 Editor's Award. The award was presented at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in New Orleans in November.

Mary Ann Stutts, marketing, has been named the 2009 Distinguished Advertising Educator by the American Advertising Federation.

Howard Balanoff, William P. Hobby Center for Public Service, received the Terrell Blodgett Academician Award at the Texas City Management Association conference in Austin in June for significant contributions to the formal education of students pursuing careers in local government. In March he was honored with the Paul Van Riper Award for Excellence in Service to the Public Administration Profession at the ASPA National Conference in Miami.

Matthew Priest of Houston, who earned his B.B.A. in December 2008, was named recipient of the 2009 LBJ Outstanding Student Award in May.

Kailey Slone of Cuero, communication studies graduate, received the Sallie Beretta Outstanding Senior Woman Award.

Sue Biedermann, health information management, has been honored as one of two top educators in the field by the American Health Information Management Association. She received the asso-

ciation's Foundation Triumph Award at a recent conference in Grapevine.

William Patterson, junior international studies major from Richardson, will serve this year as student regent of The Texas State University System. Patterson, who is also president of the Student Foundation, is a Marine combat veteran of Iraq.



Jeff Henderson 1942-2009

Jeff Henderson of San Marcos, who taught journalism at Texas State from 1974 to 2003, died June 11 at age 67. He was coordinator of the print sequence in his department from 1975 to 1982 and director of student publications from 1990 to 1999. Under his direction, *The Daily University Star* expanded to four days a week and in 1992 was named one of the five best tabloid student newspapers in the nation by the Associated Collegiate Press On-Site Contest in Chicago. It became the first newspaper in Texas to be online with both photos and stories. He served as executive director of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association 1980-2001 and increased membership in that organization from 30 to 75 schools. He was named TIPA Adviser of the Year in 1992 and was inducted into the TIPA Hall of Fame in 2002.



In June the Board of Regents named four retired faculty as Distinguished Professors Emeriti: Theron Stimmel, psychology; Paula Renfro, journalism and mass communication; Barbara Hatcher, curriculum and instruction; and Wilda Meixner, accounting.