

Report on the
Campaign for Texas

September 1, 2006–February 28, 2009



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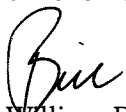
WE CHANGE PEOPLE. THEY CHANGE THE WORLD.

We aspire to be the best public university in the nation. Pursuing this dream will benefit Texas and the United States in countless ways, from developing the next generation of leaders, to economic development and technology transfer, to making our world a better place by advancing the arts, the sciences, and the professions.

Thanks to the generosity of the University's friends, the first two years of the Campaign for Texas have been a success. As I write in early 2009, we are more than a quarter of the way toward meeting our \$3 billion goal. The following pages highlight the important ways that our donors are making a difference.

I invite every alumnus and friend of the University to consider making a gift to the department, program, school, or college that made a difference in your life. The place that engages your passion. The place that is closest to your heart.

We have the opportunity – and the people – to make The University of Texas at Austin the great public university in America. That's what we intend to do. Our time is now.

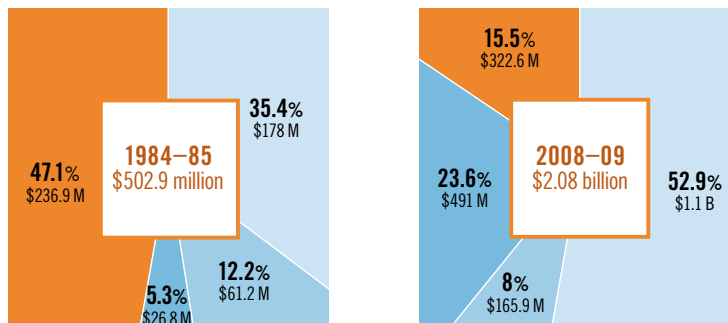


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UT AUSTIN BUDGET SOURCES, THEN AND NOW

State support today represents only 15.5 percent of the University's budget, making private support more important than ever.



■ State support ■ Tuition and fees ■ Income from Permanent University Fund ■ Gifts and other sources*

*Includes private donations and income from intellectual property, endowments, grants, contracts, and self-supporting enterprises such as dormitories and intercollegiate athletics

As UT Austin continues its quest to become the nation's top public university, it is not making the journey alone. Together with its supporters, the University is finding new ways of looking at the world — in science and technology, arts and culture, and in the global community. The Campaign for Texas is the story of changing the world gift by gift.



Energy and the environment

First came the ice storm. Then came fallen tree limbs that caused power outages. Austin Energy wanted to make sure it didn't happen again, and the company held a national competition to address overhead electrical lines and the urban tree canopy. A multidisciplinary team of students headed by the **School of Architecture** came out on top, beating out such competitors as Cornell University and the University of Michigan. The team donated its share of the \$250,000 prize — \$175,000 — to create an endowment in the School of Architecture to support interdisciplinary graduate-student research in sustainable design and development.

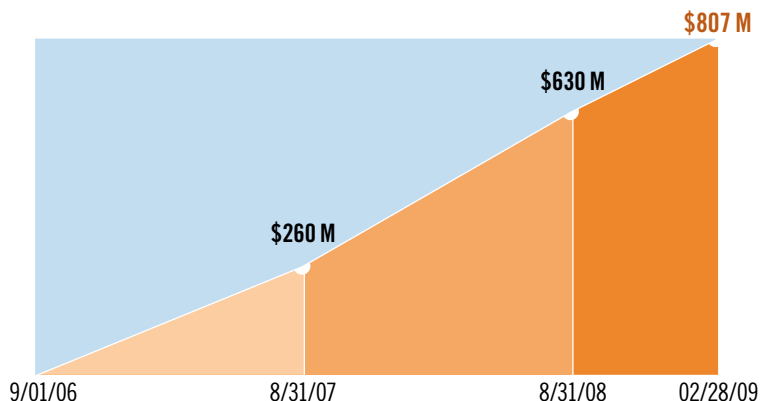
The United States faces a shortage of earth scientists — the professionals who find energy, safeguard water and climate, and help plan for natural disasters. The **Jackson School of Geosciences** has teamed up with major corporations, foundations, and individuals for GeoFORCE Texas, the country's largest K-12 pipeline program inspiring the next generation of earth scientists. GeoFORCE recruits high school students of all backgrounds while targeting public schools in Houston and Southwest Texas, which have predominantly minority populations. Each summer, students travel with teachers to geologically significant locations around the country. GeoFORCE will educate 640 students in 2009. Ninety-seven percent of the seniors graduating from GeoFORCE this year are expected to attend college.

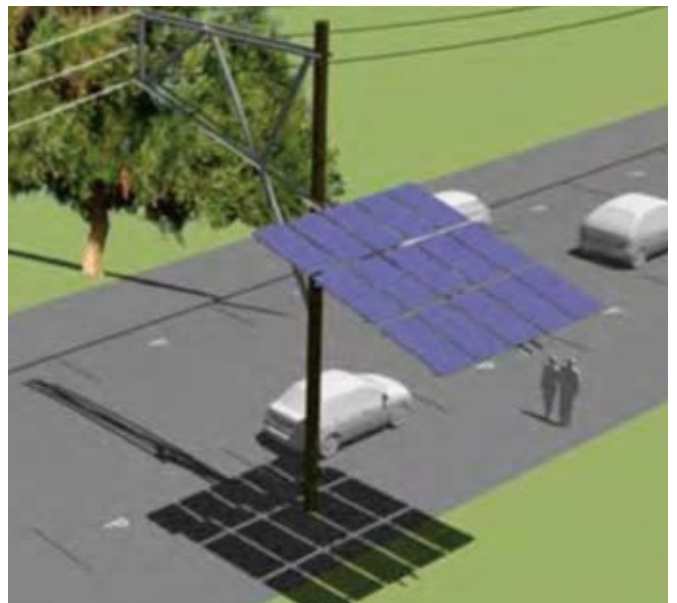
The **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** is designing a new Children's Garden with support from the Brown Foundation and the RGK Foundation. The garden will become the focus of the Wildflower Center's educational programming for children and families. The Children's Garden will be environmentally sustainable and feature diverse native habitats and interactive education.

CUMULATIVE CAMPAIGN GIVING

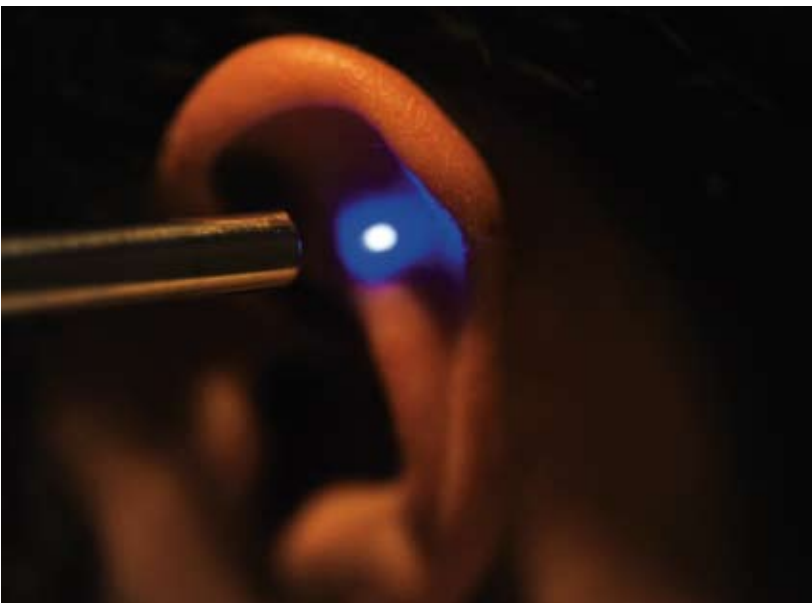
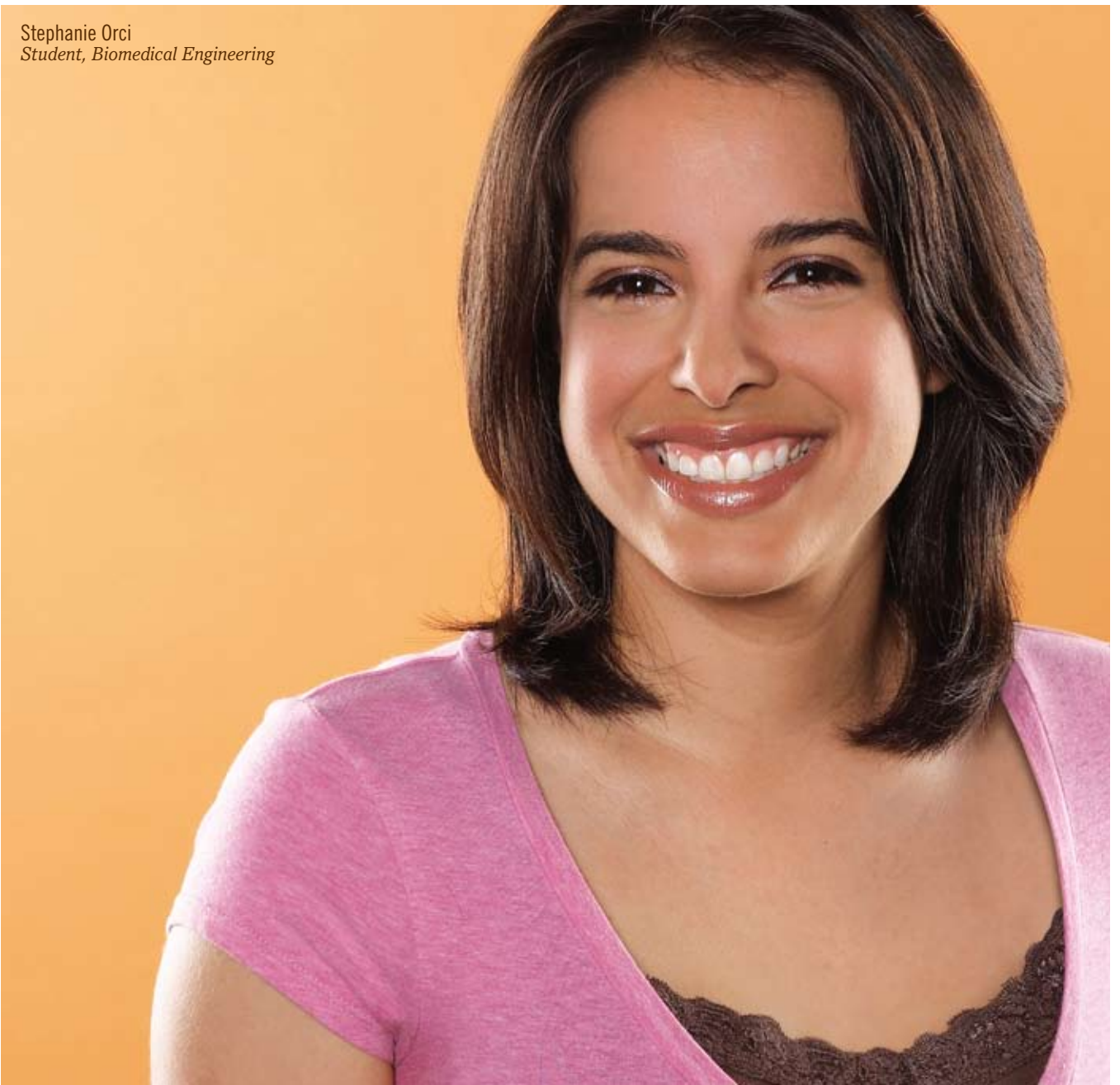
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Stephanie Orci
Student, Biomedical Engineering



Health and wellness

When skin cancer is suspected, the next step is an invasive biopsy. But what if light could be used to detect skin cancer? An assistant professor in the **College of Engineering**, James Tunnell, is developing a pen-size probe that would do away with the need for a biopsy. Weak pulses of light are emitted from the tip onto the skin or tissue and then recaptured by the probe and sent back to a computer system for analysis. The light measures the cellular and molecular signatures of skin cancer. In the United States, more than 1 million new cases occur annually, according to the National Cancer Institute. Early funding for developing the device has come from the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation.

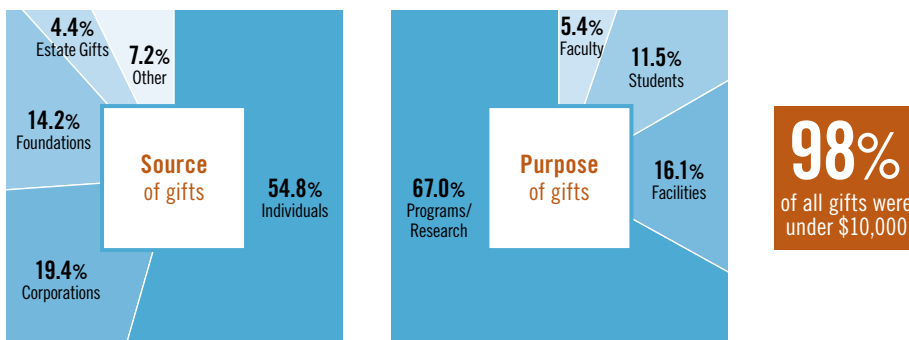
How do diet, health, and obesity affect the public? A new chair in the **College of Natural Sciences** will allow its School of Human Ecology to recruit and hire faculty in the increasingly competitive field of behavioral and dietary nutrition. The endowment, one of only three chairs in the school, supports the study of clinical, dietary, behavioral, preventative, educational, or life-span nutrition. The *Susan T. Jastrow Human Ecology Chair for Excellence in Nutritional Sciences* was created with a gift from alumnus Kenny Jastrow and the Jastrow family to honor Susie Jastrow.

A graduate student in the **College of Pharmacy** is working to support HIV/AIDS patients and clinics in her native South Africa. In a country where one in five people are HIV-positive, Milli Reddy plans to set up an anti-retroviral drug and research center at Dream Center, a nonprofit HIV care facility. The recipient of a corporate fellowship to support her studies, Reddy recently attended the Clinton Global Initiative University, a program sponsored by the William J. Clinton Foundation. There, she joined about 1,000 participants in making a commitment to action – a comprehensive formal plan to address the specific program championed by the participant.

Students at the **School of Nursing** can develop their patient care skills during high-pressure situations such as emergency care and complex births at the school's new Simulation Laboratory. The lab houses high-fidelity computerized mannequins with organ systems and internal software that provide physiologic responses such as changes in heart rate, blood pressure, breath sounds, and speech. Students are able to learn, even make mistakes, without risking the health of live patients. Three of the school's five mannequins were purchased with funding from the Hillcrest Foundation, founded by Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Sr.

CAMPAIGN GIVING BY SOURCE AND PURPOSE

The Campaign for Texas raised \$807,231,069 from Sept. 1, 2006 through Feb. 28, 2009.
The charts below indicate percentage of total giving by source and purpose.



Science and technology

The **School of Information** has strengthened its leadership in the field of information technologies by recruiting former Indiana University faculty member William Aspray. Aspray is researching ways to use information technology to improve the lives of people with diabetes and other chronic illnesses. He is also a leading authority on the history of computing, the role of information in everyday life, health information, and the history of privacy in America. The *Bill and Lewis Suit Professorship*, established with a gift from Drs. Herman and Joan Suit of Boston, enabled the school to recruit Aspray.

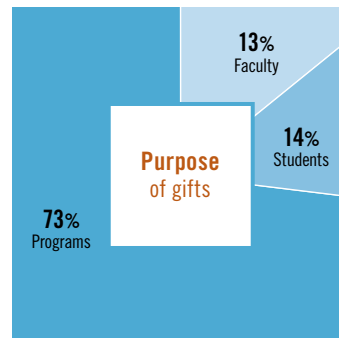
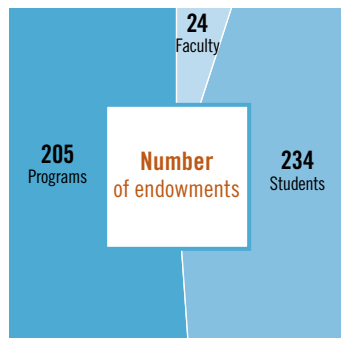
These are the questions of our time: How to conquer the twin killers of heart disease and cancer? How to respond to the global energy crisis? How to address rising seas and climate change? How to make sweeping changes in advanced materials and nano-manufacturing that will fuel the U.S. economy? How to mend a crumbling health-care system? These challenges demand the swift action that only technology can offer. The **Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences** is poised to answer these challenges with the next pillar of scientific inquiry – computer modeling. With help from W.A. “Tex” Moncrief and an anonymous donor, ICES has launched the National Initiative for Simulation-Based Engineering and Sciences. Funds will be invested in new and existing faculty and will support students working on interdisciplinary teams addressing these grand-challenge problems.

Biomedical researchers are using the **Texas Advanced Computing Center’s** Visualization Laboratory to develop breakthrough medical techniques. The centerpiece of the lab is a visualization cluster named Stallion, the world’s highest-resolution tiled display, with more than 307 million pixels of rendering capability. Researchers are using Stallion to create large-scale computational models of how light travels through human tissue, which could lead to better optical-imaging techniques. Stallion was made possible with support from Dell Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Cisco Systems Inc., and Intel Corporation.

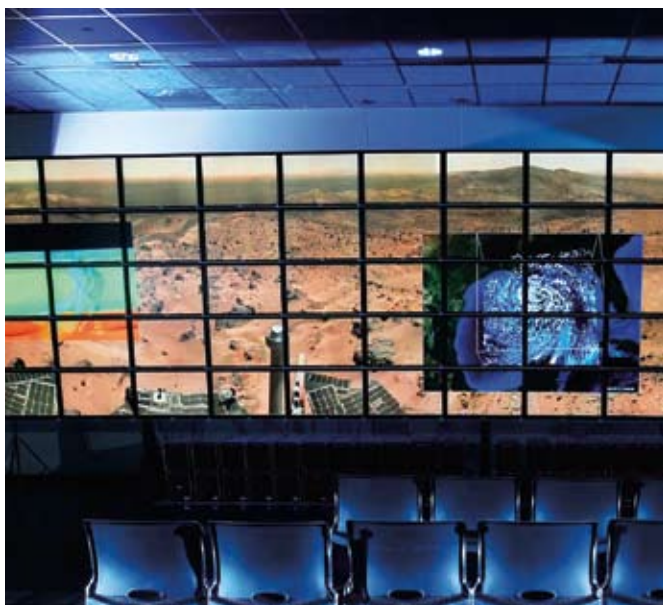
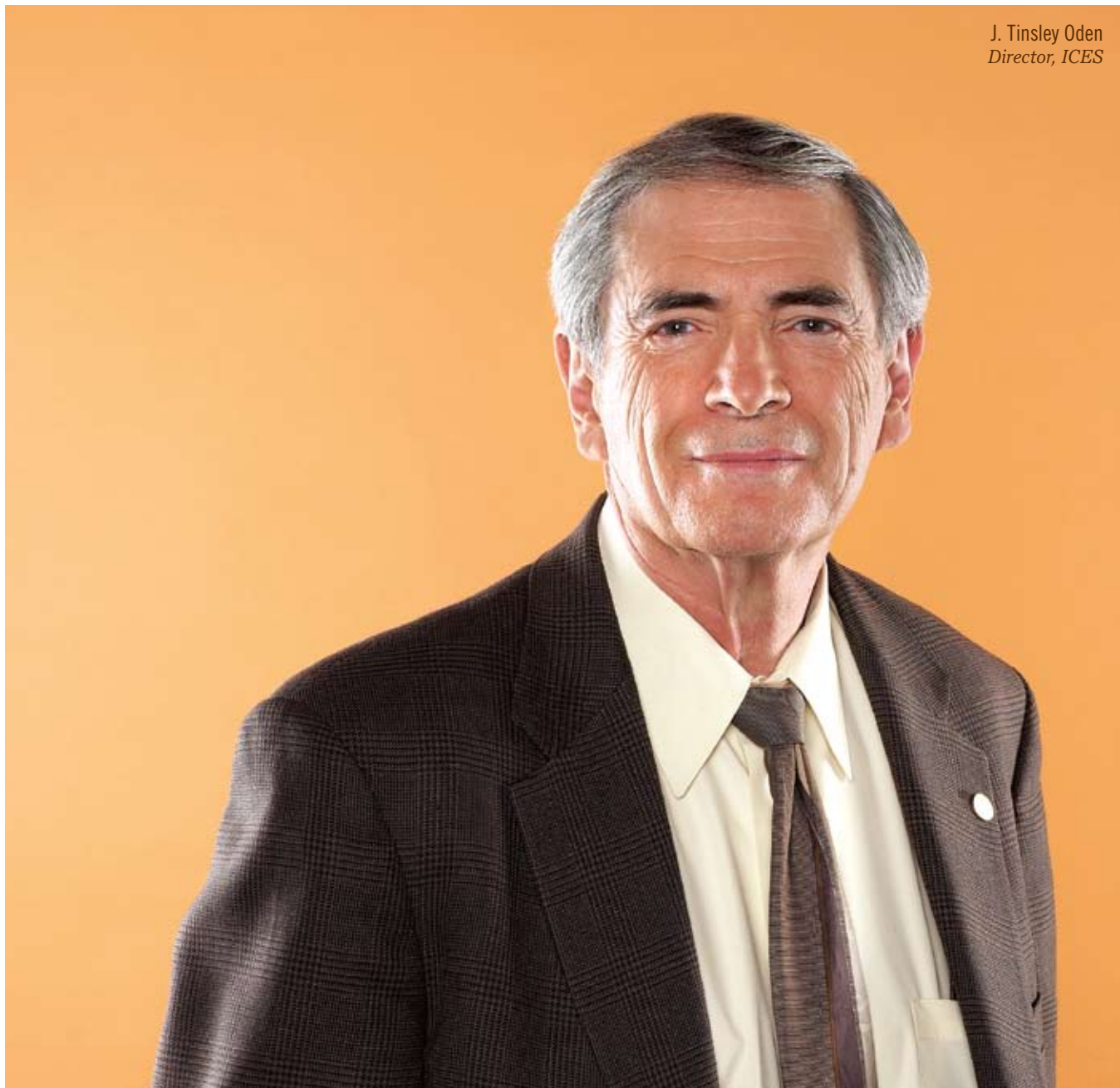
NEW ENDOWMENT GIVING

463 new endowments were established Sept. 1, 2006–Feb. 28, 2009, totaling \$159,738,096.

The charts below highlight areas funded by the new endowments and the percentage of funds given to each area.



J. Tinsley Oden
Director, ICES



Student, UT Elementary School



Education

Students with suspected learning disabilities will be able to get the help they need to succeed, thanks to an endowment established by Lee Bagan while he was still a student at UT. Administered by Services for Students with Disabilities in the **Division of Diversity and Community Engagement**, in partnership with Student Government, the endowment awards money for diagnostic testing to students who would not otherwise be able to afford it. These students are then able to access important resources at UT, allowing them the opportunity to be successful.

The **College of Education** will be able to advance the use of innovative technology in teacher training, thanks to a new endowment. The *Elizabeth Shatto Massey Endowed Chair in Education*, created by John H. and Elizabeth “Libba” Shatto Massey, will be used not only to hire a national expert in technology and teacher education, it will also enable the college to sponsor education conferences, visiting scholars, and doctoral research fellowships.

Future teachers in the humanities learned the most up-to-date strategies in their subject areas and improved their job possibilities by attending the **College of Liberal Arts’** weeklong Advanced Placement Institutes in English, social studies, and languages. Some improved their Spanish during a segment in Taxco, Mexico. The weeklong institutes are part of UTeach-Liberal Arts summer institutes. UTeach is a University program to certify future secondary-school teachers in the subjects they will teach. Over the past two summers, 65 students were able to attend the institutes thanks to the *Marilyn White Advanced Placement Summer Institute Scholarship*.

Teams of first-year MBA students in the **McCombs School of Business** got to hone their consulting skills in an all-night challenge hosted by the global consulting firm Deloitte. Student teams are given case scenarios, then spend the night strategizing before presenting their solutions to senior Deloitte staff and McCombs faculty the next morning. The challenge gives students the chance to polish their skills and develop contacts in the world of finance.

Alumni gifts have established the new 40 Acres Scholarship Program – merit-based full-ride scholarships that will be offered by the **Texas Exes** to top high school graduates. The four-year scholarships for undergraduates will be augmented by enrichment opportunities that include community service, study abroad, and internships. When fully funded, the program will support 300 scholars (75 per year), making it one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the country. Donors to the scholarship program include Lowell Lebermann, Mike A. Myers, Joe and Teresa Lozano Long, and John and Libba Massey.

The **School of Undergraduate Studies** is developing an interactive Web-based advising tool that high school students and their parents can use before arriving on campus. Beginning fall 2009, prospective students will watch videos, read profiles, chat with advisers, and assess their interests before selecting a major. Funded with a grant from AT&T, the program promises to be an effective way to reduce the number – 68 percent – of undergraduates who will change majors during their first two years of college.

UT Elementary School is working to reduce teacher turnover in low-income urban districts by preparing student teachers for the challenges they will face. The Urban Education Pilot Program focuses on early intervention and social and emotional learning. UT Elementary, the College of Education, and Austin ISD are working together to incorporate these methods into teacher training. They’ll also create a best-practices manual that can be distributed at national conferences. Support for the program comes from the RGK Foundation, the Powell Foundation, and Suzan and Julius Glickman.

How do student athletes put in long hours at practice and still keep up with their studies? They get help from the University’s newly opened academic center for student athletes. The 18,000-square-foot academic center in the North End Zone, funded by Fort Worth philanthropist W.A. “Tex” Moncrief, houses an academic-counseling staff of 13, two classrooms, 33 individual study rooms, and about 40 computers. About 500 students rotate through the **Intercollegiate Athletics** facility, which is meant to complement other campus facilities such as the UT Learning Center.

Arts and culture

For the most extensive collection of Texas-related material in the world, people know they can come to the collections of the **Dolph Briscoe Center for American History**. The center added to its treasures when it acquired a letter written from Sam Houston to Gen. Thomas Jefferson Green. Written Jan. 1, 1837 – two months into Houston’s first term as president of the Republic of Texas – the letter describes his anxiety over dwindling food supplies and the need for soldiers to defend the young nation from attacks by Mexican army soldiers and Comanche Indians. Funds to purchase the letter came from an endowment created by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, for whom the center was named in December.

Some children have never been to a museum before. But hundreds of East Austin students will get that chance, thanks to a grant from Chase. These students now have the opportunity to make four visits to the **Blanton Museum of Art** to learn about the role and purpose of a museum and to take guided tours showcasing artwork from antiquity to the present. The grant also provides real-world experience for University graduate students in art education, who help conduct the programs.

Musical theater will get a boost with a new program in the **College of Fine Arts**. The initiative will expand faculty positions, incorporate a musical theater production into the performance season of the Department of Theatre and Dance, and develop new musicals through a summer workshop. Thanks to a lead gift from UT alumnus Allen Becker, the college has already hired two new lecturers to teach musical theater singing and dancing and has staged a production of Stephen Sondheim’s “Assassins.”

Old movies may help scientists better understand climate change. Snowden Becker, an archives and preservation student in the School of Information, has collected unique footage of the first ascents in the Canadian Rockies in the 1920s and 1930s. For decades, only written accounts of these expeditions – published at the time of the climbs – were available. The footage provides important perspective and detail for historians, contemporary climbers, and scientists studying glacial features and climate change. Becker is a recipient of a memorial fellowship established in the **Graduate School** in honor of the donor’s late husband.

Thousands of middle and high school students have been able to attend shows at the **Performing Arts Center** thanks to H-E-B contributions as a “Season Presenting Sponsor.” The sponsorship has not only provided secondary students with free and reduced-price tickets but has also enabled hundreds of UT students to receive hands-on instruction in theater design, production, and technology.

The **Harry Ransom Center** has long been recognized for its literary collections, but it is also home to one of the finest photography collections in the world, one that includes the world’s first photograph, by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. This historic collection is complemented by an active acquisitions program, which has added major collections by photojournalist David Douglas Duncan and photographer Arnold Newman, among others. Now the center has taken a leap forward in photography programs and services with the establishment of the *Nancy Inman Curator of Photography Endowment*.

The **University of Texas Press** will be able to produce the highest-quality contemporary art books thanks to Michele Dunkerley, who has added an additional \$100,000 to the *M. Georgia Hegarty Dunkerley Series in Contemporary Art*.

Thomas F. Staley
Director, Harry Ransom Center



Columbian Texas
15th June 1837

Dear General,
It is 4 o'clock in the morn-
ing, and I have had no rest
since we parted. The letters
to General Hamilton I send
by Genl Hunt. Give the letter
to Genl Hamilton all speed -
If he should come west him
to speedy action - and may
God speed you - send Troops
and Supplies - Yours Truly
Genl T. J. Herron. Sam Houston

Mechele Dickerson
Associate Dean, School of Law



The community and the world

College of Communication student Elizabeth Moskowitz traveled to Cerrito, Paraguay, with the help of a School of Journalism fellowship. Collaborating with the nonprofit organization Students of the World, Moskowitz and six other UT students filmed a documentary about the San Francisco Agriculture School. Students of the World's main objective is to document positive change and raise awareness and funds for the communities it highlights. Moskowitz's trip was partially funded by the *Helen M. Powell Traveling Fellowship*.

For children of migrant farm workers, graduating from high school is a challenge because they leave school early in April and return late in the fall, missing part of both semesters. Alternatives to traditional classrooms are essential. The Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program in the **Division of Continuing and Innovative Education** provides an option. A gift from the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation helped buy laptop computers, which enable students to continue their studies through distance-learning courses anytime, anywhere.

Sometimes it's hard for law graduates to find work in the time between law school and passing the bar exam. Many employers won't hire new graduates until they are licensed to practice law. But a new **School of Law** endowment established by Joe R. and Teresa L. Long will help students bridge that employment gap. The Long Career Launch Program will provide stipends to up to 16 annual fellows who take short-term volunteer internships in public-interest and government organizations and gain valuable work experience and networking opportunities.

People who want to improve government must first understand how it works. With that in mind, the **LBJ School of Public Affairs** opened the Center for Politics and Governance. The nonpartisan center, funded with seed money from the AT&T Foundation, focuses its efforts on campaign politics and public policy, the changing demographics of the American electorate, ethical leadership, and the role of the media and emerging technologies.

The Institute for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the **School of Social Work** is using a grant from the Shield-Ayres Foundation for communication and community outreach. The grant will be used to learn from people working with abuse victims, to help build better relationships with assistance organizations, and to teach social workers about expert witnesses in child-custody cases.

The **University of Texas Libraries** received a grant from The Bridgeway Foundation to collect and digitally preserve records of worldwide genocide and human-rights violations. Efforts will include survivor testimonies and court recordings documenting the Rwandan genocide and recordings of broadcasts from a clandestine radio station during El Salvador's civil war.



The University of Texas at Austin is working to build the “disciplined culture of excellence” called for by the Commission of 125, a blue-ribbon advisory group that laid out ambitious goals for the University's coming 25 years. University supporters have come through in remarkable ways since the beginning of the Campaign for Texas, leading UT Austin in its quest to become the best public university in the country. Whether in medicine or computing, arts and culture or the environment, The University of Texas at Austin and its private partners are changing the world.



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