Congratulations to our August graduates!

Bo Carter, Tricia Dameron, Rebecca Ekpe, Stephanie Landa, Dan Malone, Amber Maurer, Jameela Sayed Ali, Jacob Taylor and Rhashaun Trammell.

Welcome! The Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism extends a warm welcome to UNT’s new president, Dr. Gretchen Bataille.

Meet the fall profs

Journalism faculty guides careers from the graduate classroom

Daechun An
Teaching: Research Methods I
Researching: International advertising, global brand management.
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Golf and music

George Getschow
Teaching: Feature Writing, Narrative Writing, Literary Nonfiction
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Writing about all aspects of life, reading, travel, hiking, photography

Elizabeth Koehler
Teaching: Mass Media Law, Media Writings, Graduate Media Studies and Theories
Researching: First Amendment law and theory

Jacqueline Lambiasi
Teaching: PR Ethics, Law & Diversity, PR Principles, Computer Applications for Journalists
Researching: Sexual appeals, gender & marketing/advertising, PR and healthcare messages
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Yoga, traveling, literature, kayaking
Passionate about: Two daughters, spouse, and the guilty pleasure of a funny Reno 911! episode

Mitch Land
Director of the Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism
Teaching: Public Opinion & Propaganda, Media Ethics
International Communication
Researching: Media ethics and African media systems
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Working out, movies and broadcast
print news
Passionate about: My family and God

David Wachanga
Teaching: Readings in Mass Communication
Researching: Clandestine radio broadcasting, international communication and information transfer, emerging ethical challenges and emerging media technologies in the African media systems, representation of the marginalized
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Creative writing, theater arts, racket games, literary and cultural criticism
Passionate about: My family, human dignity and international peace

Richard Wells
Teaching: Public Relations Communications, Leadership in Media, Public Relations Cases, Problems in PR
Researching: Environmental journalism issues, developing new democracy
Extracurricular hobbies or interests: Family, six dogs, running and cycling
Passionate about: Journalism and the First Amendment

In 1916, the University of North Texas was North Texas State Normal College. Enrollment was roughly 1,500 students. And the NT Daily, then known as the Campus Chat, was born. Ninety years later, the NT Daily boasts an interesting history and tales worth telling.

The experimental early editions document campus news, sometimes touched by world events. The first Campus Chat newspapers report that former students were killed in the First World War and wars of the Spanish flu. Early issues carried an article exhorting students to read and discuss the paper and published headlines to grab attention.

One headline read, “Faculty Treats Many Students Unmercifully.” Rather than starving or whipping the students, the university had not canceled Sunday afternoon activities, preventing students from attending the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

The Campus Chat offered an annual subscription charge of $1.25. Today’s paper is available at no charge to more than 32,000 students, faculty and staff.

Editors rarely serve for more than one year, which means there have been more than 80 editors of the Daily.

Many former Daily editors now work for other news organizations, such as The Dallas Morning News, Time magazine, the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times.

Keith Shelton, who was instrumental in the development of the NT Daily, recalls many of these editors, such as Ray Moseley.

Moseley is a former NT Daily editor now retired from the Chicago Tribune. His war reporting took him to the Middle East for the Six-Day War and the Iranian Revolution. He also reported from Moscow and the Vatican. Moseley received the award of Member of the British Empire from the Queen of England.

Cochran, a crime reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, won a place in history when he was one of the few reporters covering the funeral of Lee Harvey Oswald. There were no pallbearers, and the former Daily editor was drafted to carry the coffin of the most famous assassin in US history.

Pagenes joined The Times-Picayune of New Orleans and was on the staff when it won the Pulitzer Prize for its Hurricane Katrina coverage.

Being in the right place at the right time can make a story appear in print, and the NT Daily has often proven to be the right place to start. Happy birthday to our college paper and long may the print run.

Sarah Whyman is a news-editorial graduate student at the Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism.
Mayborn grads find inspiration

By Jacob Taylor

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As in its first year, the conference served as a learning and networking experience for students and alumni, and several Mayborn attendees sent their comments about the conference to Strong Words.

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Of his experiences in Archer City, Mooney said, “I think seeing how the top professionals interact with people, and getting some insight as to how they think and function as humans and not just classic bylines, was more enlightening and educational than I ever could have imagined.”

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Jacob Taylor graduated in August 2006 from the Mayborn Institute with an emphasis in news-editorial.

AWAKENING: Mayborn alumna Justin Hamilton (center) takes the top place in the Men’s II division of the Air Nautique WWA Wakeboard National Championship this August.

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Looking for a job or internship?

Mayborn Institute alumni are living their success stories across the nation.

• Doug Pils (’02) and wife Honey welcomed home a baby boy, Nash Montgomery Pils, Aug. 25. Nash is the Pils’ second son, now brother to Cole.

• Josh Baugh (’03) accepted a job with the San Antonio Express-News. He now works on the Neighbors desk covering the west and northwest section of San Antonio.

• Don Jones (’06) teaches photojournalism as an adjunct in the department of journalism, UNT.

• Tricia Dameron (’06) began work as a Geographic Information Systems coordinator and research analyst for the Oklahoma House of Representatives Sept. 11.

• Beth Clark (’02) is now an assistant professor in the department of mass communication at Winston-Salem State University and advisor to the campus newspaper, The News Argus.

• Joel Brillant (’06) is the editor of the Allen American newspaper.

LITERARY DISPLAY: Bob Rivard shows off the literary nonfiction Mayborn Journal.

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CERTIFIED TO LEARN: George Rodrigue, The Dallas Morning News vice president and managing editor, and Sue Smith, TDMN deputy managing editor at the time of this photo, present the scholarship certificate for Mayborn Literary conference tuition and hotel costs to Tiffany Williams Evans, left, Stantia Smith, Zainab Al-Savegh, Nancy Khenia and David Wachanga.

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NOTEWORTHY: Keynote speaker Gay Talese praises the Mayborn conference Saturday night at the conference.

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Because of the success of the conference, the Mayborn Institute created the Mayborn Literary Conference Scholarship to assist students and alumnal who wish to attend the conference.

The third Mayborn Literary Conference was held May 18 and 19, 2006.

Above: Bob Rivas, former deputy managing editor of The Dallas Morning News, talks to students and alumni about how the news in the world affects the stories you write.

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