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...there your heart will be also. The wise know that where you put your money reveals a lot about your priorities in life. Raising a family. Running a business. Earning an education or enjoying the American dream. The priorities are as varied as the people who set them, but somewhere in every Aggie’s list is helping others.

This issue of Spirit features men and women who are doing just that. For Mildred and Garland Powers, a 45th wedding anniversary was an opportunity, not for parties and gifts but for endowing scholarships at Texas A&M. In the case of Sue and Harry Bovay, a lifelong passion for doing what’s right has launched the world’s largest engineering ethics program.

Smart estate planning is helping Marjorie Munn honor the love of her life while leaving a legacy for her family and Texas A&M. And finally, the story of veterinary cardiac surgeon Theresa Fossum reveals how private gifts are helping heal broken hearts large and small.

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A Passion Shared
FOR DANCING * FOR LIVING * FOR GIVING

By Tina L. Evans

Mildred and Garland Powers '45 believe that togetherness is the key to all things good. Together they organized a nonprofit corporation dedicated to bringing water to rural residents, founded a business, raised a family and took on leadership roles in their church and community. But it is their longtime passion for ballroom dancing that perhaps best symbolizes their love for each other—an undying love that led them to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary with an endowed gift supporting Texas A&M students now and forever.

When the Powers bought 400 acres of Guadalupe County rolling blackland in 1958, little did they know that their quest to bring water to the area would involve them in a lifetime of service to their community.

"The county agent put Mildred on a committee to look into the needs of the county," says Garland. "So they got busy and found an FHA program that would help finance the cost of bringing well water to these rural areas. Soon, the program just took off. The A&M Ag Extension Service deserves a lot of the credit."

"Garland talked it up," explains Mildred, "and a wonderful young reporter with the Seguin newspaper wrote several articles promoting our efforts. People soon were calling me from all over and bringing me their deposit money, even though we didn't yet know if or when we'd get water."

In 1962, the Powers and elected directors founded Crystal Clear Water Supply, a nonprofit, customer-owned corporation they ran for several years. Garland still serves as a board member. Crystal Clear's light blue tanks dot the countryside in Guadalupe, Hays and Comal counties. The company delivered its first water in 1965 to 480 rural residents and today serves more than 3,000 customers.

"Once water was available, people kept coming and using more water," says Garland, who is concerned about the future availability of the precious
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Korea, where he served as a master sergeant—and where he and Mildred began a correspondence, one that would transform their friendship into romance. Garland remembers Mildred as "real pretty, and I've always had a weakness for pretty girls."

"We had known each other for several years," explains Mildred, "and had been on a few double dates, only not with each other." Mildred, a native of Navasota, earned a home economics degree from Sam Houston State Teachers College. After working briefly as
a teacher, she joined the Extension Service as a county home demonstration agent in Fort Bend County, and was later promoted to an assistant state 4-H Club leader, working in the administration building on the A&M campus. When Garland returned from Korea, he immediately visited Mildred at A&M, and the two began dating.

After marrying in 1955, the couple moved to Littleson, where Garland managed a 2000-acre cattle ranch in the Trinity River Bottom and Mildred taught school. In 1958, they put down roots on their new land near San Marcos. There, they fell in love with the land, became actively involved in the surrounding communities and began enjoying an active social life with a wide circle of friends.

Mildred serves as treasurer and Garland as president of the board of what Mildred says is "the prettiest little church you've ever seen," the Methodist church in Staples. "We don't have many members, and we've gone through some hard financial times, but we've been able to set up scholarships for kids from the area," says Mildred, who serves as church treasurer. "The giving will go on and on, and so will the benefits," adds Garland, who serves as the church's board president.

The Powers took ballroom dancing classes 20 years ago and have been dancing two to four times a week ever since in New Braunfels, Seguin, La Grange and Schenlburg. They belong to several dance clubs, most of which have strict dress codes, waiting lists and membership dues, and are able to bring in live orchestras for their frequent events. "We just have a ball at the dances," says Mildred, "and you can't help but have fun when everyone you see is smiling, dancing and conversing. All the ladies want to dance with Garland because he's such a wonderful dancer."

Garland and Mildred Powers recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a novel idea. Instead of expensive gifts or parties, they decided to endow five scholarships at Texas A&M. "We thought about having a big anniversary party, but we decided the money would be better spent by helping students," says Mildred.

"We had been reading about some of the scholarship programs at A&M in the mailings we receive, and it's something we both really wanted to do."

The Powers funded a President's Endowed Scholarship, two Sul Ross Scholarships and two scholarships for upperclassmen in the Corps of Cadets. The university's one-to-one Bright Matching Gift Program, funded by a gift from H.R. "Burn" Bright '43, enabled the couple to create twice as many Corps scholarships as they originally intended. They are delighted to honor one another with a gift that will help students for many generations.

"Next year we'll have students on our scholarships, and we're looking forward to meeting the young people and their families," says Mildred.

"We had more fun naming the scholarships," she continues. "We named one in honor of each other, one in honor of our son, and the others in memory of Garland's dad from the Class of 1917 and his grandfather from the Class of 1881." Garland says that he and Mildred have been blessed.

"We wanted to help the A&M students," he says. "After all, Mildred and I wouldn't have gotten together if it hadn't been for Texas A&M."
"In some ways," says Charles ‘Ed’ Harris Jr., “teaching a non-required course is better than required courses. For one thing, you know that the students are there because they want to be, not because they have to be. So they tend to be more interested and get more involved.”

For more than a decade, Harris has taught just such a course—one in which students have expressed their interest by pushing enrollment from about 20 in the first class to almost 600 last fall. Impressive numbers for an elective course in ethics. Even more impressive, however, is the fact that it’s an elective course in ethics for engineering students.

An engineer’s son, Harris holds a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and a doctorate in philosophy. He joined Texas A&M’s Department of Philosophy in 1967 and, for more than 20 years, the paternal link remained his sole connection with engineering. That all changed when mechanical engineering professor Michael Rabins showed up in his office one day.
"Mike Rabins came to my door and said he'd gotten a National Science Foundation grant for an engineering ethics course, and he needed a philosophy professor to work with," Harris recalls. Together with chemical engineering professor Mark Holtzapple, they designed a course that combined philosophy and engineering case studies. The professors shared teaching duties, learning from each other as they imparted their diverse knowledge to their students.

The cooperative approach—Rabins and Harris even co-authored the course's text—proved successful, and the course grew steadily as engineering undergraduates signed up to fulfill their humanities requirement.

Today, Harris says, "I have no doubt that this is the world's largest engineering ethics program." This phenomenal growth was fueled in large part by gifts from retired Houston engineer Harry Bovay Jr. and his wife, Sue, as well as the Chevron Corp. In 1996, the Bovays gave $500,000 each to Texas A&M and Harry's alma mater, Cornell University, to support the teaching of engineering ethics. Then, late last year, the Bovays began funding a faculty chair for the program. The Bovay Endowed Chair for the History and Ethics of Professional Engineering will allow the College of Liberal Arts and Dwight Look College of Engineering to jointly appoint a professor who is a national leader in the field of engineering ethics.
Harry Bovay said that he had the advantage all of his life of seeing some great ethics practices. "My parents were firm believers in strong ethics. Everyone they knew during the Depression went bankrupt, but my father worked hard to pay off all his debts," Bovay says. "I feel about ethics like I feel about the Boy Scouts; I feel it's the future of our country. Young people of today—whether they are Boy Scouts or engineering students—are our best hope for the future. I just feel this training is so critical."

Professor Ed Harris says Texas A&M's ethics program focuses heavily on students. "We use the money to support the teaching of the course and to enhance the student experience by encouraging them and supporting their participation in the course and related activities," he says.

Each fall semester, for example, students in the course are invited to enter the Bovay Ethics Essay Contest by writing a two-page paper on a topic related to the course. Five winners represent Texas A&M—as the "Bovay Team"—at the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics' annual College Ethics Bowl. All expenses for attending the ethics bowl are paid for by the endowment, which also supports a lecture series and another student essay contest that features a cash prize.

Within six months of the Bovays' first gift, Houston-based Chevron U.S.A. gave $250,000 to establish the Chevron Forum for the Study and Teaching of Ethics and Professional-
ism in Engineering. As with the Bovay program, Rabins and Harris were named co-directors of the forum. The Chevron Forum’s activities include curriculum and faculty development, as well as promoting interaction with industry, professional groups and other engineering educators.

It was precisely that outward-looking approach that first exposed Marilu Rodriguez to what she describes as “issues that I had never really thought about: liability and responsibility. Not just professional responsibility, but moral responsibility.”

That was during the summer of 1995, when Rabins taught a shortened version of the course at Mexico’s University of the Americas, where Rodriguez was an undergraduate. Now a master’s student in industrial engineering at Texas A&M, she works as Harris’ teaching assistant.

“This class taught me how to make decisions on things that I’d never been faced with in my engineering classes,” she says. “Is it more important to protect the public or be loyal to your company? There are so many liability issues; it’s important for engineers to be prepared. But this made me think about them not only as liability, but morally.”

Using real-world engineering cases, Holtzapple says, facilitates students’ understanding of how abstract moral concepts apply to their chosen profession. That means they’ll be better engineers once they enter the working world. “Engineers aren’t as interested in theory as they are in the application of theory,” he says. “When the students get out into the real world, these are things they are going to use every day. You have to use them every day, continually. If you fall into an ethical trap, all of the training—the technical training—just went down the drain.”

Along with helping engineering students develop an outlook that will contribute to their professional achievement, the course’s interdisciplinary nature also promotes intellectual and professional growth for those who teach it.

“It’s helped me stay grounded in real-world issues, as opposed to working on theoretical questions,” says assistant professor of philosophy Linda Radzik, who also teaches the course. “Engineers like structure, and that always encourages me to make sure everything I say in class connects to the overall structure.”

As an added bonus, Radzik believes the successful partnership between faculty in the Dwight Look College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts has set a precedent for future collaboration among colleges.

“There’s a lot of enthusiasm in the department right now for interdisciplinary work, and I think this has added to it,” she says. “I have colleagues who are very interested in the philosophy of science, for example, and this experience may help encourage them to pursue those relationships.”

—Story by Gerard Farrell
They were the long-lost property of Aggie Walter B. Munn '43, until 20 years ago when they showed up on the doorstep of his Chicago home.

"The boots were in perfect condition when they were returned," marvels Marjorie Munn, Walter's widow. Accompanying the boots was a letter listing all the Aggie seniors who had worn the custom-made, size 9-B boots and all the places they had marched. A dozen major parades were listed, including a ticker tape parade in New York City. "I'm amazed anyone else could wear them since they're custom made, but all the owners obviously treated them with serious tender loving care," says Marjorie. "I'm just so thrilled to have them."

Munn's voice quavers with emotion when she talks about the anonymous Aggie who went to the trouble of finding the boots and returning them with a diary of who had owned them and where they had been. "It was an act beyond... It was wonderful," she says.

The first owner of the well-traveled boots, Walter B. Munn, has since passed away, succumbing to cancer in 1996. Since then, Marjorie has been contemplating a way to honor her husband.
and the school they both love. "Sometimes I'm more of an Aggie than my Walter B was," Marjorie jokes.

Walter met Marjorie during his senior year at Texas A&M. Even then, the boots played an important role in their relationship. "When I first met him, it was those boots that did it," Marjorie laughs.

Walter left Texas A&M in 1943 to serve in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Before departing, he returned his treasured boots to Hollick's where they were made, hoping some future senior could use them. He also left behind his bride-to-be, who was then a freshman at Texas Women's University. Walter served as a lieutenant for three years, returned to College Station, married, and finished up his last few classes. His degree in mechanical engineering led immediately to a position with Amoco.

The Munns were transferred all over the United States, wherever Walter was needed to work on compressor stations and sulfur units. Their travels took them to Oklahoma, Wyoming, Illinois and back to Texas. Besides work and raising his two daughters, Walter enjoyed investing in the stock market. And he did well. When he passed away, Walter left behind more money than Marjorie had ever imagined there might be.

"I think Walter B would be very happy with what I've decided to do with the money," says Marjorie. Using a plan designed by her attorney, broker and development officers at the Texas A&M Foundation, Munn will leave Texas A&M half of an individual retirement account (IRA) after her lifetime. The Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Munn Scholarship Endowment will benefit Texas Aggie Band members and electrical or mechanical engineering students in the Dwight Look College of Engineering. The endowment's annual distribution will provide $2,000 a year for eight to ten students.

"My attorney suggested this in 1996, and I've been thinking about it ever since," says Munn. A special gift arrangement called a "wealth replacement plan" protects the Munns' two daughters and two grandchildren. Using a large life insurance policy, Marjorie has arranged to replenish the entire amount given to Texas A&M. Her loved ones will thus receive an equal amount while avoiding hefty income and estate taxes.

The foundation's director of planned giving, Glenn Pittsford, says the Munn plan uses one of today's most popular giving methods. "Making a charitable institution the beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement account is the only way to give the account to anyone, or any institution, without paying taxes," he explains. "If, after your lifetime, your IRA is transferred to an individual, income tax and possibly estate tax will reduce its value."

"(Editor's Note: Read more about giving IRAs on page 16.)"

Leaving their hard-earned money to Texas A&M was not something the Munns discussed before Walter's death in 1996, but Marjorie knows he would approve. "I made the gift to honor my Walter B and the spirit of A&M," she says. "The school spirit is still there after all these years." And that fact is proudly proclaimed by the boots of Walter B. Munn each time Marjorie swings open her front door.
In its 2000 annual report, the Texas A&M Foundation profiled five visionary faculty who have utilized an array of tools to observe, measure, study and create. Less obvious at first glance is the tool none of them could function without: the philanthropy that enables them to focus on, and shape, the future. The following excerpt profiles one faculty member who is advancing the treatment of heart disease in animals and humans. Read about other visionary faculty at the foundation Web site, www.tamu.edu/foundation.

FOCUS:
Texas A&M’s Visionary Faculty
BY MOLLY CLENTZER

As a veterinary surgeon, Professor Theresa Fossum has long been sensitive to the needs of animals. Now she is pioneering advances in her field that also have significant benefits for humans.

Driven by her vision “to keep pushing back the boundaries of what we do,” Professor Fossum was one of the driving forces behind the new Michael E. DeBakey Institute for Comparative Cardiovascular Studies and Biomedical Devices, based at Texas A&M’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

The DeBakey Institute will foster the basic science of cardiovascular research, assist companies with the testing of biomedical devices, and become a premier center for cardiopulmonary bypass in animals. Its first project has already contributed to a new treatment for heart disease. Last year, Fossum Implanted an improved ventricular assist device (VAD) in calves to satisfy the testing requirements of the FDA and European regulatory agencies. The approved device has now been implanted in more than 45 people.

The original purpose of VADs was to prolong the lives of those awaiting heart transplants, but doctors discovered that they actually helped some patients’ hearts to recover. Since heart transplantation also has downsides—including the need for drugs that are associated with a high risk of cancer—researchers are looking for alternatives. “If we can rest the heart with an assist device and also use new drugs to stimulate blood flow, we might be able to reduce the need for transplants. It’s an incredible breakthrough,” Fossum says.

Researchers at the DeBakey Institute are now examining a drug called TP508, which helps new vessels form in the heart. Developed by MicroMed Technology and Chrysalis Biotechnology, the drug has never before been tested in a living heart.
Fossum points out that such research endeavors benefit both humans and animals since the goals of human research and animal treatment are complimentary. “Dogs and cats have all the same diseases as humans,” Fossum says. “They get heart disease very commonly, but at this point we’re very limited in how we can treat them surgically. The research that we’ll be doing for humans can also be used for animals. But without it, we probably wouldn’t have the knowledge or the available equipment.”

May 2020, the demekey institute should be the premier site for cardiovascular surgery in animals and for biomedical device research.
FOCUS:

Ventricular Assist Device

In the near future, Professor Fossum will be able to prolong the lives of domestic animals with heart disease by implanting a small stainless steel pump known as a ventricular assist device (VAD) near their hearts.

Developed by pioneering heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey and his colleague, Dr. George Noon, the VAD utilizes NASA fuel pump technology. The VAD is placed near the heart and grafted to the aorta. When the heart can't pump blood, the rotor spins and pumps it for us. The DeBakey VAD is a huge improvement over previous assist devices, which were so large they had to be attached outside the bodies of smaller patients such as women and children. This miniaturized version not only solves that problem, it also uses less power and is quieter, simpler and considerably less expensive than previous models.
Investing in the Spirit #4: Your IRA Can Do More With Some Planning

The Texas A&M Foundation offers you many options for supporting the university. Every Aggie can find one well suited to his or her financial and charitable objectives. This series examines popular ways for making major gifts to support education, research and service programs at Texas A&M.

Smart financial planning makes a huge difference in the amount of money you pass on to loved ones and other beneficiaries, such as Texas A&M. On the other hand, if you are not careful, the lion's share of your retirement plan assets can wind up going to the tax man.

Many Americans have accumulated monies in tax-deferred retirement plans such as IRAs (individual retirement accounts). Few realize, however, that their IRAs may become liable for hefty estate taxes of up to 55 percent—and that their beneficiaries may be liable for income taxes of up to 39 percent on whatever is left. The end result? Leave the funds to anyone but a spouse, and your beneficiaries stand to lose up to 75 percent of the funds' value to taxes. That's a major loss, not only for your heirs but also for possible charitable recipients.

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The Benefits of Naming Texas A&M a Beneficiary

When creating estate plans, many people make a common mistake. Unaware of tax consequences, they create a charitable gift in their wills by bequeathing a certain percentage, say 10 percent, of their probate assets to Texas A&M. In doing so, they may be overlooking a simple but key component of good estate planning: careful designation of beneficiaries.

Your heirs and your university may be better off if you make your charitable gift with an IRA or other retirement account that is passed directly to heirs through beneficiary designation. Naming a charity such as the Texas A&M Foundation as sole beneficiary means that no estate or income taxes on the IRA would be due—not from you, your heirs or your university.
Creating A Trust Helps A&M and Your Heirs

You may direct your IRA into a charitable remainder trust, which helps you control the distribution of your assets after your death and may reduce taxes for your heirs. As income beneficiaries of the trust, your heirs will receive a stream of payments. Although they will pay income tax on these payments, they likely will receive greater financial benefits than if you had given them the IRA in a lump sum.

Best of all, these funds in your trust ultimately will support your favorite program at Texas A&M. Funding a charitable trust may produce significant tax benefits, allowing your money to do more for the people and institutions you value most.

For more on gift planning, please contact Glenn Pittsford '72 at the Texas A&M Foundation at 800-392-3310 or 979-845-8161 or at g-pittsford@tamu.edu.

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Evelyn Johnson '04, first recipient of the Bryan Allen McClain '02 Bonfire Memorial Scholarship, is pictured with McClain's mother, Kathy Escamilla; her stepfather, Pete Escamilla (right); and V.P. for Student Affairs Melon Southerland '05 (left).

University Awards Bonfire Scholarships

Twelve Texas A&M students received Bonfire Memorial Scholarships in late October. The scholarships, each of which provides a $2,500 per-year stipend, were established as memorials to the 12 Aggies who died in the 1999 Bonfire collapse. The scholarships were funded by private gifts made to the Bonfire Memorial Fund managed by the Texas A&M Foundation.

In selecting recipients, Texas A&M administrators consider a student's academic record, as well as whether he or she is a family member, a graduate of the same high school, or a resident of the same hometown as one of the memorialized students.

"These new scholarships provide a permanent means for remembering those 11 students and one former student who died in the Bonfire tragedy, and that is most appropriate," said University President Ray M. Bowen '58. "We have been in contact with family members of those being remembered through this special endeavor, and they have been highly supportive."

Additionally, a $2,500 scholarship honors the 27 students who were injured in the accident. The first recipient is John Comstock '03 of Richardson, who hopes to
return to Texas A&M in fall 2001. Comstock was hospitalized in College Station for 83 days as a result of the accident and subsequently underwent extensive rehabilitation treatment in Dallas.

**Mays College MBA Ranks in World’s 100 Best**

Once again, Texas A&M’s MBA program has been judged a winner. The London Financial Times, the pre-eminent publication for business worldwide, in January ranked the Lowry Mays MBA program among the 100 best in the world. “We feel especially gratified that, in the first international ranking in which we were included, our fairly young program has held its own with the best of the best,” said MBA Program Director Dan Robertson. The Mays College MBA program ranked 16th among public institutions and 67th overall.

**Foundation Adds 78 to University Associates**

The Texas A&M Foundation recently extended membership in its University Associates program to 78 donors whose cumulative giving to Texas A&M totals $100,000 or more. Sandblasters etched these names into the limestone walls of the Hagler Center prior to the annual University Associates gala in late April, says Stewardship Manager Lynn Dodd. Dodd said the foundation also added 39 new names to its

*The walls of the Jon L. Hagler Center bear 78 new names of donors who have given $100,000 or more to Texas A&M.*
Forsyth Heritage Society plaques. The society recognizes those who include Texas A&M in their estate plans through bequests, living trusts or beneficiary designations of retirement accounts or life insurance policies. The foundation also will recognize new members of both groups in the July Texas Aggie magazine.

LUSE PROFESSOR JAMES WOMACK RECEIVES WOLF PRIZE

Texas A&M’s James E. Womack, holder of the W.P. Luse Endowed Professorship in Veterinary Medicine, in January received the 2001 Wolf Prize, one of the world’s premier scientific awards. Womack, who has conducted pioneering research on the cattle genome, will share the Wolf Prize in Agriculture with Roger Beachy, a researcher at the Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis. They will split a $100,000 prize to be bestowed by Israel’s President Moshe Katsav during a May ceremony in Jerusalem. The selection panel praised Womack’s work, as well as the fact that many of his former students have risen to positions of international leadership in animal genomics.

Israeli Consul General Dan Shalom (right) of Houston congratulates Texas A&M Professor James Womack on receiving the Wolf Prize in Agriculture.
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What are the advantages of an endowment?

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