

# Congratulations 2006 Javelina Hall of Fame Inductees!



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## Six To Be Inducted Into Javelina Hall of Fame Sept. 29

Five former athletes and a team physician will be inducted into the Javelina Hall of Fame at Texas A&M-Kingsville Sept. 29 during ceremonies in the Memorial Student Union Building ballrooms.

The event is set for 5:30 p.m.

The inductees will be introduced at halftime of the Javelina football game with West Texas A&M Sept. 30 in Javelina Stadium.

The honorees are football player and track and field athlete Trenton Fowler, football player and track and field athlete James Jefferson, orthopedic consultant Dr. John McKeever, football and basketball player Lowell Ramey, basketball player Lorie Martinez Ruiz and basketball player DeRon Rutledge.

Following is information on the six Hall of Fame selections:

### TRENTON FOWLER

Fowler was a member of the Javelina football team in 1948 and 1949 and also participated in track

and field.

He transferred to Texas A&I after two seasons at Paris Junior College. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps before playing with the Javelinas.

Fowler, from Corpus Christi, was a halfback in football and helped lead the Javelinas to the best record among the independent teams in Texas in 1948. He was the sixth leading independent scorer.

Former Kingsville Record sports editor Jake Trussell listed the all-time best plays in Javelina football history in a column in the 1950s and eight were by Fowler.

These included an 80-yard run against Sul Ross, a 63-yard punt return against Abilene Christian, a 59-yard run against Austin College, a 49-yard run against Corpus Christi and a 38-yard punt return against Daniel Baker.

Fowler was the Javelinas' second leading scorer in 1948 and led the team in the category in 1949.

After receiving his degree, he worked as a site surveyor for Tenneco Oil Co. for years and then was with Pitney Bowles. He spent the final 20 years of his career as a systems analysis for the Texas State

Auditor's Office.

He died in 2004 and his wife, Mary Jo, also a Texas A&I graduate, died last November.

He has a son, Burt Fowler of Mountain City, and a daughter, Cynthia Fowler of North Carolina.

Two grandchildren, Jason and Mary Nicole Fowler, live in Austin.

### JAMES JEFFERSON

Jefferson, from Kingsville, was on the Javelina football team in 1982-85 and also ran track two years for the school.

He was a running back and defensive back during his collegiate career.

Jefferson was on the Football News All-America team in 1985 and was selected as the Lone Star Conference defensive back of the year. He was All-LSC first team.

He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from TAMUK.

Jefferson played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League in 1986-88 and was signed by the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL in 1989. He played five seasons before going to the British Columbia Lions of the CFL in 1994-95.

He was the AFC Player of the

Week twice in 1990 and was on two Grey Cup championship teams, once in Winnipeg and once in British Columbia. He was selected to the All-CFL squad in 1987 and 1988.

Jefferson's name is in the Seahawk record book as having the longest kickoff return (97 yards).

After his pro career, Jefferson coached one year for Alabama State and became a scout for the New Orleans Saints in 2000.

He has two daughters, Ashley (17) and Amber (13) and is the son of Sandra Jefferson, director of the University Police Department at TAMUK.

### DR. JOHN MCKEEVER

McKeever has served as the Javelina orthopedic surgery consultant for the past 25 years.

He is the orthopedic trauma surgeon at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi as well as a clinical instructor for the family practice residency program at the Texas A&M University School of Medicine.

Earlier in his career, he was in orthopedic surgery private practice in Corpus Christi and was medical director at Wilson Childrens' Hospital.

McKeever holds a bachelor's degree from Wabash (Ind.) College and his medical degree from Jefferson University of Medicine in Philadelphia. He did an internship at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans and an orthopedic surgery residency at Tulane's Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

He was at the Scottish Rite Childrens' Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Hospital in Los Angeles before moving to Corpus Christi in 1972.

McKeever was a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve medical corps and was stationed at the Naval Station in Guam in 1966-68.

His professional organizations are numerous. They include being a member of the Nueces Medical Society executive board and executive vice president of the medical staff at Christus Spohn Memorial in Corpus Christi.

He is married and he and his wife, Bridget, are the parents of four sons and a daughter.

McKeever is the son of Dr. Duncan C. McKeever, who was a

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The Javelina football team posed for a publicity picture prior to starting preseason drills Thursday in Javelina Stadium. The squad is preparing for the Sept. 2 opener with Southwestern Oklahoma in Javelina Stadium.

## Four Graduate Assistants Named to Football Staff

Four graduate assistant coaches have been named to the 2006 Javelina football staff by head coach Richard Cundiff.

The additions to the staff are David Grace, who has been on the Javelina roster for the past four seasons; James Graf, who has been a coach at Southern Virginia; Tremaine Jackson, who has been on the staff of the San Antonio Ravens of the Gulf Coast Football Association, and Joey Pena, who has been a quarterback for the Javelinas for the past three years.

Grace will coach the secondary, Graf will coach the wideouts, Jackson will coach the defensive line and Pena will coach the tight ends.

Grace, from Santa Fe, received his bachelor's degree in May. He was a four-year linebacker for the Javelinas.

Graf, from Hawaii, has a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science from Brigham Young-Hawaii and is currently working on his master's degree in education at Northern (S.D.) State.

He has coached at Northern State as well as at high schools in Hawaii and Arizona, in addition to his position at Southern Virginia.

Jackson, from Houston, played football at University of Louisiana-Monroe and Texas Southern University and holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies at the

University of Texas-San Antonio.

He coached the defensive line at his alma mater, Waltrip High School in Houston, and was on the staff at San Antonio Madison High School last fall.

He worked with the Ravens until June as the squad compiled an 11-5 record in the GCFBA.

Jackson is married to the former Charie Cobbs of Austin and they are the parents of a five-month-old daughter.

Pena, from Rio Hondo, played his freshman year at Texas Lutheran University before transferring to TAMUK where he played three seasons for the Javelinas.

He received a bachelor's degree in May.

# Javelina Hash

By Fred Nuesch, Coordinator of Athletic External Affairs

**JIM HILL, TEXAS A&I** former football and track athlete who is now one of the nation's top sportscasters, will be at the Javelinas' opening football game Sept. 2 in Javelina Stadium.

Hill says he wants to return to campus to see the football team perform and to "hear Jalisco".

He was an All-America defensive back for the Javelinas in the late 1960s and was a first-round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers after concluding his collegiate career in 1967.

Hill, from San Antonio (Highlands), has been inducted into the Javelina Hall of Fame and recently received a star of the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood. Hill, who has received numerous awards as a sportscaster, is sports director for CBS 2 in Los Angeles.

He played with several NFL draftees while with the Javelinas. These include offensive lineman Eugene Upshaw, Pro Football Hall of Fame member, executive director of the NFL Players Association and first round draft pick by the Oakland Raiders; quarterback Randy Johnson, who was a first round draft choice of the Atlanta Falcons; defensive back Alvin Matthews, a second round draft choice of the Packers; wideout Dwight Harrison, a second round pick of the Denver Broncos; quarterback Karl Douglas, a third round draftee of the Baltimore Colts; offensive lineman Andy Browder, a ninth round pick of the Buffalo Bills; defensive end Ray Hickl, ninth round choice of the New York Giants, and linebacker Butch Riley, a 10<sup>th</sup> round pick of the Colts.

**FORMER JAVELINA FOOTBALL** linebacker Rene Valdez has been named a football and soccer coach at Palacios High School.

He joins two other Javelinas on the staff: Harry Treybig and Gary Figirova.

**JOHN TARPOFF, WHO** concluded his collegiate career with the Javelina football team last fall, was a member of the U.S. National Rugby Team that played for the North America championship last weekend in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

The Americans lost to Rugby Canada and will face Uruguay in a repechage. The Americans and Uruguay meet Sept. 30 in Montevideo and Oct. 7 in Stanford, Calif., and the winner advances into the 2007 Rugby World Cup in France.

Tarpoft, from Edwardsville, Ill., played a role in the United States' 91-0 victory over Barbados in July in California in an earlier qualifying round.

He is one of 17 forwards on the roster.

**GARRETT MURDY CONTINUES** to post impressive figures with the Class A Lexington Legends' pitching staff.

He had a 6-2 record through last Saturday's games and has a 3.02 earned run average. He has pitched 92.1 innings and has recorded 59 strikeouts.

Murdy was an All-America pitcher for the Javelinas in 2004.

**LAVELLE MORGAN, WHO** pitched for the Javelinas in 2000 and 2001, has thrown 37 innings since joining the Chillicothe (Ohio) Paints of the Frontier League and he has 34 strikeouts.

He has a 1.95 earned run average and a 3-2 record.

**THE SAN ANTONIO** daily newspaper had a feature last week on brothers who have played football on the same college team at the same time.

The Javelinas have had numerous brother acts and several of these did play at the same time.

The earliest sets of brothers were Ralph and Roy Shelton and James and Robert Whitten. They were on the inaugural team in 1925. The Sheltons each played four seasons and Robert was a four-year letterman. James played for one season.

Three Allee brothers played for the Javelinas. Phelan was on the team in 1966-69, Kent was on the squad in the mid-1970s and Roy's play overlapped Kent's.

Three members of the Hawkins family were Javelinas. Mike, seventh round draft choice of the New England Patriots, led the group in 1974-77; Andy, a 10<sup>th</sup> round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, joined the squad in 1976 and played for four years, and Tim was on the roster in the early 1980s.

Three from the Liska family were on the rosters in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Laddie came first and was joined by Benny a year later. Emil was with the team in the early 1950s.

Ellis, Chester and Weston Prejean were brothers who played in the 1930s and 1940s. Ellis was the first to become a Javelina when he joined the team in 1934 and Weston played in the mid-1940s.

Another early set of brothers were Don and L.V. Hightower. Their careers overlapped in the mid-1930s.

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Sean Johnson is the new sports information director at Texas A&M-Kingsville. A native of Blue Springs, Mo., he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has been on the athletic staff at New Mexico State University for the past five years. He has held positions at Lincoln (Mo.) University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Angelo State University, University of Idaho and the University of North Texas. He started his new position Monday.

## Lawton Emphasizes Natural Attractions

*(This is one of a 14-part series on the cities where Lone Star Conference schools are located. The LSC is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006-07).*

Lawton emphasizes its natural beauty and attractions as its principle features. The Southwest Oklahoma city is the home of Cameron University of the Lone Star Conference. It also the home of Fort Sill.

Attractions include:

Fort Sill Historic Landmark and Museum – Visit a large collection of 20<sup>th</sup> century artillery known as the Cannon Walk, historic buildings originally constructed by Buffalo Soldiers and the Native American burial sites of Geronimo and Quanah Parker. All visitors to the site need photo identification.

Historic Mattie Beal Home – Greek Revival-style mansion constructed in 1909 when Mattie Beal's name was drawn second in the land lottery.

Holy City of the Wichitas – Special 110 acres in the middle of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge that features 22 native granite buildings as a replica of Jerusalem City. A natural amphitheatre is the setting for the nation's longest running Easter passion play, the Prince of Peace.

Museum of the Great Plains – Features special collections and exhibits which spotlight the cultural and natural history of the great plains.

## Smith Selected Preseason Player of the Year

Texas A&M-Kingsville outside hitter Shaday Smith has been named the Lone Star Conference South Division preseason player of the year in a poll conducted by the league office.

Coaches, sports information directors and media representatives voted in the poll.

Smith, junior from Houston (Jones), was All-LSC last fall after being the LSC freshman of the year in 2004.

She led the team in kills, total attacks and attack percentage as a sophomore

Percussive Arts Society Museum – Percussive Arts Museum invites the community and visitors to enjoy its exhibits, fun hands-on area and free admission over the holidays.

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge – Drive to the summit of Mount Scott, which rises 2,500 feet above the plains, view free-roaming bison, longhorn cattle, deer and elk as you view some of the most breathtaking scenery in Oklahoma.

Lawton has a wide variety of eating places including Atlanta Bread Company, Blanco's Italian Restaurant, Cracker Barrel, El Chico's, Empress of China, Fire Mountain, Fisherman's Cove, Garfield's Restaurant, Los Tres Amigos, Meers Store and Restaurant, Red Lobster, Rinie's Kitchen and Wine Bar, the Riverside Café, Salas' and Victoria's Restaurant.

Overnight accommodations include Baymont Inn, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Grandma's Cabin, Hampton Inn and Suites, Holiday Express, Medicine Creek Loft, Ramada Inn, Springhill Suites and Wichita Lodge Bed and Breakfast.

Cameron first joined the LSC in 1988 but was forced to withdraw in 1993 after dropping its football program. The school returned to the league in 1996 and is one of two institutions in the conference without football, the other being Texas Woman's.

and tied the school record with 30 kills against Tarleton State.

Smith shared the South Division honor with Abbie Lowry of Abilene Christian.

The LSC North preseason player of the year is Southeastern Oklahoma's Olivia Franceskini.



# Javelina Hash

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Gary Allen was on the squad in 1976-78 and brother Gerald became a Javelina Gary's final season. Johnny Barefield, a second round draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals, was on the team in the mid-1970s and brother Joe came in 1978. Wilbur and Glenn McDonald had careers that overlapped. Wilbur lettered in 1963-75 and Glenn lettered in 1964-67.

Oktaý Basci was a quarterback in 1994-97 and brother Tansel had been with the club earlier. Brothers Jesse and Carl Bibbs were Javelinas in the 1970s. Randy and Rowland Brooks also played in the 1970s. Johnell Dogins was a Javelina in the early 1990s and brother Kevin followed.

Art Green was on the squad in the late 1980s and brother Rufus had played in the mid-1970s. Moses Horn was a Javelina in 1984-87 and brother John joined the club in the early 1990s. Tommy Janik was on the team in 1960-62 and had a long pro career with Buffalo and Boston and his brother Jerry was a Javelina in 1971-74.

Ish Muhammad lettered four years in 1996-99 and brother Ola was on the squad in the 2000s. Randy Palmer and brother Kevin were four-year lettermen, Randy in 1995-98 and Kevin in 2000-03. Randy played in the NFL after finishing his career.

Dr. L.E. Ramey and his brother Lowell had overlapping careers. Lowell played in 1933-35 and Lindell joined the team in 1935. Larry and Leroy Seidel had back-to-back careers, Larry playing in 1973-76 and Leroy becoming a member of the team in 1978. Cyril and Frank Schneider were on the team in the mid-1940s. Cyril played in 1946-48 and Frank in 1948-50.

Another set of brothers was the Hills from San Antonio Highlands High School. Jim was an All-American in the late 1960s who was drafted in the first round by the Green Bay Packers. David played in 1972-75 and was an All-American and a second round draft pick of the Detroit Lions.

Chris Soza was a quarterback for the Javelinas in 1981-84 and brother Robert joined the team in 1982 and they had overlapping seasons. Chris' son, Justin, had a four-year career conclude last fall.

Nick Tarpoff was on the team in 2003-04 and John came a year after his brother. Mark Smith, now the athletic director and head football coach at Kerrville (Tivy), and his brother Troy were on the teams in the early 1980s.

Dr. Ramey, whose knowledge of Javelina sports extends back to the beginning of the program in 1925, helped with the compiling of this list.

There's no doubt we've missed some of the football brother acts. If you know of others, e-mail me at [kafcn00@tamuk.edu](mailto:kafcn00@tamuk.edu) so we can make a note in our archives.

Along with the brothers on the football team, there have been dozens of others who have played other sports for the Javelinas. And there have been numerous father-son combinations. But those will be other stories.

**DWAYNE NIX ATTENDED** last weekend's College Football Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in South Bend, Ind.

It is the second time Nix, who resides in Virginia, has returned since being inducted in 2003.

He is one of five Javelinas who have been inducted into the Hall since it became open to other than NCAA Division I players in 1996. The Javelinas who are in the Hall are Gil Steinke, Richard Ritchie, Johnny Bailey, Darrell Green and Nix.

Nix was a wideout for the Javelinas in 1965-68 and a three-time Associated Press Little All-America first-team honoree.

## LONE STAR CONFERENCE news:

.....Tarleton has announced the hiring of three assistant football coaches. Scott Carey, who played at Tarleton, will coach the offensive line; Henry Cofer, who played at Sam Houston State, will coach the linebackers, and Clay Patterson, who played at Southeastern Oklahoma, will coach the receivers.

.....Southeastern Oklahoma has announced the hiring of two assistant basketball coaches. Tyrone Stafford, who played for Southeastern for four seasons, will be an assistant men's coach and Sami Jo Cotton-Black, who also played for Southeastern and was All-LSC, is the new assistant women's basketball coach.

## NCAA DIVISION II news:

.....Jason Martens, who has been the assistant women's basketball coach at St. Mary's for the past three years, has been promoted to head coach.

Paige Clawson, who has been the head coach, resigned in June.

.....North Alabama wideout Anthony Merritt, who was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award last fall, is thinking national championship for his Lions this fall.

"Making it to the semifinals last year was great, but we needed to win two more games. This year, it will be about staying focused. If we can keep everybody focused, I don't see why we can't win it all."



Left to right, Javelina volleyball coach Jane Kieschnick with setters Tara Grier, freshman from Poth; Kirby Krueger, freshman from New Braunfels (Canyon), and Heidi Scheopner, sophomore from Harlingen (South). The Javelinas opened preseason workouts last week.

## Upcoming Javelina Events

**Aug. 24 – General: Javelina Club barbecue in Kingsville (Chemcel Club), 5:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 25 – Volleyball: Ferris State tournament in Big Rapids, Mich.**

3 p.m. – vs. Hillsdale (Mich.)

6 p.m. – vs. Winona (Minn.)

**Aug. 26 – Volleyball: Ferris State tournament in Big Rapids, Mich.**

9 a.m. – vs. Lees-McRae (N.C.)

3 p.m. – vs. California (Pa.)

**Aug. 29 – Volleyball: St. Mary's in San Antonio, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 1 – TAMUK Labor Day tournament in Kingsville**

**Arkansas-Monticello vs. Texas-Brownsville, noon**

**TAMUK vs. Trinity, 2 p.m.**

**Texas A&M-International vs. Arkansas-Monticello, 4 p.m.**

**Trinity vs. Texas-Brownsville, 6 p.m.**

**TAMUK vs. Texas A&M International, 8 p.m.**

**Sept. 2 – Football: \*+Southwestern Oklahoma in Kingsville, 7 p.m.**

**Volleyball: TAMUK Labor Day tournament in Kingsville**

**Arkansas-Monticello vs. Trinity, 9 a.m.**

**Texas A&M International vs. Texas-Brownsville, 11 a.m.**

**TAMUK vs. Arkansas-Monticello, 1 p.m.**

**Texas A&M International vs. Trinity, 3 p.m.**

**TAMUK vs. Texas-Brownsville, 5 p.m.**

**Sept. 4 – Volleyball: Incarnate Word in Kingsville, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 6 – Volleyball: St. Mary's in Kingsville, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 9 – Football: \*+Texas A&M-Commerce in Kingsville, 7 p.m.**

**Cross Country: Texas State Invitational in San Marcos**

**Sept. 14 – Volleyball: \*Abilene Christian in Abilene, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 16 – Football: Western Oregon in Monmouth, Ore., TBA**

**Volleyball: \*Angelo State in San Angelo, 2 p.m.**

**Sept. 18 – Volleyball: Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 21 – Volleyball: \*West Texas A&M in Kingsville, 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 23 – Softball: San Antonio Royals in Kingsville, noon**

**Football: \*+Southeastern Oklahoma in Durant, Okla., 6 p.m.**

**Cross Country: Tarleton State LSC Preview Meet in Stephenville**

**Sept. 25 – Volleyball: Texas-Brownsville in Brownsville, 7 p.m.**

**Bold faced events in Kingsville**

\*Lone Star Conference games

#Lone Star Conference South Division matches/games

+Lone Star Conference crossover matches/games.

# 12 of 16 Javelina Cross Country Athletes Will Be Freshmen This Fall

Twelve of the 16 cross country athletes on the Texas A&M-Kingsville team this fall are freshmen, and the remaining four are sophomores.

The only veterans are Daniel Castro from Pasadena (Dobie), Erica Alvarado from Falfurrias and Denise Bazan from Rio Grande City. The three are sophomores and lettered last fall.

The other sophomore is Myra Lozano from Mansfield. She attended Pratt (Kan.) Junior College last fall.

The newcomers on the men's team are Ray Acuna of Orange Grove, Dusty Block of Ingram (Moore), Johnny Cox of San Antonio (Alamo Heights), Cody Limas of Bishop, Nick Pena of Benavides, Joe Rios of Robstown and

Justin Smith of San Antonio (Clemens).

And the freshmen on the women's team are Desiree Cisneros of Fort Irvin, Calif. (Silver Valley), Priscilla Pena of Mission (Memorial), Anabelle Ponce of Laredo (Cigarroa), Patrisha Stewart of Katy (Cinco Ranch) and Raquel Tidwell

of Katy (Cinco Ranch).

Brent Ericksen, who is beginning his seventh season as head coach of the Javelina cross country squads, will begin workouts with the start of classes. The club has its first meet Sept. 9 at the Texas State invitational in San Marcos.

## Rezza, Yaden Nominees as Lone Star Conference Athletes of the Year

Texas A&M-Kingsville athletes Kassie Rezza and Steve Yaden have been nominated as Lone Star Conference Athletes of the Year for 2005-06.

Rezza, senior softball player from Pasadena (Rayburn), received her degree in May after being named to the NCAA Division II All-America first team last spring. She was selected as the LSC South Division Player of the Year and was on the All-LSC and All-South Central Region first units.

Rezza hit .434 with 11 doubles, six triples and two home runs. She was successful on 20 of 20 stolen base attempts.

She finished second in the LSC in hitting and led the league in triples.

Rezza was the Gil E. Steinke Award recipient. The honor goes to the TAMUK female athlete of the year.

Yaden, junior baseball and football player from Riverside, Calif., had 44

catches for 568 yards and two touchdowns in 2005 and led the team in receptions. He hit .371 in baseball with seven doubles, five triples and four home runs.

He had a .980 fielding percentage and helped the team achieve a 35-19 record.

He was the LSC South Division player of the year in 2005 and hit .433.

Yaden was the male recipient of the Gil E. Steinke Award last spring.



Richard Cundiff, beginning his seventh season as head coach of the Javelina football team, huddles the squad before it takes the field for the first pre-season workout last week.

**9 Days Until  
First Volleyball Match  
Of the Season**

**17 Days Until  
First Football Game  
Of the Season**

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Nationally known orthopedic surgeon in Houston and brothers Grant and Clark McKeever are orthopedic surgeons in Houston.

### LOWELL RAMEY

Ramey, from Bishop, was a football and basketball participant at Texas A&I in 1932-35.

He played freshman football in 1932 and was on the varsity squad the remaining three seasons.

In a 1933 game with Abilene Christian, he scored three touchdowns in a 39-0 Javelina victory and the following season he had the only score in a 7-6 Javelina win against Texas-Arlington.

Probably the most memorable game of his career came in 1934 when the Javelinas led Texas A&M until the final minute before the Aggies scored and got an extra point to tie the Javelinas, 14-14. Ramey had an 80-yard interception return for a touchdown and he kicked the extra point.

Ramey had two 80-yard touchdown runs in a 1934 game with Fort Sam Houston.

He was injured in an automobile accident during the 1934 season enroute to scout a game with head coach Bud McCallum, quarterback Jimmy McMillan and center/linebacker Gene McCormick. He suffered a hip injury and never fully recovered. He did have a 50-yard kickoff return in a game with the University of Texas in 1935 and he led the team in scoring and rushing.

Ramey played basketball in 1934 and 1935 and coached the freshman football team in 1936.

He went to work for a Humble Oil Co. refinery in Ingleside and worked there until opening a drug store in Ingleside in 1950. He sold the store in 1965.

Ramey died in 1983 from a form of leukemia and his wife, Yuma, died this summer.

He is the father of a daughter, Betty Burwell of Westhoff; a daughter, Sue LaBaume of Moulton and a son, Randy, of Ingleside.

All three are Texas A&I graduates.

There are also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A brother, Dr. L.E. Ramey of Kingsville, is a member of the Javelina Hall of Fame.

### LORIE MARTINEZ RUIZ

Ruiz, from Corpus Christi (Incarnate Word), was a four-year letterwinner for the Javelinas and holds the NCAA Division II, Lone Star Conference and school records for most three-point goals made in a career.

She ended with 385 three-pointers and had a season high of 104 in 1997-98. Her single-game total was 10, those coming against National Christian in 2001-02.

All three are school records.

She also holds the school records for best free-throw percentage in a season (.911) and career (.852).

Ruiz is in the Javelina 300 Club three times. She had 470 points in 1997-98, 464 points in 1999-2000 and 399 points in 1998-99.

She had a single-game high of 36 points, that coming in 1999-2000 against St. Edward's. That's the fourth highest total ever for a member of the women's team.

She averaged 18.1 points a game her freshman year, 14.8 points a game her sophomore seasons, 14.9 points her junior season and 13.6 points her senior year.

She played on Javelina teams that won the NCAA Division II South Central Region title in 2000-01 and advanced into the Elite Eight. She was on the 1999-2000 squad that won the Lone Star Conference championship.

Ruiz was on the NCAA Division II All-America freshman team and was LSC freshman

of the year. She made the All-LSC squad and was All-LSC academic.

She was selected to the NCAA Division II All-South Central Region squad in 1998-99.

Ruiz has been inducted into the National Hispanic Hall of Fame and has had her jersey retired by the Javelina athletic department, becoming only the second athlete and the first female to be so honored.

She holds a bachelor's degree in human sciences from TAMUK and is working on a master's degree at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

She was store manager of Abercrombie & Fitch in Corpus Christi for two years after serving as assistant manager for three years..

Ruiz recently accepted a position as volleyball, basketball and track and field coach at Haas Junior High School in Corpus Christi.

She is married to former Javelina baseball player Orlando Ruiz and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martinez of Corpus Christi. A sister, Audrey, also played for the Javelina basketball team.

### DERON RUTLEDGE

Rutledge was a member of the Javelina basketball team in 1994-95 and 1995-96. In those two seasons, the Javelinas compiled a 42-11 record, won a Lone Star Conference championship and took third place in the NCAA Division II South Central Region playoffs.

He scored 619 points in his senior season and had 610 his junior year. They rank as the sixth and seventh most points for a player in a season.

Rutledge was NCAA Division II All-America as well as All-South Central Region and All-South Central Region tournament. He was All-LSC first team in each of his seasons with the Javelinas.

He was the LSC's most valuable player in 1995-96 and was selected to the LSC all-tournament lineup.

After finishing at TAMUK, he played two seasons in England, averaging 21 points and 16.1 points per game in the two years. He was with Burucaramango in Colombia in 1998 before signing with Dakota of the International Basketball Association where he played for one season. He averaged 27 points and 13.6 rebounds for Dakota.

Rutledge played in Venezuela in 1999 and then was in Spain and Mexico before returning to Dakota in 2000 where he averaged 20.8 points and 9.4 rebounds a game.

He played for the Florida Sea Dragons of the U.S. Basketball League in 2001 and then returned to England where he averaged 23 points and six rebounds a game for the Scottish Rocks.

Rutledge was with Birmingham, England, in 2003-04 and averaged 23.1 points and 10.9 rebounds.

The Javelina product returned to the U.S. in 2004-05 and played with the Texas Tycoons of Fort Worth and averaged 18.2 points and 8.2 rebounds a game.

He was with the Buffalo Silverbacks of the American Basketball Association last winter and will return to the team this year.

Rutledge was an IBA All-Star in 1999 and 2001 and played on the league title team in 2001. He made the ABA All-Star game in 2005.

Rutledge, from Houston (Mt. Carmel), is the son of Pat Fears of Houston.

Tickets for the event are on sale at the Javelina athletic ticket office in McCulley Hall and are \$25 per person. Tables of eight are also available.

[www.javelinasports.com](http://www.javelinasports.com)