San Angelo State University located in San Angelo, TX, and a recent inductee into the ranks of the Texas Tech University system, began service to 112 students who paid $75 in tuition costs, in 1928. The unique establishment and funding of the university, which was based solely on the contributions of the citizens of San Angelo, continues to thrive as a pillar of Anglo State culture: “Improving Lives and Society....”

Always a proponent of community collectivism, Angelo State, amidst racial tensions, and prior to Supreme Court rulings and proceeding such as Brown v. Board that mandated equal opportunity within the educational systems of the United States; was among the first institutions of higher learning to admit African American students. Angelo’s Civil Rights effort translated unto the intercollegiate field of athletics, when Ben Kelly, one of the recent admitted African American students, laced up his football cleats to join the mighty Rams as the starting receiver. That same year, Mr. Kelly received ASU honor Class Favorite. Upon matriculation from ASU, Mr. Kelly was drafted by the San Francisco Forty-Niners.

Upward Bound students and staff (UB), for their biannual campus visit, ventured to this pioneering institution November 8 to attend Discover ASU! Discover ASU! was sponsored by the university’s recruitment office and included a fun filled, informative day of activities. Upon arrival, UB joined over 300 guests from all over Texas in the ASU basketball arena where ASU Ambassadors presented a video presentation with testimonials from current ASU students and Alumni. The video presentation was followed by mini performances from members of the ASU cheerleading and dance squads. From there, guests of Discover ASU branched off into group sessions designated by major interest; where they received information on respective degree requirements and what they should expect of their classroom experience.

At the close of the morning session, various campus organizations, such as S.K.I.R.T.S. and the Association of Mexican American Students, were on hand to share with students the organization’s specific function on campus, and what they could offer them as incoming freshman should they decide to make ASU their home.

Highlights of the Afternoon Session:

- Campus tour conducted by Midland College Upward Bound alum and ASU sophomore: Isabelle Carrillo
- Visit to the Planetarium and Sunset Mall
- Dinner at Ichibon: Interactive Japanese restaurant
“A New Concert Smashing Musical Barriers…”
Diva- (dee-vah) Italian term used to describe a woman of rare, outstanding talent

UB were guests of Midland College’s concert series held at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, featuring the 3 Mo’ Divas ensemble. Laurice Lanier, Nova Payton, and Jamet Pittman, three classically trained African-American sopranos, commanded the stage as they delivered stirring renditions of classical pieces, Broadway hits, Jazz numbers, and contemporary favorites. The divas’ blend of tradition and soul ignited the arena, as concert goers spilled into the isles in dance, as the ladies sang Diana Ross’, “I’m Coming Out!” This unique concert experience is one sure to stand out as an UB favorite!

“The Magical World of Narnia…”
Narnia, a chronicle from the fantasy novel series by C.S. Lewis was adapted into a musical stage production by the Midland Community Theater (MCT). UB was extended an invitation to attend a complimentary showing of Narnia by MCT’s Reach Out division. Reach Out targets groups throughout Midland that service a need to the community. Portrayed against a soundtrack of spirited tunes such as, “Cair Paravel”, mighty Aslan, played by Jaime Sotelo, rallies his troop of four children: Lucy, Edmund, Peter, and Susan and an army of forest animals to the defeat of keen adversary: the White Witch. The role of the Mr. and Mrs. Beaver played by Mark Gabaldon and Jo Hayes, respectively, gave the right dose of comic relief at some of the show’s climactic moments. UB participants and staff alike were thrilled by the superb showmanship of the actors, extravagant set de-

Upward Bound on the Move

Fall 2008 proved to be a busy semester for UB participants! Students were involved various extracurricular activities:

Blanca Castro- MHS Band
Brandon Govan- LHS Football
Omar Madrid- All Region Band Selection, LHS Band
Jacklyn Pinal- LHS Flags
Trent Robinson- Midland High Drum line; NB&PW Student of the Month

Tevin Simmons- SLEBER Steppers
Brendon Wallace- SLEBER Steppers, LHS Band

“I wasn’t nervous, I was ready!”
Trent Robinson
Christmas at the Manor

This year, UB selected Manor Park, (a retirement and assisted living facility catering to the Permian Basin), as the organization in which they would dedicate their community service efforts. Students came with their bight, smiling faces, clad in Santa hats, one Saturday morning, looking to spread some Christmas cheer; as they decorated doors of residents housed in the assisted living quarters.

Once the time set aside for door decorating elapsed, students and residents convened in the dining hall where they assembled candy cane “Rudolph” reindeer; during which, Manor Park’s minister of music lead the group in Christmas carols. The event was concluded by a reception of cookies and punch at which UB students served the Manor Park residents. Special thanks to reception hostesses: Blanca Castro, Olga Chavez, and Amanda Hernandez- Great job ladies!

Students proclaim this to be the best charity event yet!

“Being here really makes a difference...I love being able to put a smile on someone’s face...”
Salena Carrillo
UB New Bees

After a very competitive application and interview process, Upward Bound is pleased to announce their newest additions to the program:

Christian Alanis-LFHS
Skeesha Bowers-MFHS
Natalie Carrillo- MFHS
Corri Castaneda- LFHS
Adrianna Chaves-MFHS
Alyssa Chavez- MFHS
Olga Chavez- LFHS
Homer Hinojos- LFHS
Hayley Matlock- LFHS
Amy Rey- LFHS
Stefanie Rey- LFHS
Zak Villasenor-LFHS
Kaihlinn Williams-MFHS

Looking forward to a productive term!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED 2008-2009 UB STUDENT COUNCIL!

Tana Villela- President
Trent Robinson- Vice President
Amanda Hernandez- Treasurer
Jacklyn Pinal- Secretary
Homer Hinojos- Freshman Class Representative
Abbey Madrid- Sophomore Class Representative
Tevin Simmons- Junior Class Representative
Kat Garza- Senior Class Representative

The first veteran UB Participant to submit a written list of interesting characteristics about each new entrant will receive a prize!

Happy Birthday!

January
15 Danielle Carrasco
22 Olga Chavez
26 Rayshelle Washington
27 Salena Carrillo

February
5 Abbey Madrid
11 Amanda Hernandez
11 Annika Nunez
11 Antonea Roseberry
24 Gerardo Rodriguez
28 Homer Hinojos
28 Jerrod Quintana

March
3 Skeesha Bowers
10 Stefanie Rey
16 Adrianna Chavez
16 Alyssa Chavez
17 Blanca Castro
25 Tana Viella

April
17 Toya Miller

May
14 Juan Porras
24 Christian Alanis
26 Tevin Simmons

NOT PICTURED: Corri Castaneda, Homer Hinojos, and Zak Villasenor