

Lisa Bullard treats students like family

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Lisa G. Bullard, the Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs (OMMA) Administrative Support Associate, said that she tries to treat the students that come through the Multicultural Center like she would want her children to be treated if they were in a strange place with no family around.

In October 2010, Bullard will have been working with OMMA for seven years.

According to Bullard, the Multicultural Center used to have "all white walls and didn't look as interesting as it does now." When Bullard first started working with OMMA, the Multicultural Center had two classrooms. One of those classrooms became a conference room, which is used campus wide.

Back then, they added an enhanced research lab to help international students, which is now used as a computer lab by many students. Bullard

said the lab is used mainly by mass communications students, public relations students, American Indian studies students and students coming from the science building.

When Bullard first started working with OMMA, the Multicultural Center consisted of OMMA and International Programs. Then, it consisted of OMMA and International Student Services. Then, International Programs went under Academic Affairs and moved to a different location.

OMMA had a gallery, called the Multicultural Center Gallery, where international students would leave an artifact from their home country. That gallery became the offices of the Center for Leadership and Service (CLS).

OMMA programs have grown. According to Bullard, the University's first collegiate chapter of the NAACP, the Asian Student Association and the African Student Organization were all started through OMMA.

There are new faces each semester and a more diverse group of students. The international student population has grown and continues to grow.

There was a student whose immediate family was stationed in Japan during the holidays. The student wasn't able to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday. Bullard invited the student to spend Thanksgiving with her husband's family.

"She became an extended part of my family," Bullard said.

"Aside from that student, many others have needed a listening ear or a hug," Bullard said.

She said that she feels like her actions will be returned when her children are miles away from home.

Bullard has a large, close-knit family that enjoys getting together and eating. She likes to cook. Bullard has four children and four grandchildren.

She likes sports, especially basketball.

"When the weather

permits, I'm out there shooting hoops with my youngest son and my oldest grandchild," she said.

Rides horses

Bullard used to barrel race horses in her younger days, and she still rides horses for fun. Bullard has a farm where she raises cows, drives tractors and administers shots to Black Angus cows.

Bullard is very involved in her church and especially enjoys working with the youth at her church.

She also enjoys spending time at the beach.

Bullard likes to get to know the students that come into the Multicultural Center. During tours of the Multicultural Center during open houses, she tells students about this "great and diverse University and the positive things it has to offer."

Bullard occasionally does some modeling for the Barbizon School of Modeling. "I still do some modeling for the Barbizon School of



Photo by Tony Lewis
Lisa Bullard helps senior Tim Powe in the Multicultural Center.

Modeling when they call on me," she said. She went there after she graduated from high school.

"I had no idea that, [almost seven] years ago, when I hired Lisa to be part of the OMMA team that I was hiring a phenomenal woman, team member and friend," said OMMA Director Robert L. Canida.

"Lisa has been a tremendous asset to the work that we do in OMMA, to every student, employee and community person that comes into the Multicultural Center. She is a phenomenal woman and the epitome of an Administrative Support Associate," Canida said.

"She continues to be my right hand," he added.

Big Hollywood stars donate to GPAC auction

By Wade Allen
Editor

Many people go their whole lives and never have the opportunity to see original entertainment, political and athletic memorabilia in-person, let alone have the unique opportunity to take it home with them.

Patrons at the 2010 GPAC Fundraiser will get that chance when items donated by more than 150 internationally-recognized celebrities of all genres are auctioned off to benefit GPAC.

The \$150-per-couple event will be held on March 20 in GPAC and features a silent auction, dinner, appetizers, dessert, dancing and live music by Jim Quick and The Coastline Band.

In a video commercial, GPAC Executive

Director Patricia Fields said that many extraordinary auction items will be available from local businesses and patrons, in addition to the celebrity auction items.

Celebrities

Among the donors to the auction are Dolly Parton, Debbie Reynolds, Al Gore, David and Victoria Beckham, Kenny Rogers, Bob Barker, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Steven Curtis Chapman, Brenda Lee, Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley, Colbie Caillat, Sara Bareilles, Connie Francis, Jeff Foxworthy, Matthew McConaughey, Madeleine Albright, Arnold Palmer, George Shultz, Kathy Ireland, Bill and Gloria Gaither and original "Wizard of Oz" munchkin Priscilla Montgomery.

Well over 200 individ-

ual lots will be up for auction, boasting rare and collectible pieces of entertainment history.

Among the items available for bids include hundreds of autographed pictures from notable celebrities, signed books and CDs, gift certificates, a Miss America gift basket, on-camera worn costumes, personal wardrobe items owned by celebrities, artwork, home décor, gift baskets and jewelry.

A Woodstock t-shirt autographed by "The Lovin' Spoonful" member John Sebastian is up for auction, as well as five autographed copies of the *LIFE Magazine* V-J Day cover featuring the famous kissing sailor in New York City's Times Square, symbolizing an end to World War II.

A matching green-colored Vera Bradley set will also be auctioned off and, according to Fields, is valued at more than \$150.

Patrons will have the opportunity to take home unique items including sterling silver custom-made jewelry belonging to Miss Indiana Megan Meadors, a Marc Jacobs designer black velvet skirt belonging to supermodel Cheryl Tiegs, an original "Beatle Bailey" sketch by creator Mort Walker, a framed and matted autographed picture of Liza Minnelli and a vintage autographed portrait of Academy Award-winner Barbra Streisand.

Autographed sports memorabilia will be up for bids from over 15 NFL teams, 10 MLB teams, golfers Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Greg Norman, NFL great Terry Bradshaw and U.S. Olympian Alissa Czisny.

Pop culture icons Henry "The Fonz" Winkler, Mary Tyler Moore, Betty White, Lee Meriwether, Vanna White, Jimmy Buffett and John Travolta have all donated autographed items from their lengthy careers in

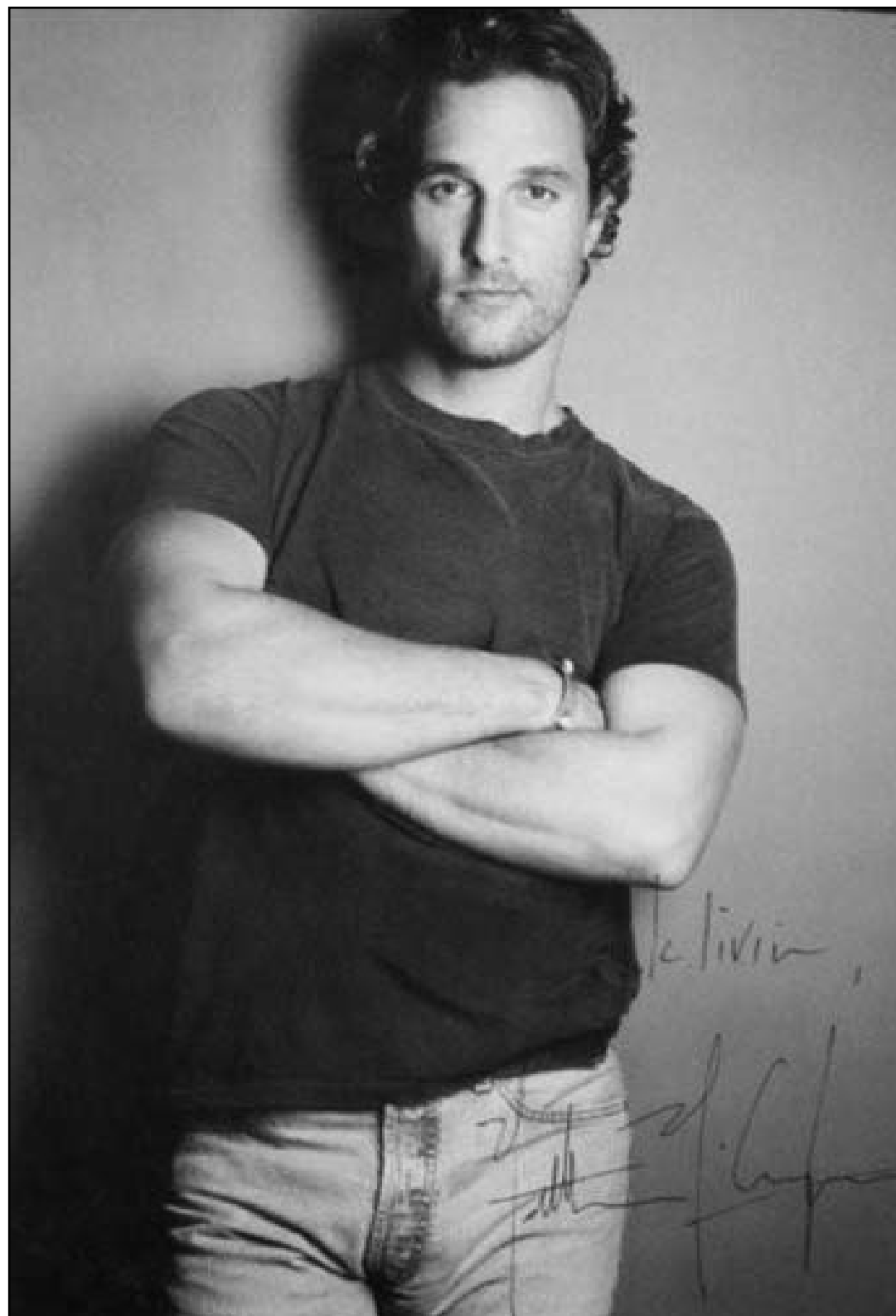


Photo by Wade Allen
This 8X10 autographed picture of actor Matthew McConaughey will be sold to the highest bidder at the 2010 GPAC Fundraiser Auction on March 20. More than 150 celebrities have donated items to support GPAC.

show business.

Autographed memorabilia from music giants Brooks and Dunn, Martina McBride, Seal, Phil Collins, Bryan Adams, Marty Stuart, Diamond Rio, Aaron Tippin, Joe Cocker, Tom Jones and Kelly Clarkson will all be sold to the highest bidders.

A "Legendary Ladies of Hollywood" matted collage will be auctioned off, featuring authentic ink signatures from Academy Award winner Joan Fontaine, Lauren Bacall, Gloria Stuart and

Phyllis Diller. In addition, a rare, framed and matted vintage color hand-signed portrait of Bacall will also be sold.

Hollywood

If Hollywood history is your interest, many luminaries who influenced early film have donated pieces from their careers.

Among the items offered at the auction dealing with film history include North Carolina native Anne Jeffreys' Screen Actors' Guild membership card, a book

signed by Kirk Douglas, the shooting schedule for the 1942 film "Casablanca" donated by actress Rita Moreno and rare autographed pictures of reclusive Italian screen legend Brigitte Bardot.

The first 150 people to purchase tickets are guaranteed seating on stage for the concert.

The auction lasts from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., with dinner and the concert following.

Tickets are available by calling the GPAC box office at (910) 521-6287.



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Patrons of the 2010 GPAC Fundraiser will have the opportunity to bid on this autographed picture of Lassie and actor Jon Provost, who played Timmy on the classic television show.