Tarleton's first May Fete was held May 5th, 1921. The Tarleton Band played in the Hunewell Bandstand while Tarleton ladies wearing white dresses danced around a Maypole wrapping it in brightly colored ribbons. Serving as the master of ceremonies, a specially selected Lord Tarleton proudly announced Tarleton's elected May Queen, who was chosen by a committee of five faculty members and five students based on posture, good scholarship, good carriage, poise, beauty, and personality (C. Richard King, *Golden Days of Purple & White*). The May Fete was celebrated for nearly two decades before fading at the start of World War II.

In 2009, almost 90 years after May Fete's inception, the Tarleton Alumni Ambassadors (TAA) resurrected this Tarleton tradition. May Fete was held Tuesday, April 14th in conjunction with Founders Week. Participants enjoyed great music from the Tarleton Jazz Band. Members of the Queen's Court chosen by the judges panel were Miss Sarah Barron, Miss Taylore Leas and Miss Chelsea Pendergrass. Lord Tarleton Mr. Shane Henry served as the master of ceremonies. Representatives from campus groups participated in wrapping the Maypole.
This is a day of thanks and remembrance and of reflection and rededication. This day reminds us to live gratefully. To look carefully. To listen intently. To learn constantly. To laugh heartily. To love unconditionally. And to recall joyously those we honor tonight.

In the next few moments as we hear the melancholy strains of “Taps,” as we listen to those 24 notes that touch our hearts, we complete a circle started with the lighting of a candle and say to these sons and daughters of Tarleton:

Your flame has burned brightly with those of this great brotherhood and sisterhood. Tonight we remember you and lay your flame to rest.

-- President Dottavio
The Silver Taps Ceremony
honoring faculty, staff, students and alumni who have passed away during the previous year.

Kurt Ackermann
John Allen
Mary Barnhill
Kitty Barry
Albert Beaty
Trula Bentley
Winston Blacklock
Sammy Bownds
Hugh Boyd, Jr.
David Bridges
Hazel Marguerite Buckley
John “Jake” Cartwright
Eddie Cashion
Gary Chandler
Joseph Cipriano
William “Bill” Clark
Joe Coffman
Robert Cook
George Cook, Sr.
Jan Coquat
Nita Dansby
Harry Davis
Sandra Duckett
Dewey Edwards
Braden Estes
Harold Everson
Lottie Evertson
Celeste Mary Farmer
William “Bill” Ferguson
Joe Frey
Dr. Edward Fulton
Dorothy Garrett
Denette Gilmore
Helen Glasgow
Lillie Gordon
Aletha Grace
Mary Jane Guerra
Polly Hansen
Sue Hasselbeck
Robert Henthorne
Robert Herrington
Mildred Hewlett
Samuel Hill
Naomi Hilley
Janice Hilliard
Patsy Horton
Novellene “Novie” Horton-Porter
Helen Huber
Elizabeth Anne Huebner
Leland Huffman
Patty Johnson
Carol Keller
Dan Kruger
Phil Landers
Howard Lock
Lawanda Long
Johnny Luttrell
Janice Maberry
Colonel Bea Marin
Kenneth Mayo
Hal McAfee
Donald McCleskey
Dr. James Miller
Jerry Miller
Edward Miller
Wilma Jean Minnix
Doyce Mitchell
Lafrieda Mock
Arthur Nelson
Michael Neville
Lee Nisbet
Billy Norton
Mickey Ruth Patton
David Peters
Edwin Pettitt, Jr.
Donna Priest
Gerald Proctor
Freda Reed
John Reisch
George Roath
Carroll Robertson
Helena Robison
William “Bill” Rogers
Ernestine Runyon
Wade Runyon
Terry Rusher
Eva Sales
Archie Scott
Marie Shaddox
Phillip Shewmake
Thomas Shuford
Arthur Smith
Charles Smith
Hazel Smith
Raymond Smith
Jerome Sorenson, Jr.
John Spotts
Holly Stephen
Linda Stone
L. Renee Stone
James Strawner
Selbert Strickland
Faye Summers
Loma Swaim
Joe Templeton
Robert Thornton
Bobby Tidwell
Wyatt Trigg
John Tucker, Jr.

James Walker
Mary Kathleen Watkins
Marie Wells
Lance Whitacre
Gertrude Whitman
Clifton Wilkins
Dr. Thomas Williams
C.M. Wyatt, Jr.

Dr. Charles Yantis
Geoffrey “Geoff” Young
Ryan Young
Jerry Yowell
Excerpt from the Proclamation

Tarleton State University has historically taken pride in being a warm, friendly, and caring community. Our administration, faculty, and staff traditionally focus on our students’ success and instill in our graduates a spirit that will distinguish them in their communities and careers in the years to come. As we recognize that our students are part of our academic community, they are additionally part of our workforce community.

In appreciation of this service, I, Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, President of Tarleton State University, proclaim the week of April 13-17, 2009 as Student Worker Appreciation Week.

After the proclamation was signed, student workers, their managers, and Dr. Dottavio celebrating with cookies and lemonade packed the Administration Building lobby and gathered outside.
Annual Service Award BBQ

honoring the faculty and staff who have served Tarleton through the years.

BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, ice cream and cookies – what more could anyone ask for on a beautiful April evening!

Dr. Lisette Dottavio enjoys visiting with everyone, exchanging news, and meeting faculty and staff spouses and their children.

Dr. Rick Richardson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, celebrates his first BBQ after joining the Tarleton family on April 1.
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Honor Roll

40 YEARS OF SERVICE
Tommy Barker, Professor and Department Head – Engineering Technology
Don Zelman, Professor of Social Sciences

35 YEARS OF SERVICE
• John S. Calahan, Jr., Professor and Department Head – Biology
• Dan Dudley, Assistant Professor Management, Marketing & Administrative Systems
• (James) Ted Ford, Associate Professor Agricultural Services and Development
• Joe W. Gillespie, Professor of Health & Physical Education
• Linda F. McQueary, Administrative Assistant V College of Agriculture & Human Sciences

30 YEARS OF SERVICE
• Elaine Evans, Department Head and Associate Professor of Nursing
• Sharon Haynes, Administrative Services Coordinator Enrollment Management
• Billy R. Kirkland, Associate Professor Management, Marketing & Administrative Systems
• Patricia Zelman, Professor of Social Sciences

25 YEARS OF SERVICE
• Craig Clifford, Professor of Social Sciences
• Frank Ewell, Professor of Agribusiness, Agronomy, Horticulture & Range Management
• Cathy Hare, Library References Specialist
• Chao Liu, Associate Professor Accounting, Finance & Economics
• Frank Manzaneres, Physical Facilities Environmental Services Utility Worker
• Donna Savage, University Librarian
• J. Steven Simpson, Professor of Health and Physical Education
The All-Purple Award was established by Dr. Barry Thompson in 1989. It recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding support of the Tarleton Athletics Program and the Texans and TexAnns. Through their hard work and volunteerism, and/or by their financial contributions, these recipients have demonstrated their unwavering loyalty to the Tarleton. Tonight’s recipients of the All Purple Award have shown exceptional support and dedication to Tarleton athletics. They join an elite group as our circle of loyal “purple” friends continues to grow. These passionate supporters of the Purple and White become our 39th, 40th, and 41st and 42nd honorees.