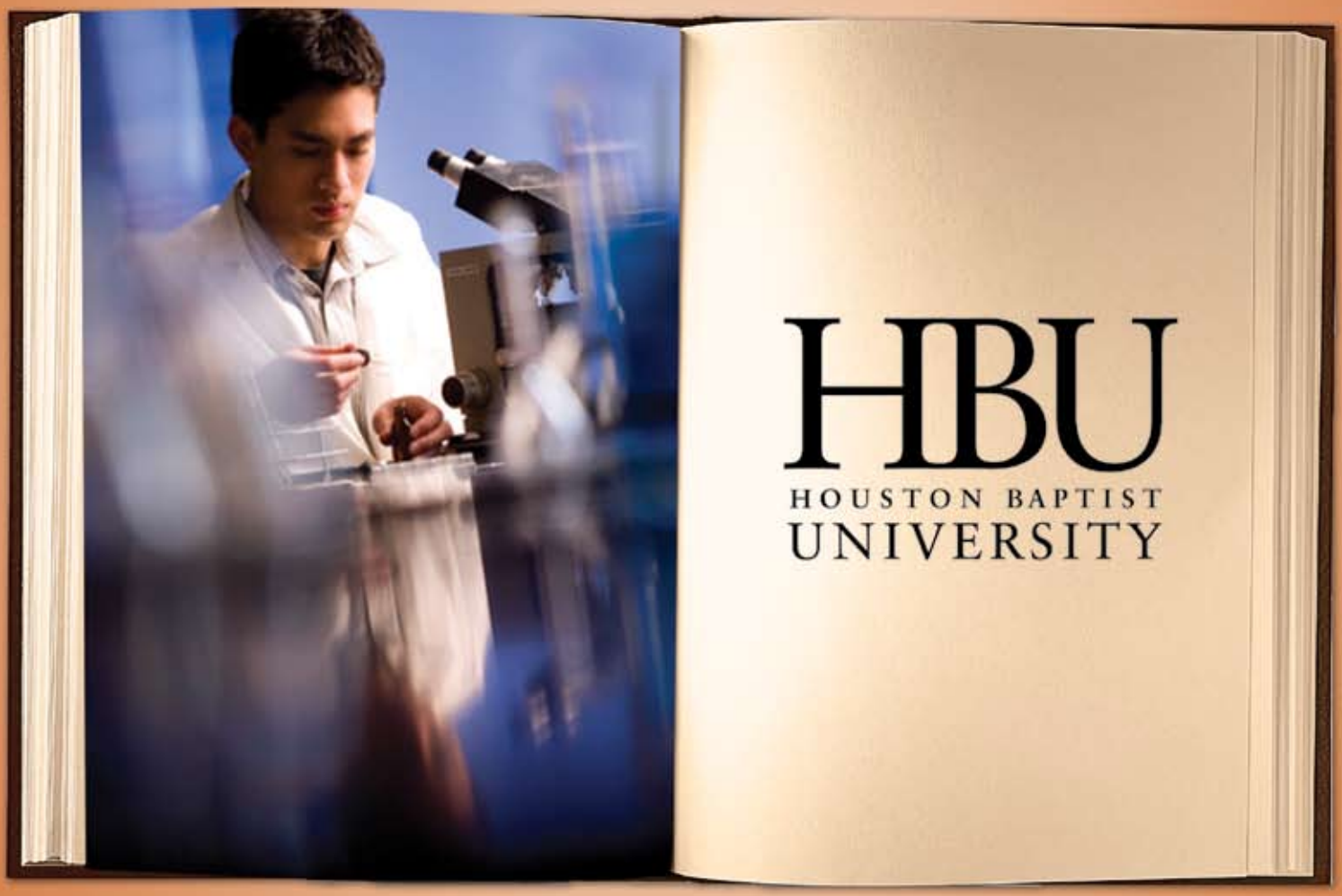
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Summer 2006



Write your own story.

From the PRESIDENT



Summer signifies many things on a college campus. It's the end of a successful year. Or, it's the beginning of an even better year ahead. And, that is particularly true this summer for Sadie and me.

When I announced in January that we would be leaving HBU this summer to begin a new life chapter, we knew it would be bittersweet ... the joy of looking forward to our time together in the Hill Country alongside the handshakes and hugs of saying good-bye to so many special friends and to Houston Baptist University. But, of course, the road from the HBU campus to our new home in Boerne has already been well traveled and the distance is short. We'll never really say good-bye ... just a fond farewell.

So every event this spring has taken on special significance to me and, as you'll read in this issue of the *NEWS*, much has happened on campus. When we finalized our marketing campaign it seemed "Write your own story" was the perfect fit ... especially for Sadie and me as we step into new projects and ventures. But then, that's the success of a marketing tagline. When you read it, it seems to speak directly and individually to you. That's exactly why "Write your own story" is ideal for HBU. It recognizes that each of us has a unique, one of a kind story to tell based on our gifts and talents, and our personal faith.

At HBU the stories are inspiring and they are your stories! As President these past 19 years, I've been able to speak with prospective HBU students and their parents, and then watch those students during their time on campus. I've attended events from musical performances to athletic competitions, I've watched them running late to class, and I've been invited to their weddings, complete with orange and blue grooms' cakes. Certainly, shaking hands and offering congratulations at Commencement has been one of the most joyous events.

All of the experiences are rewarding even though most are not as public and emotional as graduation. I've visited the offices of alumni who are in their first jobs, I've watched them come back and support their alma mater, and I've been introduced to their children, future Huskies. These are the benefits of the relationships we build together — students, faculty, staff, trustees, friends and the community. You are each writing pages in the HBU story and your stories are inspiring.

It was an honor for Sadie and me to visit with so many of you at the retirement reception hosted by the Board of Trustees. While there is never enough time to share with friends, it was truly a delight to be presented with a book of letters. This is the ultimate gift for a lifetime. Reading your letters, the personal notes, the words of encouragement, a few poems and even a puzzle has touched our hearts and made us cognizant of being a part of your life story through HBU. The impact that HBU has had on so many has truly been a blessing.

This summer we will be celebrating the construction of the Cultural Arts Center, a blessing for this University thanks to the generosity of special trustees, alumni, friends and community donors. This building signifies a new phase for the campus just as the presidential transition will be a time of new opportunities. Both will build on the foundation of this institution's history. The Presidential Search Committee has been steadfast in their commitment to the University and to its future leadership. I look forward to great days ahead for HBU.

It has been a privilege to serve you these past 19 years. My greatest joy is in knowing that God's presence has and will be felt every day on this campus. My desire for each of you is that you will live for tomorrow by what you are doing today. At Commencement in May, I reminded the graduates that faith is about our past and current fellowship with Him, while hope is for our future. I know that through faith and fellowship with God we will walk down the path of eternal victory, and that is my hope for you.



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Write your own story

For anyone who has ever read a book that you simply cannot put down. For anyone who has ever heard a story that changed the way you look at your life. For anyone who has ever read something that inspired you to want to make a difference.

You will understand the spirit of HBU.

Thus begins the introduction to the University's new integrated marketing campaign. The story of HBU is a wonderful one, rich with characters, and always with another page to turn. If you have a story you would like to share, send it to hbunews@hbu.edu.

Founded in 1960, Houston Baptist University, a Texas Baptist institution, is a coeducational, independent university with a growing national reputation for offering academic excellence through more than 40 undergraduate and 9 graduate programs. HBU has been ranked in the top tier among the "Best Universities" offering master's degrees in the Western region by U.S.News & World Report in its America's Best Colleges for 2006 edition.

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HBU Unveils New

When it comes to creating a new marketing campaign, you start with the basics. What defines you? If you could only share one thought with those you want to attract, what would that thought be?

For HBU, updating the integrated marketing campaign began with the basics. And with the help of Fogarty Klein Monroe (FKM), one of the largest and most successful advertising firms in Houston, and Stamats, a nationally-recognized higher education marketing research firm, HBU is proudly unveiling the University's new look, based on one simple phase — "Write your own story."

Building on information collected from surveys and a variety of focus groups, the campaign began to evolve. The emphasis is on the individual which affirms the millennial generation trait of "You can be anything you want to be!" Within the desire for empowerment is a need for individualization. It allows for the discovery of who you are ... academically, spiritually and personally.

"What we found in talking with our focus groups, whether they were alumni, current students, prospective students, parents, or friends of the University, was one recurrent theme," said Sharon Saunders, vice president of marketing. "Over and over again we heard how HBU had helped to shape lives. Maybe it was through the relationships that our students are able to enjoy with faculty due to the nature of HBU. Or maybe it was how our alumni were able to take what they learned here and build a successful career. Ultimately it became their personal story, which evolved into 'Write your own story.' We hope that is what we empower our students to do every day."

The new campaign will be reflected in a variety of integrated efforts, beginning with a refreshed look for the University logo. The logo places the emphasis on the word University – building on the academic opportunities offered.

New recruiting materials are in the development phase featuring current students, alumni and faculty who are writing their own stories. This theme will continue throughout a major revision of the University Web site, also underway.

In the Houston market, a new series of advertisements will begin appearing in area publications and in broadcasts, sharing the stories of successful students and alumni. Even the University's billboard campaign will take on a new look.

"We've gone with a black and white look for many years. because of the impact it offers," said Saunders. "Now we're focusing on the faces of our

"Write your own story" Hits Airwaves



Interim Dean of the College of Business and Economics Rita Tauer MS '85, remembers clearly the first time she heard "Write your own story" on the radio.

"The first ad I heard featured Russell Bentley. I was so proud to hear one of the MBA alumni touting the benefits of our program on the radio. I found myself wanting to push 'replay' to hear it again. We have so many successful alums we could go on and on and on!"

The 15-second radio commercials began airing primarily on Clear Channel stations in the Houston market in April. Tauer feels that the radio spots have already had an exciting impact on the program. That impact is important, with the fierce competition currently in the Houston MBA market. There are more than 30 on-site and 60 on-line MBA programs currently competing for students in the Houston area.

The MBA program worked with Gelb Consulting in late 2005 to better define its marketable attributes in relation to its closest competitors. One of the recommendations out of that study was the reinstitution of Saturday classes. Those classes will begin in the fall, and radio is the best avenue to inform the public of the new class schedule.

"I have had students from all over campus stop in my office and tell me how exciting it is to hear HBU on the radio," said Tauer. "I have been in touch with the MBA alums who have recorded the ads and they report the personal response is great fun. Their friends and colleagues from years ago have suddenly been in touch, reporting they heard them on the radio and asking about our MBA program. These new ads are definitely reaching the Houston audience and the HBU MBA program inquiries reflect a new interest."

The radio spots have featured MBA alumni, including Russell Bentley MBA '97, co-owner of Gayla Bentley Fashion Design Group, a highly successful fashion company which has been featured prominently in the *Houston Chronicle* and other publications in recent weeks; Andy Sharp MBA '03, a financial advisor for UBS Financial Services; and Olga Yurick MBA '04, information systems manager.

HBU's radio presence will expand in coming months to include spots featuring Houston television personality Ron Stone MLA '94, talking about the Master of Liberal Arts program, and a series on undergraduate admissions featuring current students and recent graduates.

The ads are playing primarily on Clear Channel radio stations such as KTRH, KBME, KPRC, KKRW, KTBZ, KHMX, KODA, and KLOL. They can also be heard via the HBU website at *www.hbu.edu*.

Marketing Campaign

University family to personalize their stories. This campaign will highlight their accomplishments and speak to the benefits of an HBU experience."

Professors have already begun to use the new theme in their classrooms. Assistant Professor in business, College of Business and Economics, Kellye Brooks used the 'Write your own story' theme in her spring Pathways to Professions class, which helps students prepare for life after graduation.

Saunders hopes that the new campaign will help prospective students think about their own life stories ... where they want to go in their careers and instill pride in the University family. "We are honored by those who choose to develop their stories here. We are thrilled when alumni share how HBU has changed lives. That's what our University embodies – thousands of individual stories, coming together to make a difference!"



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Logos Tell the Story

The HBU logo has been updated to strengthen a bold and recognizable visual identity for the campus. Building on the name recognition of past campaigns, the current campaign tagline "Write your own story," will speak to individual accomplishments as well as outcomes of the University.

HBU Logo - 2006

HBU
HOUSTON BAPTIST
UNIVERSITY

HBU Logo - 2002

Houston Baptist University
HBU
Houston's *Blessed* University

HBU Logo - 1989

HOUSTON
BAPTIST
UNIVERSITY



RUSSELL BENTLEY MBA '97

From Fossils to Fashion: MBA Leads to New Career

— *by Sarah Conn BA '06*

In recent weeks, Houstonians have heard Russell Bentley's voice on the radio sharing the benefits of the University's MBA program and encouraging others to 'write their own story.' Now, as another famous radio voice would say, here's the rest of the story ...

Imagine walking into the office of a man who has been in the oil industry for nearly three decades. Do you see maps, pictures of oil rigs from across the world, and multiple flowcharts? Try a pair of big, red lips and a mannequin adorned in beautiful designer clothing. Yes, sometimes life can take surprising turns. For example, meet Russell Bentley, a former petroleum engineer turned CEO of a prosperous women's apparel company.

The lips and clothing are only a tiny taste of what the Houston-based showroom of Gayla Bentley Fashion Design Group has to offer its guests. Russell and his wife, Gayla, have competitively staked their claim in the "women with curves" multi-billion dollar industry, and now market three different collections for misses and women's sizes 6-28 that "celebrate femininity regardless of size."

The company is growing quickly. The collection is available via *www.NeimanMarcus.com* and is currently preparing to make its debut in other retail stores such as Dillards and Bloomingdales. And while such growth is exciting and challenging, Russell remains steadfast upon his relationship with God, as well as the education he received from HBU, to keep him moving in the right direction.

Before Russell and Gayla established their company, the two of them led very opposite lives. Russell traveled the globe in his work in the oil exploration business, and Gayla used her knowledge and years of experience in fashion to start her own business taking women to Paris on specialty style tours. However, they longed to do something together, despite the vast differences in their areas of expertise.

> "HBU nurtured the entrepreneurial spirit within me and helped me break through a perceived glass ceiling that I had about my abilities."
>
> — Russell Bentley

"It just made more sense for me to go into fashion than for her to go into oil," Russell said, then he sheepishly added, "Even though she did throw out all of my old clothes ..."

Gayla said when it came down to the two of them working together in the fashion industry, instead of her dragging Russell kicking and screaming, he was the one that surprisingly pushed both of them beyond all expectations.


GAYLA BENTLEY
HOUSTON · PARIS



"Our program emphasizes strong admissions standards, real-world experiences and expert faculty ..." —Rita Tauer

"I would always come home from my style tours in Paris and announce that there were no clothes for women with curves," Gayla said. "That's when he would tell me I should start designing them, and he just kept on encouraging and pushing me until I finally went for it."

Gayla said that once they began working toward the same goal, their individual strengths began to combine and grow even stronger.

"He is financial and technical and I am more design and marketing oriented," Gayla said. "Thankfully we respect and complement each other's qualities, so it seemed like a good idea to merge them and start our own business."

Around the same time that the couple began discussing their dream company, Russell began the MBA program at HBU, where he said he gained much more than a master's degree. "HBU nurtured the entrepreneurial spirit within me and helped me break through a perceived glass ceiling that I had about my abilities," Russell said.

In fact he even convinced some of his fellow students to work on projects involving the fashion industry when they would break up into teams during the MBA program. One of the most beneficial results of this teamwork was a book proposal for marketing. Besides the fact that the group received an 'A' on the project, a few years later Russell met with a publisher in New York and they turned the book into a pocket-size version that could fit into a purse — kind of like a guide to women's fashion. Although this project is still in the works, Russell proudly keeps a copy in his desk.

Another source of satisfaction he received from his time at HBU was the Christian element in his education. Russell said that he and Gayla are both extremely driven by faith and they loved the fact that HBU was Christian-based.

Despite the transition from petroleum engineering to CEO, Russell felt well prepared by the MBA program at HBU.

"Pretty much every subject you study while getting an MBA at HBU turns into a 'hat' you have to wear, whether it be accounting, marketing, statistics, or even business ethics," Russell said.

Rita Tauer MS '85, interim dean of the College of Business and Economics, has known Russell since he first arrived at the University in September 1995. Tauer said that it isn't uncommon for MBA alums to graduate from HBU and start successful businesses as Russell did. In fact, Tauer said she did a little investigating to discover what aspect of the program inspired such entrepreneurship.

"Russell said it was the confidence that he gained from the overall program, in addition to the skills, that made the impact," Tauer said.

Tauer encourages anyone interested in obtaining a master's degree to "do their homework." She said that an MBA can be fairly generic nowadays, therefore it is important to do the research on various programs in order to ensure that you gain what you are looking for.

"The difference has to be in the quality," Tauer said. "Our program emphasizes strong admissions standards, real-world experiences and expert faculty."

Tauer also said that she is very proud of Russell, and grateful for his friendly and genuine nature.

"Russell knows no strangers," Tauer said. "His personality is such that when you first meet him you feel as though you have known him all your life. Not many folks have the ability to fit in so easily and quickly."

Yes, at the end of the day Russell Bentley is not your typical CEO. However, aside from the big, red lips that adorn his office walls, he has proven that determination and hard work will pay off — no matter what surprises life has in store. Surely no pun was intended when Russell summed it all up and said, "Basically everything I learned at HBU has come into use in one form or fashion."

DR. JAMES STERLING BS '78

A 'Gold Medal' Experience

— *by Sarah Conn BA '06*

If you had told James Sterling some 20 years ago that he would be the head physician for the United States in the 2006 Winter Olympic Games, he would have laughed and said, "Yeah, right."



Then again, he was just finishing his undergraduate degree in chemistry and biology at Houston Baptist University and preparing himself for medical school. He had no idea that his expertise would land him in Torino, Italy, patching up world-class athletes or sending him off to meet the President at the White House.



"I think if you can truly help somebody, in any profession, that's what will keep motivating you at the end of every day."

—Dr. James Sterling

Sterling admits, "I've done more than I ever dreamed I was going to do." Before all of the worldwide travel and recognition, Sterling was a dedicated college student who simply desired to become a doctor in order to help others.

"I always wanted to help people in any way I could," said Sterling. "I think if you can truly help somebody, in any profession, that's what will keep motivating you at the end of every day."

Although he began his college education at Texas A&M, Sterling transferred to HBU because he felt the professors were more interested in the students and the students were more serious about getting into medical school. Following his graduation from the University, Sterling went back to Texas A&M to earn his master's degree in exercise science and then completed medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Because of his love of sports and working with athletes, it only seemed natural when Sterling submitted a volunteer application to work with the Olympics in 1987.

Seven years later, Sterling began medical team training in Colorado Springs at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Since then he has served as physician for the 1996 Paralympics team in Atlanta and for the 1998 Winter Olympic team in Japan. Later, Sterling was named the head physician for the 2000 U.S. Paralympic team in Sydney, Australia. At that point, he believed his career with the Olympics had reached a plateau.

"It's a volunteer program, which means if you perform well then you will receive propositions to do more things," said Sterling. "So once you're the head physician for the Olympics, I figured you were put out to pasture because so many other people would want the opportunity."



Dr. Sterling with Jofa Gallagher of the U.S. Olympic Committee.



Dr. Sterling enjoyed the opening ceremonies in Italy during the 2006 winter games.



Dr. Sterling, Olympic figure skater Michelle Kwan and Britta Ottoboni, athletic trainer for figure skating

He was shocked when he got a letter asking him to serve again during the 2006 Winter games. It was certainly a different setting from his current career as a sports medicine and spine specialist in Dallas. However, Sterling embraced the five-week 'vacation,' left his two beloved dogs at home, and set off to do what he loved.

Although one may assume that witnessing the crisp, fresh air and magnificent Alps in Italy doesn't sound half bad for a day's work, the scenery was the last thing on Sterling's mind. The 2006 Winter Olympics was 16 days filled with nearly 2,500 athletes from 85 countries competing in 15 disciplines.

"It's all work 95% of the time," said Sterling. "We were not there to sight-see; we were there to help the athletes."

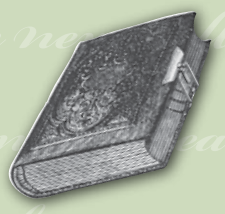
True to his word, Sterling worked anywhere from 16-18 hours a day at the clinic with few to no breaks, only leaving for quick meals at the village. As head physician, Sterling was charged with overseeing medical personnel and athletic trainers for the U.S. Olympic team. He was responsible for about 100 staff members and more than 200 athletes competing in sports such as alpine skiing, bobsled, ski jumping and snowboarding.

Sterling said he still depends on the fundamental values instilled in him by his professors and friends at HBU. He even applies the small, family environment and its accompanying values that he gained to his medical practice.

"HBU has been able to keep it real and small, and they have always done the right thing for students," said Sterling. "You may not see it until you're much older, but it's the right thing."

"When you turn a page, remember that there is always something to be written on the other side."

— Dr. E.D. Hodo, President



New Chapters Begin as Faculty Members Retire

Write your own story.

Dr. Brooke Tucker, professor, history; chair, Department of History and Political Science

"Her integration of her Christian faith with her occupational calling has been an inspiration."



At a very early age with her innate love of history, Dr. Brooke Tucker, professor in history and chair of the Department of History and Political Science, was already headed toward the career path she would ultimately choose. At the age of 12, she had already determined her chosen career. It happened when she was reading a British history book and consequently unearthed a genuine passion.

"I knew I wanted to teach history and work with people through the realm of ideas," said Tucker. "I just never knew I would love it so much."

Now, after nearly three and a half decades of service to the University, Tucker has retired. However, she has left behind a remarkable history of her own. Among her contributions to the history and political science department, Tucker used her talents to restructure the curriculum to be more rigorous and global in scope. As chair of the department for the past 20 years, she has been instrumental in the addition of various non-western history courses such as *History of China, History of Africa*, and *Modern Vietnam*. Tucker also helped strengthen the history major to include 34 hours instead of the previous 25. Above all, she has consciously endeavored to ensure that students understand that the study of history and political science will benefit them in a variety of ways.

"The knowledge of history will produce enlightened citizenship, contribute to cultural literacy, enrich their lives and broaden their world-view," said Tucker. "In addition, a study of history offers students an opportunity to view the operative hand of God in the broad sweep of time."

Friend and colleague, Dr. Michael Bordelon, professor in political science, described Tucker as an extraordinarily fine teacher who was totally dedicated to her profession.

"Her complete commitment to her profession has been an inspiration to me and to everybody else in the department as well," said Bordelon. "Her integration of her Christian faith with her occupational calling has also been an inspiration."

Tucker has received several significant honors while at the University, each further justifying that her love of teaching and passion for history did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. She won the Opal Goolsby Teaching Award three times, along with Faculty Woman of the Year, and she was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America and Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Perhaps no honor means as much to Tucker as the accolades of her students. Becca Voholetz BA '06 credits Tucker with her selection of a history major. "Her lectures were full of facts and interesting information. She not only provided the information on what happened, but gave explanations on the backgrounds of different individuals to help her students analyze their actions so they could understand why individuals acted in certain ways. Everything she said was worth writing down, and anything extra she mentioned was to assist in her students' understanding of a certain portion of history."

Tucker's service to the University also included her involvement on several committees, including vice chair of the Institutional Evaluation Committee and as faculty sponsor for the Student Senate. Tucker was also a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society, and Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society.

Upon announcing her retirement from the University, Tucker said she will miss her students and the wonderful associations and friendships that she made with members of the HBU family the most.

"I have always considered the opportunity to teach at HBU to be one of God's richest blessings in my life."

—SC

Dr. Martha Maddox MAP '89, associate professor, psychology

"Students love her; they will take her classes even if they don't need them to graduate, just because she's teaching"



A young boy extends an empty bowl, a little girl prays while caressing a rosary, and an old man with a long, white beard stares at her while she sits at her desk. Around these three people are many other solemn faces representing every race, age and social class the world has to offer. Yet despite their differences, all the people in the painting say the same thing each time she looks up and reads: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Dr. Martha Maddox, associate professor in psychology, smiles at the Norman Rockwell print in her office and explains her credo's significance throughout her years of teaching.

"I have always tried extremely hard to have an open door policy and a mentoring relationship with all my students," said Maddox. "Those two things are of utmost importance to me, and in the midst of differences, this print reminds me that it is the love of God binding us all together that makes it possible."

Now that Maddox is retiring, the Norman Rockwell print will inspire her in a different setting. However, her impact on the University and students will remain.

Friend and colleague, Dr. Ann Owen, professor in psychology and sociology, said Maddox is an outstanding professor who teaches from the heart and impacts students on a deep and lasting level.

"Students love her; they will take her classes even if they don't need them to graduate, just because she's teaching," said Owen.

While at HBU, Maddox has taught a wide range of courses, from *Human Growth and Development* to *Abnormal Psychology*. Her special interests within her field include childhood disorders, depression in women, bipolar disorder and grief and loss processes.

Sheree Burnett BA '06, said she will miss Maddox's fun, positive attitude and the way she revealed her values through teaching.

"She always used her experiences as a mother and grandmother as examples to help us better understand concepts of psychology," said Burnett.

Among her many accomplishments, Maddox has been the recipient of the Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching Award, the Piper Professor Award, the Faculty Woman of the Year Award and several other distinguished honors. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Greater Houston and facilitates weekly DBSA support groups.

Following retirement, Maddox will continue her involvement with the DBSA, and become a member of the Board of Directors for The Gathering Place, an organization that provides social and occupational support for people with mental illness. Staying true to her multi-tasking nature, she is also looking forward to visiting Japan with her husband, spending time with her four grandchildren, and hiking at every national park she can find.

—SC

Dr. Dorothy Mae Johnson, associate professor, nursing

"Dr. Johnson is a kind, compassionate individual who always wears a smile and knows the full meaning of the words encouragement and empowerment."

Sharing her love of children and their families with students was something that Dr. Dorothy Mae Johnson, associate professor in nursing, felt was an important teaching focus. After teaching at HBU for three and half years Johnson has announced her retirement from the University. Her courses taught included *Care of Families, Epidemiological Perspectives for Nurses, Professional Issues* and *Nursing Management and Health Care Administration for Nurses*. She has also served as the chair for the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee within the College of Nursing.

Johnson received her bachelor of science in nursing, master's in maternal child nursing, and doctorate in family studies all from Texas Woman's University in Dallas. Her nursing career includes 25 years at Texas Children's Hospital.



"Dr. Johnson is a kind, compassionate individual who always wears a smile and knows the full meaning of the words encouragement and empowerment," said Dean of the College of Nursing Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72. "She imparted these strengths to students and her colleagues. Students described her as teaching from a holistic perspective because she always showed how much she cared about them personally as well as professionally."

Dr. Yuill also praised Johnson's commitment to her students' success. "Dr. Johnson was committed to a high standard of excellence. She gave the students the courage to meet those standards and supported them to that end."

—SH

Students Take the URBAN PLUNGE

This spring break, while some students returned home for some well-deserved time away from school, two groups of HBU students were busy lending a helping hand to others. While one group traveled to Nicaragua to return to the task of building water wells for a village in need, a second group traveled into the heart of Houston to minister to the homeless through the Urban Plunge Missions Learning Opportunity.

Freshman Rachel O'Shields shared some of her reflections from her trip.

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"Words cannot even begin to sum up my experience this past spring break. It is equally amazing and horrifying how someone can live in a city for 19 years and be so removed from the lives of the homeless. I have always tried to abide by Christ's principles in all aspects of my life and I guess the homeless population was always somewhat in the back of my mind, but I never considered them to be very high on my priority list. In the *New Testament*, Christ tells us that the greatest commandment is to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.' He did not say 'Stay in your comfort zone and love your fellow affluent neighbors as yourself because it is easier.' Instead He calls us to a life of servitude and 'feeding His sheep.' I learned what it was like to live like Jesus in regard to the poor. I became acquainted with God's huge heart for the poverty-stricken and also realized how we are to treat those less fortunate.



We visited a variety of shelters and food service centers and I learned something about God's heart for the poor from each. From places where we dealt strictly with the poor and homeless, such as Crossroads, the Waystation, and Bread of Life, I saw first-hand the faces of those who are living on a very meager income if they have one at all. It is one thing to read statistics and hear about the homeless, but it is completely different to look into the eyes of a man or woman who goes day to day without knowing where their next meal will come from. At these service stations I realized that the homeless are not a race of outsiders or any different from me. These people are mothers, fathers, children, siblings, and most importantly, children of God, just like everyone else. In order to be a follower of Jesus in this situation we must love them as God loves us.

At places like Sheltering Arms and Clayton Homes, Christ showed me a glimpse of what true love and affection looks like and the impact it has on the lives of others. The genuine honesty of both children and the elderly make it easy to see how much simply spending time with someone can impact their life. At both of these places I realized how big an impact we can make by giving someone our undivided attention. By listening to an elderly woman tell you about her family or playing Frisbee with a child, I realized that these simple acts have huge impacts beyond our comprehension. I know that to be a follower of Christ it doesn't take a special skill or training; by giving someone your time and love, people are touched and lives are affected."

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A Milestone Graduation



It was a family affair for Jacqueline Horn BA '06 and her mother Dr. Jacqueline Horn, professor in chemistry. Not pictured is son Gary Horn BS '06 who also graduated.



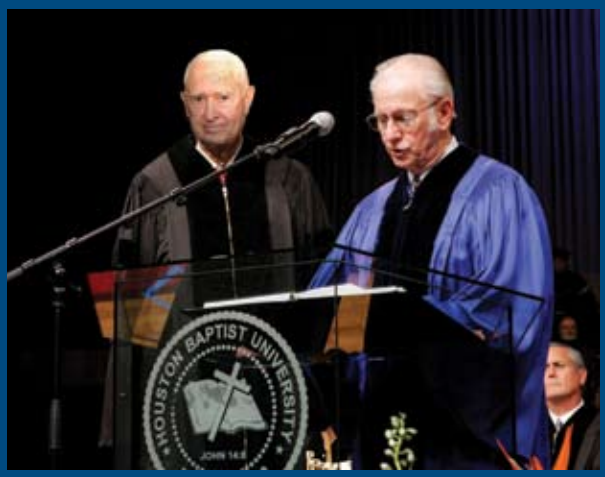
President Hodo presents Dr. Allene Lucas, former HBU Trustee, with her degree citation.

Saturday, May 20, marked a milestone not only for graduates but for President Hodo as 166 graduates crossed the stage to receive diplomas and join the ranks of more than 14,000 HBU alumni.

The event was bittersweet for Hodo, who has often remarked that his favorite part of the job is watching graduates cross the stage. He urged graduates to remember the words of Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." He reminded the graduates that he and his wife, Sadie, like the graduates, were on the brink of a new beginning. "When you turn a page, remember that there is always something to be written on the other side," he said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Don Looser thanked Hodo for "being long on commitment and short on commencement," a reference to Hodo's long-standing commencement speech introduction about the importance of shortening (biscuits and commencement speeches!).

There were several special presentations during the ceremonies. The University conferred the title Distinguished Professor on recently retired Professor of Chemistry Dr. Stephen Wentland. Three honorary degrees, the Doctor of Humane Letters, were presented to Tracy Lawrence, Allene Lucas and Harvey Zinn, for their long-standing support of the University and of the greater Houston community.



Dr. Tracy Lawrence, former HBU Trustee, is recognized by HBU Trustee Karl Kennard.



Dr. Don Looser congratulates Distinguished Professor Dr. Stephen Wentland.



Dr. Harvey Zinn is recognized by HBU Trustee David Stutts BS '82.

Spring Quarter Events

The University played host to a wide variety of important visitors during the spring quarter as convocations, lectures and student events brought leaders from the worlds of business, education, religion and politics to campus.

Woman's Day Celebrated



Honored at Woman's Day were Ashley Hatchett, Leah Rigsby, Evelyn Husband, Alexis Knapp MS '00, and Ashley Nunes.

The accomplishments of women on campus were celebrated during the University's annual Woman's Day sponsored by the Association of Women Students. Evelyn Husband, author of "High Calling: The Life and Faith of Space Shuttle Columbia Commander Rick Husband," was the guest speaker and was honored as the HBU Woman of the Year. Woman of the Year nominations are submitted by the campus community, students, faculty and staff for each class.

Student honorees included Leena Samuel, Senior Woman of the Year; Ashley Hatchett, Junior Woman of the Year; Ashley Nunes, Sophomore Woman of the Year; and Leah Rigsby, Freshman Woman of the Year.

Alexis Knapp MS '00, was named Faculty Woman of the Year. Knapp is an assistant professor in management and the associate dean for undergraduate programs in business in the College of Business and Economics.



Passion Week

Rev. Gregg Matte, senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Houston, spoke at Passion Week Convocation where he was welcomed by Collette Cross (left), University chaplain along with Mac Gervais, junior Christianity & political science major; Will Taylor, junior writing & mass media major, and Sally Tawfik, senior music major.



Convocation

Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley Neeley was invited to speak on campus recently. She was welcomed by President Hodo; Dr. Joseph D. Brown, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Rick Ogden BA '98, assistant vice president of church relations.



Prince-Chavanne Lecture Series

Dr. Richard S. Lytle (center), professor of marketing and dean of the College of Business Administration at Abilene Christian University, was the featured guest speaker at the Prince-Chavanne Distinguished Lecture Series. Welcoming Dr. Lytle to campus were Rita Tauer MS '85 (left), interim dean, College of Business and Economics, and Rusty Brooks (right), professor in marketing and holder of the Prince-Chavanne Chair in Christian Business Ethics.



Ministerial Luncheon

The annual Ministerial Luncheon was held this spring to provide information about the University and to strengthen relationships. HBU Admissions Representatives Josh Flores and Dianne Rincón BBA '04, welcomed guests including Rev. Randy West, The Fellowship of Southlakes; Rev. Gary Blackmon, Crossway Christian Fellowship and HBU trustee.



Leadership Conference

Houston Mayor Bill White was the keynote speaker for the Student Government Association's annual Leadership Conference. The theme of the conference was "exhibiting leadership integrity." White told the approximately 150 students in attendance that one of the keys to leadership is "shaping the lives of others by being a good friend, a good son or daughter, and by reaching out to those who do not have friends."



Brown Lecture Series

The College of Business and Economics welcomed James T. Hackett, Chairman, President and CEO of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, as the guest speaker for the Brown Distinguished Lecture Series. Pictured are James T. Hackett, Alexis Knapp MS '00, associate dean for undergraduate programs in business, and Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla, associate professor in accounting and holder of the Herman Brown Endowed Chair of Business and Economics.



Convocation

It was a reunion when Dr. Jim Denison BA '80 (right), Senior Pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas, returned to campus to speak during Convocation. Joining him were his brother Dr. Mark Denison BA '82 (left), pastor of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, former HBU trustee, and President Hodo.

Collegian Staff Makes the News

When two mass communication professors took seven staff members of *The Collegian*, the University's award winning newspaper, to New York City in March, the results of their trip were destined to be "newsworthy." Dr. Steven Snyder, associate professor in mass communication and chair of the department of communications, joined Dr. Alice Rowlands, professor in mass communication and advisor to the Collegian, in her annual trip escorting students to experience what careers in journalism and mass media both require and offer.

During four full days of conventions, students listened to renowned professionals - such as the editor of *The New York Times* - discuss topics such as photography, headline writing, layout and design and other elements of newswriting. Students also reunited with HBU alumna, Jayna Desai BS '04, editorial assistant for the Associated Press, the largest and oldest news organization in the world. Desai gave them a tour where students saw state-of-the-art amenities and tools available for mass media professionals.

Staying true to its "newsworthy" nature, *The Collegian* also recently received another honor to add to its impressive collection. *The Collegian* staff won sweepstakes in its division in the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Awards (TIPA) Competition. TIPA is the oldest collegiate press association in the nation and has grown to be one of the largest and most respected groups in the country. The students took 27 individual awards, including 10 first place awards, and won sweepstakes for the fourth time in *Collegian* history. Rowlands said such honors are extremely valuable to students who are preparing portfolios for potential employers, as well as careers in mass media.



Visiting the Sports Illustrated offices are Jimmy Fiore, freshman; Tracy Upton, senior; Andrea Legare, senior; Brie Moore, senior; and Kris Bagley, senior.

"It is reaffirming for the students to see their hard work and dedication rewarded in such a significant way," said Rowlands. "These awards also help the mass communication faculty to have a better understanding of how our students' skills and competencies compare to those of other students from colleges and universities across the state."

Club Tennis Enjoys Successful First Season




Sophomores Alison La (top) and Anil Sam

Huskies have a new outlet for personal fitness and a little friendly competition with athletes from other colleges across Texas. Club tennis made its debut this spring quarter with great success.

In March, the HBU team competed at the Texas Regional Tournament at Texas A&M, with 32 colleges and universities represented. HBU was one of only six Texas institutions from the regional tournament that were then invited to participate at the 2006 USA Team Tennis National Campus Championship Tournament held at the University of Texas in Austin in April. This unique, co-ed event offered a national championship for non-varsity club and intramural tennis teams from across the country. A tournament-record 64 teams from 56 schools competed. At each tournament the HBU teams held their own against competitors from all over the country.

"The schools that attended were all at the top of their game, and we could not have asked for a better opportunity to come out onto the courts and compete to our best ability," said sophomore Alison La, a member of the team. "Almost each and every game that we played was neck-to-neck with our competitors — the scores were constantly '40 all' and we were always at a breakpoint."

Currently the club tennis team has 12 members; however, senior Diego Bello who serves as team captain is confident that the team will not only expand but also improve with time. Staff advisor Saleim Kahleh BA '84 said that there are several very competitive players on the team who played tennis either in high school or at other colleges before transferring to HBU.

The season officially begins again in the fall and several tournaments will be taking place here in Houston. For more information on club tennis, intramurals, or other club sports, please contact Kahleh at 281.649.3485.

University Introduces AMA Chapter



HBU recently chartered an American Marketing Association collegiate chapter. Membership in the chapter will provide access to AMA networking events such as lunches, awards ceremonies, special interest education sessions and will provide opportunities for internships and full-time employment. Attending the organization's first meeting are Kellye Brooks, AMA faculty sponsor and assistant professor in business; COBE students Juan Cardenas, vice president of programs; Christi Wulf, vice president of finances; Nayla Raad, president and Jackie Graves, vice president of membership.

Finance Student Honored



Dr. Darlene Serrato, associate professor in COBE; Kendall Cumby BBA '06; James Storfer, FEI Scholarship Committee and Interim Dean Rita Tauer MS '85

Financial Executive International, a preeminent association for chief financial officers and other senior finance executives, and its Scholarship Foundation (FEI) held its 2006 Academic Honors Day Program this spring. The event honored accounting and finance students from southeast Texas with a $2,000 scholarship award, including HBU's honoree, Kendall Cumby BBA '06. The Federal Reserve Bank, Houston Branch hosted the day's activities at its new location. The scholarship recipients, selected faculty from each school and their FEI hosts were treated to a "behind the scenes" tour of the new building.

AED Chapter Named Best Regional Small Chapter



"HBU often places either first or second in activities because we are one of the best chapters in the nation," Dr. Susan Cook, professor of biology and director of pre-professional health programs, said of Alpha Epsilon Delta.

AED, a national Premedical Honor Society, won first place in Region IV for both attendance and activities when they attended the national meeting in St. Louis. This time the chapter brought home two first place rankings for the University and was named the best small chapter in Region IV, consisting of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The University has over 80 members in its AED chapter.

Eight students represented the chapter at the national meeting and spent three days participating in interactive workshops, practicing spinal manipulation and suturing, hearing lectures, and learning about the new computer based MCAT.

Mr. and Miss HBU Named



Edgar Gonzalez and Heather Rowland were named Mr. and Miss HBU during the University's Honors Convocation ceremony. Gonzalez is a chemistry and mathematics senior. Rowland is a biology and Christianity senior. These titles are the highest honor awarded to seniors; they epitomize the ideal HBU student in character, service, leadership and scholarship. Mr. and Miss HBU are elected by their student peers.

MORE THAN NEIGHBORS

University Recognizes Memorial Hermann Partnership

A reception was held May 18 in celebration of the long-time, generous support Memorial Hermann Healthcare System has provided for HBU's College of Nursing. The partnership, which began in 1968, helps to ensure that Houstonians enjoy the highest standard of nursing care. Dr. and Mrs. Hodo hosted the gathering in their home to honor and celebrate an affiliation that spans almost 40 years. Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, dean of the College of Nursing; Dan Wolterman, CEO of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System; and President Hodo attended along with the board of trustees and executive administration for both Memorial Hermann and HBU as well as HBU nursing faculty, staff and students.

"The support from the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System has made it possible to greatly increase the number of faculty with terminal degrees. This level of faculty has led the undergraduate students in learning the research process so



that nursing students participate in the annual Celebration of Scholarship Research Symposium on campus. Students learn the importance of evidence-based practice and how to support practice with research. We greatly appreciate the continued relationship with such a successful and compassionate system," said Dr. Yuill.

Honoring Classroom Heroes

Because HBU values the classroom teachers who play a part in preparing students for college, the University has established a tradition of presenting area Teachers of the Year, recognized by their school districts, with scholarships for additional studies at the University.



FORT BEND ISD

Sharon Saunders, vice president of marketing, presented scholarships to Fort Bend ISD Teacher of the Year honorees Larry Senegal, Bush High School, and Kathryn Hindt, Lexington Creek Elementary School, at the district's annual Teacher of the Year Event in May. HBU also presented scholarships to the district's Rookie of the Year honorees: Chris Erickson, Colony Bend Elementary; Julie Rainosek, Meadows Elementary; Renata Santoro, Settlers Way Elementary; Shannon Mynar, First Colony Middle School; Marina Botros, Dulles High School; and Esther Emenogu, Elkins High School.

2006 CRYSTAL AWARDS



Six Houston area teachers received scholarships at the 2006 Crystal Awards recognizing outstanding teaching presented by the Spring Branch Education Foundation and the *Houston Chronicle*. Pictured left to right are Jan Richardson, Ward Elementary, Clear Creek ISD; Thelma Johnson, Marshall Middle School, Houston ISD; Kathy Duquesnay, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart; Chris Bibler, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal School; Selma Prewitt, Thornwood Elementary, Spring Branch ISD; and Father Joseph B. Leininger, S.J., Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School.

Schola Cantorum - Musical Ambassadors



Dr. John Yarrington (left), chair of choral studies, director of school of music and professor in music, led the Schola Cantorum as conductor.

Schola Cantorum, the smallest yet most prestigious sector of the University's choral family, represents the highest achievement for an undergraduate musician at HBU. The group, comprised of 22 performers, recently had their hard work and talent recognized when they were selected from a seven state region of the American Choral Directors Association to perform a concert for the Southwestern Divisional Convention in St. Louis. They were also invited to participate in the conference worship service during which they performed additional literature and joined two other choirs in anthems.

The group has been keeping busy around Houston as well. They performed as part of a celebration for the chaplains of Memorial Southwest at University Place, and also paid a visit to Sugar Mill Elementary in Sugar Land for their "Music Madness" event where they performed for hundreds of elementary students.

Research Symposium Highlights Student Scholarship

A wide range of interesting research topics and findings were shared at the fourth annual University Research Symposium and Celebration of Scholarship sponsored by the University Research and Developmental Council. Each year the Symposium showcases undergraduate and graduate student scholarly projects from many of the academic disciplines on campus. The projects covered a wide variety of topics that were of interest to the University community. This year's Symposium featured research proposals in biology, nursing, music theory and composition, psychology, physics, scripture and sociology.



Dr. Valerie Bussell, assistant professor in psychology, and Judy Clack, Christianity and psychology senior, discuss some of her findings in her research linking self-esteem in college students with gender, college class status, social involvement, religious attendance and divorce.



John Smith, biology and business senior, and Jose Torres, molecular biology/biochemistry and biology senior, proudly displayed their research on the significance of the MRP-4 gene in understanding cystic fibrosis.



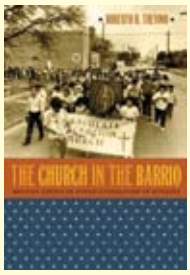
Sarah Upton, a nursing senior, spent time researching parents' perception of stress relief interventions during their child's intensive care unit hospitalization.

Summer Reading Selections from the HBU Family

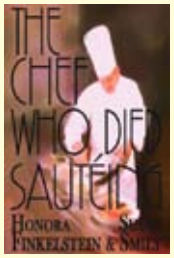
Have you started planning your summer reading list? Would you be interested in reading something engaging and informative this summer? Several members of the HBU family have recently authored books. Check out these titles!



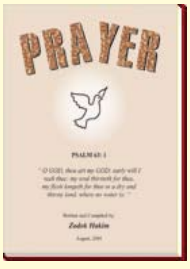
Dr. David Capes, professor in Christianity and chair, department of Christianity and philosophy, has co-authored the book "The Last Eyewitness: The Final Week." The book is the Apostle John's recollection of the last week in the life of Jesus Christ, including 17 dramatic illustrations by Rob Pepper. It combines Scripture, historical essays and art The book is available in the HBU Bookstore.



Roberto Trevino BA '70 has written "The Church in the Barrio: Mexican-American Ethno-Catholicism in Houston," which explores Mexican-American Ethno-Catholicism and addresses how the intertwining of ethnic identity and Catholic faith equipped Mexican Americans in Houston to overcome adversity. The book spans the history of Mexican-American parishes in Houston from their founding in the early 20th century to the rise of the Chicano civil rights movement in the early 1970s.



Honora Finkelstein, a former professor in English and Faculty Woman of the Year in 1979, has written her first novel "The Chef Who Died Sautéing," co-authored with Susan Smily. The book is a mystery with a psychic detective, Ariel Quigley, who talks to ghosts and has precognitive dreams. In the course of the story, Ariel is involved in the death of a famous French chef, a car accident that is no accident and a hurricane. She also has an opportunity to unravel the mystery of the death of a pre-Civil War slave, with assistance from the ghost of the slave herself.



Zadok Hakim, HBU board of trustees member, has written a book entitled "Prayer," which walks Christians through seven weeks of dedicated worship. The main goal of the book is helping Christian believers understand the power of prayer.

REC Team Hits the Road for Summer Fun & Ministry



The REC Team is spending the summer on the road. The REC Team is a group of students who spend nine weeks over the summer ministering to youth camps. The students serving on the two teams are selected by application, recommendations and grade point eligibility.

The 2006 team members include: Jonathan Brink, junior, business and music major; Justin Elder, sophomore, Christianity and psychology major; Melody McClanahan, sophomore, nursing major; Naythan Murrell, freshman, music performance major; Meridith Haynes, sophomore, Christianity and mass communication major; Rachel O'Shields, freshman, mass communication and political science major; Meryl Kemberling, sophomore, business and psychology major; Leah Rigsby, freshman, secondary education and math education major; Chad Legare, sophomore, Christianity and psychology major; Jessica Watson, junior, mathematics and pedagogy major; and leaders Mon'Sher Spencer, senior, music major and Kendra Kufeldt BA '04.

Visit Campus!

If you know a prospective student who might be interested in attending HBU, please encourage them to attend one of these special events planned for Fall 2006.

FALL OPEN HOUSE	FALL PREVIEW
September 28	October 21
(Thursday)	(Saturday)

For more information go to www.hbu.edu/admissions/events.html
To find the admissions representative for your area, visit us online at www.hbu.edu/admissions/reps.html

FBBA Visits Campus



Fort Bend Baptist Academy was among the many groups to visit campus this year. The students took a tour of the campus, experienced a college classroom setting, ate at the Baugh cafeteria, attended a Husky baseball game and received information about the admissions process. Ed Borges (left) director of admissions and Page Butera BA '05, admissions representative, shared the University's new marketing campaign with the students.

Husky Spirit



When Sam Houston High School in Houston ISD held its annual college week, HBU was well-represented. Teacher Michael Denbow BS '04 and Monica Pizaña BS '98 (not pictured), assistant principal, both decorated their doors with full Husky spirit. "This is an important event for Sam Houston High. We want our students to know that they have the opportunity to attend college," said Pizaña.

COUNSELOR LUNCHEONS



The Admissions office hosted counselor luncheons in Austin and Dallas. The luncheons are intended to provide high school counselors with information about HBU and give them a chance to meet the admissions representatives. Among those attending the luncheon in Austin were Page Butera BA '05, HBU admissions representative; Kim Hall, Academy at Hays; Trent Steavenson, Lehman High School; and Carrianne Mance, HBU admissions representative.

BIBLE/BORGES

Admissions Leadership



The Office of Marketing has announced the expanded leadership roles of Sarah Bible, director of recruitment, and Ed Borges, director of admissions, who will assume primary responsibilities for all admission functions.

As director of recruitment, Bible directs the undergraduate territorial efforts of the admissions recruiters along with special events and projects, including such activities as college fairs and statewide travel as well as campus previews, Open House and counselors' luncheons.



As director of admissions, Borges directs all undergraduate and graduate admissions activities including the admission process to the University along with data integration, record processing, and coordination with the Admissions Committee.

Spring Preview



The Admissions office hosted 120 prospective students at Spring Preview. The two-day event provided students, parents and guests an insider's glimpse into life at HBU with sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing and scholarships. Students also got the opportunity to meet with current students and organizations on campus, attend a mock lecture in the area of choice and meet professors and other representatives from all colleges on campus. Enjoying the activities were 2006 freshmen Mariam Namazkar, Marlee Ryder, Michelle Dodd and Brandon Porter.

Scholarship Donors Celebrated

Each year friends of the University and graduating scholarship students gather to celebrate the Endowed Scholarship program. It's a wonderful observance as students share their accomplishments with their donors and oftentimes, family members.

This year, two brunches were held – one to recognize the Endowed Scholarship recipients and their donors, and a second for Endowed Academic Scholarship recipients and their donors. Three new Endowed Scholarships were announced during the luncheons:

Jane Jester '68 and Stephen Andrew Marmion Alumni Endowed Scholarship
Given by Jane and Stephen Marmion, honoring Dr. & Mrs. T.C. Jester and Dr. & Mrs. A.W. Jester

Memorial Hermann Southwest Auxiliary Endowed Scholarship for Nursing
Given by Memorial Hermann Southwest Auxiliary

Juanita and Phyllis Pool Endowed Chair for Nursing
Given by the Estate of Juanita and Phyllis Pool



EAS donors (back row) Dr. Tracy and Lee Lawrence, Otis Brigman; (front row) Merrie Brigman and Nell Smith



Dr. Doris Warren, dean, College of Science and Mathematics with Dr. Barbara Taylor Cox BS '81, 2006 freshman Holly Havard, and Ray Cox BS '81, chair of the board of trustees.



Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, dean, College of Nursing, and President Hodo



Mildred Jester, Jane Jester Marmion BA '68, Stephen Marmion, Sadie Hodo and President Hodo



The ladies of the Memorial Hermann Southwest Auxiliary with Dr. Yuill.



Director of Scholarships Ken Rogers with Dr. Tom Wheeler BS '75. Dr. Wheeler, who welcomed guests to the EAS Luncheon, was the recipient of the Myrtle Day Winter Endowed Academic Scholarship as a student.



HBU Founding Father Dr. Stewart Morris, Jerry Simon, Joan and John Brunsun



A Fond Farewell

Friends of the University joined together with alumni, faculty and staff past and present to honor President Hodo and First Lady Sadie. A special book of appreciation, a compilation of letters from community and business leaders, university presidents, church friends, as well as alumni, current and former faculty and staff, was presented to the couple for their dedicated years of service. Linda Clarke, director of Education and Special Projects for the City of Houston, presented the Hodos with a frame proclamation declaring May 22 as E. D. Hodo Day in Houston. The board of trustees hosted the retirement reception which included a musical tribute by Breanna Richardson BM '05 and JJ Worthen BM '06 with a rendition of "The Prayer."



HBU Trustee Jack Carlson served as emcee for the evening and Dr. Don Looser presented the Hodos with a bound book containing letters of appreciation from across the country.



Barbra and David Lino, HBU Trustee and Helen Anderson BA '68



Judy Martin Elleson, Todd and Sharon Corry, Shirley and Ross Anderson

Silver Tea



Silver Tea chairs Gina Saour and Sharon Corry with Mary Lou Retton-Kelley.

The Guild Goes for Gold

The Guild of Houston Baptist University held its annual Silver Tea at the home of Shannon and Mary Lou Retton-Kelley under the leadership of co-chairs Sharon Corry and Gina Saour.

The spectacular home provided the venue for more than 175 Guild members and friends to gather and support The Guild's philanthropic efforts.

Proceeds from the Silver Tea fund scholarships for career classroom teachers furthering their education by earning their masters of education degree at HBU. The Guild reached their goal for gold celebrating the $1 million mark in the 10-plus year history of the event. To date, The Guild has provided 113 annual and 13 endowed scholarships to career classroom teachers.



Debra Perich and Peg Harman



Grace Gandy and Margaret Gregg



Guild President Allene Lucas visits with President Hodo and Hostess Mary Lou Retton-Kelley.



Dianne Reeves and Anne Pouns



Linda Dunham, Mary Ann Belin and Sherry Smith



Former scholarship recipient Sherry Kitchell and Pat Lassonde.

The Guild
Installation Coffee

The President's Home was the site for the installation of the 2006-07 Guild officers, conducted by Kandy Brittain and Ginny Nelson. Officers for the coming year include Ginny Nelson, president; Shirley Asel, vice president; Anne Roper, secretary; Gina Saour, chaplain; Marinell Grimes, historian; Jane Ann Bickham, treasurer; and Kandy Brittain, parliamentarian. The Coffee was chaired by Caroline Jinks and Dena Williams.



Allene Lucas, 2005-06 Guild president, presented President Hodo with a check symbolizing The Guild's donation to scholarships for classroom teachers. This year's donation brought The Guild's total contributions to over the $1 million mark.



Caroline Jinks, Kandy Brittain and Dena Williams



Shirley Asel, Ginny Nelson and Allene Lucas



The Guild presented First Lady Sadie with a silver tazza, circa 1895, in honor of her service to the organization.

President's Development Council

April's Presidential Luncheon Series featured guest speaker Walter Johnson, chairman of Amegy Bank, N.A., formerly Southwest Bank of Texas, N.A., Houston's largest independent bank. Johnson founded the bank in 1990, after serving as president and chief executive officer of Allied Bank of Texas from 1971 to 1989. The Luncheon Series is hosted by the President's Development Council.



Stewart Morris Jr., Walter Johnson and Jiorgio Borlenghi



Max Crisp, Ray Hankamer and Dr. Bruce Belin, HBU trustee



HBU Founding Father Dr. Stewart Morris, William Morris, Scott Holstead and Joe Sleeth, HBU trustee



Jim Hutton, Ross Anderson and Mike David



Walter Johnson, Yvonne Johnson and President Hodo

PDC Honors Hodos at Spring Dinner

PRESIDENT'S DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The annual President's Development Council Spring Dinner acknowledged member involvement and University support. The PDC also honored President Doug Hodo and First Lady Sadie for their service to the University. Well known artist and alumnus, Carlotta Morris Barker BA '68, was commissioned to create a watercolor of the President's Home on the HBU campus, as a commemorative gift to the Hodos.



President Hodo, First Lady Sadie Hodo and Kay Parker BA '82



Susan Haden, Gina Flores and Bill Flores MBA '85

American Museum Society ... Past, Present and Future

The American Museum Society celebrated the organization's 40th anniversary at the annual Museum Day Luncheon. Society President Sharon Corry, along with event chairs Peg Harman and Gina Saour, recognized past presidents and charter members.

Guest speaker Nina Hendee energetically shared her knowledge and love of Texas history, and guests were also entertained with a special tribute by the musical talents of JJ Worthen BM '06.



PAST PRESIDENTS AND CHARTER MEMBERS:
(front) Camille Hankamer, Johnnie Knight, Margaret Riley, Joella Morris, Margaret Hutton. (back) Grace Gandy, Claudia Moursund, Annette Duggan, Linda Higginbotham, Mattie Stevenson, Joan Cullinane and Lois Shanks



Nina and Edd Hendee



Faculty Promotions

Faculty promotions for the 2006-07 academic year have been announced. They include:

College of Arts and Humanities

DR. ALICE ROWLANDS to Professor in Mass Media

DR. DONI WILSON to Associate Professor in English

College of Business and Economics

KELLYE BROOKS to Assistant Professor in Business

PAT THORNTON to Associate Professor in Business

DR. ALLEN YAN to Associate Professor in Finance

College of Science and Mathematics

DR. ROBERT TOWERY to Associate Professor in Chemistry

DR. RACHEL HOPP to Associate Professor in Biology

Welcome New Employees

JACQUELINE WEST – Administrative Coordinator; *Development*

LAURA HAMILTON – Assistant Registrar/Office Coordinator; *Registrar's Office*

TRICIA POGUE – Assistant Director Development Alumni; *Development*

PARNELL JONES – Police Officer; *Police*

SHYRA BREAUX – Financial Advisor; *Financial Services*

TERESA MILLER – Financial Advisor; *Financial Services*

MISTY JONES – Coach, Women's Soccer; *Athletics*

STEVEN JONES – Coach, Men's Soccer; *Athletics*

ZERA HOLMES – Academic Records Processor; *Registrar's Office*

ALISON CHILDERS – University Counselor, *Enrichment Center/Career Services*

Several representatives from admissions attended the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) held in Corpus Christi, where **Sarah Bible**, director of recruitment, and **Page Butera** BA '05, admissions representative, presented a session on special events.

• **Dr. Martin Bressler**, professor in marketing and entrepreneurship, has been named "Master Professor" by the developers of the Global Business Strategy Game developed for Irwin-McGraw Hill Publishing Company. He was one of nine professors from a group of more than 1,200 from colleges and universities around the world who use this computer simulation game as a learning tool for Strategic Planning. This honor is for individuals showing "outstanding achievement in teaching the concepts and tools of strategic analysis in a manner enabling students to display high-caliber skills in crafting and executing business strategies in a globally competitive market environment."

• **Dr. David Capes**, professor in Christianity, has been awarded the "Tolerance Award" by the Institute for Interfaith Dialog. He was also invited to lecture at Oxford and University of Darby this summer. Capes was also invited to participate in two activities by the U.S. Department of State. In April, he was part of a panel who met with participants in the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Participants represented countries of the Near East and North Africa and included journalists, politicians, and international affairs specialists. They were in the United States to examine the formulation and implementation of US foreign policy, focusing on the role and influence of the President and the executive branch of government, the Congress, the media, think tanks and academia, business, professional associations and advocacy groups. Later that same month, he was invited to be part of a delegation which welcomed five Korean officials to the United States to discuss religious tolerance. • **Colette Cross**, University Chaplain and director of spiritual life, offered the prayer at a public hearing of the Houston City Council in March as she represented HBU, District F (Alief, Sharpstown and Gulfton) and the City of Houston. • **Vicki Ikeler**, admissions and marketing specialist, represented HBU at the Junior Achievement recognition dinner. HBU has been a longtime supporter of Junior Achievement's Scholarship program. • **Dr. Jamie Johns**, associate professor in Christianity and director of the Biblical languages program, will return to Kenya along with his wife, Mimi, and resume teaching at Daystar University, Nairobi over the summer. He will be teaching New Testament theology as well as preaching a full schedule in area churches. Johns also presented an invited paper for the Evangelical Theological Society meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. The title of the paper was "Messianism from the Mess at Qumran." • **Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla**, associate professor in accounting, was recently named to the Herman Brown Endowed Chair of Business and Economics. The Chair, and the activities associated with it, has enriched the academic life of the University and the resources of the Houston business community for more than 20 years. • A recent exhibition by **Melanie A. Leslie**, associate professor in art, entitled "Visual Resonance," has toured several locations in Houston since December. She also completed her 18th year judging school art for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo this year. Leslie was also an adjudicator for Region VI Visual Arts Scholastic Event sponsored by the Texas Art Educators Association, and was invited to sit as an adjudicator at the state finals. Leslie also has three original prints that exhibited at Lessedra Gallery as part of a world print exhibition in Sofia, Bulgaria.

• **Dr. Marie Mater**, associate professor in speech communications, was recently named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. This is the third year in a row that Mater has received this honor. • **Dr. Connie Michalos**, professor of English, Department of Languages, delivered a paper, "The Transcultural Oppression of Women in Possessing the Secret of Joy and The Color Purple by Alice Walker," at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England. • **Dr. Bridgette Pullis**, assistant professor in nursing, successfully defended her dissertation and has received her PhD with a major in health studies from Texas Woman's University. • **Ken Rogers**, director of scholarships, served on the scholarship selection committee for EOG Resources (an oil & gas company whose home office is in Houston). Approximately 150 applications were reviewed with 38 applicants selected for scholarships. Rogers also served on a discussion panel for the national meeting of The CPA Society held at Reliant Stadium where he discussed financial aid from the institutional perspective. • **Dr. Alice Rowlands**, professor in mass communication, recently received her PhD in educational human resource development from Texas A&M University. • **Dr. Brian Runnels** BMEd '81, dean, College of Arts and Humanities, will serve as a reader for the Advanced Placement Exam in Music Theory, a program of the Educational Testing Service. He is also involved with high school and university music teachers from around the country to score exams and has been elected to serve as secretary on the board of the Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences. • **Sharon Saunders**, vice president of marketing, served as moderator at the Public Relations session of the Association of Southern Baptist College and Schools annual conference held in Charleston, South Carolina. • **Ritamarie Tauer** MS '85, interim dean, College of Business and Economics, was an invited judge at the Human Resources IMPACT Awards. The IMPACT Award recognizes HR workgroups that have created significant business value for their organizations. • **Dr. Dawn Wilson** EdD '99, assistant professor in education technology, recently received her Doctorate in Education in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in instructional technology from the University of Houston. • **Dr. Yuri Yatsenko**, associate professor in computer information systems, presented at the 29th Annual Texas Partial Differential Equations Conference hosted by the University of Texas at Arlington. The audience included more than 50 professors from 12 Texas universities, other states, Mexico, and Great Britain. His topic was related to optimal management of capital investment under technological change. Yatsenko has also recently had his monograph "Mathematical Modeling in Economics, Ecology and the Environment" republished in the Chinese publisher Science Press prestigious "Series of Mathematical Masterpieces Abroad." • A group of **faculty, staff and students** attended the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities International Forum in Grapevine. They heard presentations on topics of relevance to Christian higher education. • The **Marketing Department** hosted the Sharpstown Building Bridges Luncheon held on campus. The luncheon, the second of its kind, was initiated by **Cathy Neben** BS '89. The luncheons are designed to bring together various communities within the Sharpstown area to share information and build connections.

Bailey Named Spring Employee of the Quarter



Patti Bailey accepts congratulations from President Hodo.

Patti Bailey, administrative coordinator for marketing, was named the Houston Baptist University Employee of the Spring Quarter.

"Being named Employee of the Quarter took me by complete surprise! It's nice being recognized for doing something that I enjoy," said Bailey. "I was very fortunate to find a job at HBU. I enjoy interacting daily with Sharon Saunders and everyone in the Marketing department."

Her daily duties can range from proofreading the *HBU News* to coordinating activities associated with The Guild. Bailey has been at the University since 1993. Prior to working in the marketing department, she spent four years in the alumni office.

Bailey was born in Tyler and moved to Houston in 1965, shortly after her husband, Tom, graduated from Texas A&M. Bailey completed her BBA degree in 1985 from the University of St. Thomas. The Baileys have been married 44 years and have seven children and 13 grandchildren.

What Do YOU Think?

We're always looking for ways to improve The HBU News, and we want your input! What would you like to see in future issues? How can we make our magazine more interesting? Send your comments and ideas to hbunews@hbu.edu or mail them to HBU News, Marketing and Communications 7502 Fondren Road Houston, TX 77074-3298.

Cottrell Selected to USA Basketball

HBU Basketball Coach Ron Cottrell has been selected to USA Basketball. The announcement was made May 15 at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The USA Basketball Men's Collegiate Committee, chaired by Syracuse University's head coach Jim Boeheim, selected Cottrell, Mike Dunlap of Metropolitan State College, James Jones of Yale University, Scott Gernander of San Jacinto College, Bruce Webber of the University of Illinois and Reggie Witherspoon of the University of Buffalo as court coaches for the 2006 USA Men's U18 National Team Trials.

Cottrell has tallied 336 victories in his 15 seasons as the HBU coach, capturing eight straight Red River Athletic Conference Championships and leading HBU to nine consecutive NAIA Division I National Tournament appearances. He has garnered five Conference Coach of the Year honors and was named Basketball Times NAIA National Coach of the Year after leading his 2002-03 Huskies to a 31-3 record and a No. 1 final national ranking.

"I am very honored to be selected to be a part of USA Basketball," said Cottrell. "It is a dream come true to represent our country with this wonderful organization."

Trials for the USA U18 Team were held June 16-18 in San Antonio, with approximately 25 U.S. hopefuls. Following selection of finalists for the USA squad, the Americans will continue to train in San Antonio. The FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Men, which will qualify four teams for the 2007 FIBA U19 World Championship, is being held



June 28-July 2 at the Bill Greehey Arena on the campus of St. Mary's University.

The University of Washington's Lorenzo Romar was named head coach of the 2006 USA Men's U18 National Team, while Georgia Tech's Paul Hewitt and DePaul's Jerry Wainwright were selected as assistant coaches.

To read more on Cottrell's selection, go to *www.usabasketball.com*

Coach of the Year



HBU Baseball Coach Jared Moon MEd '01, was named NAIA Region VI Coach of the Year in his first season at the helm. The Huskies finished the season as the Red River Athletic Conference Champions and posted a 40-16 record on the year.

Hall Honored for 500 Career Wins

Mary-Ellen Hall BS '88, who has coached the HBU softball team for the past 15 years, was honored for her 500th career win at the Huskies last home game of the 2006 season. Director of Athletics Ron Cottrell presented Hall with a statue commemorating the milestone.



Director of Athletics Ron Cottrell congratulates Mary-Ellen Hall on her 500th career victory as assistant coach Roger Willhite and members of her team join in the celebration

Hall, who holds a record of 528-218, picked up number 500 with an 8-5 victory over Prairie View A&M University on March 13, 2006. The Huskies went on to complete another successful season, winning their eighth straight Red River Athletic Conference title and making their eighth trip to the NAIA National Softball Championship.

Avila receives Champions of Character Award Scholarship

Marks third straight honor for HBU

Pablo Avila was awarded a $2,000 scholarship at the 2006 NAIA National Basketball Tournament as part of the NAIA's Champions of Character initiative. The honor was the third straight for an HBU basketball player.

Avila, a senior from Santiago, Chile, received the scholarship from the Phil and Mary Pattison Family Foundation. He was one of four basketball players across the nation to receive the honor and was recognized at a ceremony in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. and Mrs. Pattison, who have been involved with the NAIA for many years, chose to honor deserving student-athletes with the scholarships in conjunction with the Champions of Character program. Champions of Character embodies five core values—respect, integrity, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Avila has been very involved in the community. Some of his activities include reading to dual language elementary school students in Spanish, conducting basketball clinics at area churches and helping Cub Scouts attain their basketball badge. He has also raised funds for Unicef for Tsunami Relief and along with his teammates, visited nursing home residents, leading them in games and songs. He is a member of "The House of Christ" foundation for the homeless and elderly in his native Chile and contributes to the foundation monthly while he is in the States.

"We feel it is important for our basketball players to give back to the community," said head coach and director of athletics Ron Cottrell. "Pablo is a special young man who we have been blessed to have on our team, and we are very proud of him as he represents the kind of student-athlete we strive for at HBU. Also, I want to thank the Pattisons for their contributions to the lives of student-athletes. They have been a great asset to the NAIA, and our University has been blessed by their generosity."



Champions of Character Scholarship recipient Pablo Avila pictured at the 2006 NAIA National Basketball Tournament with Dr. Phil and Mary Pattison and Coach Ron Cottrell

Avila also was honored last season as the 2004-05 Robbie Robertson Athlete of the Year and has received Red River Athletic Conference All-Academic accolades in all three years he has attended HBU. He is a Dean's List student who holds a 3.3 GPA with majors in Political Science and Christianity.

Michael Holmquist received the Pattison scholarship in 2004, while Bryn Caulkins was honored last year.

Steve and Misty Jones to Lead HBU Soccer

Steve and Misty Jones have been hired to lead the HBU men's and women's soccer programs. The Huskies are reinstating their men's program that was discontinued in 1990 and are entering competition in women's soccer for the first time in school history.

"We are excited Steve and Misty will be joining our athletic program," said Director of Athletics Ron Cottrell. "As I experienced when we restarted the basketball program at HBU, there are many challenges, but I feel confident that Steve and Misty are up to the task. They are quality people who know our conference well, which will be a real asset."

Steve will head up the men's team while Misty will lead the women's. Steve comes to HBU from Texas Wesleyan University where he spent four years and led both the men's and women's teams to the 2005 Red River Athletic Conference Championships. Prior to Texas Wesleyan, Steve was the head women's coach at Judson College and then the head men's coach at Northwood University. He has coached collegiate teams to 14 playoff appearances, including four conference championships, four NAIA regional semifinal appearances and an NCCAA regional championship and national tournament appearance. He has been selected as Conference Coach of the Year six times.



"I am very excited to be the head coach for the men's soccer program at Houston Baptist University," said Steve. "I look forward to being at a great Christian institution that prides itself on the success of its athletic teams. I would like to thank Coach Cottrell for this opportunity to be part of a great tradition."

Misty has been coaching club soccer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for six years. She served as the head women's coach at Northwood University for four years and led the Knights to an NAIA Region VI Runner-up finish in 2001. Prior to that, she was the assistant women's coach at Judson College for two years, where she helped Judson to an NCCAA regional championship and national tournament appearance.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to start the first women's soccer program for HBU," said Misty. "I'm thankful for the privilege to once again coach college soccer in a competitive and Christian environment."

The Huskies will begin soccer competition in the fall.

We welcome news about your life for Alum-a-Grams — marriages, births, jobs, honors, retirements, moves and general updates. We also enjoy sharing photos of our HBU alums in action - please send either an actual photo print on glossy paper or e-mail a jpeg file of 300 dpi or higher if possible. Don't forget to identify everyone in the photo, including yourself, and please include your name and address on the back of the photo print if you would like us to return it.

Send your photos to hbunews@hbu.edu or mail them to HBU News, 7502 Fondren, Houston, TX 77074-3298.

60s

Arlis Hibbard BS '69 is the owner of an ENT Clinic in Nacogdoches. He and wife Jeanne have four children: Michelle, Douglas, Meredith and Hayden. Meredith was recently awarded a Fulbright fellowship to teach in Germany.

70s

Linda Lash Brownson '72 completed her doctorate in sociology of culture and intercultural communication at Boston University in September 2005. She and her husband, Fred, have settled on a farm in northern New Hampshire where she is consulting on French-American relations, writing a book on early New England life, and farming.

Alice Parker Durst BA '72 resides in Hallesville with her husband, Keith. They have two children: Vanessa and Joel.

Cassidy C. Fritz BA '79 is an attorney for Cassidy C. Fritz, P.C. in Elkhart, Ind. He and wife Gloria have four children: Braxton, Lathan, Brittney and Tara.

80s

Kevin Kelly Cook BA '84 has traveled all over the world sharing the gospel since graduating from HBU. He served in several area Baptist churches over the years, most recently at First Baptist Atascocita with his FOCUS buddy, **Andy Cherry** BA '80. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Atascocita with their children: Kristen, Stefanie, Jeffrey and Stephen. He also has a grandson, Kody, who he reports 'has captured his heart.'

Barbara Thomason MS '84 is the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce executive director. She also serves as an adjunct instructor of management at North Harris College. She and husband John have two children: Julia and Tyler.

Michael David Dziuba MBA '86 was recently promoted from director of quality to general manager at Pacific Scientific in Miami, Fla.

Hugh Poland BA '86 is minister of music at Woodridge Baptist Church. His wife, **Karen** MAP '05, works for ProAct Counseling Services as a therapist. Hugh's book "Steal Away" was published by Judson Press in March 2006. Hugh and Karen have three daughters: Kayse, Jayme, and Ally.

Lourie Itliong Moore BSN '87 has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force. In June she will be reassigned as the chief nursing officer at the 51st Medical Group in Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Rolando Murillo BS '88 is with Choice Hotels International in Silver Spring, Md., where he works with brand management and strategy.

Danny Nellums '88 is the president of Nellums Investments, Inc. He and his wife, Adrienne, live in Pearland with their children: Jasmine and Joshua.

Rhonda Lee Richter BSN '88 is a registered nurse for the United States Air Force. She resides in Helotes, Texas.

90s

Lori Rogers Baker BA '90 is chief publications coordinator for Baylor College of Medicine. She lives in Pearland with her husband, Michael, and children: Claire and Trent.

Lisa Sayegh Gegenheimer '90 is an R.N. working in organ transplant at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. Her husband, Terry, is graduating from nursing school.

Rager Named Fulbright Scholar



Dr. Larry A. Rager MBA '79, associate professor of accounting/finance at Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture in Albania at the University of Tirana during the spring semester of the 2007 academic year.

Rager will teach accounting and finance as well as assist in the development of curriculum in this former communist country. Rager is one of approximately 60 faculty from business disciplines and a total of 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 150 countries for the 2006-2007 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected by a Presidential Commission on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

This article courtesy of the Office of Marketing and Public Affairs at Saint Francis University.

Laura Johnson Barrette Chalfant BBA '92 is a controller/IT manager for Imperial Homes. She and her husband, Steven, live in Sugar Land with their children: Travis, Meagan, Nikki and Brandi.

Chris Kuhlmann BBA '93 is a financial liaison for Hershey Medical Center. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Lancaster, Pa., with their children: Jon, Jessica and Eliza.

Chris Layne '93 is a machine shop supervisor for Faith Manufacturing, Inc. in Humble. He, wife Angela, and their son, Noah, reside in Crosby.

Christopher Jones MBA '94 is a vice president of finance for Hewlett Packard. He and his wife, Audrey, live in Magnolia with their children: Harrison and Vanessa.

James Kingsmill BA '94, MEd '02 was recently named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2006. He will begin a new position in June as an education specialist for Region 4 Education Service Center in Houston. His wife, **Deborah Thompson Kingsmill** BS '92, MEd '03, is the science department chairman and seventh grade science teacher at Jackson Intermediate School in Pasadena. They have one son, Jacob.

Susan Gendron Bryant MEd '95 is the principal at Spring Branch Elementary in Spring Branch ISD. She and her husband, Paul, live in Houston.

Myra Reyes Garza BS '95 lives in Houston with her husband, David, and children: Mariella, David Jr. and Malaya.

Jason Brown BA '96 is returning to school to pursue his master's degree in education with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. His wife, Julie Carroll Brown, is a stay-at-home mother. The couple lives in Newport News, Va., with their children: Jude, Jaynie, Jonah and Jillian.

Timothy Kelly Jr. ADN '96 is an RN-ICU for Palmetto Baptist Hospital in Columbia, S.C. He has three children: Kenneth, Jessica and Robert.

Gina Pogue Morris MED '97 married Nicholas Morris of Hereford, England, last year. Gina is the assistant principal for curriculum & instruction at Morton Ranch High School in Katy ISD.

Nursing Alums Reunite



Homecomings can take place any time a group of Huskies gather, as evidenced by this group of nursing alums who enjoyed reuniting at The Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. They are (back row) **Tamy Felton** BSN '03, staff nurse in Dunn ICU; **Pablo J. Vasquez** BSN '02, charge nurse in CVICU and adjunct faculty in the College of Nursing; (front row) **Nermin Polat-McLoud** BSN '00, staff nurse in CVICU; **Melanie Diggins** BSN '01, staff nurse in Dunn ICU; **Debra Berry** BSN '89, associate professor in nursing and John S. Dunn Professor for Clinical Excellence; and **Sarah Upton**, a junior student in the ICU course in the BSN program at HBU. Sarah is a second generation student in the BSN program. Her mother, Dori Upton, is a 1991 BSN graduate.

Finance and Accounting Alums Share Their Experiences with Students

The finance and accounting faculty of COBE recently hosted a panel discussion and luncheon for accounting and finance majors.

The luncheon provided an opportunity for current students to hear from alumni who have been in the work force for more than three years. Topics ranged from public accounting versus institutional, the interview process, the CPA exam, hours that are expected as well as the importance of enjoying your work environment.



COBE faculty Dr. Darlene Serrato; Dr. Shari Westcott; Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla; Zach Deakins BBA '01 with Deloitte & Touche; Betsy Phillip BBA '02 with Price Waterhouse Coopers; Carlo Limchuatuan BBA '03 with Price Waterhouse Coopers.



COBE faculty Dr. Allen Yan; Josh Baird BBA '04 with Willbros Group; Roxanne McDonald, COBE; Zoe Alford Beinart BBA '01 with Apache Corp.; Salmon Patoli BBA '03 with Calyon Investment Bank; Abbey Moore BBA '03 with Amegy Bank; and Dr. Melissa Wiseman, COBE.

Shu Wang Guice MBA '98 is an IT security application security manager for Hewlett Packard. She and her husband, Richard, live in Sugar Land with their children: Richelle and Joshua.

Stephanie Sitter McKnight BA '98 lives in Garland with her children: Sidney and Lindsey.

Michael Allen Norris Jr. BA '98 and Elizabeth Claire Lazar were married on May 20. Michael is a senior manager with Ajilon Financial Solutions.

Christopher Roberts BA '99 is a tech support trainer at Everyone's Internet in Houston.

2000s

Gloria Angelica Aguirre '00 lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with her husband, Tyson, and children: Alexander and Kaitlynn.

Erica Ferrill Brettell '00 is a legislative correspondent for the United States Senate. She and husband Joseph reside in Alexandria, Va.

Glenda Gutierrez Moya BA '00 is a bilingual teacher at Sneed Elementary in Alief ISD. She and her husband, Fernando, and their daughter, Adrianna, live in Katy.

Kelly Leigh Williams BA '00 is a marketing manager for The Ammerman Experience. She and her husband, Christopher, have a son, Benjamin, and live in Richmond.

Unnati Desai MSN '01 lives in Pearland with her husband, Nirav, and their son, Shay.

Loralyn Hinze Logan BS '01 recently graduated from Baylor College of Medicine and is a physician's assistant for EmCare. Loralyn and her husband, Robert, live in Spring.

Suzan Conkright-Cahoon MBA '02 is an image consultant and career coach for A Beautiful Life, Inc. in Houston.

Mason Wayne Mileur BS '02 is currently attending UT Houston Medical School. He began his final year of study this summer.

Ivy Reyes BSN '02 is a registered nurse at Texas Children's Hospital.

Ernie Cockrell II BA '03 and his wife, Stephanie, were co-chairs of the Houston Museum of Natural Science "Romancing the Stone" Gala on March 4.

Marshawndria Dansby Hodges BBA '03 was married last year to Eric Hodges. She is a kindergarten teacher at Crenshaw Primary School in Houston.

Crystal Jean Briones BA '04 joined the United States Air Force in 2005. She is an airman presently stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Arkansas.

Mireya Cruz BBA '05 is a forensic accountant for Hagen, Streiff, Newton & Oshiro in Damon, Texas.

Florence Jackson-Urps BS '05 is the clinical coordinator for MHMRA of Harris County. She and her husband, Roy, live in Houston.

Ashley McClendon Loocke BA '05 is an environmental and regulatory specialist for Ercon, Inc. in Houston. She and her husband, Larry, live in Katy.

Elbert Weeks '05 lives in Conroe with his wife, Carrie.

Sean A. Fitzgerald MBA '06 is a chief financial officer for Safety Vision. He and his wife, Felecia, live in Houston.

John-Thomas Kobos BA '05

Kobos Lands the Big Stories



Stories of how HBU alumni were impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita continue to come in to *HBU News*. In June 2005, just a few months after graduating from HBU, John-Thomas Kobos BA '05 landed a television reporting job at KALB/NBC in Alexandria, La. Little did he realize that two months later he would be covering two of the biggest stories in decades when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita impacted residents in his station's viewing area.

Alexandria is located in central Louisiana, more than 200 miles north of New Orleans. However, thousands of evacuees and victims from Katrina went there in search of shelter and aid. Kobos found himself doing stories on the issues facing these evacuees.

A few weeks later, Hurricane Rita turned away from Houston and headed north through eastern Texas and western Louisiana. Kobos again found himself covering stories on KALB viewers who lost electricity, homes, and property because of Rita's high winds.

"I knew this could be an exciting profession," said Kobos, "but covering these two hurricanes up close and personal was more than I ever expected."

Kobos says his HBU education helped prepare him for his reporting job and for dealing with the emotional stories of the storms' victims while reporting their plight to his viewers.

Husky Pups


Kahleh


Buzbee


Kuhlmann


Campbell


Ober


Ruth

Saleim Kahleh BA '84, student affairs, associate director and wife **Melanie Hancock Kahleh** BA '95 are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Joy, on Feb. 24. She is welcomed home by big sister, Karah Grace, and brothers, Saleim II and Simeon.

Kalea Oshiro Buzbee BSN '93 and husband Scott are proud to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Scott, on March 16.

Luisa E. Pizana Hernandez BA '93 and husband John announce the birth of their daughter, Sara, on Nov. 5. She was welcomed by big sister Sonia.

Chris Kuhlmann BBA '93 and wife Barbara welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth "Eliza" Joy, on Feb. 23. She was welcomed by her big brother, Jon, and big sister, Jessica.

Jeffrey Jacobs BS '95 and wife Cathryn are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Marie, in Dec. She was welcomed by big sister Elizabeth.

Rachel Renee Crowell Beach BBA '96 and husband Brandon are proud to announce the birth of twins, Lauren Renee and Logan Rey, on Oct. 27.

Jason Brown BA '96 and his wife, **Julie Carroll Brown** '96, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Jillian, in 2005. She was welcomed by her big brothers, Jude and Jonah, and her big sister, Jaynie.

Adam Campbell BS '97 and **Erin Aigner Campbell** BA '98 are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Clara Noel, in Jan. 2006.

Olivia Grant Ober BA '98 and husband Eric announce the birth of their son, Joshua Grant, on Feb 2. He has two big sisters, Elizabeth and Rebekah. Joshua will be undergoing open heart surgery soon and the family asks for your prayers.

Misty Carroll Ruth BA '98 and her husband, **Steven Ruth** BM '02, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Micaiah Jordan, on Feb. 14. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Micah, and her uncle, **Trent Carroll** BA '99, who works in information systems at HBU.

Julie Myers Perez BA '98 and **Shane Perez** '98 are proud to announce the birth of son, Nathaniel Shane, on Aug. 15.

Glenda Gutierrez Moya BA '00 and her husband, Fernando, are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Adrianna Cristina, on Aug. 10.

Kelly Leigh Williams BA '00 and husband Christopher welcomed their first baby, Benjamin Paul, on Nov. 15.


Perez


Moya


Williams

A "Full House" of Love

One of the most life-changing events that any couple can experience is the addition of a child into their family. Imagine the life changes that Sarah BA '05 and Aaron Morris BA '05, MAT '05 have experienced in the past year!

Aaron is currently the pastor of connection ministries and director of college and young singles at Bear Creek Baptist Church. Sarah and Aaron had felt the Lord leading them to adopt a child. As they began to pursue that option last August they learned that a family member would be giving up her four children and knew in an instant what God had been preparing their hearts for. Two weeks after they began planning to share their home with the children, they learned that Sarah was pregnant. In the course of just five short months, their little family of two expanded to a full house of seven!

"We are so blessed," said Sarah. "Isn't God good!"



In Memoriam

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. — Hebrews 11:1

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF



Jones

Louise Sally Jones passed away March 31. She was a former employee in the Moody Library.

FORMER STUDENTS

Henry Paul Coleman Jr. '68 passed away April 27. He was a member of the basketball team during his years at HBU.

Arthur L. Martin BSN '74 passed away April 29. He was an active member of the Association of Former Students Alumni Board during the 1990s.

Michael Joe McCann MBA '92 passed away March 30. He was employed at H & W Petroleum Co. as the executive vice president.

James Barnes BSN '02 passed away March 3.

Ebere Thomas Lazarus '05 passed away April 24. He was a member of the HBU Husky men's basketball team while at the University.

CURRENT STUDENTS

Amyn Rahim Hussein '06 passed away March 18. He was a biology and biochemistry-molecular biology major.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

Wiley N. Anderson III passed away April 3. His mother, Dr. Doris Anderson, is a member of the American Museum Society and former director of the American Architecture and Decorative Arts Museum.

Roland Burrows, a former trustee and lifetime member of the President's Development Council, passed away May 27. He is survived by his wife, Sharon. The Burrows established an Endowed Academic Scholarship and also established the Sharon Burrows Endowed Professorship in Counseling.

James Anderson Elkins Jr. passed away Feb. 21. Mr. Elkins was a generous supporter of the Hinton Center through The Margaret & James A. Elkins Jr. Foundation.

Jeannie Shilling Hammer passed away March 1. Mrs. Hammer's mother, Evelyn Shilling, a member of The Guild and the President's Development Council, is the widow of Alonzo Shilling, who was a founding member of the President's Development Council.

Donald H. Hicks passed away on May 2. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, a member of The Guild. They have been active members of the Chapel Committee for the Cultural Arts Center Campaign.

FOUNDING FATHER



Senator Lloyd Bentsen Jr., a Founding Father of the University, passed away on May 23 at his home in Houston. He was 85.

Bentsen served Texas in Congress for 28 years, serving in both the House and Senate, and in 1995 was appointed United States Secretary of the Treasury. He also had a distinguished military career during World War II as a bomber pilot.

Although best known for his political career, Bentsen was one of 25 men who committed to lend credit to the purchase of the site in southwest Houston that would become Houston Baptist College. This commitment of money, and an even greater commitment of faith in the purpose of the college, led the group of 25 to become known as the Founding Fathers of the University. Bentsen sustained his commitment to the University through the years, and last visited campus during Homecoming 2005.

Bentsen is survived by his wife Berryl Ann, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Susan Jones passed away Feb. 20. Her husband, Tommy Jones, was the head basketball coach at HBU from 1977-1981 and again from 1983 to 1988.

Mary Gray Lester passed away March 27. She is survived by her husband, Earl Laurence Lester Jr., who was an original member of the President's Development Council.

Lee Whitney Marshall passed away March 3. He is survived by his wife, JoNell Marshall, a member of the American Museum Society.

William Edward Manahan Jr. passed away April 27. He is survived by his wife, Flora Brown Manahan, a member of The Guild.

Galen Paul Moffett passed away on May 4. The son of former trustee and Guild member Hilda Moffett and her husband, Jerry. Mrs. Moffett was also the director of the SET program for 25 years.

William Owens passed away May 10. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Owens, former longtime employee of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Elizabeth Williamson Turner passed away May 7. She is survived by her son, Oscar Turner, and his wife, Claire Turner, a member of the board of trustees and The Guild.

Joseph Clyde Wessendorff passed away on Feb. 27. His mother, Mrs. Jane Johnson Wessendorff, was a founding member of the Advisory Board of Houston Baptist College.

Alumni News & Notes

Update Your Info!

It's quick. It's easy. Be sure to update your information at *www.hbu.edu/alumniupdate*.

Send Us a Pup or Wedding Photo!

We love sharing your photos of Husky Pups and weddings. Photos may be sent via mail or e-mail. Don't forget to identify everyone in the photo including yourself, and please include your name and address on the back of your photo print if you would like us to return it. Send your photos to *hbunews@hbu.edu* or mail them to HBU News, 7502 Fondren, Houston, TX 77074-3298.

Alumni Networking!

Mark your calendars! The fall kickoff for Alumni Networking is Wednesday, Oct. 11. Make plans now to attend and connect and reconnect with friends and fellow alums from HBU!

Need a Yearbook?

If you're a recent graduate who is missing a yearbook from your HBU years, additional copies of the 2000-2005 *Ornogah* yearbook are available on campus. For more information, call 281.649.3000, ext. 2429.

Heritage Award for Alumni Family Members!

The Heritage Award is available to students with family members who have graduated from HBU. Family is defined as parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA to retain the grant. The Heritage Award is a $500 grant per quarter with one family member, with a maximum $750 grant per quarter with more than one family member and is available for a maximum of 12 quarters. To apply contact the Office of Scholarships at 281.649.3113.

Need a Transcript?

Alums needing transcripts can now download a transcript request form online at *www.hbu.edu/registrar*. The Office of the Registrar provides official academic transcripts bearing the Houston Baptist University seal and the signature of the University Registrar. The University maintains an academic record for all students reflecting all courses taken at HBU, including undergraduate and graduate courses. Transcripts can be ordered by mail, fax, or in person. There is no fee if five or fewer official transcripts are ordered per quarter.

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Husky Hustle 2006

Saturday, November 11

"Break in those running shoes and begin training now!"

Watch for more information coming soon ***www.hbu.edu/huskyhustle.***

Annual Alumni Cookout Welcomes New Graduates

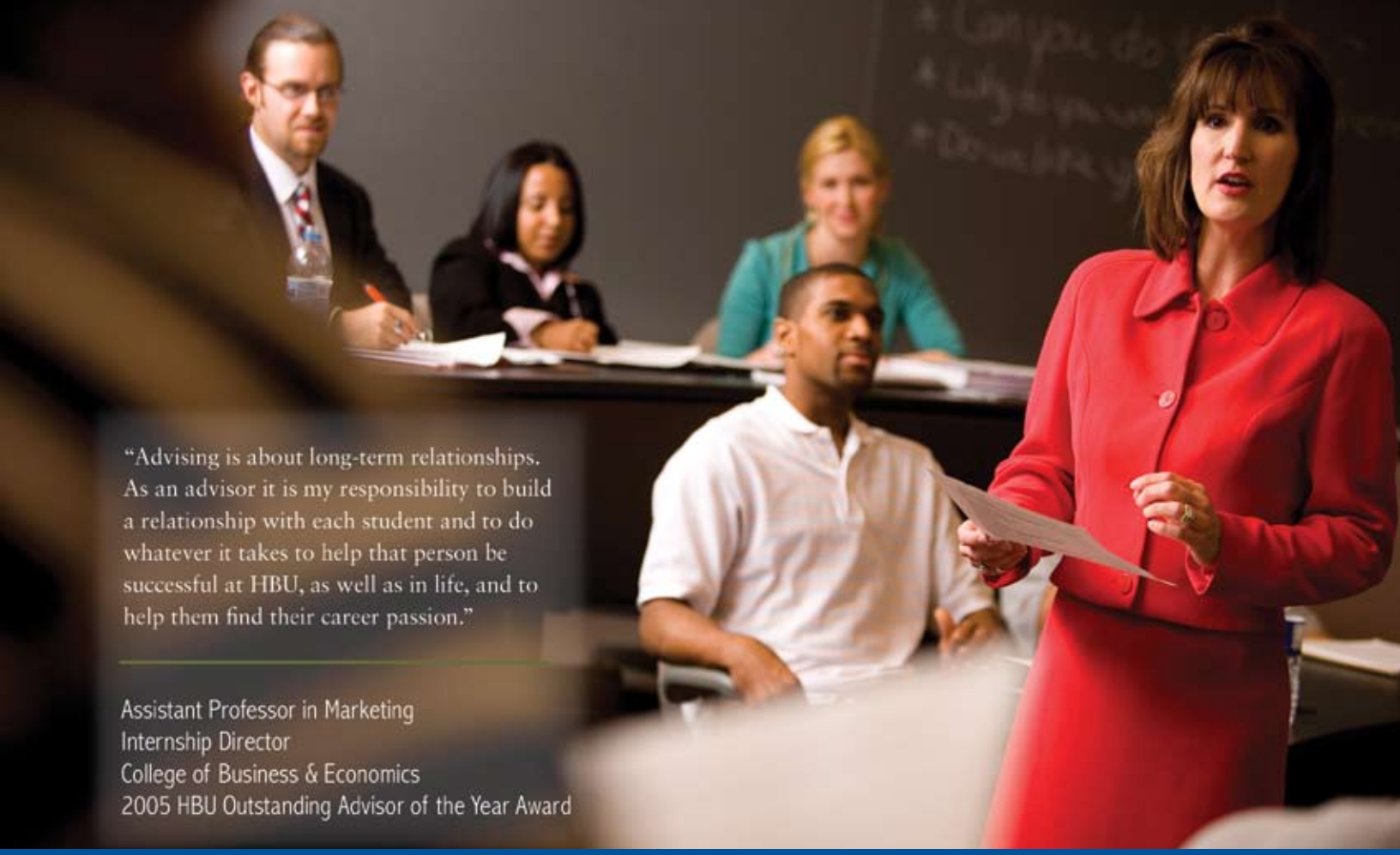


Stephen Jaquez BS '06 and Rochelle Ferrada BA '06 enjoy hamburgers and visiting.

Another chapter is about to begin in the lives of recent graduates. The HBU Alumni Association encouraged those graduates to continue to include HBU in their stories during the 8th Annual Graduation Cookout. Graduates, alumni, faculty, staff and friends all joined together for congratulations, celebration and a warm welcome into the Alumni Association. The cookout was complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, door prizes and ice cream!



Monica Hodges BA '94 MEd '00; Sherry Hibbert, HBU legal counsel; BeBe Valez '94; Joanne Huffman BS '92; Sharon Saunders, HBU vice president of marketing; Vivian Camacho BA '91; and Judi Vogel Pyburn BA '94 are excited to gather again.



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