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A Message From Dr. Sloan

Dear friends,

It has been an amazing fall semester here at HBU. We got off to a great start moving students into the new Lake House and welcoming the largest freshmen class ever to our university. Over 550 freshmen joined our family, breaking the previous record of approximately 450 freshmen last year. While it was a stretch at first to accommodate the growth, we have added parking and buildings to make room for more students.

Then, Hurricane Ike hit with a vengeance. The storm rendered the Brown Administrative Complex (once nearly the entirety of our campus!) unusable and made the M.D. Anderson Center unavailable for students. Fortunately, our building projects, renovations in other parts of the campus, and a few trailer rentals provided enough room to house our staff and keep the classes rolling. Everyone has had a marvelous attitude in the wake of the storm.

This issue of the HBU News opens with stories about Hurricane Ike by our student newspaper staff. I have consistently been pleased with their work in reporting events on the campus. Their work ethic and high standards serve as an outstanding example for their classmates.

Following the storm stories, Hunter Baker interviewed me about the vision and the calling of the Christian scholar. I tried to explain what it is that makes the vocation of the Christian scholar and the Christian university different from secular counterparts. The theme beneath it all is being dedicated to searching for truth in a time when many have given up that quest.

There is also a short feature on new leadership at HBU. Paul Bonicelli has joined us as provost of the university. His previous experience at the highest levels of government and as an academic will serve us well as we continue to grow and adjust our curriculum to the students' benefit. Charles Bacarisse is now leading HBU's advancement efforts. His experience as a White House staffer, elected officeholder in Houston, and public manager will help us recruit friends and resources to keep HBU moving forward into the future.

Chris Hammons contributed an essay on the importance of the liberal arts. I was particularly struck by one passage in his article: "Through the study of the liberal arts, students are freed from ignorance and misconceptions that often lead young men and women to make bad decisions rather than good ones." He is quite right. Education in the liberal arts is education for wisdom. The liberal arts are designed to educate young people who would be active citizens rather than passive subjects. They must have discernment and perspective.

I am also very happy to note a piece about Bobby Towery's exciting research work in chemistry and how hard he has worked to get the absolute maximum out of limited research dollars. What is even better is the way he brings students into the research process. Bobby's work is part of the long track record of outstanding dedication to education by our college of science and mathematics. HBU owes them a debt of gratitude for everything they have done.

Enjoy reading and be sure to get back to us with your comments. We are always happy to hear from you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season. And don't forget us as you plan your end of year giving! Wonderful things are happening here at HBU. We need your help to keep going!

Sincerely,

Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

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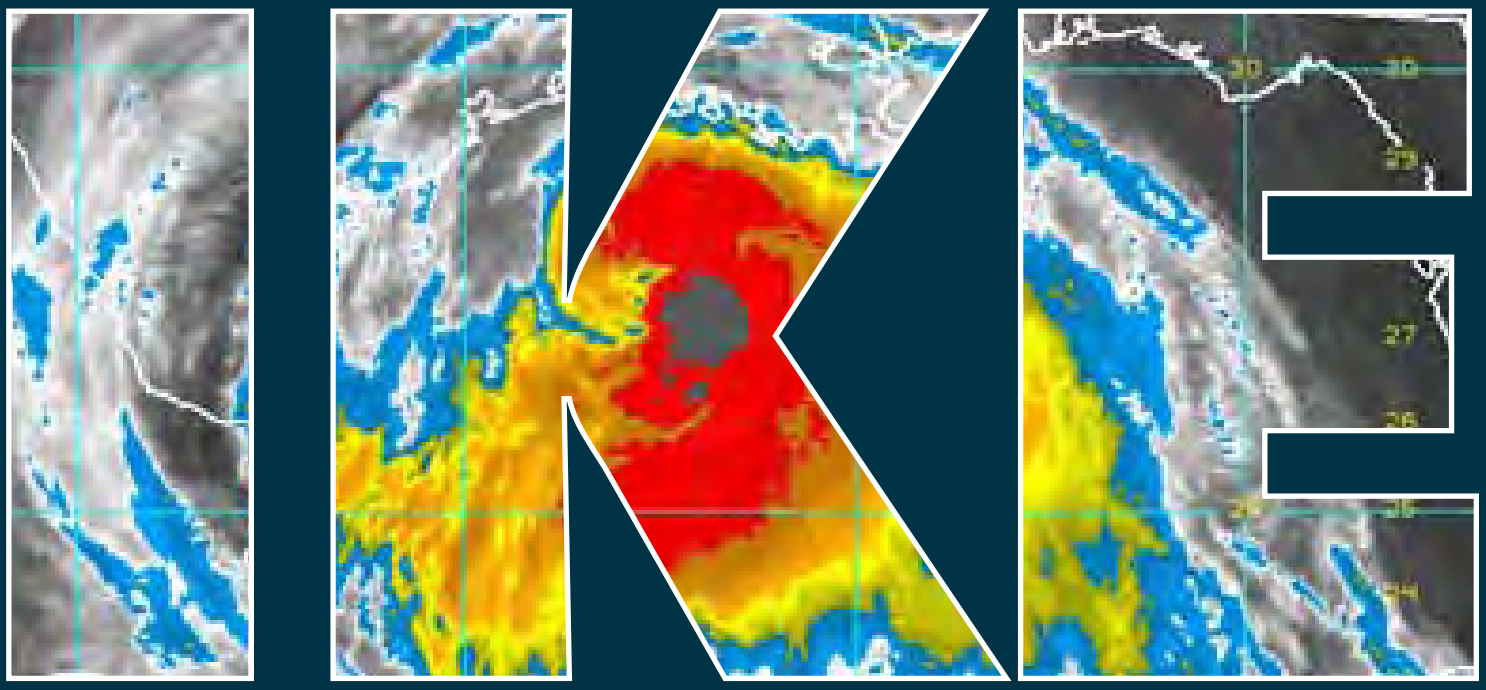
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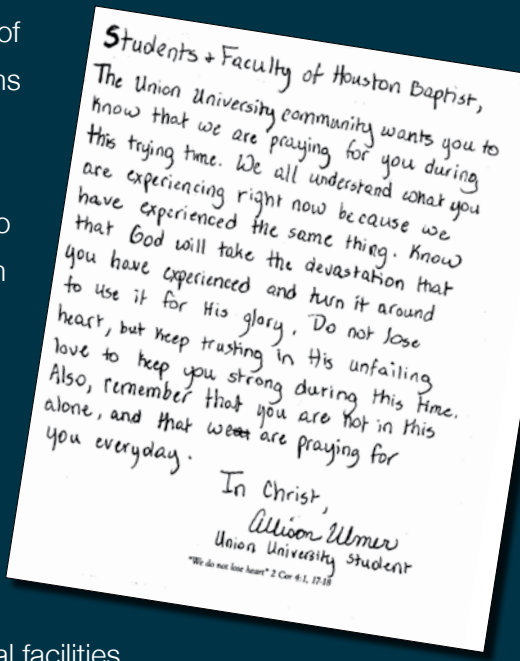


: HOW IT CHANGED US

Houston Baptist University will not soon forget the events of September 2008. Hurricane Ike interrupted the start of a promising fall semester. More than 550 new freshmen joined the HBU family. Faculty and students settled into new spaces for learning and living. The University was making visible progress on key components of its vision for the next twelve years.

In the early morning hours of September 13, however, Hurricane Ike interrupted life on both the HBU campus and throughout southeast Texas. Ike left its mark on the campus, damaging several facilities, most notably the M.D. Anderson Student Center and Brown Administrative Complex. Thankfully, the remaining residential students, HBU police officers, and members of the Student Life staff who rode out the storm and the ensuing power outages in the Morris Cultural Arts Center on campus did so safely.

Hurricane Ike may have temporarily disrupted the start of a promising fall semester, but with power restored and classes back in session since September 22, HBU presses on. The majority of the University's classrooms were not affected, but some faculty and many administrators have had to relocate because of storm damage.


Students + Faculty of Houston Baptist,
The Union University community wants you to know that we are praying for you during this trying time. We all understand what you are experiencing right now because we have experienced the same thing. Know that God will take the devastation that you have experienced and turn it around to use it for His glory. Do not lose heart, but keep trusting in His unfailing love to keep you strong during this time. Also, remember that you are not in this alone, and that we are praying for you everyday.

In Christ,
Allison Ulmer
Union University student

"We do not lose heart" 2 Cor 4:1, 17-18

HBU is determined to protect the momentum gained this year in terms of programs, faculty-student ratio, and residential and educational facilities. While there is work to be done in response to Ike's aftermath, HBU must and will also move forward with the plans that were in place before the storm, including refocusing on the growth and development that are at the center of HBU's vision for the next twelve years.

HBU Restores Access to Technology

Hurricane Ike left the HBU community with many challenges, from loss of power to relocated offices. For those faculty, staff, and students who regained power before it was restored to the HBU campus, the loss of access to the majority of the University's technology systems, such as email and Blackboard, was yet another challenge.

Through the diligent efforts of campus administration, the HBU Information Technology Services staff, and the assistance and support of two key partners – BMC Software and its president and CEO, Robert Beauchamp MS '87, and Troubadour Ltd., specialists in networking, telephony, and security – HBU found a solution that made those services available in the short-term while also addressing a long-term priority.

In the wake of Hurricane Ike, space at secure data centers was running out quickly. BMC Software suggested to HBU that Troubadour would be best qualified to assist the University in moving its servers to a hardened off-site data center as quickly as possible. Thanks to a couple of existing business relationships, Troubadour secured for HBU two of the last remaining spaces for servers in the area within just 48 hours of learning of HBU's need.

On Saturday, September 20, HBU's ITS staff and representatives from Troubadour began moving the University's servers off campus to CyrusOne -- a secure Houston-based server data center designed specifically to protect IT equipment from disasters. After working throughout the day, staffers had the servers powered up and running before 10:00 p.m., restoring access to mission-critical HBU network services for those with power and Internet access.

"This move allowed us to bring our services back online faster for our users, and it also offers a solution to a long-term need for secure housing with consistent power supplies so that we have a minimal chance of losing power to those servers in the future," said Charles Fix, interim director of ITS.

"We appreciate the support of President Sloan and the kind assistance of BMC Software and Troubadour, who helped us implement this solution with such a quick turnaround," said Fix. "We could not have done anything without these partners, who were able to help leverage Cyrus One on HBU's behalf."

HBU Student Success Fund

Although the impact from Hurricane Ike is being felt throughout our community, our focus remains on our students. You can help by donating to a special fund, "The HBU Hurricane Ike Student Success Fund." Your contributions will help ensure students and their families who have suffered losses through the storm can continue their educations and that HBU will continue moving forward with its vision to become one of our nation's great Christian higher education institutions. Learn how you can contribute to our efforts at www.hbu.edu/studentsuccessfund.

We thank you for your prayers and your contributions.







For many students, Ike provided a short break from classes. For members of The Collegian student newspaper, it provided a unique opportunity to learn more about covering a crisis. Students gathered off campus at Advisor Alice Rowlands' home the weekend after the hurricane to put together a special Ike edition for their fellow students. We thought you would enjoy reading in their words Ike's effect on their campus and on their city.



exerpted from an article by
Ashley Marchand

Wind and rain beat down against the 16 columns that adorned the Galveston County Courthouse during the Galveston Hurricane of 1900. Although thousands of people perished and homes on the beach were flattened, the columns stood.

Ten of those columns purchased and then donated to the University by Stewart and Joella Morris, one of the University's founding families, weathered Hurricane Ike and still stand on campus in front of the Hinton Center.

Other structures on campus were compromised by Ike. However, Stewart Morris said that, like the University as a whole, the columns still stand.

President Robert B. Sloan, Jr. agreed and said although the structures on campus were compromised, the academic integrity of the University was not.

"The blessing in all this is that the building worse hit is an administrative building, not a classroom complex," Sloan said, referring to the Brown Administrative Complex. Sloan now works out of his home office because his office in Brown was damaged.

Eileen Crowell, vice president of operations, described the damage to the complex and said the roof was blown off in two places. There was also heavy water damage to the M.D. Anderson Student Center and HBU-T.V. studio, she added, acknowledging that the problem compounded daily due to growing mold and decaying air quality.

Senior Kim Lopez, a kinesiology and business major, described the significance of student center in the Brown Administrative Complex.

"The MDA is everything to HBU. Since it is where I and other students usually hang out, I don't know where we will go now," she said.

The Mabee Teaching Theater and Cullen Science Building also suffered damage. The structural damage led to the relocation of multiple classes to areas unaffected by the storm.

Students shelter in Theater

exerpted from an article by
Noelle Marchand

One by one students trekked into the theater, sleeping bags, cell phones and Bibles among their essential personal items in tow. Their calm demeanor belied their anticipation of the upcoming show-Ike, a one hit wonder.

Most of the students had never experience a hurricane. Their fear was the result of hurricane warnings describing possible devastation. Anticipation, more than actual fear, drove approximately 40 students to shelter in the Morris Cultural Arts Center's University Theater as Ike's fury swept over the Texas Gulf Coast.

The University's police department was on hand to make sure that students remained safe throughout the storm. Of the full staff of officers who remained on campus, six stayed with the students. Additional officers

were stationed at the President's House, where President Robert B. Sloan Jr., his family and Dr. Paul Bonicelli, provost, took shelter.

The presence of the University Police, the size of the theater and the promise of a back-up generator contributed to a feeling of security for students and staff.

Students played Monopoly, Catchphrase and the Nintendo Wii game Rock Band. Students watched the news on a television placed on the stage. Others used their laptops to watch movies or play video games. Some students played cards while others stretched out in sleeping bags strewn across the three levels of the theater.

The generators were activated at about 10 p.m. Friday night when power to the building was lost.

When students awakened in the morning some reported hearing the wind beating against the red bricks of the Morris Cultural Arts Center. Others, like Israel, told a different story.

"I slept through the whole thing," she said.

The reality of Ike became obvious when students were unable to flush toilets and the low water pressure from sinks made it difficult for students to wash their hands.

A harsher reality set in when many students drove home through area neighborhoods where trees were uprooted and, in many cases, blocked roads, shingles were torn off roofs, billboards were destroyed, downed power lines were draped across lawns and streets and houses were without power.

Freshman Amber Brace said, although she was without electricity and water, she still felt blessed.

"The aftermath had a big impact on me, but others got hit much worse."

Personal Essay: Ike creates suburban solidarity

by ***Dale Meadows***

It was nothing if not a tragedy, and the indicators were everywhere. We were powerless and our needs were basic, but we were together. I'm not typically one to moralize or muse on events like this. They just happen. We pick up and move forward. But something here was different.

In the aftermath of Ike, something struck a chord of resolution for me, something to which the media has been unable to give more attention. I saw it in the suburbs, in the faces of those without food, water and electricity, people working hard, hand in hand all day and sitting side by side on their porches at night with an uncontrived and authentic solidarity.

Solidarity.

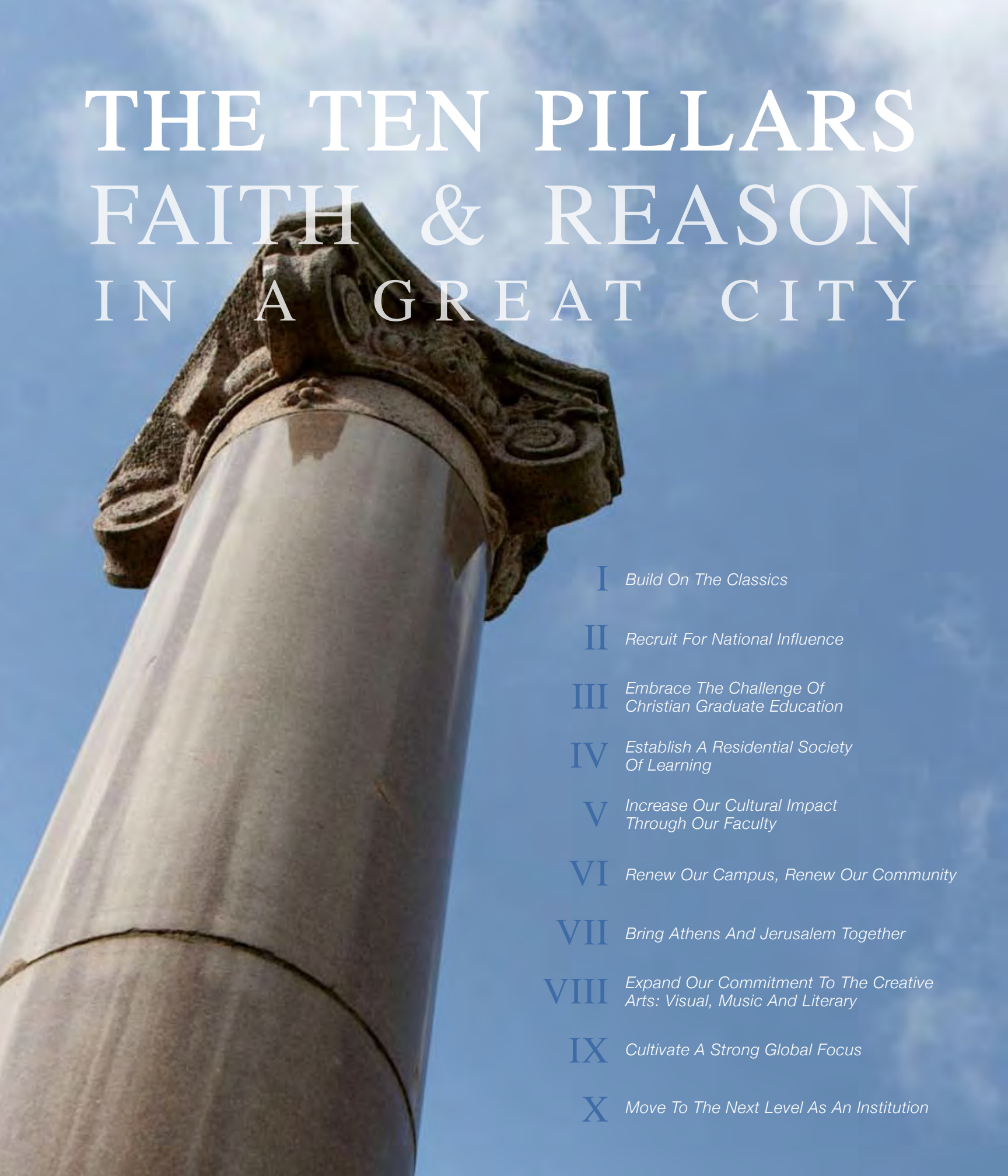
Upon relating this to friends and family, I found they saw it too. From the storm came tragedy, but there emerged from tragedy a newfound kinship of neighborhoods and communities rallying around the idea of a shared identity.

I drove out to visit my mother in Baytown on Sunday. She lives in a quaint little neighborhood, one block strong. I lived there for 15 years and, in that time, met maybe four of the neighbors, but not for lack of being out. I did my share of running those streets in the 90s, but to this day I've never seen most of the residents there, residents of houses that may well have been vacant, save the occasional coming and going of cars in and out of garages.

When I got home, I was surprised (I don't know why) to find downed power lines, oaks pulled from the earth, huge unmovable oaks pulled clean from the ground, and people... I saw people. Everywhere. There were single mothers wielding chainsaws, elderly men dragging branches from their backyards, families raking and bagging leaves, people I've never seen and others I haven't seen in years. And they weren't just outside, they were together, crossing the street, looking one another in the eye with understanding and empathy.

In the suburbs everyone is so close together, house after house lined up like bricks in a wall. Often it seems our geographical closeness bears a distinctly indirect correlation to our personal closeness, but I know not seems. I think it has more to do with our desire to be self-sufficient. It takes cutting the power for three days before we come outside, before the televisions are shut off and we're forced into making a decision between real human interaction or sitting alone in a dark living room. The things we discover, the things I discovered, are beautiful, old friendships made new, the satisfaction of completing a days worth of hard work.

I was talking with a friend about this the other day. She shared a similar experience with her neighbors in Windsor Park of Katy. "The storm tore all of our fences down. All of them," she told me. "You could see into everyone's lives." I'm sure she meant this as much figuratively as she did literally. After Ike, we saw into the lives of people around us, our hurts, our needs-our solidarity.



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IN A GREAT CITY

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II *Recruit For National Influence*

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Thoughts on a University Vision:
Conversations with Robert Sloan

With the release of HBU's new vision document, The Ten Pillars: Faith and Reason in a Great City (viewable online at *www.hbu.edu/tenpillars*), the university has set out a course to be a pioneer in Christian higher education. Stakeholders from every part of the university family contributed their input to the vision in sessions with HBU President Robert Sloan. The document emerged from a dynamic process with participants being encouraged to share their dreams for HBU.

For the past 15-20 years, Christian colleges and universities have been involved in serious reflection on the question of what makes a Christian college unique. The result of those years of inward examination has been a renewed focus on the Christian faith as an intellectual journey as well as a religion that, as Wesley put it, strangely warms the heart.

As the president of two Christian universities over the course of a dozen years, HBU's Robert Sloan has thought a great deal about these matters. I prevailed upon him to entertain a few of my questions relating to the idea of a Christian university and Christian scholarship.

- Dr. Hunter Baker

Hunter Baker (HB): Dr. Sloan, what is a Christian scholar?

Robert Sloan (RS): The Christian scholar is an academic devoted to inquiry and teaching in the fullest possible sense. There is no such thing as teaching without learning, so the teacher should never be content to rest on what they know. The ancients were great teachers because they were committed to increasing the depth of their learning. Learning develops mastery. Mastery makes a great teacher.

HB: How does that vision of the Christian scholar relate to the faith?

RS: First off, as Christians we believe that to know Jesus Christ is to somehow be connected to the ultimate reality behind all of creation. Paul argues in Colossians 1 against the view that Christ is only some kind of mediator. He is the creator of all things and the sustainer of all things, the one who holds it all together. In short, the creation is subordinated to him. This is why Abraham Kuyper and others have been fond of saying that there is not one square inch of creation that does not fall under the lordship of Christ.



So the Christian scholar is devoted to Christ and to truth in Christ. This person also has to be committed to the core convictions of the faith, which we find historically, normatively, and indispensably in scripture. A Christian scholar is scripture-shaped. We have to have grappled with Jesus. The only authentic interpretation of scripture is in Christ.

HB: You mentioned Colossians. Could you elaborate on the connection between Colossians and the Christian scholar for me?

RS: The basic premise is that Christ is lord over all of reality. If the Christian believes that, then there should be no fear with regard to the discovery of truth. Christian scholars must not be afraid of any questions.

We should be pre-occupied by the truth. When I refer to truth, I mean truth understood broadly. Knowledge. The path of the academy has been to try to break truth down into digestible pieces attacked by many different disciplines and sub-disciplines. There is definitely value to that



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approach. Specialization is good. But we should never allow the specialization to trump our commitment to truth broadly understood. Specialization is a means, not an end. The modern academy has it backwards. One of the great virtues of a Christian university is that it can understand truth holistically instead of as a bunch of disjointed parts.

HB: How does the university relate to the church?

RS: If we think of the church as a building where believers hold worship services, then the university is outside of the church. But if we think of the church in the sense that Jesus founded it, then we are talking about the body of believers. Within the church universal, the university is a part of the body, a specialized arm with a specific mission. At the university, we are on the front lines. Our work takes place on the cutting edge of the points of connectivity between the church and the world.

Christians began the university because they were serious-minded. They wanted to know the truth. Their view of the world was not ancient because they did not believe the world would just go on as it had forever, nor did it resemble the materialistic view of a world that comes into being by accident and then has no future because everything eventually burns up in a supernova and goes out of existence. They believed in a creation with a supervening creator, a God who does things. He is a God on the move. He is creating, repairing, speaking. And the creation is not merely temporal. We have an eternal destiny. This is a God who inspires discovery.

This seriousness of life is not without joy and fellowship. Being united in a common cause, in this case the greatest cause, can bring great satisfaction and happiness. This unity is part of what helps us to succeed in our task. That is why we need a community of specifically Christian scholars. They spur one another on to excellence in the cause of Christ and the cause of Christian higher education.

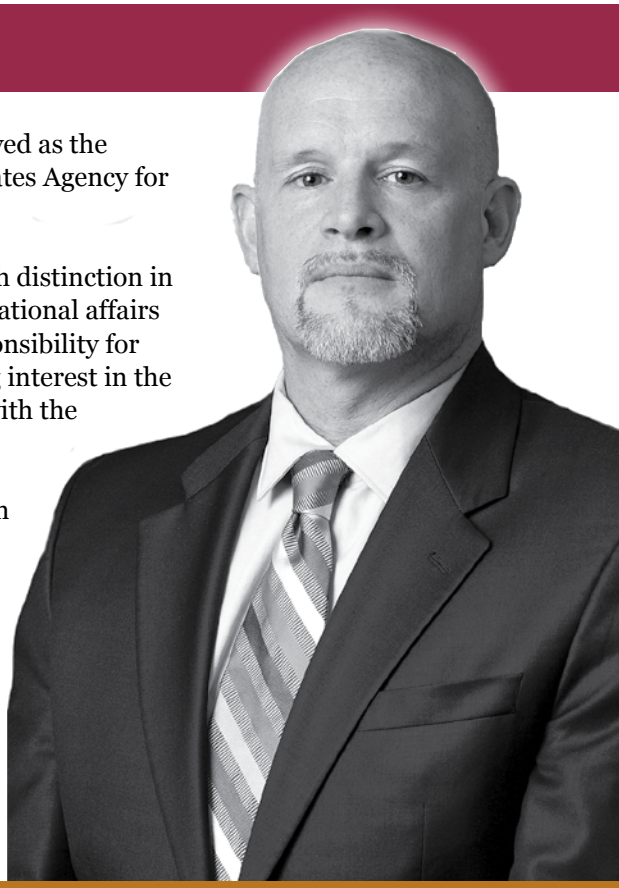
If the Christian believes [that Christ is Lord over all reality], then there should be no fear with regard to the discovery of truth. Christian scholars must not be afraid of any questions.



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New leadership for a NEW DIRECTION

Dr. Paul J. Bonicelli, Provost



Dr. Paul Bonicelli joined the University as Provost in April. He had previously served as the assistant administrator of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development in the George W. Bush administration.

Bonicelli holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Tennessee and a master's in public policy from Regent University, and has forged a unique career with distinction in both public service and Christian higher education. Ultimately, his expertise in international affairs took him to a presidential appointment confirmed by the U.S. Senate with major responsibility for the distribution of foreign aid and supervision of an $800 million budget. His abiding interest in the cause of Christian higher education has led him to once again return to the academy with the intent of leading HBU into a new period of growth and excellence.

"I have been watching for a while now the development of an exciting and challenging vision at HBU," Bonicelli said. "My prayer is that I will honor God as I join my colleagues in serving the students and helping to make the vision a reality."

"Paul Bonicelli is a great addition to Houston Baptist University. He has a clear sense of our mission to be a national University and a commitment to our Christian heritage." — President Sloan

Charles Bacarisse, Vice President of Advancement



Charles Bacarisse has been named vice president of advancement where he will oversee Alumni Affairs, Church Relations, Development, and University Communications.

"Through his years of public service and community involvement Charles has made a significant contribution to Houston," said President Sloan. "His commitment to Christian higher education and the mission of HBU will provide a special impetus as we move forward in sharing the University's vision."

Bacarisse holds a BA in political science and a BFA in communications from Southern Methodist University. He worked in both the Bush and Reagan administrations before returning to Houston in 1991 to work as Administrative Assistant to the County Judge. Bacarisse was elected to the Office of District Clerk for three consecutive terms.

As Harris County District Clerk, Bacarisse provided vision and leadership which transformed the agency to a results-oriented, customer-driven model of efficiency and effectiveness.

A three time winner of a "County Best Practices" award from the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Council, Bacarisse also raised millions in private and foundation dollars towards a historic court documents project which preserved Harris County's historic court records, some dating back to 1837 and the Republic of Texas.

Leading with the Liberal Arts

by **Dr. Christopher Hammons**



One of the distinguishing features of HBU is that in addition to helping students gain knowledge, we also help students find truth. Truth comes to us in two ways. The first of these is revelation. The Bible reveals to us God's plans for mankind, his commands for men and women, and the path to spiritual salvation for all that accept and follow Christ. As Christians, we believe that when we embrace God we find happiness. When we reject God, the opposite occurs.

Students at HBU can also discover truth through their studies, particularly through the liberal arts. The term "liberal" comes from the Latin word "liber," meaning to free. The role of the liberal arts is to help students uncover universal truths about life and human nature. Through the study of the liberal arts, students are freed from ignorance and misconceptions that often lead young men and women to make bad decisions rather than good ones.

The liberal arts consist of subjects like history, government, literature, art, poetry, philosophy, and music. Students often over look the value of liberal arts courses, viewing them merely as requirements for graduation. In reality, these subjects teach more than just dates, terminology, and theory.

These courses are designed to get students thinking about how we live our lives, the ethical and moral dilemmas we face, and the importance of good decision-making.

This approach is not unique to the liberal arts. Business students compare and contrast successful business practices with those of failed companies. Science students collect data in order to accept or reject various assumptions about the world around us. Prelaw students study law to learn what is legally permitted and what is not.

The liberal arts are similarly concerned with leadership, truth, and ethics. For instance, the study of history allows us to examine why some leaders and nations flourish while others do not. Philosophy allows us, in a safe environment, to tempt each other with ethical and moral dilemmas. The study of government confronts us with fundamental questions about freedom, equality, and order. Literature invites us to consider the human experience through stories and poetry, tragedies and comedies.

In short, all of humanity becomes one giant case study for the liberal arts student. We can ask all sorts of wonderful questions about what happens when people make bad decisions or when nations lose their moral compass. What is the purpose of life, and how do we a live a good one? What does it mean to be a good person and do right? It is because the liberal arts teach us so much about the human condition and mankind that the liberal arts are sometimes referred to as the humanities.

In the last decade, college students have expressed a renewed interest in the liberal arts. The current generation of students, sometimes referred to as the Millennials, are more interested than previous generations in quality of life, family, faith, and making a positive contribution to the world. A liberal arts education appeals not only to their intellectual curiosity, but also their desire to redefine success as "living a happy and balanced life" in addition to scoring a great job. The liberal arts help to ground our graduates by focusing on what's really important in life. The ancient Greeks referred to these things as all that is "true, good, and beautiful." As Christians, we know these things to be faith in God, love of family, civic virtue , and balance in one's life.

As a result, many universities have reintroduced a classic form of liberal arts education with a focus on Great Texts. In such programs, students read classic works from the great thinkers and writers of Western Civilization: Plato, Aristotle, Thucydides, Cicero, the Bible, Augustine, Aquinas, Hobbes, Shakespeare, Milton, Locke, our own Founding Fathers, and more. The intent is that students explore these classic works to understand the great ideas of the ages, wrestle with questions about human nature, and experience some of the most intellectually rewarding material ever written. It is no coincidence that the latin root of freedom (liber) is also the latin root for book!

Exposure to the liberal arts gives students both a great education and a transforming experience. Critical thinking skills are sharpened. Writing and speaking skills are enhanced. Students learn to articulate complex theories and ideas, debate them in class, and discuss them with classmates. Students learn how to confront, discuss, and resolve difficult ethical, moral, and social dilemmas.

There is both statistical and anecdotal evidence to support the value of these skills. Many studies find that students exposed to the liberal arts make great employees because they are thinkers, communicators, and decision-makers. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal* noted that liberal arts majors who enter the business world command as much as their counterparts with business degrees. Anecdotally, my own brother, a history and government major, was hired at Dell Computer over many other applicants with technical degrees precisely because of his ability to write and communicate clearly. The man who hired him was an English major.

But the most important aspect of the liberal arts is the profound impact it has on the way our students view the world. A college education shouldn't be just about getting a great job. It should help mold the character of students into good people and good citizens. The news is full of stories of men and women who have become wealthy at their careers, but failed other important aspects in life – integrity, decency, responsibility. These are men and women with great "know-how" but little wisdom, moderation, courage, or virtue.

As the University begins to build on the vision established by our president we will work to strengthen the liberal arts core that is the foundation of every student's education at HBU. Our graduates will leave the University as future doctors, lawyers, teachers, and entrepreneurs. They will do so as good men and women, defined not just by the success of their professions, but by the quality of their character.

"Contrary to what many parents tell their children majoring in subjects like political science or philosophy, these degrees won't necessarily leave you in the poorhouse. It can depend on what career path you choose to pursue with that degree. History-majors-turned-business-consultants earn a median total compensation of $104,000, similar to their counterparts who pursued a business major like economics -- whose grads earn about $98,000 overall at midcareer, the PayScale study shows."

"With a liberal art's degree, it's what you make of it," says Al Lee, director of qualitative analysis at PayScale. "If you're motivated by income, then there are certainly careers in psychology that pay as well as careers out of engineering."

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Sarah E. Needleman
Friday, August 1, 2008



Dr. Christopher Hammons is an associate professor of politcal science and director of the Master of Liberal Arts program at HBU.



Members of HBU's art faculty celebrated the grand opening on The Gallery at HBU. From left to right are Melanie Leslie, Jim Edwards, Yousef Balat, Virgil Grotfeldt, Dr. James Busby, Susie Bogan, Michael Collins, and Tiffany Bergeron.

The Gallery at HBU
Celebrating a season of exhibition

The Department of Art marked the opening of The Gallery at HBU with a reception on September 4. The grand opening reception was held in conjunction with the opening of the Annual Faculty Art Exhibition.

The exhibit is one is one of three exhibitions Director/Curator Jim Edwards planned for the fall semester. Other exhibitions have included *Cut Up/ Reassembled: Collage and Assemblage in the American West* and the upcoming *Artist in Residence Series: James Busby*, which will run from November 20 through December 11. The Gallery at HBU is open to the public Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with extended evening hours until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

"By organizing exhibitions of works by local, national, and international artists, The Gallery at HBU will augment Houston's reputation as a dynamic center for the visual arts," said Curator Jim Edwards. "The Gallery will be educational, inclusive, and reflective of HBU's high academic standards."

More information on upcoming exhibitions in The Gallery at HBU is available at www.hbu.edu/artgallery.

MEET OUR CURATOR:

Jim Edwards received his BFA and MFA degrees from the San Francisco Art Institute and was a Rockefeller Fellow in Museum Education and Community studies at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Considered an authority on modern and contemporary art in the American West, Edwards has spent 30 years as a curator and director, working at museums across the country, and his exhibitions have shown at museums and galleries across the nation. He has an extensive record of publishing, including essays in exhibition books and catalogues for museums and galleries throughout the United States.









THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS

Dunham Bible Museum • Museum of American Architecture & Decorative Arts • Museum of Southern History

HOME AT LAST

The Joella and Stewart Morris Cultural Arts Center provides an opportunity for diverse elements of the University's academic programs to come together in one location. Composed of the Dunham Bible Museum, the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, and the Museum of Southern History, the University Museums seek to build on the common goal of academic advancement by relating these resident collections to each other and to the opportunity for learning by exploring their common element of cultural development, and by relating their history to the Christian experience. These three collections, at once individual and integrated, afford the University patron an unusual opportunity for gaining cultural, historic, and spiritual understanding in an academic setting.



A Day of Dedications

University Academic Center & The Lake House Residence College

Mission Constructors served as the general contractor for the University Academic Center, dedicated on October 18.

From left to right are Don Woo, Sam Hill, John Plumb, and Glenn Woo representing Mission. The UAC is home to the Honors College, College of Continuing Studies, and the Departments of Art and Communications.





Tadd Tellepsen MBA '99 represented Tellepsen Construction at the dedication of The Lake House, HBU's newest residence college.

Tellepsen served as the general contractor for the project. More than 350 HBU students now call The Lake House home.

Learning cohorts provide connections for freshmen

by Sarah Bible, Director of Recruitment

As a part of the increased campus-wide focus on retention, HBU has implemented Learning Cohorts for freshman students beginning this fall. Freshman students for the fall of 2008 were able to sign up for cohorts prior to and during Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR). Around 350 freshman students are participating in cohorts.

Learning Cohorts have taken many different forms at various universities. At HBU, they are three freshman courses that students take together. There are Learning Cohorts with a general focus, as well as cohorts that focus on science, education and business. The goal of these cohorts is to increase student engagement and support; studying together over the duration of the three courses allows students to build deeper relationships with each other. Additionally, these cohorts allow faculty to collaborate across courses in various ways, when appropriate to the content of their course.

In addition to Learning Cohorts, HBU has introduced a Living Learning Community this fall. A portion of The Lake House, HBU's newest residence college, has been dedicated to pre-health profession students. The community includes new and returning students and will sponsor various programs that focus on health professions as well as student success in pre-health related courses. This new community is being facilitated by the Faculty in Residence, Lake House staff and faculty within the pre-health profession disciplines.

The students will be tracked throughout the next four years to determine the impact of cohorts on the retention of the student. While these programs are in their infancy, we anticipate that they will have a positive impact on the students of HBU. We look forward to expanding the programs as we move forward to serve more students in an effort to help them succeed at HBU and beyond.



Move-in day on campus was full of orange-clad volunteers sweeping in to help thankful parents and students unload their belongings.

Honors College welcomes inaugural class to campus



HBU has welcomed its inaugural class to the Honors College. The students are taking core classes together from Honors College faculty and also enjoyed their first Rountable Dinner Discussion with President Sloan at his home in September.

College of Continuing Studies Offer Unique Learning Opportunities

By Jennifer Barton '07

HBU's newest college, the College of Continuing Studies (CCS), was approved by the Board of Trustees in May. The college will offer a sampling of courses this spring as the first step on its way to its mission to offer a wide variety of courses for professionals, organizations, and individuals.

Courses are currently being developed in four areas: professional and managerial certifications; basic and advanced computer classes; continuing education for nurses; and enrichment and leisure courses, such as poetry writing, piano lessons and theater. These courses will further the University's vision to reach out to the surrounding Houston community by sharing HBU's facilities and faculty with a non-degree seeking audience. The CCS will also offer HBU alumni the opportunity to come back and further enrich the campus community.

On-campus continuing education was one of the suggestions voiced in last year's envisioning sessions. Dr. Sloan asked Rita Tauer, MS '85, formerly the interim dean of the College of Business and Economics, to direct the development of the CCS beginning in January 2008. Tauer's feasibility study team, comprised of HBU faculty and staff from many departments, brainstormed and researched ideas for the CCS. The team's first project was an online survey that garnered more than 300 responses about local interest in continuing studies at HBU.

"One of the delights of developing the CCS," says Tauer, who was appointed dean of the new college in May, "is that the new college will make available all kinds of classes that are not offered in HBU's current degree programs. The multiplicity of options is almost overwhelming."

CCS classes can run for a whole traditional semester or can be offered for a single Saturday afternoon; they can be taught by HBU faculty who want to share their subjects in a not-for-credit course or by local professionals whose careers qualify them to teach from practical experience; they can be offered on a regular basis or by special arrangement with an organization; they can be taught on campus or in a host facility or delivered via satellite to another location; they can be practical courses to help people develop their careers and technical skills or "fun" courses people can take just for the pleasure of learning something new.

Visit the CCS website, *www.hbu.edu/learnforlife*, for the latest updates and course offerings. You may also call 281.649.3700 or email HBUforLIFE@hbu.edu.

" ... the new college will make available all kinds of classes that are not offered in HBU's current degree programs. "

Center for Christianity in Business: Integrating Faith with Business

Inspired by the Ten Pillars vision document, the HBU College of Business and Economics has established a Center for Christianity in Business on campus. The Center will guide and promote a deeper integration of the Christian faith into the business disciplines at HBU.

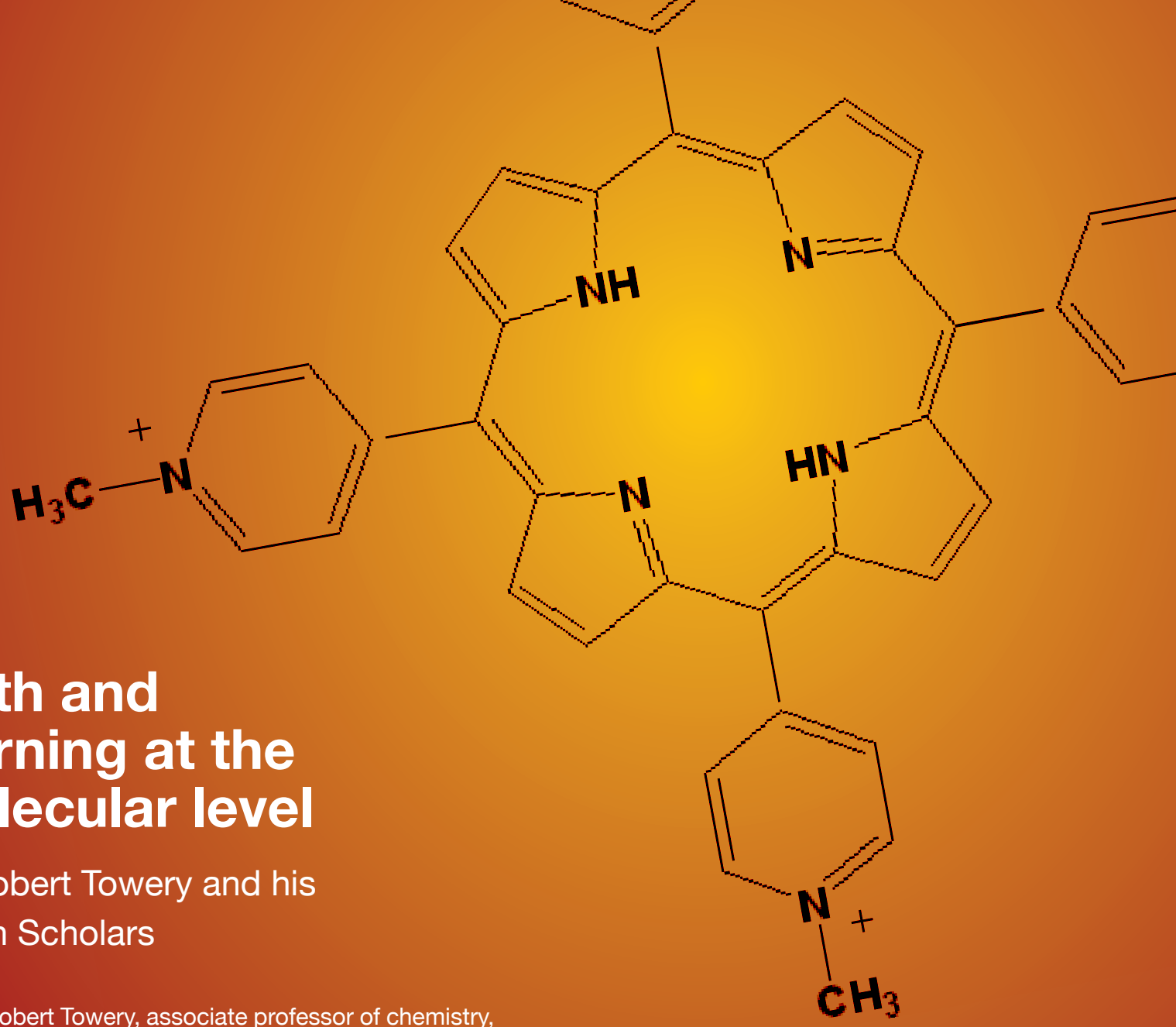
The Center's objectives are fourfold: take a leading role nationally in research of and dialogue about Christianity in Business; educate the corporate community in ways to integrate faith with business; inform and assist faculty with approaches for incorporating Christian principles into the undergraduate and graduate curricula; and serve the urban neighborhoods that surround HBU's southwest Houston campus through service projects.

The innovative programs and activities hosted by the Center for Christianity in Business will together broad-based constituencies to organize leading-edge research and to engage business leaders in dialogue and action on how to apply faith to all aspects of business including strategy, business ethics, corporate leadership, and organizational and process management practices.

The Center for Christianity in Business is grounded in the belief that Christian and business worldviews can be practiced together for financial and spiritual success. The Center's vision summarizes this well:

"Through the love of Jesus Christ, transform every organization for competitive advantage so that it may share its wealth with the world."

Learn more about the Center for Christianity in Business at *www.hbu.edu/ccb* or contact Dr. Larry Ruddell at 281.649.3162.



Faith and learning at the molecular level

Dr. Robert Towery and his Welch Scholars

Dr. Robert Towery, associate professor of chemistry, and his Welch scholars are at work on groundbreaking biosensor development technology research using the Quartz Crystal Microbalance. His research group uses specially produced molecules created in the lab by Dr. Karl Kadish, professor of Chemistry at University of Houston, Dr. Eric VanCaaemelbecke's (associate professor of chemistry) mentor, to test the reactivity of nucleic acids with these molecules in an effort to determine if they can damage or inhibit the synthesis of DNA.

This research is of vital importance in drug therapy research, specifically drugs targeting cancer and viruses, like AIDS.

What is most interesting about the story is the way in which this research has provided Dr. Towery and his students the opportunity to interact with researchers and scientists all over the world. Rachel Garcia '03, a former Welch Scholar and student of Towery's, is completing her doctoral work at University of Houston under the direction of Dr. Kadish. Towery's mentorship led to three poster presentations at this year's HBU Research Symposium, including one that earned an HBU Award for student Sara Tat. In addition, Towery presented research results at the World Congress of Biosensors Conference in Shanghai, China in May, 2008.

We asked Dr. Towery to share his story with readers.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON THIS TOPIC?

My experience with analytical biosensors goes back 20 years to my time as a graduate student in the lab of Dr. Newton Fawcett at the University of Southern Mississippi. The first oscillating circuit I used was assembled by myself and was powered by a nine volt battery. The battery would run down over time and was constantly being replaced. I would sit for hours watching a frequency counter accurate to 1 hertz, writing time and frequency data every 30 seconds in my lab notebook. Now we have purchased a very sophisticated electronic circuit with a constant power supply and all data-logging is computer controlled. The frequency counter is accurate to 0.01 hertz and is capable of recording seven parameters of three crystals simultaneously. We truly have come a long way in the area of instrumentation.

HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR RESEARCH.

The Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM) Research Group at HBU investigates reactions of cationic meso-substituted porphyrin (TMpyP) and newly synthesized diruthenium complexes with nucleic acids.

Most of the research this year has been performed by full time Welch scholar Sara Tat, who recently participated in a summer research program at the University of Texas at Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. A portion of last year's work was also performed by students Sai Yerragudi ('07) and Rishi Kumar ('08), as well as senior seminar students Celin Ragan, Sarah Sidaros and Nana Kato.

Two exciting areas of drug discovery relevant to QCM work have emerged. In the study of possible anti-cancer and anti-viral therapeutic agents, one area looks at possible candidates for drug therapy with respect to their interaction with proteins while another looks at interactions within the genetic machinery of the cell, such as nucleic acids. We are investigating the latter.

Mixed-ligand diruthenium



Dr. Towery with Welch Scholar Sara Tat and Rishi Kumar '08.

complexes, in which the diruthenium core is coordinated by carboxylate and non-carboxylate ligands, were synthesized in the lab of Dr. Karl Kadish at the University of Houston, with collaboration from Dr. Eric Van Caemelbecke and Rachel Garcia '03. The chemical and electrochemical reactivity of the complexes were examined. These molecules were then tested in the lab at HBU to determine if they exhibit activity as possible drug candidates.

Most of our work with porphyrins detected changes in the hybridization product of polyadenylic acid, poly(A), with polyuridylic acid, poly(U), which are complementary strands of nucleic acid. This has proven to be an excellent model system for testing the interaction of potential nucleic acid hybridization inhibitors. Possible inhibitors would damage DNA, stop the synthesis of new DNA strands, or disrupt cell division by preventing the cell to replicate. All reagents are inexpensive and readily available. Unexpectedly, when the poly(A) + poly(U) hybrid was exposed to the soluble diruthenium complex, no change was detected. We preliminarily decided that, unlike the porphyrins we studied earlier, this dimetal did not cleave nucleic acids. However, an additional experiment performed on human DNA gave evidence of interaction with the dimetal and this changed our outlook considerably. Previous data obtained by Dunbar using dirhodium suggested an interaction with guanine residues within a DNA strand.

The requirement of the presence of guanine seems to answer the question of why there was no interaction of the dimetal complex with the poly(A) + poly(U) hybrid, which contains no guanine, while there was evidence for interaction in the human DNA experiment. We will continue to investigate this interaction with other forms of DNA using the QCM and possibly gel electrophoresis.

Our recent work concerning the binding of immobilized nucleic acids with porphyrins and with diruthenium complexes has led to several conclusions of significance:

- $Ru_2(O_2CCH_3)_3(Fap)Cl$ (dimetal complex) is effective in cleavage of human DNA which is immobilized on the QCM surface, but is ineffective with the poly(A) + poly(U) hybrid.
- Our protocol involves the drying of the crystal after reagents are applied. Thus, the QCM measurements in this study were performed in the gas phase. Gas phase measurements can

be advantageous over liquid phase measurements, such as those involving flow cells, as the use of liquid systems can lead to an overestimation of mass increases due to trapping of solvent and formation of hydration layers associated with higher viscosities and densities of buffer solutions.

- Our work suggests that drug screening using the QCM technique could be completed in less than six hours, compared to other methods which may take several days for completion.
- We surmise that modes of recognition and binding of small medicinally-relevant compounds with nucleic acids can lead to a better understanding of mechanisms controlling their biological activity.

In addition, we've learned from literature review that the binding of guanine and adenine derivatives to other dimetals has been investigated by other researchers. They determined dirhodium complexes are able to bind to two adjacent guanine bases within a strand of DNA, connecting in an N7, O6 bridging mode in a rhodium-rhodium single bond. This further encourages us to continue our own work with diruthenium complexes.

Future endeavors will investigate the interaction of metallo-porphyrins and other dimetal complexes with various forms of DNA. It is hoped this information may provide a better understanding of the essential dynamics which control dimetal-nucleic acid interaction and play a role in development of nucleic acid probes and therapeutic agents.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

Short term goals are to offer undergraduates at HBU the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on an innovative, scholarly research project which helps to prepare them for careers in medicine, research, or industry. Welch research not only helps our students learn valuable lab skills and teaches them to solve problems but also helps to develop their professional identity by encouraging constructive learning. Such a style of learning integrates new knowledge with prior knowledge in such a manner that knowledge is continually being reconstructed by the students.

Long term goals are to continue to grow and improve our program into the future.

Towery at the Great Wall of China.



WHAT HAS BEEN MOST CHALLENGING?

Our most challenging obstacle has been learning how to accomplish our goals with a very limited amount of funding. In the past, we have not been able to accept governmental grants. Therefore, almost all of our funding has come from the Welch Foundation or the Chemistry Department budget. This has limited our ability to purchase new instrumentation and supplies to keep pace in the fast moving field of chemical analysis. While our program has greatly benefited from the funding we receive, we recognize that we could do even more with additional funding. And even better, we could engage more students to participate in these research activities.

HOW HAS YOUR RESEARCH ENRICHED YOUR TEACHING?

During my time at HBU I have had the privilege to attend several regional, national and international meetings related to teaching chemistry and biosensor research. These conferences are great resources of ideas and provide opportunities to stay current on the latest news and techniques in chemistry. It is also an occasion to get HBU in the spotlight alongside other premiere research institutions from our country and across the world. I have developed relationships with researchers with similar interests from the U.K. to Hong Kong.

I have been fortunate to be able to use the research lab as a proving ground for new experiments for other classes. As a matter of fact, one of our exercises in BCMB 4111 (Bioanalytical Methods) is a calibration of the response of the QCM. Another example is our determination of %GC content using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). In each case, a research project was developed into a laboratory exercise which became part of our curriculum.

Brupbacher ’69 honored as 2008 Piper Professor

by Justin Lacey

Dr. Linda Brupbacher ’69, professor of education and recipient of the prestigious 2008 Piper Professor Award, never envisioned a future in education when she came to Houston Baptist College as a freshman.

While Brupbacher had enjoyed working with younger children in school and at church, she did not connect those experiences to her choice of a potential career. She wanted to be a sociologist instead. To please her mother, who wanted her to be a teacher, however, she chose elementary education and sociology as her double majors.

Her first job out of college—assisting HBU sociologist Dr. Jerry Robinson with a National Institute for Mental Health grant—placed her in schools working with computers, statistics, and the children themselves. Brupbacher quickly realized that she loved the children, the teachers, and the school setting. Thanks to her mother’s insistence that she include elementary education as one of her majors, Brupbacher easily switched career paths and began teaching in an elementary school.

As a classroom teacher, Brupbacher helped HBU with the initial field-basing of some of its courses. When the opportunity arose for her to transition from elementary education to teach at her alma mater, it seemed like a natural next step.

It was this series of experiences and open doors—rather than a single “Aha!” moment—that led Brupbacher to where she is today: a passionate and respected educator who sees teaching as both a gift and a fulfilling calling.

“My passion for education in general, and multicultural education in particular, stems in part from my positive experiences in public schools and from the influence those teachers had on my life,” Brupbacher said. “I am dedicated to helping my students become the type of pre-kindergarten-12 teachers who helped me.”



As her selection for the Piper Professor Award attests, this passion and skill for teaching has not gone unnoticed.

“The Piper Award is a wonderful way to recognize the dedication and enthusiasm Dr. Brupbacher has for training future teachers,” said Dr. Joe David Brown, dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. “She epitomizes the lifelong learner and works to instill that desire in her students.”

Dr. Brupbacher’s commitment to teaching excellence extends well beyond the HBU campus. She has held several state leadership positions, including president of the Texas Directors of Field Experience and chair of the Texas Centers for Educational Partnerships. In addition, she has served as an educational consultant and grant evaluator on science education projects for children in inner-city elementary and middle schools.

A respected scholar, Brupbacher has received more than $275,000 in grants from the Texas Education Agency and the Centers for Professional Development and Technology and has presented at international, national, and state conferences. In 2007, the International Honor Society in Education published her short story, “A three hour course?” in So to Teach: Inspiring Stories.

Dr. Brupbacher serves the greater Houston community in a number of roles. She is an active member at South Main Baptist Church, where she teaches Bible studies and volunteers at Sojourn House, which offers housing and support to out-of-town patients receiving cancer care at M.D. Anderson. She has been a member of the Shared Decision Making Committee for elementary schools in both Alief and Houston ISD. In addition, Brupbacher served on the board of the Sharpstown Coalition for a Powerful Community and was a board member of the Houston A+ Challenge and Exxon-Mobil Math Initiative.

Her work in the community often provides her with the opportunity to work with HBU alumni, something she finds particularly rewarding. “It is fun to see my former students function professionally and to work with them as my colleagues,” Brupbacher said. “It is gratifying to realize the ripple effect of my teaching: the impact it is having not only on individuals, but also on schools, our state, and our society.”

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation’s Piper Professors Program recognizes outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in colleges and universities in the state of Texas. The Piper Professor Award is one of the highest state honors a professor can attain. It honors well-rounded professionals who excel in teaching, scholarship and service: dedicated teachers who have made profound and lasting impacts on the lives of students and on the community.

Setting Sail for **Oxford University:**



Jennifer Barton '07

by Clarissa Fraser '08

Jennifer Barton '07 is setting a historic precedent this fall: she will be the first HBU student to pursue a graduate degree at Oxford University.

Barton, who was named Outstanding Writing Major at HBU in 2007, graduated with Honors in May, 2007. At Oxford, she will be participating in program called English Studies in the Medieval Period. The curricula will cover primarily English literature from Beowulf to just before Shakespeare. During the first year, Barton will sign up for modules on specific topics and then work her way through a reading list and assigned essays. During her second year of study, she will focus on research for her master's thesis. She would like to continue the work she started with her honor's thesis at HBU, *The Other World in Medieval Literature.*

Dr. Louis Markos, professor of English, highly recommended Barton for the program at Oxford. He believes her "creative yet well-disciplined mind; her unplumbed depths of insight into life, literature, humanity; her strong, supple faith; her intuitive ability to forge new connections; and her critical ability to discern the significance of those connections are all indicators that she will contribute her own voice to the symphony of those who would blend the music of Athens and Jerusalem."

Barton has always loved to read and write stories. She says she was "composing stories before I could even write!" In high school, Jennifer's love of literature deepened. When her father passed away during her senior year in high school, she decided to remain at home in Sugar Land and attend HBU.

Her decision to attend HBU set her on the path to Oxford. During her freshman year, she accompanied Dr. Markos and several other students on a trip to England and had her first taste of Oxford. The seminar style of teaching appealed to her. Barton greatly enjoyed her classes and loved studying medieval literature back at HBU. She was, in fact, "the kind of student who makes you remember why you became a teacher," Dr. James Ulmer, professor of writing, said. Barton did not think about Oxford again, however, until after she had completed her honors thesis and graduated from HBU.

"I went to Oxford's web site thinking it might be fun to just apply," Barton said. "I thought it would be interesting to see what happens."

The resulting application process was long and arduous. In addition to the completed application, Barton had to supply recommendation letters, samples of her writing, and a defense of what she wanted to study. It was well worth the effort, however, as she was accepted.

Each of Barton's professors is cheering her on as she prepares to begin her new journey. "It has been gratifying to teach Jennifer and watch her flourish at HBU," Dr. Constantina Michalos, chair of the Department of Languages, said. "She will definitely benefit from her experience at Oxford, and she will enhance the quality of that program with her gifts."

CONTINUING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL

The Corporation for National and Community Service named HBU to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. HBU was recognized for its service learning internships; the community service components of both Welcome Days for new students and the Freshman Year Experience; scholarships for students who serve on the Service Leadership Council; and the community service work-study program that places students at social service agencies throughout greater Houston.

MED IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY APPROVED AS MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

The State Board of Education Certification has approved HBU's Master of Education in Educational Technology – one of only three university-based programs in the southeast Texas region – as a Master Teacher program. This certification allows MEd graduates in educational technology to apply for certification as a master teacher in Technology.

HBU PARTNERS WITH FORT BEND & KATY ISDS IN NEW COUNSELOR EDUCATION COHORT

HBU has created two new cohort groups in Fort Bend ISD and Katy ISD for the Master of Education in Counselor Education. The cohorts are designed to improve communication and provide students in the program – who take all courses together in a prescribed sequence –with a strong support network. Participants in the program are taking courses on campuses in both districts.

For more information, please contact Dr. Alice T. Ledford, chair of the Department of Education and Kinesiology, at aledford@hbu.edu or 281-649-3285.

HBU HONORS CONVOCATION RECOGNIZES TOP STUDENTS

HBU recognized a number of outstanding students with some of its highest honors at the annual Honors Convocation in May. Rishi Kumar and Sandra Mathoslah were named Mr. and Miss HBU for epitomizing the ideal HBU student in the areas of character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

Eleven students received the President's Award: David Crow, Joseph Dittfurth, Jennifer Hall, Ashley Hatchett, Christopher Hill, Rishi Kumar, Sandra Mathoslah, Ashley Nunes, Ben Ware, Nathan Yap, and Megan Yarrington.

Elizabeth Tisdale, Rebecca Barton, Jennifer Acres, and Kimberly Gutowsky were awarded Class Academic Excellence Awards.

AED RECEIVES THREE AWARDS

Members of HBU's Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the national health pre-professional honors society, received three awards at the society's 2008 national convention. The students won the Best Activities and Best Attendance awards for Region IV (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana) and received a national award for Best Community Service for their contributions to the Fort Worth Food Bank. Faculty adviser Dr. Susan Cook, professor of biology, was elected secretary for the national chapter.

CHEER SQUAD EARNS TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AT NCA CAMP

HBU's Cheer Squad brought home team and individual awards from the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp held at Southern Methodist University in July. The squad, coached by Todd McElroy, received two superior ribbons – spirit routine and rally routine – and an award for Most Improved Team. The Cheer Squad also earned a bid to the 2009 NCA College Nationals to be held in Daytona, Florida.

COLLEGIAN, ORNOGAH RECEIVE HONORS

The Associated Collegiate Press awarded HBU's *Collegian* student newspaper its eighth All-American rating, the highest rating given to any publication by the Associated Collegiate Press' National Scholastic Press Association critique service. The awarding judge gave the paper marks of distinction in coverage and content; photos, art, and graphics; layout and design; and leadership.

The Collegian also won third place in the University and College Newspaper non-daily division of the 2008 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors (APME) Competition. This was The Collegian's first time to participate in this event. Each year, the Texas APME joins with the Headliners Foundation of Texas to recognize outstanding journalism as practiced by the state's professional and collegiate newspapers and journalists.

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) awarded the staff of The Collegian 16 awards, including a first place award in the Editorial category, at its April convention. Two students also received first place awards: Amna Rehmatulla for Sports Action Photo and Brie Moore '08 for Information Graphic.

The staff of the 2006-2007 Ornogah, HBU's student yearbook, also earned a total of 18 awards at the TIPA convention. Gigi Arendt '08 won first place for the Class Page/People page, and The Ornogah staff took second place for Overall Excellence.

HBU'S SIFE STUDENTS WIN AT REGIONALS

HBU's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won first runner-up at the regional competition in Dallas last spring. The SIFE team, led by president Rebekah Cuellar '08 completed three projects during the 2007-2008 academic year. Students worked with Gracewood Ministries to teach residents success skills for the workplace and how to rebuild their credit. SIFE team members also worked at the YMCA facility at the Oaks Apartments in Houston, where they taught children entrepreneurship skills. Finally, the SIFE students collected more than 500 clothing items appropriate for job interviews and professional work environments for distribution at area shelters.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM COMPETES IN REGIONAL, NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

HBU finished the Great Southern Regional Tournament in Dallas last spring with a record of five wins, two losses, and one tie, earning it the fifth place trophy and the final qualifying spot for the national competition. Three members of the HBU Mock Trial Team – Ryan Cranston, Jonathan Rodgers, and Debbie Whiteside – also brought home individual awards. Other qualifying teams included the Air Force Academy, the University of Texas, and Southern Methodist University.

During the American Mock Trial Association's National Tournament, held at the Shelby County Courthouse in Memphis, Tennessee, HBU's Mock Trial Team notched wins over Ohio State University, Mississippi College, and tied the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, finishing ahead of schools such as Duke University, Emory University, and The University of Georgia. HBU's Jonathan Rodgers, who was the third highest ranked attorney at the competition, was named an "All-National Attorney."

STUDENT RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MAGAZINE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS

HBU senior Adam Richardson was named a finalist for *Photographer's Forum* magazine's Best of College Annual 2008 for a black and white photograph he took of a busy New York City street.

STUDENT HONORED BY TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

The Texas Conference for Women has named senior Rebekah Cuellar the outstanding Texas college student in business. Each year the organization awards six scholarships to female college students who balance academics, service, and leadership to make a difference in the community

Cuellar is majoring in business administration, accounting, and Spanish. Raised by immigrant parents, Cuellar's difficult experience learning English in elementary school motivated her to succeed in academics. She now uses her bilingual skills to serve as a translator for a ministry team that travels to Nicaragua every spring break. She hopes to attend law school, specialize in public interest law and become a positive role model for minority women.

PAULA STANG: TAKING THE FLOOR AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

by Justin Lacy

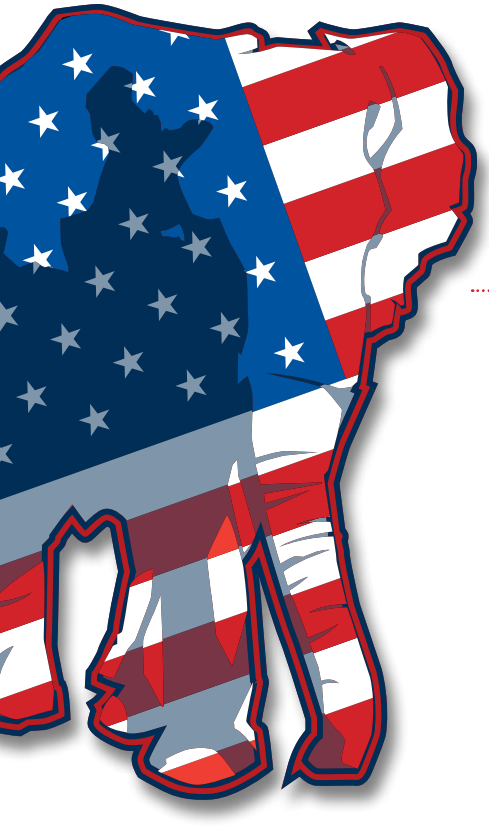
For HBU student Paula Stang, Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin are more than just faces she has seen on television. Stang, a senior history and political science major and member of the Houston Young Republicans, watched both Palin and McCain accept their nominations for the Republican ticket in the presidential election from the floor of the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

After serving as a delegate at the precinct, senatorial district, and state conventions, Stang was elected to attend the 2008 Republican National Convention as an alternate delegate from Texas Congressional District 9. She was the youngest member of the Texas delegation.



"I was overwhelmed by this opportunity and felt something deeper than mere excitement," said Stang. "Listening to speeches, to people's conversations with each other, and to people's opinions about different Republican candidates, I found myself more enthusiastic than ever about the need to remind politicians what it means to be a Republican.

"I may be small in the grander scheme, but I will always attempt to instill in others the same desire that I have: a desire to fight for the America of our Founding Fathers by sending a message of liberty, free enterprise, and limited responsible government resounding across the nation."



"I was overwhelmed by this opportunity and felt something deeper than mere excitement..."

Students Earn Joint Admission Medical Program Spots

Three HBU students, Jeannie Nguyen, Aleem Kanji, and Caleb Cadis have been selected to participate in JAMP, the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) sponsored by the state of Texas. These students are guaranteed a position in medical school upon graduation provided that program requirements are met. JAMP students also receive a stipend to attend summer internships following the students' sophomore and junior years of college at a participating medical school, mentoring to prepare for medical school, and a scholarship to attend medical school. Ten percent of medical school slots are allocated for JAMP students. According to Dr. Susan Cook, professor of biology and director of the Health Professions Program at HBU, only 1.5% of the available slots go to private school JAMP students.

"I am extremely proud of these hard working individuals. They are intelligent, deserving, and willing to dedicate their lives to serving others,"Cook said. "Any university would be fortunate to have them, so I am thrilled that they selected HBU, giving me the opportunity to work with them for the next two and a half years."

Six years ago, the 77th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 940, which created the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP). This program is administered by a JAMP Council composed of medical school admissions deans. The purpose of the program is to encourage highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students to pursue a medical education.

FACT: only 1.5% of the available slots go to private school JAMP students.

Veteran faculty, staff retire after years of dedicated service at HBU

Two longtime staff members and three faculty retired from HBU this spring after years of dedicated service to students.

KEN ROGERS retired as director of scholarships after 41 years with the university. During that time, Rogers estimates he helped more 20,000 students with financial aid needs. "It has been my calling," Rogers said. "Working to find financial aid for students has been my ministry as much as those who are called to the pulpit. This was where my talents have best been used."



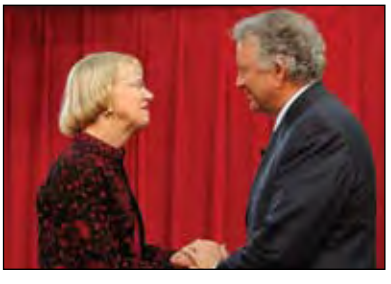
Ken Rogers enjoyed a special time with his daughters, Shelley Garza '88 and Lori Baker '90.

FRANCIS CURTIS retired as dean of student life. She began her career with HBU in 1968 and over the years has left her mark on the lives of many students. Over the years Curtis was the recipeint of many honors including the Mayfield Staff Award and the Athletic Spirit Award, which now bears her name. "No award means more to me than the memories I have from my years at HBU," Curtis said.



Frances Curtis with her husband, Johnny Curtis, and HBU alums Charles '77 MBA '80 and Jo '77 Canton.

PROFESSOR OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION SALLY PHILIPS began teaching at HBU in 1977. She started the school's bilingual education program and raised a total of $5 million in grant funds for scholarships for the program. She received the Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching Award in 1991 and was named Professor Emeritus in May 2008.



President Sloan offers his best wishes to Dr. Sally Phillips.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING PAT VARVEL taught at HBU for 11 years. She joined the nursing faculty after a long and rewarding career at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Houston's Texas Nursing Association named her one of the top 20 nurses in Houston in 2007.



Pat Varvel (r) listens as Deb Berry, associate professor of nursing, shares her memories of their time together in the classroom.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC ROBERT McELROY was the director of Instrumental Activities at HBU. He also led the school's symphonic band and pep band during his five years at the university.



Dr. John Yarrington, director of the School of Music, congratulates Robert McElroy on his retirement.

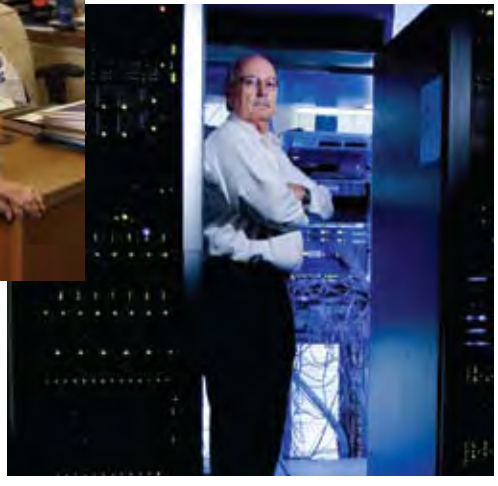
The Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award

Frances Curtis, former dean of Student Life, and Bill Sisk, director of operations—Information Technology Services, have been named the 2008 Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award honorees.

Curtis enjoyed more than 40 years of service to HBU. "I have enjoyed the camaraderie of faculty, staff and administration over the years, but the contact with students has been my most heart-warming experience."

Sisk joined HBU in 1999 as assistant director for Information Systems. He was promoted to director of operations, Information Technology Services, in June 2006. "I enjoy working with technology, solving problems and providing support to the campus community," he said. "The people at HBU make it a special place to work."





The Opal Goolsby Award for Outstanding Teaching

Dr. Valerie Bussell, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Miguel Estrada, assistant professor of Spanish, have been awarded the University's Opal Goolsby Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Bussell joined the HBU faculty in 2004. She most enjoys the dynamics of the classroom: "When everything is working, the energy in the classroom reminds me of creating art, a dance, a symphony or good play," she said. "We are all involved in the creative process of learning.

Estrada joined the HBU faculty in 2005. For him, the most rewarding element of the job is watching students develop an appreciation for and understanding of the Spanish language. "It is wonderful to see a student begin learning basic Spanish and then a few years later see the same student at the highest Spanish level writing research papers and speaking the language fluently," Estrada said.





Borns recognized for outstanding service, leadership

Dr. Renee F. Borns, assistant vice-president for student success initiatives at Houston Baptist University, has been awarded the 2008 Service to Commission Award for the Advising Administration Commission by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). This commission service award was established to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to a particular commission.

"Renee has led the advising effort for many years at the University and is receiving some well deserved recognition for all of her accomplishments in this field," said James Steen, vice president of enrollment management and student life. "We are so thankful for Renee's many contributions to advising and student success and enthusiastically celebrate this award with her!"

Faculty promotions

The Office of the President and the Board of Trustees at Houston Baptist University announced the following faculty promotions last spring.

- **Dr. Ron Homann,** College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, promoted to Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Valerie Bussell**, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr. Curtis Henderson,** College of Science and Mathematics, promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr. Dawn Wilson**, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr. Carol McGaughey**, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, promoted to Professor
- **Dr. Brenda Whaley**, College of Science and Mathematics, promoted to Professor

Rowlands named Outstanding Advisor

Dr. Alice J. Rowlands, professor of mass communication and HBU advisor of the year, has been awarded the Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Faculty Academic Advising category by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) as part of the 2008 National Awards Program for Academic Advising.

The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students or outstanding academic advising administration. The Faculty Academic Advising category includes those individuals whose primary responsibility is teaching and who spend a portion of their time providing academic advising services to students.

Rowlands has taught at HBU since 1990. She divides her time between the classroom and the newsroom of *The Collegian*, the university's award-winning student newspaper.

Houston Chamber Music Society holds debut concerts at HBU

The Houston Chamber Music Society held its Opening Debut Concert for the Inaugural 2008 Season last spring in the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

Grammy award-winning violinist Mark O'Connor, cellist Arash Amini, and Swiss flutist Eveline Kuhn joined Dr. Melissa Marse, HBU assistant professor of music and pianist for an evening of music.

The vision of the Houston Chamber Music Society (HCMS) is to establish a prominent Houston organization encompassing a broad range of musical performances spotlighting Houston-based professional musicians in conjunction with internationally acclaimed artists. HCMS strives to broaden the youth audience base for classical music and has plans for hosting master classes, workshops, chamber choirs, and other chamber music organizations.

This first season began with two concert series: Masterworks Series, and Soulscapes, a collection of concerts in unique venues exclusively featuring chamber music composed during the past 25 years. Marse is the HCMS Founding Artistic Director. Dr. Ann Gebuhr , professor of music, is Artistic Director of Soulscapes.

On the bookshelf

Two faculty have recently published books.

Dr. James Claycomb, assistant professor of physics

(2008) *Applied Electromagnetics Using QuickField and MATLAB*. Hingham, MA: Infinity Science.

Dr. John Yarrington, director of the School of Music and professor of music

(2008) *Have We Had This Conversation?* Dayton, OH: Lorenz Publishing.



Yuill recognized as Outstanding Nurse by peers

The Texas Nurses Association District 9 recently named Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, dean of HBU's College of Nursing, and HBU alumna Shannan Hamlin '93 among its 20 Outstanding Nurses of 2008.

Yuill, whose background includes critical care and cardiovascular nursing, is also the HBU College of Nursing's John S. Dunn, Sr. Professor in Nursing. She has served on the Advisory Committee on Education for the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Dr. Yuill is a member of the American Nurses Association; Texas Nurses Association; National League for Nursing; Texas Organization for Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education; Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Schools of Nursing; and Sigma Theta Tau, an international honor society for nurses.

Hamlin is an acute care nurse practitioner in the ICU at The Methodist Hospital in Houston.

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Dr. Paul Bonicelli — Provost and Professor in Political Science — University of Tennessee, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science; Regent University, Master of Arts in Public Policy.

Natalie Bachynsky — Visiting Professor in Nursing — University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Barbara Benitez-Gucciardi — Assistant Professor in Mathematics — University of Houston, Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics and Master of Science in Mathematics

Encarna Bermejo — Assistant Professor in Spanish — University of Houston, Master of Arts in Spanish Linguistics; National-Louis University, Bachelor of Science in Management

Dr. Jonathan Blackmon — Assistant Professor in Church Music — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Philosophy in Church Music and Master of Music in Church Music

Susan Bogan — Instructor in Art History — Houston Baptist University, Master of Liberal Arts; University of Texas, Bachelor of Business Administration

Matthew Boyleston — Assistant Professor in English and Writing — University of South Carolina, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing; Furman University, Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy

Dr. Ann Cheek — Assistant Professor in Biology — Duke University, Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology; College of William & Mary, Bachelor of Science in Biology

Richard Crain — Visiting Professor in Music/Director of Instrumental Activities — University of North Texas, Master of Education; Trinity University, Bachelor of Music Education

Dr. Rebecca Dowden — Assistant Professor in English and Writing — Baylor University, Doctor of Education; Prescott College, Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology; Sam Houston State University, Master of Arts in English; Houston Baptist University, Master of Liberal Arts

James Edwards — University Academic Center Gallery Director-Curator and Associate Professor in Art — San Francisco Art Institute, Master of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

Dr. Wan-Ju "Iris" Lien Franz — Visiting Assistant Professor in Economics — University of California — Irvine, Doctor of Philosophy in Economics; New York University, Master of Arts in Economics

Dr. Sara Frear — Assistant Professor in History — Auburn University, Doctor of Philosophy in History and Master of Arts in History

Dr. Evan Getz — Assistant Professor in the Honors College — Baylor University, Doctor of Philosophy in English and Master of Arts in Philosophy

Homann named Lake House Faculty-in-Residence

Dr. Ron Homann, assistant professor of sociology, is serving as HBU's first faculty-in-residence this fall. The faculty-in-residence program is part of the new living and learning cohort programs started on campus this fall to enhance faculty/student interaction and learning outside the classroom.

Homann, who lives in an apartment on the first floor of the newly completed Lake House, said he was inspired to apply for the position by 1 Thessalonians 2:8:

"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." (NIV)

Hammons named senior research fellow for Friedman Foundation

Dr. Chris topher Hammons, associate professor of political science and director of the Master of Liberal Arts Program, has been named a senior research fellow for the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation.

The Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1996, was founded upon the ideals and theories of Nobel Laureate economist Milton Friedman and economist Rose D. Friedman.

The foundation's mission is "promoting school choice to improve, through competition, the quality of K-12 education for all."

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Melissa Givens — Assistant Professor in Music — Rice University, Master of Music in Vocal Performance; Davidson College, Bachelor of Arts in Music
Christi Hemati — Instructor in Philosophy — Baylor University, Master of Arts in Philosophy; Dallas Baptist University, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Russell Hemati — Instructor in Philosophy — Baylor University, Master of Arts in Philosophy; Dallas Baptist University, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Dr. Anthony Joseph — Associate Professor in History — Princeton, Doctor of Philosophy in History and Master of Arts in History

Dr. Thomas Kulanjiyil — Assistant Professor in Psychology — Wheaton College, Doctor of Psychology and Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology; Serampore University, Kolkotta, India, Master of Theology

Sharon Luksetich — Assistant Professor in Nursing — University of Texas-Tyler, Master of Science in Nursing Education; University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. John Lundberg — Assistant Professor in History — Texas Christian University, Doctor of Philosophy in American History and Master of Arts in American History

Dr. Paul Mandell — Assistant Professor in Bilingual Education — University of Illinois, Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish Linguistics, Second Language Acquisition and Applied Linguistics; Emory University, Master of Arts in Hispanic Literature

Dr. Phillip S. Marshall — Assistant Professor in Christianity — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Philosophy in Old Testament Language; Westminster Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity

Leslie Miles — Assistant Professor in Nursing — Prairie View A&M University, Master of Science in Nursing; University of Texas – El Paso, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Evelyn Potter — Assistant Professor in Mathematics — Iowa State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics and Master of Science in Mathematics

Arthur Spanjer — Assistant Professor and Periodicals Web Librarian — Houston Baptist University, Master of Liberal Arts; University of Texas, Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

Dr. Kiara Spooner — Assistant Professor in Nursing — University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston, Doctor of Public Health; Tulane University, Master of Public Health

Dr. Saul Trevino — Assistant Professor in Chemistry — Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Sciences; Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

Melanie Turner — Assistant Professor in Nursing — Medical College of Georgia, Master of Nursing; Georgia Southern University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Hannah Wingate — Assistant Professor in Biology — University of Texas-Houston, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy in Cancer Biology and Master of Science in Immunology

HBU receives $1 million donation from Morris Foundation

by Justin Lacey

Dr. Stewart and Joella Morris presented President Sloan and Rick Bailey, chair of the Board of Trustees, with a $1 million check from the Morris Foundation at a recent meeting of trustees held on the HBU campus.

Last winter, Dr. Morris challenged the Board of Trustees and other University supporters to make a financial commitment to the continued growth and development of HBU. In return, Dr. and Mrs. Morris and the Morris Foundation pledged to match those contributions dollar-for-dollar up to $1 million, with all funds used to meet general operating expenses.

"Stewart and Joella Morris and the Morris Foundation have been generous friends of HBU since the 1950s, when Dr. Morris helped to found Houston Baptist College," said Sloan. "The legacy of Stewart and Joella has made a difference in the lives of many and impacted our society. Their dedication to Christian higher education and to providing assistance to students from Houston, the state, the nation, and abroad has been unending. This latest challenge grant represents not only the commitment of the Morris Foundation, but the support of the trustees and numerous HBU friends. As Stewart and Joella have demonstrated their commitment and generosity, others have followed their lead, with the University as the beneficiary."

"Joella and I give out of the bounty God has given us," said Morris, chairman of the Executive Committee, Stewart Title. "We hope our gift will be a seed to raise millions more for the students and programs of Houston Baptist University."



Stewart and Joella Morris with President Sloan

Community**Support**

Houston Endowment awards HBU $850,000 Grant

Houston Baptist University has been granted $850,000 from Houston Endowment Inc. to be used toward a civil engineering study to aid in the expansion of the campus.

As HBU prepares for its second straight academic year of record-breaking freshman enrollment, the evaluation of its physical plant is a major priority. The civil engineering study funded by the Houston Endowment grant will help the University lay a proper foundation for its continued expansion by identifying its architectural, civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical needs.

"I want to thank the Houston Endowment Board for their decision. This grant will allow HBU to move forward in assessing and expanding our facilities as we prepare for the unprecedented growth that we expect the implementation of our vision for the University to bring," said President Sloan.

"With enrollment numbers that will continue to break records in the foreseeable future, time is a critical factor. By assisting with the funding needed to prepare for the expansion of our facilities, Houston Endowment will ensure that students choosing to pursue their education at HBU have a world-class campus on which to live, learn, and prepare for lives of service to Houston and the world."

Houston Endowment is a private foundation established in 1937 by Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones. With an endowment of $1.7 billion, the foundation makes annual grants of about $85 million across a broad spectrum of charitable activities in the Greater Houston area.

M.D. Anderson Foundation awards HBU $500,000 Grant

Houston Baptist University has been granted $500,000 from the M.D. Anderson Foundation to fund remodeling and expansion of the campus' M.D. Anderson Student Center.

The M.D. Anderson Student Center has served as a hub of activity for both residential and commuting students on campus since HBU opened in the fall of 1963.

"I appreciate very much what the M.D. Anderson Foundation has done for HBU in the past, and this most recent support will ensure that this important facility bearing the Anderson name will continue to serve as the hub of our vibrant and growing campus," said President Sloan.

Unfortunately, the most extensive damage from Hurricane Ike was to the Anderson Student Center. While a civil engineering study of campus is currently underway to help HBU better understand and realize its long-range goals for the development of campus, environmental and restoration consultants are also assessing hurricane damage. HBU considers the refurbishment or replacement of this central location for student interaction of critical importance to the renewal of campus.

"HBU is working to recover from damage caused by Hurricane Ike, but an enhanced student center that gives our growing student body and the faculty and staff who serve our students a convenient and comfortable space in which to gather for relaxation and refreshment away from the classroom remains a top priority," Sloan said.

Bill & Mickey Arnold

How a Sunday Drive Turned into a **Life-long Love for a University**

by Justin Lacey

Friends of HBU often are connected to the University in a variety of ways: family members who attended HBU in the past, relationships with faculty or students, familiarity with or interest in a particular academic program, etc. For Meyerland residents Bill and Mickey Arnold, their connection with HBU stemmed from something less personal: the physical proximity of the campus to their home.

The Arnolds drove by the HBU campus quite frequently as they went about their daily business in southwest Houston. One day, fueled by their curiosity concerning the nearby university about which they knew very little, they decided to turn into the campus for an unannounced visit instead of simply driving by yet again.

Bill and Mickey Arnold quickly fell in love with HBU, a school with a mission that they saw a strong need for in the Houston area. As members of the President's Development Council, the Arnolds were regular participants in and supporters of the annual Spirit of Excellence gala, and they enjoyed attending as many campus events as their schedule would allow. They considered the Christmas Open House in the president's home a highlight of each year.

Friends of the Arnolds described them as quiet and unassuming people. They offered consistent generosity and support, but they did so because they enjoyed knowing that they were benefiting an institution they held dear, not to receive any public recognition or attention. Simply walking around the HBU campus and seeing the students hard at work and enjoying the academic, social, and spiritual benefits of an HBU education were reward enough.

Bill and Mickey have both passed from this life to the next, but their generosity lives on. Thanks to a significant bequest from the Arnold estate, the Bill and Mickey Arnold Scholarship Endowment will benefit worthy HBU students in their pursuit of a quality Christian higher education for years to come.

Regardless of the nature of your connection to HBU, you too can ensure that you leave a lasting legacy for the University that you know and love. Like many other long-time friends of the University, Bill and Mickey Arnold were members of The Covenant Society, which recognizes and honors individuals who wish to support Christian education by including HBU in their estate plans and other methods of planned giving.

Becoming a member of the Covenant Society is easy. Simply let the HBU Advancement office know that you have made provision for the University in your estate plan. By letting HBU know of your future gift and desire for its designation, you make a commitment to the future of HBU and assist the University with its long-range planning for that future.

While HBU expresses its sincere gratitude to Covenant Society members in a number of different public and private ways, the University always keeps the value and details of each planned gift strictly confidential. All recognition of Covenant Society members is designed to honor their partnership with the University while encouraging those who have not yet made similar plans to consider doing so as well.

If you have questions about the Covenant Society or are interested in learning more about how to make a planned gift to the University, please contact Peggy Powell, Advancement Officer, at 281-649-3407.



Bill & Mickey Arnold at an HBU event in 2005.

The Williams Family

Williams Fountain dedicated to the glory of God

by Dr. Leslie Kennedy Adams '86, MLA '87

The University family, the Williams Family, and other friends joined President Sloan in dedicating the Williams Fountain on May 5.

"It is a great privilege and great moment for all of us to be able to dedicate this foundtain to the Lord, to the HBU family, in honor of the Williams Family," Sloan said. "The Fountain provides the campus community a place of rest, a place for spiritual reflection, and a beautiful reminder of our dear friends, Diane and Stanley Williams. We would not be where we are today as a university without their leadership and friendship," Sloan said.

Becky Morris offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for the University, its godly founders, and Stanley and Diane '93 Williams, "dear friends who have shared their hearts with HBU through many ways."

Jay Williams also spoke about his parents' commitment to the University, recalling his mother's dedication to earning her degree from HBU in 1993 and to helping assist others to attend college: "She has a heart for kids that need financial assistance to go to school," he said, demonstrated by the Williams Children Endowed Academic Scholarship.

Dr. Diane and Stanley Williams have long been supporters of Houston Baptist University. In addition to providing this beautiful fountain, they shared in the vision to establish a campus chapel as a part of the Morris Cultural Arts Center, playing key roles in its development and construction. Diane served as co-chair of the Chapel Committee for fundraising, while Stanley served as the owner's representative, along with Dr. Bruce Belin, in managing the construction of the Cultural Arts Center project. Because of their ongoing support of the University the foyer of the Belin Chapel is named for the Williams.

Diane has served as a member of the Board of Trustees and chaired the Presidential Search Committee in 2006. She is an active member of The Guild and received an honorary doctorate in 2007.

The couple's passion for Christian education and for HBU has been passed down to the next generations. Their daughter, Dawn Trozzo, and daughter-in-law Dena Williams, are members of The Guild, and their son-in-law Clay Trozzo earned his MBA from HBU in 1996. Their great-nephew, Ryan Sherrod, is a freshman this year at HBU. Diane and Stanley await the possibility of their grandchildren, who already enjoy attending Husky basketball games, attending HBU.



President Sloan with Diane Williams '93, Jay and Dena Williams, Dawn Trozzo, and Stanley Williams



David & Patti Hatton

Hatton Chapel: A gift from the heart of parents

by Justin Lacey

As parents, David and Patti Hatton know that sending children off to college is an exciting, yet also emotional, time in the life of a family. They realize that parents often pray even harder for their children as they make this transition. Parents may pray for the safety, academic success, and continuous spiritual growth and well-being of their own child, as well as for the new college friends with whom their child will build strong and purposeful relationships.

The Hattons had this important transition in the life of the family in mind when they envisioned the Hatton Chapel and its placement in the new Lake House residence college. It is an intimate and inviting space where students can gather in small groups to pray and encourage each other spiritually and socially. "By offering a holy and special place like the Hatton Chapel where young people can grow closer to the Lord and to one another, I believe that the communal environment in the Lake House will reinforce the success God has planned for the lives of HBU students," Patti Hatton said.

The Hattons also hope the chapel will make a statement about the importance of daily communication with God in a student's developing relationship with Jesus Christ. "As the students embark, individually and collectively, on an educational journey that will help them find or reinforce the plan that God has prepared for their future, we pray that the Hatton Chapel will serve as a safe place for them to meet, pray, and worship," David Hatton said.

Each Tuesday morning at 9:45, the Honors College is honoring the Hatton's wishes for the chapel by sponsoring a time of prayer and reflection in the Hatton Chapel open to all HBU faculty, staff, and students. The session is a weekly reminder of God's generous blessings and an opportunity to pray that all of HBU's endeavors will be crowned with His glory.



Prayer Walk Blesses Buildings



Faculty, staff, students and friends of the University gathered before classes began to offer prayers of blessing for HBU's two new facilities - the University Academic Center and The Lake House Residence College. Participants left prayer cards of blessing and encouragement in student residence rooms, classrooms, and offices. At left, HBU trustee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Magnolia, Dr. Ed Seay and his wife, Cindy, offer prayers at the Lake House.

the Guild
Houston Baptist University

Thompson to speak at Christmas Luncheon



Evelyn Husband Thompson will be the featured speaker at The Guild Christmas Luncheon on December 5 at 11 am at the Hilton Houston Post Oak.

On Feb. 1, 2003, when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart just minutes before its scheduled return to earth, America lost seven heroes. Evelyn Husband, wife of Columbia's commander Rick Husband, lost much more—the love of her life, the father of her children, the backbone of her family.

Author of *High Calling: The Courageous Life and Faith of Space Shuttle Columbia Commander Rick Husband* (Thomas Nelson, 2004) and noted speaker, Evelyn travels throughout the U.S. encouraging audiences with her story of triumph over tragedy and her message of finding hope in the midst of life's trials.

2008-2009 Guild Officers inducted at Installation Coffee



The Guild inducted its 2008-2009 officers at a tea held at the President's Home thiis spring. Officers include Odile Tyler, Georgia Byrnes, Betty Beard, Judy Childress, Annette Duggan, Kandy Brittain, and Gina Saour pictured with HBU First Lady Sue Sloan.

www.hbu.edu/guild

The Silver Tea

The Guild Silver Tea was held in the home of the Honorable and Mrs. Bob Lanier on Thursday, April 11, 2008. Spring flowers were abundant and the ladies enjoyed visiting in this beautiful setting. There were approximately 200 guests including many who had never attended this annual event.

We thank all of you who so generously supported our graduate teacher scholarships with your donations, which totaled more than $70,000. We also appreciate those who gave of their time to serve on the various committees.

Pat Goettsche, Anne Barrett, Phyllis Thomason
Silver Tea Chairmen



Carmalee DeGeorge, Mayor Bob Lanier, Virginia Schnieder



Elyse Lanier, Pat Goettsche, Anne Barrett and Phyllis Thomason

Summer Academy
Once a student, now a mentor

By Justin Lacey

At its heart, the annual Summer Academy is an exercise in giving. Yes, the students attend classes, complete projects, and take field trips. The fundamental goal of the Summer Academy, however, is to give at-risk students from Jane Long Middle School with good academic records and a demonstrated interest in furthering their education the opportunity to experience the college environment.

For Lidia Hernandez, an HBU student who served as a mentor to this summer's participants, working with the Summer Academy was an opportunity to give back on a very personal level to a program that played an important role in her own academic journey.

From the time she started kindergarten, Lidia knew that college was her ultimate academic goal, even though she would be the first in her family to pursue a college education. She credits participation in the Summer Academy following her completion of the eighth grade at Jane Long with helping her to feel comfortable on a college campus and exposing her to the benefits of an HBU education. That is why, as high school graduation neared and she began considering her college options, Lidia put HBU at the top of her list. Thanks to the Summer Academy, she was familiar with the campus and with the aspects of the HBU experience that differentiate it from the competition. "I knew what HBU stood for, and it felt like the perfect fit," Lidia said.

As a Summer Academy mentor, Lidia had the opportunity to help students whose background and goals were similar to her own succeed. Lidia's work as a mentor also allowed her to monitor closely the progress of one of the Summer Academy students with whom she shared a special connection: Yamileth Hernandez, her younger sister. With college aspirations of her own and memories of her older sister's excitement about the program, Yamileth knew she needed to experience the Summer Academy for herself.

The Hernandez sisters agree that the Summer Academy is a worthwhile investment for donors and are thankful that local businesses Fiesta Mart and Bank of America choose to exhibit a commitment to the future of southwest Houston by supporting the Summer Academy.

"Their money is in the right place," Lidia said. "The Summer Academy helps students like my sister and me understand that it is willingness to work hard, not just financial capability, that makes success in college possible."

Join the excitement of HBU athletics
The Husky Athletic Fund kicks off



President Sloan, Dr. Stewart Morris, Athletic Diector Ron Cottrell and Randy Sorrels '84

The Husky Athletic Fund Kickoff Luncheon, sponsored by Doug Dawson and Northwest Mutual Financial Network, was held on Octobe 28 at Irma's Southwest Grill in Houston.

The Husky Athletic Fund is the primary fundraising program for the HBU athletic department. Funds raised through the program will provide scholarship assistance and general financial support for HBU athletics and is student-athletes.

Financial support from donors is essential for the growth and success of our athletic program as we continue our move back to full NCAA Division I membership. Learn more about how you can become a member by visiting the Husky athletic website at www.hbuhuskies.com or calling 281.649.3096.

Bruce & Linda Williams

Finding joy through service to God

by Justin Lacey

The maps displayed on the walls of the Northville Product Services office downtown depict major pipeline systems that transport one of our nation's most important commodities: petroleum products. For Bruce Williams, senior vice president of Northville and co-owner of Irma's Southwest Grill, a network of relationships links him to Houston Baptist University in much the same way that those pipeline systems connect cities along the Gulf Coast with cities in the Midwest and New England.

Bruce and wife Linda first came to know HBU through Duane Brooks, pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church. Brooks, who baptized Williams, is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Christianity at HBU. The Williams family also counts Todd Buchanan, HBU women's basketball coach, among their dear friends.

Through these relationships, the couple became aware of the many exciting ways that God is at work on the HBU campus. As they learned more about Dr. Sloan's vision for the University, they could sense God encouraging them to get involved at HBU. Just a few months later, Williams was presented with the opportunity to make a lead gift to the Husky Endowment for Athletic Scholarships, and he and Linda did not hesitate to respond.

"God goes to work quickly," Williams said, "and it is hard to say 'No' to God." An avid golfer, Williams sees a unique opportunity for the strong Christian coaches in the athletic department at HBU to have a powerful influence on young people by sharing the wisdom of the gospel in both words and action.

While the pipelines that carry the petroleum products he helps manage distribute natural resources, Williams focuses his personal life on sharing the love and blessings with which God has entrusted him. Bruce and Linda allow God to lead them as they invest the resources of His kingdom in the organizations and individuals through whom He works on this earth. "As stewards of God's bounty, Linda and I believe it is our calling to invest in those areas where we see God being glorified," Williams said. "The HBU vision represents a tremendous opportunity to spread God's kingdom and gospel, so there is no doubt in our minds that God is being glorified at HBU."



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In addition to supporting HBU, Bruce is on both the greater Houston and national boards of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and he and Linda are involved in the work of the Star of Hope Mission, where Bruce is also on the board of trustees. This focus on helping their fellow workers in God's kingdom sometimes forces the couple to step outside of their comfort zone in order to respond obediently to God's will, but it is a step they find increasingly easier to take as they continue to let God work in and through their lives.

"Ten years ago, I worked for myself to generate wealth for my family's benefit," Williams said. "Since then, though, God has transformed my life completely, and there is a lot more joy in serving God and being His steward than there ever was in serving myself."

Randy '84 & Cheryl '85 Sorrels

Sorrels Soccer Field Honors Alums

The soccer playing field at Houston Baptist University has been named the Randy & Cheryl Sorrels Field in honor of the HBU alumni who made a generous contribution to the HBU soccer program. The announcement was made in June by HBU President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and Director of Athletics Ron Cottrell

"HBU is honored to announce the naming of our soccer field, the Randy & Cheryl Sorrels Field," said President Sloan. "As an NCAA Division I university, we find it especially affirming when outstanding alumni, like Randy and Cheryl, choose to give back to their alma mater in such a significant way. Their generosity and commitment to excellence will provide meaningful assistance to Husky athletics and our student-athletes."

The Sorrels contributed to the newly formed Husky Athletic Fund and the gift was earmarked for the soccer program. The Fund's purpose is to establish endowed scholarships for HBU Athletics and to renovate and build athletic facilities. A significant feature of the Fund is the inclusion of individual naming opportunities as appropriate donor recognition.

"Randy and Cheryl have been loyal alumni of our university," said Cottrell. "We are grateful for their generous gift to upgrade our soccer field and are proud to give their name to the site that hopefully will produce many championship soccer teams."

Randy Sorrels, a distinguished Houston attorney and 1984 graduate of HBU, was a four-year letterman for the soccer team from 1980-83 and helped lead the Huskies to a Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament Championship in 1982. He met his wife, the former Cheryl Casas, at HBU where she graduated in 1985.

"HBU has served as a cornerstone for any success our family has enjoyed," said Randy. "For me, I chose to attend HBU to play soccer first, but the education and teachings I received at HBU transcended into all aspects of my life, giving me both the competitive drive and spiritual blessings that have guided me throughout my adult life."

Cheryl added, "Our experiences at HBU were defining times in our lives, and we feel honored to give back to the university that gave us so much. We are both proud graduates of Houston Baptist University and hope our gift benefits the current and future students of HBU."

HBU competed successfully in men's soccer as an NCAA Division I member in the 1980s, winning two TAAC West Championships (1984, 1985) and three TAAC Tournament Championships (1982, 1984, 1985). After discontinuing the sport in 1990, the Huskies reinstated their men's and women's soccer programs prior to the 2006 season and completed their first year back in the NCAA Division I ranks last season. The HBU men's team is one of only two (SMU) NCAA Division I soccer programs in the state of Texas.

The Huskies are in their second year of provisional membership as an NCAA Division I member and the move back to Division I is just part of the university's vision toward a national university that is expanding its size and mission. The women's soccer team will compete as a member of the Great West Conference in 2008 while the men's team will be a member of the Atlantic Soccer Conference.

"HBU is in the beginning stages of a significant transformation – positive changes not only in the athletic department, but throughout the entire campus," said the Sorrels. "We were encouraged to take a look at the vision of this administration and have become convinced HBU is just starting to tap into its vast potential. During these very exciting times, we want to encourage others to look at this university's future and get involved in our campus."



Randy and Cheryl Sorrels with son Garrett and Athletic Director Ron Cottrell and President Sloan unveil the name of HBU's new soccer field



Alumni Enjoy Soccer Game — Who says you can't go back? Not these soccer alumni from the 1970s and 80s!

Front row—Aman Nasser (1988-90), Jesse Martin (1987-90), William Hawker (1986-89), Maria Nava (1985-88), Chris McMinn (1989-90), Santiago Molina (2007), Saleim Kahleh (79-80), Ricky Gras (79-80).
Back row—Carlos Gil (1982-85), Randy Sorrels (1980-83), Clint Connell (2007), Jon Epperson (2006-07), Steve Megow (1990), Henry Barrios (1983-85), Brandon Durdon (2006-07), Curtis Brooks (1988-90).

Volleyball "Digs Pink" for Breast Cancer Research

The HBU volleyball team took part in the Dig Pink event sponsored across the country by the Side-Out Foundation in order to raise community awareness and provide education about breast cancer.

Fans dressed in pink packed Sharp Gym on October 14 in support of the cause. In addition to the fans showing their support in pink, the Huskies wore pink uniforms, the Tigers wore pink ribbons in their hair and the match was played with a pink volleyball. The night's gate receipts were donated to research organizations working to put an end to breast cancer.

Breast cancer research was not the only winner on the evening as the Huskies defeated Texas Southern University in three sets, 25-15, 25-15, 25-13.



Martinez Named GWC Runner of the Year



Daniel Martinez claimed HBU's first Great West Conference individual title with his top finish at te 2008 GWC Cross Country meet held at Orem, Utah on November 1. The men's team finished third in the GWC inaugural meet, while the women placed 5th. Martinez was named the GWC Runner of the Year following his winning performance.

THE GREAT WEST CONFERENCE:

The New Home of Husky Athletics

Houston Baptist University joined the Great West Conference with HBU President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and Director of Athletics Ron Cottrell making the formal announcement in July.

The Great West Conference, which had been a football-only league since its inception in 2004, expanded into an all-sports conference, and HBU was one of seven independents that have joined in the expansion.

"We are excited about our move into the Great West Conference," said President Sloan. "The identity that comes with conference membership will impact our entire HBU community, including our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and help build a stronger campus atmosphere. Our participation in the conference will also provide an array of exciting sporting events for the greater Houston community. We are looking forward to building relationships with the other conference schools and the athletic community at large, and I am especially pleased that our student-athletes and coaches will have the opportunity to participate at the conference level."

The Huskies, who compete in 15 NCAA Division I sports, will begin Great West Conference play in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor track and field, and men's and women's outdoor track and field in 2008-09. Men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and women's soccer will follow in 2009-10 with a full complement of conference scheduling and championships. HBU men's soccer will compete in the Atlantic Soccer Conference until a time when the sport may be added to the Great West lineup.

"Obviously this is a big piece of the puzzle in our move back to Division I," said Cottrell. "Conference affiliation is key to a successful athletic program and will aid in scheduling, fundraising, branding, marketing, recruiting and will give HBU exposure in many areas of the country. We are especially happy that our student-athletes will once again have the opportunity to play for championships and be recognized with post-season honors. Other than our decision to return to Division I, this move is the biggest step to be taken by our athletic department in years. There are schools that wait many years to join a conference, and to find a conference home in only our second year of provisional membership is huge."

Schools joining HBU in the expansion are Chicago State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of North Dakota, University of South Dakota, University of Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley University. These seven schools joined with football-only conference members Cal Poly, University of California-Davis and Southern Utah University to make up the nine-member Great West Conference.

Women's basketball
put to the road test

HBU women's basketball will play a 2008-09 schedule which includes eight home games and two contests with 2008 NCAA tournament teams.

"We are looking forward to the season," said head coach Todd Buchanan. "Our schedule will definitely be a challenge. We go through a stint of six straight road games, followed by another stint of eight in a row on the road. We are making no excuses, but it is no secret to anyone that competing on the road is more difficult."

The Huskies will open with Rice in an exhibition game at Sharp Gym, then will host former Red River Athletic Conference foes Huston-Tillotson and Wiley. HBU will travel to face a pair of Southland Conference schools in Stephen F. Austin State and McNeese State. The Huskies then will travel to Chicago, Ill. for a game against Big Ten member Northwestern. The Huskies take on their first tournament team from 2008 when they head to Tulsa, Okla. to face Oral Roberts on November 29. ORU made the 2008 tournament as a 16 seed, getting knocked out in the first round by eventual national champion Tennessee.



Nov. 6	**Rice**	**7:05 p.m.**
Nov. 15	**Huston-Tillotson**	**2:05 p.m.**
Nov. 17	Stephen F. Austin State	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	Northwestern	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	**Wiley**	**7:05 p.m.**
Nov. 25	McNeese State	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	Oral Roberts	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	South Alabama	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 6	**Prairie View A&M**	**2:05 p.m.**
Dec. 13	Eastern Kentucky	noon
Dec. 14	Morehead State	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	Marshall	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Murray State	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 29	**Central Arkansas**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 3	Texas-Arlington	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	**North Dakota**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 11	**Seattle**	**5:00 p.m.**
Jan. 13	**Texas Southern**	**5:00 p.m.**
Jan. 16	**South Dakota**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 18	Cal State-Bakersfield	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Texas-Pan American	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Tennessee-Martin	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	So. Illinois-Edwardsville	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Cal State-Bakersfield	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Seattle	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	North Dakota	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	South Dakota	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	**So. Illinois-Edwardsville**	**7:05 p.m.**
Mar. 6	Independent Classic	
Mar. 7	Independent Classic	
Mar. 8	Independent Classic	

The Huskies then travel to South Alabama before returning for a meeting with Prairie View A&M and then begin a six-game road swing beginning with back to back games in Kentucky against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. On the same road trip, they will travel to Marshall before heading back to Kentucky for a game with coach Buchanan's alma mater, Murray State. The Racers were a 14 seed in the tournament and fell to Duke in the first round. HBU closes out 2008 with a home game against Central Arkansas.

In January the Huskies face Texas-Arlington before receiving a bit of a respite from the road as their next four games are at home. They will host North Dakota, Seattle, Texas Southern and South Dakota at Sharp Gym. Following that homestand, HBU begins a stretch of eight road games including a neutral site game with Cal State-Bakersfield at Edinburgh, followed by games at Tennessee-Martin and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

"It is difficult to get home games right now, but going on the road this year with a senior laden team will pay off in the future as many of the games will be returned to Sharp Gym next year," added Buchanan.

On Feb. 7, HBU heads west to take on Cal State-Bakersfield and then Seattle. North Dakota and South Dakota are next up before the Huskies go to Texas-Pan American. The final home game of the season is a rematch with SIU-Edwardsville. HBU will then close out the season at the Independent Classic hosted by North Dakota.

Buchanan closed, "From a coaching standpoint, we need a schedule like this to get our feet wet and make our mark as a true Division I program. This is what NCAA Division I basketball is all about."

HBU Basketball
in Full D-I Mode

The Huskies, who are in their second year of NCAA Division I provisional membership, have put together a Division I schedule that will have the Huskies racking up the "frequent flyer" miles. Following last season's 13-15 record that had HBU on the road for 18 straight games, the Huskies hope to use the experience of a senior laden team as they take to the road again in 08-09. The team will be led this season by 10 seniors, including six of last season's top seven scorers and top three rebounders.

"We obviously have another challenging schedule this season," said head coach Ron Cottrell. "We do have a senior laden team and feel this is an appropriate schedule to test our experience, but it will be a significant test."

HBU will open the season with a Homecoming exhibition against East Texas Baptist University before traveling to Marquette for its first game. Marquette is one of five teams on the Huskies' schedule who played in the NCAA tournament last season. Other 2008 NCAA tournament teams on the Huskies' schedule are South Alabama, who the Huskies fell to last season by four points, 2008 Southland tournament champion Texas-Arlington, 2008 WAC tournament champion Boise State and Big East powerhouse Villanova, who made it to the Sweet 16 in 2008. Both Boise State and Texas-Arlington will play the Huskies' at HBU's Sharp Gym.

The Huskies also will face four teams who played in the NIT last season, including a January tilt at 2008 NIT champion and 2007 NCAA championship runner-up Ohio State University.

Two tournaments are on the Huskies schedule in November and December. HBU travels to the SMU Classic, November 21-23 to play SMU, Illinois State and Alabama State and then to the "Duel in the Desert" at Utah State University on December 28-30 when the Huskies will face the host team, as well as Wyoming and Howard.

In addition to Boise State and Texas-Arlington, the Huskies will host New Orleans, Middle Tennessee State, Wisconsin-Green Bay, Northwestern State and Great West Conference opponents Chicago State, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Utah Valley. The Great West Conference, which HBU joined in July, will begin conference play in all team sports in 2009-10.

"While we may be road weary again this season, we are excited about our 10 home games," concluded Cottrell. "It will be great to bring opponents of this caliber to Sharp Gym and hopefully our fans will give them a true taste of 'Sharp, Texas.' We have great fans and look forward to hosting these tradition-rich teams."

Nov. 8	**East Texas Baptist**	**7:05 p.m.**
Nov. 14	Marquette	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Middle Tennessee	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	SMU	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Illinois State	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	Alabama State	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	**Texas-Arlington**	**7:05 p.m.**
Dec. 4	Villanova	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	South Alabama	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 13	**New Orleans**	**7:05 p.m.**
Dec. 15	North Texas	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	**Northwestern State**	**2:05 p.m.**
Dec. 22	**Green Bay**	**7:05 p.m.**
Dec. 29	Wyoming	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	Utah State	9:05 p.m.
Dec. 31	Howard	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Iowa State	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Ohio State	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	**Utah Valley**	**7:05 p.m.**
Jan. 19	Green Bay	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 25	Santa Clara	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Fresno State	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	**Boise State**	**2:05 p.m.**
Feb. 3	New Jersey Tech	6:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	**Middle Tennessee**	**7:05 p.m.**
Feb. 9	**Chicago State**	**7:05 p.m.**
Feb. 19	Louisiana Tech	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	**New Jersey Tech**	**7:05 p.m.**
Feb. 26	**Southwestern Assem.**	**7:05 p.m.**
Mar. 2	Chicago State	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Utah Valley	8:05 p.m.



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1970s

Thomas Hoolsema '70 has written and published a book, *Prophecy and the Doctrines of Grace,* as a tribute to his father, Rev. Thomas E. Hoolsema, who passed away in December 1999.

John Bailey '71, chief operations officer for Katy ISD, has announced his retirement after a 30-year education career. He has held several central administration positions, including assistant superintendent for administration for Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and assistant superintendent for curriculum & instruction at Carroll ISD. Immediately prior to joining Katy ISD as deputy superintendent for administrative services in 2005, he served as superintendent of Glen Rose ISD.

Marsha Beavers Smith '72 has moved to Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia to work as educational diagnostician/assessment coordinator for the International Schools Group (ISG). She is a native of New Albany, Miss., and most recently lived in Katy. She has three sons and five grandchildren.

Vicki Drews Wilson '72 is supervisor of choral activities at Tupelo High School in Tupelo, Miss. She was named interest session chair for the Southern Division Convention of American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in March.

Don Pate '77 has joined Tidal Software as senior vice president of worldwide sales. He joins Tidal from Neon Enteerprise Software where he was president and CEO.

Gregory E. Sterling '78 has been appointed dean of the University of Notre Dame's Graduate School. He served for four years as director of graduate studies in the Department of Theology, and for the past seven years he has been associate dean, senior associate dean, and since 2006, executive associate dean in the College of Arts and Letters. He is a minister in the Church of Christ and has served since 1993 on a part-time basis at the Warsaw Church of Christ.

Steve Yount '79 is in private practice in Bastrop. He also serves as a clinical assistant professor in the department of Family Medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. He and wife Melody have two daughters, Elizabeth and Lillian.

1980s

Richard Leon Paradise '80 is an RN at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, Md. He and wife Cynthia have a son, Clinton.

Marty Emmons MEd '81, assistant principal of Fairmont Elementary School, has been appointed to be the new principal of Dabbs Elementary School in Deer Park ISD. She served as assistant principal at Dabbs Elementary from 1997 to 2005 before being named assistant principal at Fairmont.

Jon Meyer '81 is moving to Moldova at the request of the Moldova government and in partnership with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), Children's Emergency Relief International (CERI). They are sending Jon for a two-year stint as senior consultant to the newly created Ministry of Social Protection. His primary task will be to draft policies to guide implementation of the changes, promote social work as a profession, and teach social work in the government university."

Randall Wiederhold '82 is owner of Alan Woodworks in Fort Collins, Colo. He and wife Susan have four children: Christopher, David, Victoria, and Alexandra.

Rodney Lee Bass '82 is a banker at Capital One Bank. He, wife **Nan** '84, and children Melissa and Reed reside in Paris, Texas.

Keith Johnson '86 has been appointed vice president of corporate development for CapRock Communications. He moves into this role from his former position as the company's interim managing director of Europe, Middle East and Africa operations.

Laura Sturgeon '86 is a CPA and is currently employed by Texas Health Resources in Arlington as a tax manager. She will be moving to Coolidge where her husband Chuck will be serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coolidge.

Joseph L. Dawson MACT '87 will celebrate his twentieth year as a professor with Lone Star College (formerly North Harris Montgomery Community College District) – Kingwood.

Afreen Pappa '87 is owner and medical director of Javani Med Spa in Sugar Land. She has been chosen as a lifestyle advisor to the Houston Business Show on CNN 650. She and husband Shafique have three children: Aadil, Alia, and Shan.

Terry L. Lewis '88 has been appointed the inaugural chief market strategist for Gazillion Ventures Incorporated and Gazillon Financial Incorporated.

Leonard W. Mallett MBA '88 has been named senior vice president, engineering for EPCO, inc. and its affiliates, which include Enterprise Products Partners L.P., Enterprise GP Holdings L.P., TEPPCO Partners, L.P., and Duncan Energy Partners. He will be responsible for all engineering activities related to the companies onshore and offshore assets.

1990s

Cynthia W. Weaver '90 is a CFO for The Hotze Entities in Katy. She and husband Michael have two children, Taylor and Alli.

Victoria Bedo MED '91 is the principal at Lamar Junior High in the Lamar Consolidated School District and was named the 2008 Principal of the year for the district by her fellow principals. She began her career in Lamar CISD in 1991 as an assistant principal at Terry High School. She has been the principal at LJH sine 1998, and has worked 28 years in education.

Arita Goodwell Lacy '91 was named Fort Bend ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. Lacy is a fourth-grade math, science and health teacher, and has taught at Quail Valley Elementary for three years. She has been in the teaching profession for five years.

Machelle Ausbie Green MS '94 is a business technology instructor for Bay Area Christian School in League City. She and husband James have three children: Justin, Matthew, and Chelsea.

Craig Ackerman '95 has been named the new radio voice of the Houston Rockets. He steps in for one of the longest-tenured broadcast duos in NBA history, Gene Peterson and Jim Foley. Craig has worked for the Rockets for 14 years, beginning as an intern while a student at HBU, and has worked the last five years as studio host and occasional substitute for Foley or Peterson, who both retired at the end of the 2007-08 season. In addition he has called games for the Comets, the University of Houston, Rice and the Arena Football League's ThunderBears.

Louie Ehrlich MBA '95 has been appointed president of Chevron Information Technology and chief information officer. He joined Chevron in 1981 as a programmer-analyst in New Orleans, La. He has since held several senior roles, including being named chief information officer for Chevron's Downstream Marketing business in 2000 and serving as vice president of Services and Strategy and CIO for Global Downstream.

June DeMarsico MLA '96 is an art teacher recently retired from Dulles Middle School after more than three decades of sharing her love for art with countless Fort Bend ISD students. She began her career in the district in 1991 at Sugar Land Middle School and began teaching art at Dulles Middle School in 1995. June was honored with a proclamation from Sugar Land Mayor David Wallace for projects on display at city hall for Youth Art Month. Her list of accolades also includes a fellowship from Houston Business Grants, a scholarship to the Rice Institute of Asian Studies and several published art projects.

Van G. Garrett '99 was awarded a 2006 Hurston/Wright Fellowship for poetry, a 2004 and 2002 Callaloo Creative Writing Fellowship for poetry, and the Danny Lee Lawrence prize for poetry. His poems have appeared in *The Amistad, The Pittsburgh Quarterly, Chicken Bones, Life Imitating Art, Swirl, Drumvoices Revue, Shank's Mare, Urban Beat, E! Scene* and elsewhere. Van is also a photographer and his photography has appeared in *Source Magazine*, on display at the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston, the Walter Branch Public Library, the University of Rhode Island, and contracted by the Houston Museum of Natural Science and Capitol Records.

Mark Hoeschele '96 is a physician at Limestone Medical Center and Family Medicine Center in Groesbeck, Texas.

Christine Guillot Johnson '97 is a teacher and choir director for Truitt Middle School in Cy-Fair ISD. She and husband Jerry reside in Spring.

John Clark Robinson MBA '98 was recently promoted to chief financial officer for Neel-Schaffer Engineers and Planners. He previously served as a controller in the accounting department.

Wendy Dyess Hunt '99 is a teacher for Splendora ISD. She and husband James have two children, Noah and Faith.

Jackie Julks '99 is an RN for UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. She has two children, Keaton and Justin.

Kevin Klotz '99 served as the principal conductor of the chorus and orchestra for the live broadcast of the dedication of the new Roman Catholic Co-Cathedral in Houston on April 2. The auditioned choir, which was composed of 108 singers from all around the Archdiocese, joined together with a 40-piece orchestra to perform the music for the Dedication Mass.

2000s

Glenda Gutierrez Moya '00 is a teacher for Sneed Elementary in Alief ISD. She lives in Katy with her husband, Fernando, and daughter Adrianna.

Jennifer Zebold MED '00 has been named principal at Williams Elementary School in Lamar Consolidated ISD. She has five years of teaching experience at Alief and Katy districts and eight years of experience as an administrator, including serving as an assistant principal at two campuses.

Tara Wright Brown '02 married Travis Brown on November 17, 2007. Tara is a third grade teacher at Danish Elementary School in Cy-Fair ISD. Tara and Travis reside in Cypress.



Mary Ellen Rocha '02 was named assistant principal of Pink Elementary School in Lamar Consolidated ISD. She has been a teacher and administrator at the district for five years, most recently as administrative intern at Pink Elementary.

Kristy Rundle '02 moved to Louisville, Ky. after working for three years at SYSCO Corp.. She has joined the ministry as an executive assistant for City on a Hill Productions. She assists the artistic director and media director as they strive to reach people with the gospel in the language of our time, media.

Tracy Lynn Donalson '03 is a teacher for The Village School in Houston. She and husband Sidney have two children, Taylor and Sidney.

Jason Granger '03 is a system administrator for Houston Baptist University.

Jaime Nicole Kutra '03 is a kindergarten teacher at Williams Elementary in Richmond. She is happy to announce her marriage on April 26.

Anastasia Lynne Pankau '03 is a Spanish teacher, speech and debate coach for Incarnate Word Academy in Houston.

Zach Nicholson '03 MATS '07 is serving as the new pastor at the First Baptist Church of Palacios. Zach, his wife Crystal, and their two children, Caleb and Hannah, are now residing in Palacios.

Denise Keri Garrison '04 is currently a transition vocational rehabilitation counselor for the State of Texas in Houston. She has finished her first semester at George Washington University, where she is working on her master's in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Diane Tucker MAP '04 is a psychology instructor for Texas Culinary Academy in Austin.

Kimberly Crowder '05 is working for Whole Foods Market as a Houston media and community relations coordinator for the Houston Metro area.

Blake Jackson '05 and Robin Gillmore Jackson were married on May 12, 2007 and are living in Cypress. Blake and Robin are employed on the worship staff of Community of Faith, a young and growing non-denominational church with 5,000 members in the Cypress area.

Adam Colley '06 is president of ProSource Contract Manufacturing in Houston. He resides in Cy-Fair with his wife Jessica. They are members of Second Baptist Church.

Aaron Diehl '06 is a Manager at ProSource Contract Manufacturing in Houston. Aaron and his wife **Stephanie** '07, reside in Bellaire with their dog Berkman.

Michael Haskew '06 is a worship pastor for Foundry Church in Houston. He and wife Catherine reside in Richmond.

JJ Worthen '06 has written and released his debut EP, *Devotee*. He has toured extensively as a choral and opera singer. When not recording, he works as part of the worship and creative arts ministry at River Pointe Church in Richmond.

Timothy Warner Brown '07 and Nicole Lee English Brown '08 were married on September 6. Nicole currently holds her real estate license with Keller Williams Realty. Timothy works as a regional sales manager for Technical Laboratory Systems. They reside in Katy, Texas.

Jessica Watson Cuthbert '07 and **Brian Cuthbert** '06 were married on June 23, 2007. Jessica finished her first year as an algebra teacher at Elkins High School. Brian is currently working as a geo-technician for the Oil Exploration Company EMGS. They purchased their first home and reside in Pearland.



Meredith Spencer '08 was named to Mayor Bill White's 2008-2009 inaugural class of Houston Fellows. This is a 12-month fellowship program that combines hands on job experience with public sector leadership training. She was chosen from among more

HBU Celebrates *15,000 Graduates*

At the May commencement, HBU celebrated the awarding of its 15,000th degree. Special music was presented by two HBU faculty members and their families. Retiring music professor Robert McElroy, accompanied his wife, Marie Winter McElroy, who played Flute; and their son, Steven Winter '08, who played Horn. Dr. John Yarrington, director of the School of Music, sang "In Christ Alone" with his daughter Megan Yarrington '08.

Each graduate received a special commemorative coaster depicting the University's Belin Chapel and University Museums.



Dr. Nancy Yuill and HBU Trustee William M. "Bob" Powell '76 hood his son Jonathan '08.

Welcome Husky Pups

Brena Baumann-Gonzalez ’87 and husband Carlos ’84 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Faith, on April 3. She was welcomed home by big sister Olivia Grace.


Baumann-Gonzalez

Patrick A. Thomas ’94 and wife Tiffany are proud to announce the birth of son Benjamin Daniel born on April 26.


Thomas

Suzanne Gerczak Weatherly ’95 and husband Mark are proud to announce the birth of son Luke Anthony on May 28. He was welcomed home by big brothers Sean and Chad and big sister Sydney. The Weatherly family resides in Montgomery, Texas.


Weatherly

Adam Campbell ’97 and wife **Erin Aigner Campbell** ’98 joyfully welcomed new son, Becket James, on March 20. He was welcomed home by big sister Clara.


Campbell

Jessica Sharp Mitchell ’00 and husband Shannon are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Edwards, on January 4. He was welcomed home by big brothers Nathan and Stephen.


MItchell

Kimberly Elster Matthews ’01 and her husband Patrick are proud to announce the birth of twin boys, Connor Patrick and Christian Joseph, on March 28, 2007. The twins were welcomed by big sister GraceAnn Haley, who was born on March 18, 2004. Christian passed away on August 28, 2007, at the age of 5 months due to a variety of medical complications.


Matthews

Melissa Woolley ‘02 and husband, Jay, a Houston police officer, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kara Ann, on December 7, 2007.


Wooley


Garcia

Doran Woods ’03 and wife Emily are proud to announce their new baby girl, Cathryn Sinclaire, born on March 2.

Anita Garcia ’04 and husband Job are proud to announce the birth of daughter Ana Lucia born May 18. She was welcomed home by big sister Elisa Sofia.


Hurst

Sheila Swift Hurst ’04 and husband Michael welcomed twin girls, Marley Jane and little sister Dylan Rose on August 12. Both girls checked into luxury condos at Texas Children’s Hospital for 18 days until they were able to come home.


Morris

Aaron Morris MATS ’05 and wife Sarah ’05 are proud to announce the birth of daughter Lynnlee Grace on September 5, 2007. She was welcomed home by her 5 brothers and sisters: Gabbi, Daniel, Blake, Melinda and Joshua.


Smith

Katy Bowser Smith ’05 and husband Brad are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Grace, on February 12.

In Memoriam

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

FOUNDING FATHER



Don F. McMillian, a Founding Father of HBU and lifetime member of the President's Development Council, passed away on Friday, April 18. He is survived by his wife, Colletta Ray McMillian, a lifetime member and past president of The Guild and a former trustee, and three sons: Don F. McMillian Jr., '76; Robert McMillian; and Reid McMillian. His father-in-law, Robert Ray, was also a Founding Father; the couple established the Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities in his honor.

Former Students

Kellie Lynn Fernandez '06 passed away on Feb. 29. She was a fifth grade teacher at Whispering Pines Elementary School in Humble ISD.

Lisa Ann Weaver '73 passed away Sept. 13, a victim of Hurricane Ike, due to smoke inhalation from a fire in her home. After a long career in the oil and gas industry, Weaver was pursuing a career in education.

Faculty/Staff

Adjunct Professor of Political Science **Charles Beresford** MLA '02 passed away on October 21.

Ruth S. Dehart, who served as a member of the College of Education faculty from 1975-1984, passed away on Jan. 26.

Katherine Bass Myers passed away Aug. 15. She served as a member of the library staff at Houston Baptist College. Her husband, Dr. Albert Myers, was a founding professor in chemistry at HBC from 1963 to 1967. His son and daughter-in-law are Dr. Bill '67 & Barbara '67 Myers of Richmond, VA.

Claire Belle Socier passed away on March 5. She worked as a secretary in the Moody Library for many years.

Marion Railsback Webb passed away Aug. 28. She dedicated forty years of her life to teaching and education, teaching in public schools in Illinois, at Bellaire High School, and the last twenty three years of her career at HBU from which she retired as a distinguished professor in Spanish. She also received outstanding teaching awards and faculty woman of the year awards from HBU.

University Friends



Brigman

Otis Hobbs Brigman passed away May 8. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1963 to 1992, chairing the board from 1980 to 1982. He was a member of the original President's Development Council, Together with his wife, Merrie, he established two endowed scholarships at HBU: the Merrie Quick Brigman EAS and the Otis H. Brigman EAS. Merrie was a member of the Guild from 1995 to He is survived by his wife, Mary Quick Brigman, a member of The Guild from 1995 to 2000, and son son, Boyd MBA '86.

Charles B. Caldwell Sr., a friend and supporter of the University, passed away March 21. His late wife, Marge Boyd Caldwell, received an honorary doctorate from HBU in 1997.



Harry Chavanne passed away October 24. Harry and his late wife Hazel were llifeling supporters of the University. The couple remembered their parents with an endowed gift to HBU in the early 1970s, honoring the lives of Philip and Anna Chavanne and Gilbert and Pearl Prince with the Prince-Chavanne Professorship in Business Ethic and an ongoing lectureship series, The Prince-Chavanne Lecture in Business Ethics, conducted annually on campus. In 1994 the Chavannes were honored as HBU's Spirit of Excellence Award recipients. Harry was also a lifetime member of the President's Development Council. Their daughter, Claire Turner, is a current member of the Board of Trustees. Aubrey Martin, their son-in-law, is an HBU alum, '68.

Mary Thuss Cheney passed away on Feb. 1. She was a member of the American Museum Society from 2000 to 2004.

Maxine Cook passed away April 14. She was a member of the Covenant Society as well as a member of the President's Advisors. She was the widow of a Founding Father of the university, Cecil N. Cook , who passed away in 1980. A prominent attorney, Mr. Cook was active in the movement for the birth of Houston Baptist College in the 1960s. He served as an original member of the Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1969. The Cooks are the donors of an Endowed Academic Scholarship in memory of their daughter, Lauralea. Scores of nursing students have benefitted from this scholarship through the years, helping commemorate and honor the legacy left by this outstanding family. Mrs. Cook is survived by sons Richard and his wife, Mary Inis Coltrera Cook '96, and James and his wife, Mary Jane.

James Everett Cunningham passed away June 28. He is survived by his wife, Delores Cunningham, a member of the American Museum of Decorative Arts since 2006.

William Franklin Erwin, Jr. passed away on Feb. 24. He is survived by his wife, Louise Ewing Erwin, a member of the American Museum Society since 2000.

Yolande Frazier passed away April 27. She was the daughter of Gwen and Michel Mellinger who established an endowed scholarship in vocal music honoring Yolande and her love of music. Yolande was a gifted vocalist, and performed on such stages as the Houston Grand Opera, the Houston Chorale, and the Fondren Street Theater. Her parents also established an endowed scholarship in nursing honoring their granddaughter, Holly Cannon '85. Yolande was also a member of The Guild.



Frazier

William Roy Knowles passed away on Sept. 3. He is survived by his wife **Rita Willcox Knowles** a member of The Guild since 1993.

Virginia Miller McKallip passed away on June 9. shortly after her 82nd birthday. She had been a member of the American Museum Society since 2001.

Juanita Elizabeth Peil, a long-time supporter of the Moody Library, passed away June 10.

B. Douglas Ragland passed away on Feb. 16. He was a friend of the University, supporting both the Moody Library and the construction of the Hinton Center. The Ragland Reading Room is named after Mr. Ragland's deceased son, Douglas Ragland Jr.

Gregg Ring passed away March 7. He is survived by his wife **Betty** Ruth Abrego Ring, a member of the American Museum Society from 2001 to 2005.

Harry T. Rogers passed away on April 27. He is survived by his wife, Jean Borcherding Rogers, a member of The Guild since 1995.

Michael Snow Stevens passed away May 24. He was on the Morris Cultural Arts Center Campaign committee. He is survived by his wife, Kim Stevens, a member of The Guild from 1999 to 2007.

Ron Stone MLA '94, passed away June 12. He was a great friend and advocate of HBU, and was a popular teacher in the University's MLA program. Stone received the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996. A brick paver on the University's Heritage Walk honoring Stone sums up his passion for education. It reads simply, "*How wonderful it is to learn.*"



Stone

Eula Gray Whitfield passed away on May 30. She was a member of The Guild from 1998-1999.

Houston Buckner Williams passed away April 25. He is survived by his wife, Berniece Williams, a member of The Guild since 2003.

Remembrances

Otis Brigman's generosity lives on in their lives of the many students that were able to attend the college of their choice because of his generosity with the Endowed Academic Scholarship. His impact will reach out for generations to come.

Ken Rogers
Retired Director of Scholarships

Harry Chavanne will always be remembered as a man who cared deeply about students. When he designed the Prince-Chavanne lecture series in Christian Business Ethics, he wanted all the attention focused on students and how to bring a meaningful and heart-felt message to them. We will all miss Harry Chavanne.

Dr. Rusty Brooks
Professor in Marketing
Prince-Chavanne Chair for Christian Business Ethics

Maxine Cook and her husband, Cecil, were among the first Houstonians to catch the spirit of a dream for a Christian college in Houston in the late 1950s. Maxine was a lady of her own strong interests, commitments and pursuits. Her support of the university throughout her lifetime bears witness to the strength and accomplishment of the university's first half-century.

Dr. Don Looser
Vice President Emeritus

Yolande Frazier was such a good friend to the HBU Music School in so many ways. She loved music and freely gave of herself and her resources, that many others could have this joy as well.

Dr. John Yarrington
Professor in Music; Director, School of Music

Don McMillian was a man of strong commitments. The university has lost one of its most constant benefactors whose pervasive influence in the community was greatly used to establish and undergird the university of strength and influence that we know today.

Dr. Don Looser
Vice President Emeritus

Ron Stone really embodied the MLA spirit. He was modest, soft-spoken, friendly, and had a passionate desire to learn and a fantastic command of history and literature. He really embraced the intellectual life in an unpretentious manner. He was also a master storyteller, which made him the perfect MLA professor.

Dr. Chris Hammons
Associate Professor in Political Science
Director, Master of Liberal Arts Program





“While some only see dirt, I see our future...”

With the words of Dr. Tracy Lawrence, former HBU trustee, Lawrence Park was dedicated during ceremonies held as part of Family Weekend on October 18. Lawrence and his wife, Elma Lee, longtime supporters of the University, were also honored with HBU’s first Family of the Year Award.

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