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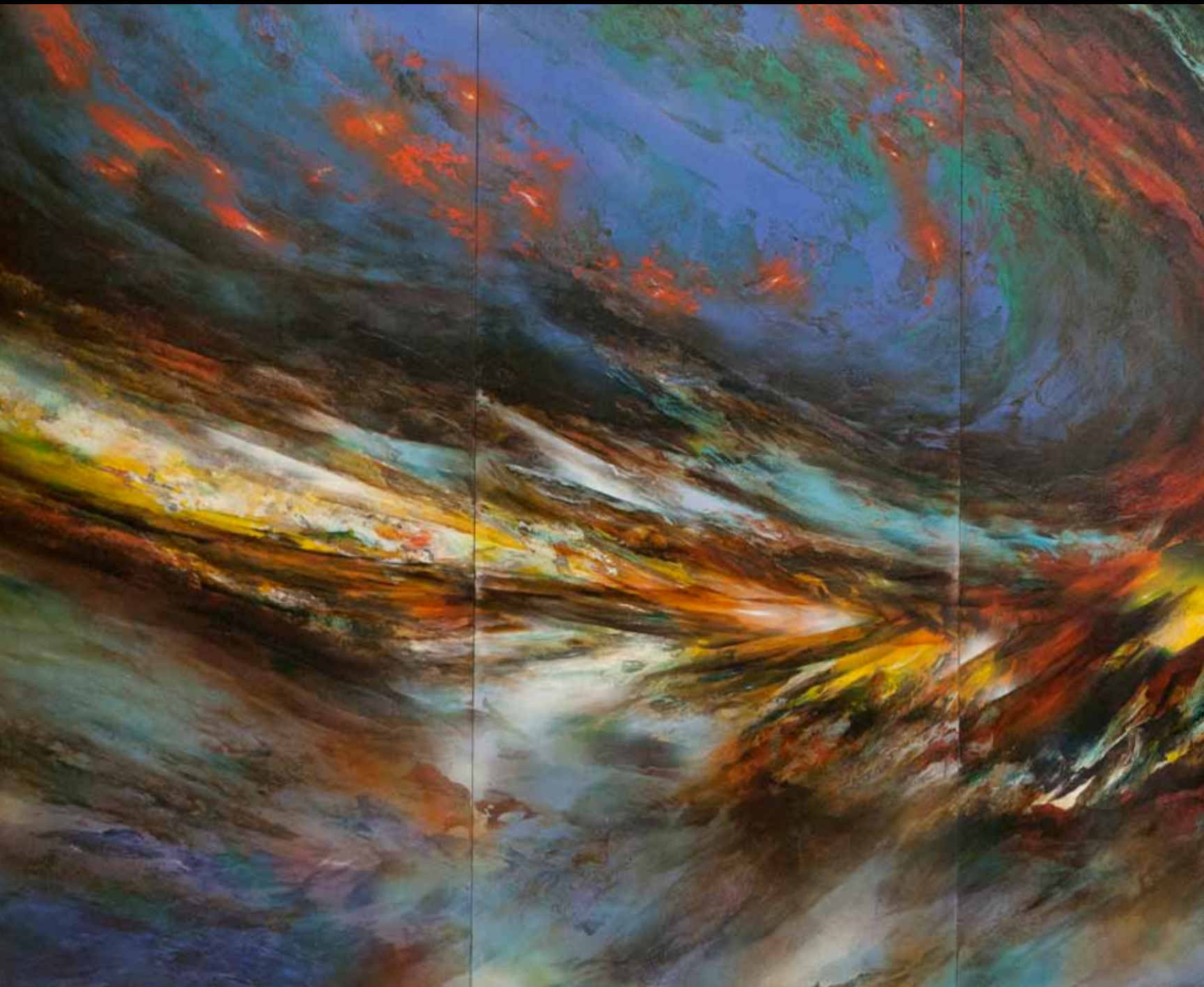
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PROMISING FUTURE OF HBU PG 24

**"TO BECOME THE UNIVERSITY WE WERE DESTINED TO BE."**



# *In the beginning...*

Genesis 1:1



"The Creation," by Mexican artist Leonardo Nierman  
Oil on Masonite panels, 8 feet high by 20 feet wide  
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Given to HBU in honor of Dr. J. Bruce Belin Jr. by Matthew and Stewart Morris, Stewart Information Services in 2011

On display above the entrance to Belin Chapel in the Morris Cultural Arts Center

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As Sue and I begin our sixth year of service at HBU, we give thanks for the many blessings of the past five years. We know that 2011-2012 will bring even greater blessings to HBU's thriving community of faith and learning, and we are especially excited about some recent developments and initiatives that will enrich the total University experience for all of our students.

What's new on the campus this fall? Depending on who answers this question, you may get some very different responses. If you ask one of our entering freshmen, you might hear about learning communities and the Freshman Village. If you ask any sampling of undergraduates, you might learn about our new classic-Christian Liberal Arts Core Curriculum or about our new Husky concert series or the grand opening of our intramural field.

If you ask our student-athletes, they most likely will mention two exciting developments: the NCAA's recent decision to grant HBU full membership status in Division I and the decision of the HBU Board of Trustees to add football to our athletics programming when the University joins an appropriate conference or league. I know that our athletes – and all the rest of us in the HBU family – look forward to the benefits these changes will bring not only to the University but also to our community.

What else is new? If you ask some of our faculty, staff or administrators, they might share with you that the mean SAT score of our

entering freshmen increased significantly this fall – a change that should result in enhanced classroom experiences for both students and faculty. Or they might tell you that HBU recently submitted its response to the report of the SACS

Reaffirmation Committee that visited the campus last April and that the University will receive formal notification about its reaccreditation status in January of 2012.

Finally, if you ask just about anyone on the campus for the latest news at HBU, you might hear an excited response about the clean-up of the Brown Administrative Complex, the return of the M. D. Anderson Student Center as a hub of campus life, and the vibrant new landscaping and beautification project in the Bettis Quadrangle

of the Brown Complex. We all look forward to the completion of this wonderful project, which will feature the Looser Fountains as a fitting tribute to Dr. Don Looser and his wife, Elsa Jean, for their lifelong service to the University.

These developments – and others – are energizing our campus and giving new momentum to our efforts to enrich the total student life experience as we work, under God, to build a residential society of learning at HBU.

Blessings,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Sloan Jr.".

Robert B. Sloan Jr.



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## On The Cover

President Sloan and members of the HBU women's soccer team celebrate the University's return to full membership in NCAA Division I at an Aug. 13 press conference. Photo by Mary Ellen Leisering.

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Members of HBU's REC Team surprise freshmen in their orange and blue beanies with another splash of flour and more shots of Silly String following Wild & Crazy Games during Welcome Days 2011.



## SCHOOLED "FISH"

Freshmen given village to call their own



**T**ruckloads of new students, and their stuff, arrived on campus Aug. 18 to find an army of Husky "Haulin'teers" in orange T-shirts ready to help them move into Freshman Village, a new living/learning community designed especially for students beginning their undergraduate experience.

Since then, approximately 200 students have been establishing meaningful relationships and creating new traditions and memories with their fellow Huskies in Freshman Village, which encompasses the men's (MRC) and women's (WRC) Philips Residence Colleges and the Mest Wing for women.

The Freshman Village experience includes special programming designed to encourage individual and collective growth in four key areas: academics, spiritual life, service and social life.

### ACADEMICS

Study halls targeting freshman-level courses in the University's new Liberal Arts Core Curriculum are at the center of the academic programming.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Residents will complete a Monvee™ spiritual gift inventory and work in small groups to develop a spiritual growth plan that best utilizes their unique gifts.

### SERVICE

Participation in the fall Campus Service Day will be one of many opportunities for Freshman Village residents to serve the on and off-campus communities together.

### SOCIAL LIFE

The busy social scene in Freshman Village has already included a spa day for women, an outdoor barbecue for men, and a village-wide toga party. Freshman Village residents also enjoyed "That Thing," a Residence Life-sponsored on-campus adventure featuring a rock-climbing wall, ZORB® globes, laser tag and more.





# A Father's Vision

Emphasis on Christian education unites Family of the Year

"A place that puts Christ first is the place to be."

Those words of encouragement from his father, John, led Bob Powell to the Houston Baptist University campus as a student in the early 1970s. At about the same time, Linda Foster's family moved to Houston before her freshman year in college, and she also felt called to spend four years making important life decisions at an institution with a strong Christian foundation.

## "I am so proud of what HBU has become..."

Almost 40 years later, Bob '76 and Linda '77 Powell, who married during their junior year at HBU, have seen their children, Christi Powell Vaughan '02 and Jonathan '08, as well as their son-in-law Josh Vaughan '03, follow in their footsteps.

"God has blessed Bob and me in many ways through the union we formed on the HBU campus," said Linda. "Our children, who are just

one sign of these many blessings, mean everything to us, and we were so proud when each chose HBU as their university."

On Oct. 1, the University honored the extended Powell family for its legacy of involvement and support of HBU with the 2011 Family of the Year award.

"I am so proud of what HBU has become since the founding fathers had the good wisdom to dedicate to God the ground on which it stands," said Bob, a former chair of the HBU Board of Trustees. "I cannot even begin to list the many ways and the numerous people through whom God has blessed my life through my connections with HBU. I often share my story with high school juniors and seniors and pray that they will choose to become members of the HBU family."

"Some of my best memories were created on the HBU campus, and the friendships created under the orange and blue are some of my most enduring," said Jonathan. "The lessons I learned at HBU, be they spiritual or academic, are forever etched into who I am."



2011 Family of the Year recipients Linda and Bob Powell share a passion for HBU and its commitment to Jesus as the way, truth and life of their family

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FOR THE NEW

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COMING THIS SPRING!

New Master of International Business to offer applicants

## A Career Passport

Globalization requires more than just an understanding of the different facets of business; it also requires an understanding of different cultures, politics and economies around the world.

To address this need, the School of Business is launching a new Master of International Business in the fall of 2012, with pre-requisites for students without a Bachelor of Business Administration from a regionally accredited institution beginning in January 2012.

### Program distinctives:

- » \$18,000 tuition for 36 credit hour, lockstep program in which cohorts advance through the program together
- » Evening classes held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m.
- » Interdisciplinary courses in political economics, culture and international organizations, in addition to MBA-type coursework
- » An international trip to study business firsthand in a foreign country
- » Required demonstration of proficiency in a foreign language before program completion

For additional information, please contact Danya Wilde, director of the Graduate School, at 281-649-3269 or [www.hbu.edu/GRAD](http://www.hbu.edu/GRAD).



# An Answered Prayer

Schweitzer Fellowship helps alumna serve Burmese refugees

After seeing news reports concerning the civil unrest surrounding the 2010 elections in Burma, Sarah Tran wrote the Southeast Asian country's name on her bathroom mirror as a daily reminder to pray for the Burmese people.

"I kept asking God to send someone to help them," Tran said, "but I didn't realize at the time that He might choose me."

Yet Tran, a 2007 biochemistry/molecular biology graduate of HBU, and Achala Talati, a close friend and fellow medical student at Texas College of Osteopathic

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Medicine, have found themselves doing just that through a health education and screening program they proposed called SEND (Screen, Educate, Navigate, Direct). The program is being funded through a 2011-2012 U.S. Schweitzer Fellowship, which is awarded competitively each year to approximately 250 exceptional students from the nation's top health and human service schools for partnering with community-based organizations to design and implement a year-long project that meets an unmet health need.

When Tran and Talati approached Jean Kegler, the executive director of Epiphany Community Health and Outreach Services, to ask where a program like SEND could be of the most use, she suggested they focus on Burmese refugees living in southwest Houston.

"I am so grateful and so humbled to be



working with these refugees," said Tran, whose parents met in a Vietnamese refugee camp. "Many of them grew up in refugee camps, and now they are trying to learn English, find a job, and make a better life for themselves and their families. They are basically starting from scratch, so even the simplest things go a long way."

During regularly scheduled meetings in the community centers of the apartment complexes where the refugees live, Tran and Talati, with the help of Burmese Health Navigators who act as translators, reinforce the importance of preventative

health care and provide basic information on subjects such as finding and making an appointment with a doctor or purchasing medications. They are also planning bus tours of the Texas Medical Center to help the refugees learn their way around the city.

"This experience has completely changed my perspective," Tran said. "I have so much love for the refugees. I know they are scared and have so many other things to worry about that health care is one of the last things on their mind."





## "Idol" Hands

Students assist with popular TV show's Houston auditions



Not all of the individuals who get their big break from "American Idol" do so in front of the camera. In August 2011, five HBU students worked behind-the-scenes as production assistants for the popular talent competition's Houston auditions held at Reliant Park. Among their various responsibilities, they worked the registration process, set up audition booths and helped with crew transportation around the park.

"I jumped at the opportunity and

knew I couldn't turn it down," said senior Scott Florence. "More than 2,000 people auditioned, and it was a really good experience to see what goes into coordinating a media event on such a mass scale."

"I worked the nightshift and didn't get much sleep for a few days, but the experience was awesome," said sophomore Jacob Schroeder. "I feel better prepared for a possible career in media because of the things I learned."

## Family Treat

HBU welcomes four generations of HBU's oldest living donor

Edythe Tompson – a retired Jacinto City elementary school teacher with two children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren – considers herself an "ordinary person."

"Ordinary" or not, at 104 years old, Tompson fills a unique role in the HBU family. As the namesake of an endowed scholarship for graduates of Galena Park ISD schools established in her honor

in 1999 by the Community Hospital Foundation, for which she serves as director emeritus, she has the distinction of being the University's oldest living donor.

In March 2011, four generations of her family – Tompson; her daughter Kay Howard, secretary and treasurer of the Community Hospital Foundation; her granddaughter Kathy Shelly, a former HBU student; and her great-granddaughter Alexis Shelly, a current HBU student – visited on campus with President and First Lady Sloan and the Office of Advancement.



## Piecing Together the Past

Essay contest places museum artifacts in historical context

The first place submissions in the inaugural "Piece of the Past" student essay contest, sponsored by The Joella and Stewart Morris Foundation, focused attention on three otherwise unrelated objects on display in the University Museums in the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

### MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY

The Civil War-era mourning clothes of an ancestor of one of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" settlers in Brazoria County.



### DUNHAM BIBLE MUSEUM

The first edition of the Catholic Douay-Rheims translation of the Vulgate Bible printed in America by an exiled Irish journalist named Matthew Carey.

### MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AND DECORATIVE ARTS

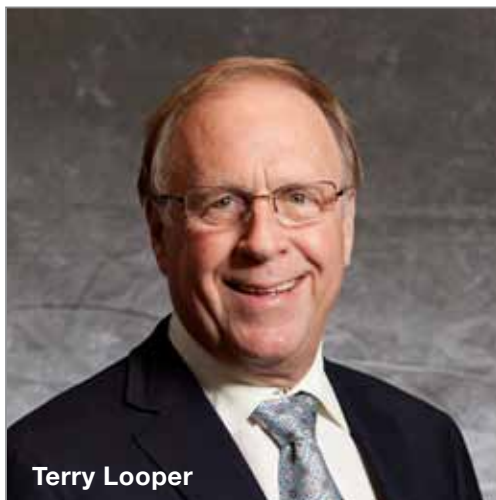
A three-dimensional vignette of painter Jacques-Louis David's "The Coronation of Josephine by Napoleon."

Contest winners, whose essays placed their selected artifact in its historical context, were awarded more than \$2,000 in cash prizes during a special ceremony hosted by HBU Founding Father Stewart Morris at the River Oaks Country Club in March 2011.



# A Significant Step

Diverse body of Christians begins serving together on HBU Board of Trustees



Terry Looper



Tadd Tellepsen



Charlie Ward

An Episcopalian, a Presbyterian and a member of a non-denominational church walk into a meeting of the HBU Board of Trustees.

It required just a series of small steps from the three men, but their arrival represents a significant leap into a new era in the life of the University.

The first three trustees elected to the HBU Board since it voted in March 2011 to amend the University's By-Laws to open as many as one quarter of its positions to non-Baptist Christians assumed their new roles in May.

As the only evangelical university in the city of Houston, HBU views the move – at the time the first of its kind by a university affiliated with Texas Baptists – as an opportunity to reach out to a broader cross section of committed Christians in the diverse city.

"In 1960, the founding fathers and trustees put into place our Preamble, which establishes the Lordship of Jesus Christ as the foundation stone of the

University," said President Sloan. "Today our commitment to this confessional statement – to which all board members, regardless of their Christian affiliation, will continue to be held – and our relationship with the Baptist General Convention of Texas remain strong."

While their election may be historic,

**"While their election may be historic, HBU's first three non-Baptist Christian trustees each approach their new role humbly."**

HBU's first three non-Baptist Christian trustees – an energy industry entrepreneur, a construction industry executive, and a former college and professional athlete – each approach their new role humbly.

"I prayed about Dr. Sloan's invitation to join the HBU Board for months before

accepting," said Terry Looper, founder and chief executive officer of Texon LP and a trustee and former elder at Grace Presbyterian Church. "I have chosen to invest my time, energy and resources only in Christian organizations, and I am looking forward to this latest opportunity to serve."

"I've been involved at HBU in various ways since I completed my MBA, but I never dreamed the University would be interested in having me serve in this way," said Tadd Tellepsen MBA '99, president of commercial and industrial construction firm Tellepsen Corporation and a member of

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where he is a trustee of its Wayside Chapel and Urn Garden. "I hope that God will enable me to use the talents He has given me to have a positive impact."

"It is a pleasure for me to be involved with an institution led by people with a heart for God and a desire to put their



Heavenly Father first in all they do," said Charlie Ward Jr., retired NBA player and Heisman Trophy-winning head football coach at Westbury Christian School and a member of The Greater Houston Church, where he and his wife are active in the Kingdom Kids and pre-teen ministries. "I appreciate the important work to which HBU is holding steady, leading every student to a knowledge of the one whom they are serving."

Although the three men bring different talents and backgrounds to the board, they share a commitment to the mission and vision of the University.

"I have been told that I can be a good sounding board and a discerning ear for

leaders like Dr. Sloan," Looper said. "I am especially interested in encouraging and helping HBU to expand its influence and enhance its reputation outside of the local area."

**"I would like to see HBU continue to be elevated in the minds of those seeking a higher education rooted in and guided by the Christian faith."**

"HBU is experiencing great success and growth in many areas, including its athletic programs," Ward said. "Among other things, I hope to assist the University with

its goals to increase enrollment, as well as alumni pride and involvement, through the continued development of new sports and athletic opportunities."

"Along with the city's many large, prominent churches, HBU makes Houston a well-rounded, major metropolitan area that serves as a bastion of the Christian faith," Tellepsen said. "I would like to see HBU continue to be elevated in the minds of those seeking a higher education rooted in and guided by the Christian faith. A university like HBU that produces talented graduates who place their faith first fills an important hole within this great city."

*Junior Lamar Thomas &  
freshman Devyn Weymouth*

## 2011-2012 HOME SCHEDULE

## BE PART OF IT

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/5	Augsburg
11/14	Bethune-Cookman
11/30	Rice
12/10	Dallas Christian
12/14	Campbell
12/21	Santa Clara
1/7	Eastern Illinois
1/12	Crowley's Ridge
1/24	UT-Arlington
2/2	North Dakota
2/4	Utah Valley
2/11	Ecclesia
2/16	Chicago State
2/18	NJIT
3/3	UT-Pan Am

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/4	Abilene Christian
11/25	Vermont
11/26	Texas A&M - Corpus Christi
11/29	Stephen F. Austin
12/18	New Mexico
12/20	Lamar
1/3	Sam Houston State
1/10	Huston-Tillotson
1/19	NJIT
1/21	Chicago State
1/28	UT-Pan Am
2/7	Texas Southern
2/23	Utah Valley
2/25	North Dakota



## On Air

Visiting composer, Schola Cantorum perform on "The Front Row"

Dr. Morten Lauridsen, professor of composition at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music, completed a week-long residency on the HBU campus in April 2011. Lauridsen – who received the National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest honor conferred to individual artists, in 2007 – attended music classes and worked with and mentored student choirs and composers.

During his visit, Lauridsen, Dr. John Yarrington, director of the HBU School of Music, and Schola Cantorum, HBU's auditioned choir, also were featured on Houston Public Radio's "The Front Row," where they sang Lauridsen's "Sure on this Shining Night" to promote their Good Friday performance of his "Lux Aeterna" with the chancel choir at First Presbyterian Church.



## Sounds of Music

Student choir participates in Austrian music festival

Sixteen student members of HBU's Schola Cantorum and their director, Dr. John Yarrington, spent two weeks in Eisenstadt, Austria, for the 36th annual Classical Music Festival in August 2011. The festival, which brought together singers and orchestra members from around the world, culminated in a Gala Concert featuring works by Haydn and Beethoven in the Haydnsaal concert hall, pictured above, of the Esterházy Palace. The

singers and orchestra also performed in three churches, including a service at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna that was broadcast throughout Austria.

"The opportunity for our talented students to rehearse significant works with a professional orchestra and to experience worship in churches across Austria was truly life-changing," said Yarrington, who served as chorus master for the festival.



Dr. Yarrington, left, and Dr. Lauridsen, right, at KUHA studio

## 2011-2012 RECITAL SERIES

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sherry and Jim Smith Organ  
Belin Chapel, Morris Cultural  
Arts Center, HBU

**Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1 p.m. (Christmas Recital)**

Rhonda Furr, professor of organ and musicology, HBU, and organist at First Presbyterian Church, Houston

**Friday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m.**

Ann Frohbieter, organist at Cypress Creek Christian Church and organist/choirmaster at Congregation Emanu El

**Friday, March 9, 1 p.m.**

Brian Granquist, organist at First United Methodist Church, Sugar Land, and organist at Temple Beth Yeshurun

**Friday, April 20, 1 p.m.**

Kathryn Sparks White, coordinating music director/organist at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church





## Worthy of Recognition

Scholarships reward business students for entrepreneurship, ethical leadership



### **Khurram Khan, BA/BS in finance and biology**

- Intern with The Sharpe Group and Starlight Investments
- \$10,000 scholarship from Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation
- Selected for exhibiting entrepreneurial drive and leadership spirit
- Earliest entrepreneurial experience: “unofficial distributor” of popular candy for his sixth grade class



### **Herman Rodriguez, MBA in marketing**

- Senior business relationship manager with Wells Fargo Bank
- \$3,000 scholarship from Greater Houston Business Ethics Roundtable
- Selected for demonstrating ethical leadership in professional activities
- Motto on which he bases ethical decisions: “Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.”
- Potter Stewart, associate justice of U.S. Supreme Court, 1958-1981

## Collegian Awarded First in Overall Excellence

*The Collegian*, HBU's student-produced newspaper, secured the Sweepstakes distinction in its division at the 2011 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention.

**First Place:** Overall Excellence

**First Place:** Special Section/Edition (University's 50th anniversary/Spirit of Excellence Gala)

- 30 total awards
- 12 other first place awards
- 13 staffers honored

## A PATTERN OF SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE EMERGES

### **Grant for independent undergraduate research in physics**

Snowflakes, blood vessels and broccoli are all examples of fractals, in which repeating geometric patterns can be seen at different magnifications. An ongoing study of the growth and morphology of bacteria using fractal analysis earned the HBU chapter of the Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society one of nine 2010-2011 Undergraduate Research Awards from the Society of Physics Students and the American Institute of Physics.

### **Ongoing funding for faculty, student research in chemistry**

Sigma Pi Sigma is the first student group in the College of Science and Mathematics to garner funding for independent research, but its selection for the award is just the latest in a long history of external recognition of the quality of work being done by the college's faculty and students. Since 1989,

the Welch Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest private funding sources for basic chemical research, has granted the Department of Chemistry more than \$600,000 for its undergraduate research program for faculty mentors and students.

### **Medical school acceptance rates**

This pattern of excellence dates back to the college's earliest days, when founding faculty member and distinguished professor Dr. Joyce Fan, who passed away in June, established its highly esteemed pre-med program. In 1972, Fan reported a 100 percent admission acceptance rate for HBU pre-med students, and more than 500 HBU students were admitted to medical and dental colleges during her 20 years with the University. Today, this legacy continues with the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP), through which 13 HBU students since 2004 have received a scholarship and been guaranteed a position in a Texas medical school upon graduation.





## History in the Making

American Museum Society prepares for busy year of projects, activities

Following the installation of its 2011-2012 board -- front row, left to right: Dana Grigsby, Marsha Eckermann '68, Allene Lucas and Becky Greer; back row, left to right: Morna Wall, Sondra Ives, Sharon Corry, Peg Harman, Judy Elleson, Jane Marmion '68, Pat Ingram and Pat Goettsche -- in May 2011, the American Museum Society (AMS) has embarked on another year of activities and monthly meetings featuring speakers on topics related to American culture throughout history. This year, the AMS is also funding and undertaking two

significant projects for the benefit of the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts: a museum guide book and the addition of a second mannekin. Highlight events for the year will include the Museum Day luncheon on Feb. 13, 2012, featuring fifth-generation Texan and potter Rachel Raborn Norris and a day trip to Galveston with Texas historian Sylvia Thompson on April 19, 2012. For more information on how you can be a part of the AMS, please contact the HBU Office of Advancement at 281-649-3413.



## Tea Time

Annual Guild event raises funds for graduate student scholarships

The Guild's annual Silver Tea, held in March 2011 at the home of Dorothy and Ronald Cuenod, was a highlight of the organization's activities for the year and raised more than \$74,000 to support scholarships for HBU's graduate education

programs. Welcoming guests were, from left to right, Peg Harman, Silver Tea co-chair; HBU President Robert Sloan and First Lady Sue Sloan; Jan Witham, Silver Tea co-chair; and Sharon Corry, 2010-2011 president of The Guild.

## A Quiet Spirit

Trustee Bruce Belin remembered as man of action, few words


The newly reopened Brown Administrative Complex may be the oldest of the existing buildings on the HBU campus, but it was not the first.

Bruce Belin Jr., a successful real estate developer, constructed at the request of Founding Father and Trustee Stewart Morris a two-story frame residence along Fondren to house administrative offices prior to the college's official opening in September 1963.

The simple structure would prove to be just the beginning of a long partnership. As the University continued to grow, Belin, who was appointed to the HBU Board of Trustees in 1967 and later served as its chair in 1997, became involved in some capacity with many of its most significant capital projects, including the design and construction of the Hinton House, the President's Home, the Hinton Center and the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

"Bruce was a very committed and generous person," said Mary Ann Belin, his wife of 63 years. "He thought it was important for Houston to have a Christian university with morals and policies that were in line with his own, so whenever he learned of a need on campus, his response was always 'I'll do that.'"



A portrait of Stanley Williams, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Throughout his years of service, Belin had the opportunity to work with and support the vision of all three HBU presidents. In a Houston Chronicle article published following Belin's death in May 2011, President Sloan remembered Belin as a quiet

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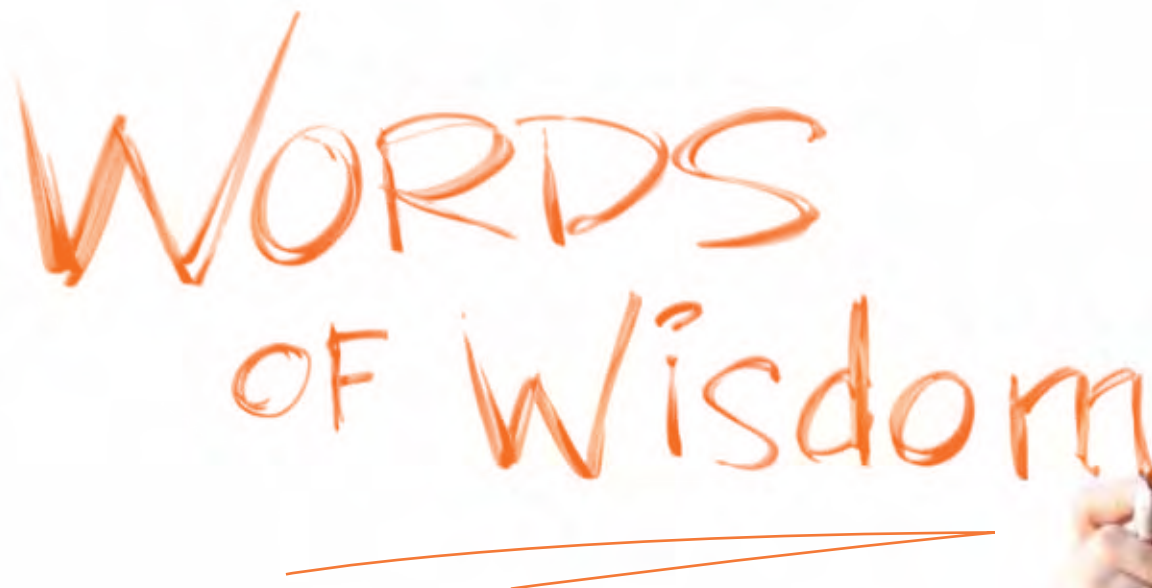
man and good listener who would provide a candid response when asked.

At HBU Board meetings, Belin would usually sit next to his good friend Stewart Morris. "I quickly learned that whenever I had a suggestion, noting that Bruce had been included seemed to increase the president's consideration of the idea," Morris said.

Stanley Williams considered Belin, with whom he worked closely on the construction of the Morris Center as co-chairman of the facility's building committee, to be a loyal partner. "He loved the University and understood the importance of the project to its future, so he was always quick to find a solution to any problem," Williams said. "He held all of us to the highest standards and would not accept excuses."

Integrity is the characteristic for which Belin's wife thinks her husband will be best remembered.

"The only thing you leave behind is what you are, not necessarily what you've done," Mary Ann said. "Bruce was never one to seek recognition, but he enjoyed getting involved and doing what he could do to help. My husband was a faithful man who was receptive to the Lord's leading."



# WORDS OF Wisdom

## University adopts coordinated approach to enhance student writing

In connection with the pending reaffirmation of its accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, HBU has begun implementing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) designed to help students improve their writing skills and develop a deeper appreciation for the value of writing.

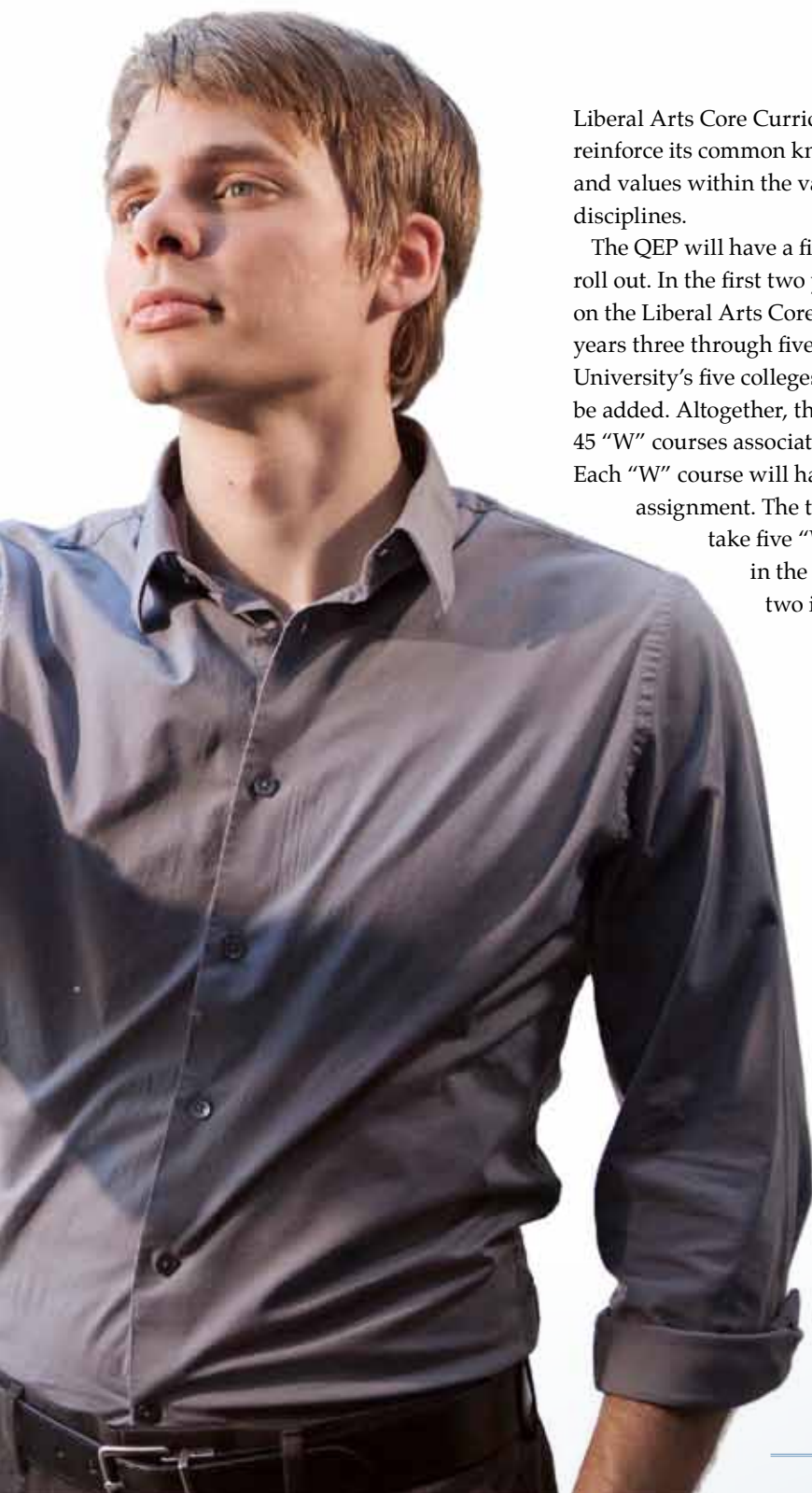
“Writing for Wisdom,” as the QEP is known, will go beyond a focus on the mechanics of writing to encourage critical thinking and argumentation across all areas of a student’s life – as a person, as a professional, and as a citizen.

### Widespread Impact

“We think ‘Writing for Wisdom’ will have an impact on just about every aspect of society,” said Dr. Michael Bourke, professor in management information systems and director of the QEP. “If you can’t write, you are unable to organize your thoughts, and, if you are unable to organize your thoughts, you can’t identify and respond to the ethical and moral issues of the day.”

The implementation of the “Writing for Wisdom” program is timed to coincide with the launch of HBU’s new classics-based





Liberal Arts Core Curriculum and will reinforce its common knowledge, skills and values within the various majors and disciplines.

The QEP will have a five-year phased roll out. In the first two years, it will focus on the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum; in years three through five, courses from the University's five colleges and schools will be added. Altogether, there will be about 45 "W" courses associated with the QEP. Each "W" course will have an official "W" assignment. The typical student will take five "W" courses – three in the core curriculum and two in his or her major.

### Relevance Across Disciplines

"In the past, students didn't always see the relationship between what they learned in their first composition course and what they were learning within their selected majors," Bourke said. "With 'Writing for Wisdom,' we want to help students realize that the content of the disciplines is useless if they cannot write and speak about it coherently."

Because it represents a significant change in procedures and culture, planning for the program's implementation included significant investment in faculty development. Professors who teach "W" courses are being trained in the use of a rubric that provides a common framework for teaching and evaluating writing.

### Practice Makes Perfect

In their "W" courses, students will complete a first draft of each writing assignment and submit it for review. The professor will assess it against the writing rubric and provide detailed feedback, not just a check mark or letter grade. Students will then have the opportunity to confer with their professor for coaching before rewriting and resubmitting the assignment.

"The training of good writers and thinkers is inherent to the University's mission and vision, and, with the QEP, we want HBU students to understand that writing is something that takes practice," Bourke said. "You can't just jot something down quickly, get a check mark, and be done with it. That's not the way good writing works."

# International Acclaim

Work of award-winning faculty artist exhibited in Rome, Paris

Michael Collins, artist-in-residence in painting and director of the School of Art at HBU, was one of 11 artists to win the 2011 Global Art Competition sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights. More than 130 artists representing 23 countries entered the juried international competition, which sought creative interpretations of the ethical ideals of respecting cultural diversity and inspiring compassion toward all human life. Collins' award-winning work, "20th Century Totems," was unveiled with the other winning pieces at U.N. headquarters in New York in early October. The exhibition was also displayed at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome in conjunction with UNESCO's

Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop and Conference on Human Vulnerability.

Collins is also among the artists whose work will be on display in "Go West," the first bilateral contemporary art exhibition between France and Texas. Jim Edwards, artist and curator-in-residence of the University Academic Center Gallery at HBU, is among four curators of the program, which is designed to link the two geographically removed artistic capitals to create a fresh vision of Texas contemporary art and the French art scene. The exhibition features 32 French and 32 Texas contemporary artists whose



**"20th Century Totems" by Artist-in-Residence Michael Collins**

work is inspired by cultural, generational and visual diversities.

"Go West," which was on display in the Hall Ségur at UNESCO world headquarters in Paris in September, will be in Houston at the Williams Tower Gallery from Oct. 27 to Nov. 25, 2011.

~ Prince-Chavanne Lecture ~

**Drayton McLane Jr.**  
*Chairman, McLane Group*

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011  
6 p.m. Belin Chapel

~ Brown Lecture ~

**T. Paul Bulmahn**  
*Chairman and CEO,  
ATP Oil & Gas*

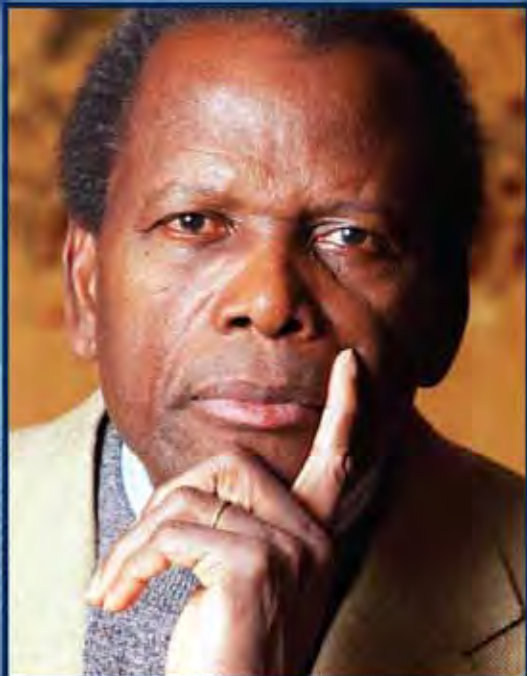
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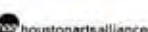



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## Tragedy Adapted

Honors College professor encourages “citizens” to embrace Greek tragedy

For the third consecutive year, the HBU Honors College, in partnership with the Hellenic Cultural Center of the Southwest, will bring the internationally acclaimed theatrical troupe of Leonidas Loizides from Athens, Greece, to the HBU campus for a performance on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at 7 p.m. in Dunham Theater.

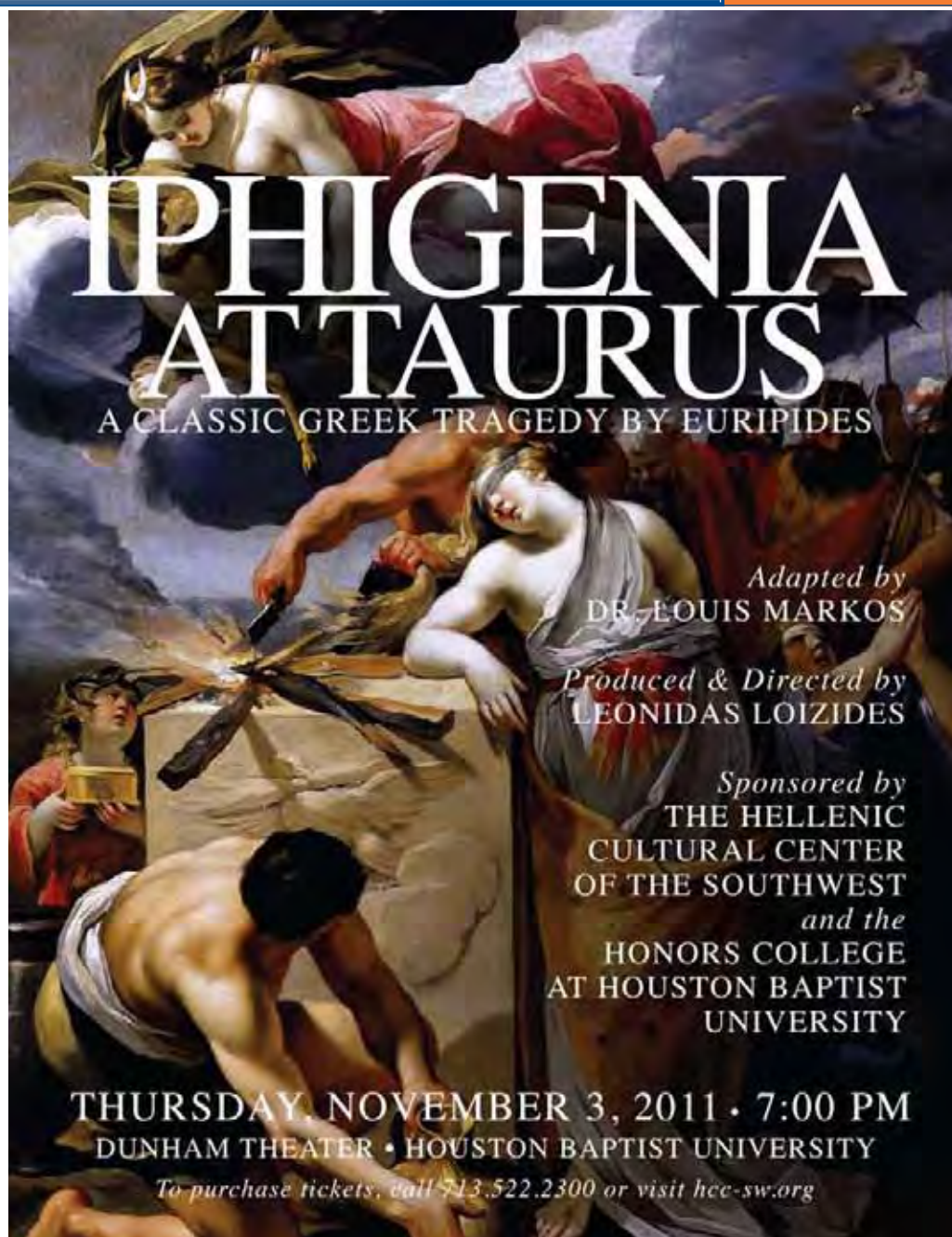
*“Greek tragedy is special... It is central to a democracy and key to the kind of debate that is needed.”*

Dr. Louis Markos, professor in English who also teaches in the Honors College and holds the Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities at HBU, adapted and translated this year’s selection, “Iphigenia at Taurus” by Euripides, into the iambic pentameter used by Shakespeare. His goal was to make the poetry direct and accessible to modern audiences.

Markos believes “Iphigenia at Taurus” is one of the most modern and compelling of the Greek tragedies, featuring a net of fate that sweeps together an exiled brother driven mad by guilt and remorse and a sister saved from the sacrificial knife of her father to serve as high priestess in a barbaric land.

“Greek tragedy is special,” Markos said. “It is central to a democracy and key to the kind of debate that is needed. A democracy is only as good as its citizens, and Greek tragedies bring together a community’s citizens to wrestle with theological, philosophical, ethical and civic issues at the same time.”

Tickets to “Iphigenia at Taurus,” which will also have short runs in Dallas and the Pacific Northwest before running off-Broadway in New York, can be purchased in advance by calling 713-522-2300 or visiting [www.hcc-sw.org](http://www.hcc-sw.org).



## Pinaire Receives Goolsby Award



Award, named to honor the legendary founding faculty member. In addition to teaching general biology courses, including botany, animal systems, and

Dr. Nicole Pinaire, assistant professor in biology who joined the HBU faculty in 2009, was the 2010-2011 recipient of the Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching

anatomy and physiology, she serves as co-sponsor of the HBU American Red Cross Society and the TriBeta Biological Honor Society, Iota Omicron Chapter.

“I love teaching people about the wonders of life and encouraging students to be lifelong learners. I especially enjoy teaching at HBU because our small classes and close-knit campus community allow me to get to know more about so many of our fantastic students,” Pinaire said.



## A Rank Above

Retiring Christianity, education professors given new titles

### PROFESSOR EMERITUS GENE WOFFORD, TH.D.



- School of Theology
- Joined HBU faculty in 1975, retired spring 2011
- Helped develop theology coursework for new Liberal Arts Core Curriculum
- Authored Christian Doctrine textbook, *Basic Bible Beliefs*

### PROFESSOR EMERITA VERNA PETERSON, ED.D.



- School of Education
- Joined HBU faculty in 1976, retired summer 2011
- Developed and oversaw certification programs in Early Childhood Education, Generic Special Education and Educational Diagnostician
- Coordinated HBU's 504 program

## A PLACE FOR SCHOLARS

Faculty increase cultural impact with latest publications, presentations, performances

**Dr. David Capes**, Thomas Nelson Research Professor in the School of Theology and 2011-2012 vice president of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion for the Southwest Region, recently published "Jerusalem in the Gabriel Revelation and the Revelation of John" in *Hazon Gabriel: New Readings of the Gabriel Revelation*, edited by Matthias Henze (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011). Capes also presented the paper to the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies in Dallas in March 2011.

**Dr. David Davis**, assistant professor in history, had his article, "'The vayne of Eternall memorie': Contesting Representations of Queen Elizabeth in English Woodcuts," published in *Word & Image: A Journal of Verbal/Visual Enquiry*.

**Dr. Rhonda Furr**, professor in music, contributed two chapters to the recently published book, *Jubilate, Amen! A Festschrift in Honor of Donald Paul Hustad*, edited by Paul Richardson and Tim Sharp. Dr. Furr prepared the biographical and bibliographical chapters on this distinguished teacher, conductor, organist and scholar of church music.

## NEW FACULTY ADD DEPTH TO UNIVERSITY'S CORE PROGRAMS, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS



**Benjamin Blackwell**  
Assistant Professor,  
Christianity  
Ph.D., Durham University,  
England



**Christopher Braley**  
Assistant Professor, Psychology  
Ph.D., Clinical Psychology,  
Biola University



**Peter Davids**  
Visiting Professor, Christianity  
Ph.D., Victoria University of  
Manchester, England



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MFA, Painting and  
Printmaking, Texas Tech  
University



**Collin Garbarino**  
Assistant Professor, History  
Ph.D., History, Louisiana State  
University



**Cook Glover**  
Visiting Instructor, Literature  
MFA, Creative Writing,  
University of Houston



**Jeremy Neill**  
Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
Ph.D., Saint Louis University



**Emily Speller**  
Assistant Professor, Literature  
Ph.D., Literature, University of  
Dallas



**Marie Valdez**  
Assistant Professor, Art  
MFA, Painting, Boston  
University



**Melissa Givens**, assistant professor in music, was the soprano soloist for the Ars Lyrica Houston presentation of J. S. Bach's, "The Passion According to St. John," on March 25, 2011, at the Centrum in Spring, Texas, and March 27, 2011, in Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center. The performances were presented in collaboration with the University of Houston's Moores School of Music Concert Chorale and the Klein High School Choirs.

**Dr. Carol McGaughey**, professor in education, wrote the chapter, "Nurturing Gifted Children," that has been accepted for publication in the *Handbook of Early Childhood Education*, a textbook pending publication by Nova Publishers of Hauppauge, N.Y.

**President Robert B. Sloan Jr.** contributed the chapter, "A Biblical Model of Leadership," in *Christian Leadership Essentials*, edited by Davis S. Dockery (B&H Academic, 2011). Sloan also gave the inaugural address, titled "Servant Leadership: The Cliché Versus the Reality," of the Duke K. McCall Lectures on Christian Leadership at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on Sept. 6, 2011.

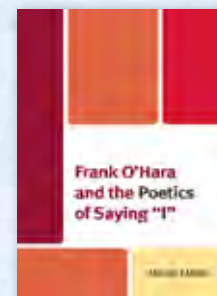
**Dr. Micah Mattix**, assistant professor in literature, published the following articles, essays and reviews: "Of Form and Flarf," *Public Discourse* (Feb. 7, 2011); "Saving Poetry from Ideology," *Public Discourse* (Feb. 15, 2011); "April's Ambivalences," *First Things Books & Culture* (April 6, 2011); "How Might the Arts Be Funded?" *Capital Commentary* (May 13, 2011); "Walker Percy's Alternative to Reductive Scientism in The Thanatos Syndrome," *Perspective in Political Science* 40.3 and *The Political Companion To Walker Percy* (Louisville: University of Kentucky Press, 2012); "A True Account?" *Pleiades* 31.2 (June 2011); "Tourist in Hell," *Books & Culture*; "Psalter," *New Oxford Review*; and "The Bard Politicized," *The City*.

**Dr. Hannah Wingate**, assistant professor in biology, co-authored the paper, "MDA7 Results in Down Regulation of AKT Concomitant with Apoptosis and Cell Cycle Arrest in Breast Cancer Cells," published in the May 6, 2011, edition of *Cancer Gene Therapy*.

## Dr. Micah Mattix

Assistant professor in literature

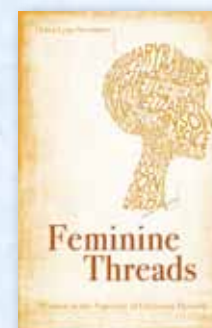
*Frank O'Hare and the Poetics of Saying "I"*



## Dr. Diana Severance

Director, Dunham Bible Museum

*Feminine Threads: Women in the Tapestry of Christian History*



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## A Celebration Awaits

The tranquility of the freshly completed redesign of the Bettis Quadrangle gave way to a crowd of faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni and University friends who gathered on Sept. 27, to "Celebrate HBU."

"I don't believe the quadrangle looked this good  
when we built it the first time."

— FOUNDED FATHER STEWART MORRIS





"If home is where the heart is, then this courtyard  
represents home for me on this campus."

— VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS DON LOOSER







# FOUNDED TO ENDURE

*HBU centers future growth  
on foundational values*

**Dr. Chris Hammons**

Interim Dean, College of Arts & Humanities

“R

ebirth” is a popular and enduring theme in the liberal arts. It can be found in the works of Homer, Chaucer, Dante, Shakespeare and Dickens. Historians refer to an entire period of history as the “Renaissance,” meaning the rebirth of knowledge. Donne, Blake, Browning and Dickinson often use rebirth as a theme in their poetry. Artists from Van Gogh to Dali try to capture its essence. As Lincoln did at Gettysburg, American presidents have invoked national and patriotic rebirth to sanctify the sacrifices of war. Rebirth, it seems, is part of the human experience.

With the reopening of the Brown Administrative Complex this fall, the HBU campus is experiencing a symbolic rebirth of its own. The Brown building was the first permanent building on campus when Houston Baptist College opened in 1963. It served as the focus of campus activity for almost five decades, until it was damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008. Students who started at HBU after the storm have finally seen the inside of a

building that had been chained shut and off limits for the last three years. The renewal of this key building is in many ways an outward and visible symbol of HBU’s reaffirmation of the values on which it was founded.

## SPREADING TRUTH

Our mission, since the first stone was laid, has been to spread the truth of Christ. To accomplish this mission, the University has a long tradition of embracing Christians of all denominations without forgetting our Baptist roots. This evangelistic yet ecumenical approach is the surest way to promote the Gospel in a city as rich and diverse as Houston. HBU provides an opportunity for devoted Christians to seek a college education in an environment that embraces, rather than rejects, faith. We teach our students that faith and reason go hand in hand; that you can be a person of both intelligence and faith. We want to prove to the world that successful, educated men and women can be “serious Christians.”



## ASKING TIMELESS QUESTIONS

This fall, HBU also reaffirms its dedication to a liberal arts education. In its earliest years, HBU offered students interdisciplinary classes that merged topics in philosophy and politics, or science and religion. Students were also required to take essential classes in the liberal arts, such as literature and history. The value of the liberal arts is that it approaches all of human history as one giant case study, examining the successes and failures of individuals, nations and ideas to figure out why some succeed while others self-destruct.

In recent years, educational trends emphasizing career preparation allowed many students to neglect some of the most influential and transformative courses of their college education. With its newly implemented Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, HBU is reaffirming its liberal arts tradition. Students at HBU will study history, philosophy, literature, art and politics. They will read and explore the works of Plato and Aristotle, Cicero and Livy, Augustine and Aquinas, Shakespeare and Milton, Hobbes and Locke, as well as our nation's Founding Fathers. They will discuss these works in class and write extensively on questions and ideas that are provocative, timeless and important. 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 in difficult situations.

This college experience is different from the curriculum at many colleges. Students at HBU will still receive extensive preparation for their chosen vocations and careers, particularly in their major fields, along with a strong foundation in the liberal arts to provide them essential reading, writing and analytical skills that are of value to any employer. We want students at HBU to read critically, think analytically, ask questions and find solutions. In short, we want our students to be leaders rather than followers. It may not always be easy, but the students who rise to the challenge will be

“ We want our students to be *leaders* rather than followers. ”

stronger for the experience.

HBU graduates will be prepared to succeed at life as well as in their careers. A college experience should not only be educational, but transformational as well. Our Christian mission, and our dedication to the liberal arts, is designed to instill in all our students a sense of dignity, value and decency, as well as wisdom and knowledge. Too frequently we hear of individuals who have accomplished great things in their careers but have failed in life. The pursuit of money, status or power absent a higher purpose leads men and women to sacrifice their families, their self-respect or their happiness. Success in life requires faith in God and the ability to understand what is really important.





## INSTILLING CHARACTER & RESPECT

The value of an HBU degree will be measured not only by the quality of education a graduate receives, but by the content of his or her character as well. One of the most important lessons that our students take from their liberal arts education is that people matter. Treating others with respect and civility is the hallmark of an educated, Christian person. We can and should lead and make important contributions to our careers and communities in a way that glorifies God and His love for us. If we fail to teach this, we have forgotten the most important lesson of the liberal arts.

With the Brown building once again serving as the center of activity on campus, our commitment to Christ, our belief in the enduring value of a liberal arts education, and our commitment to each other are stronger than ever. These are more than just reminders of our heritage, they are the foundation upon which HBU will continue to grow and expand our influence beyond Houston and Texas to become the University we were destined to be.

Don and Elsa Jean Looser, seated, listen as their son Greg explains to the "Celebrate HBU" crowd the significance of the quadrangle fountains to his parents.



## Looser Fountains honor 45 years of Christian service

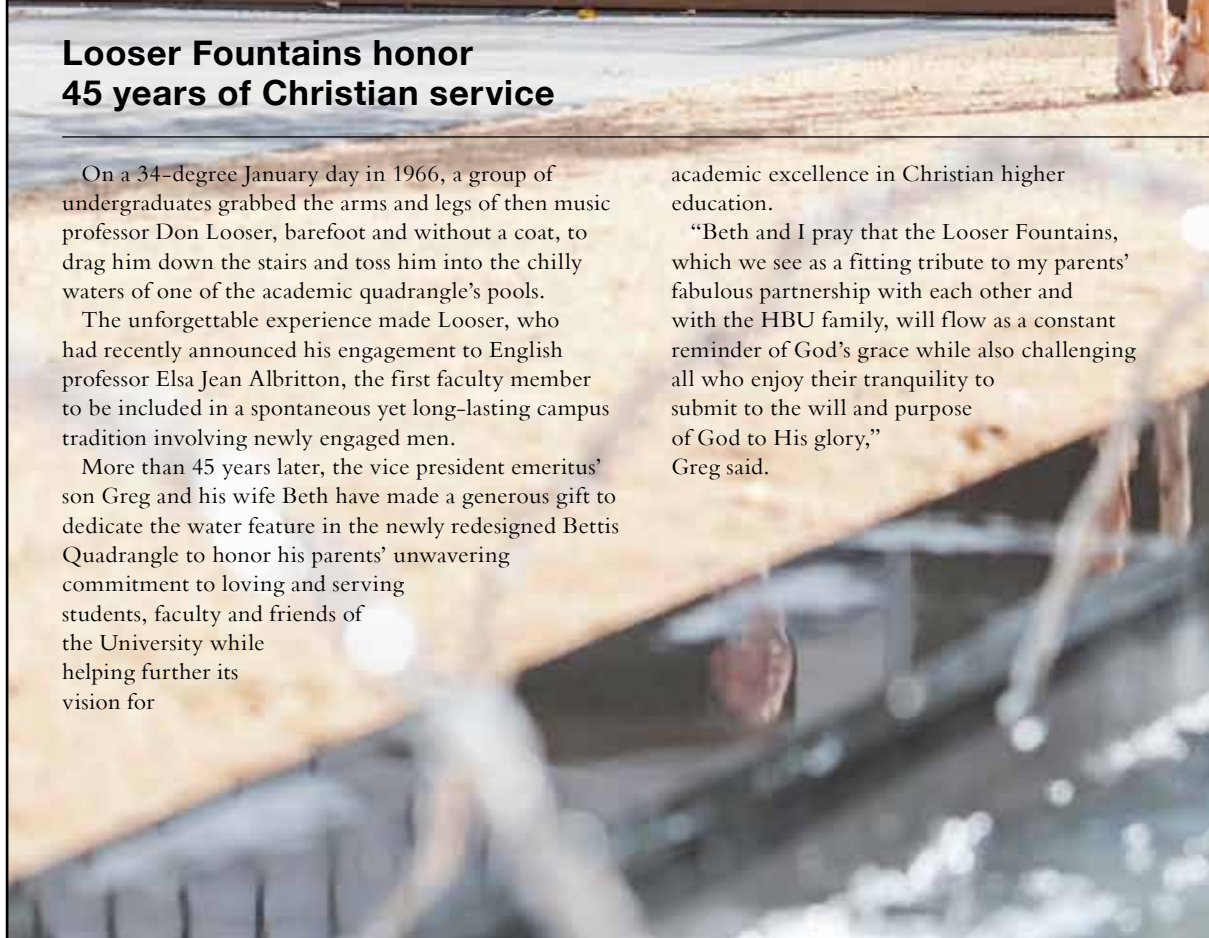
On a 34-degree January day in 1966, a group of undergraduates grabbed the arms and legs of then music professor Don Looser, barefoot and without a coat, to drag him down the stairs and toss him into the chilly waters of one of the academic quadrangle's pools.

The unforgettable experience made Looser, who had recently announced his engagement to English professor Elsa Jean Albritton, the first faculty member to be included in a spontaneous yet long-lasting campus tradition involving newly engaged men.

More than 45 years later, the vice president emeritus' son Greg and his wife Beth have made a generous gift to dedicate the water feature in the newly redesigned Bettis Quadrangle to honor his parents' unwavering commitment to loving and serving students, faculty and friends of the University while helping further its vision for

academic excellence in Christian higher education.

"Beth and I pray that the Looser Fountains, which we see as a fitting tribute to my parents' fabulous partnership with each other and with the HBU family, will flow as a constant reminder of God's grace while also challenging all who enjoy their tranquility to submit to the will and purpose of God to His glory," Greg said.





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# BIG LEAGUE CREW

Huskies return to college sports' highest level of competition

Members of HBU's 2010-2011 conference championship-winning women's soccer team proudly wave signs declaring "We're Back" in bold block letters.

Although they were not yet born when HBU last competed in NCAA Division I in 1989, the current Huskies could not hide their excitement during the Aug. 13 press conference at which President Sloan announced the University's official return to college athletics' highest level of competition.

The press conference, held just days after the NCAA Board of Directors informed HBU that its application for full Division I membership had been approved, brought to a close a four-year certification and transition process that involved the collective effort of trustees, faculty, staff, coaches, student-athletes and alumni representing all areas of the University.

## "A TREMENDOUS DAY FOR HBU"

"The return to full NCAA Division I status is about more than just athletics," Sloan said. "In American culture today, athletics exemplifies all of the things that can be very good about the process of growing, becoming educated and maturing. We see a great opportunity through athletics to gain visibility for and further our distinctive vision and mission as a Christian institution."

"This is a tremendous day for HBU," said Steve Moniaci, director of athletics. "Our coaches, staff and student-athletes rose to meet the challenges put before them by this transition, and they now find themselves on equal footing with the best intercollegiate athletics has to offer."

## GOOD SPORTS

Throughout the transition, HBU's athletic teams exhibited not only noteworthy athletic abilities on their respective fields of play – winning three conference championships during the 2010-2011 season – but also a class and dignity that are consistent with the mission of the University. In July, the Huskies received for the second consecutive year the Great West Conference Sportsmanship Award, which is given annually to the member institution whose student-athletes, coaches and fans are judged by its peers to be the best in the conference in living up to the ideals of sportsmanship.

"This award truly is a testament to the character of our student-athletes, and the coaches who brought them to HBU," Moniaci said. "We are particularly proud of the manner in which they have distinguished themselves both on and off the playing field."

## GRIDIRON INTENTIONS

As HBU moves forward, Division I competition will bring expanded athletic programs and new and improved venues in which the Huskies can continue to exemplify the University's commitment to excellence in all of its programs.

In June, Sloan announced that the University is prepared to begin the sport of football, its 16th intercollegiate varsity team, pending an invitation to join an appropriate league.

"Intercollegiate football will assist us in reaching our goals as we

move HBU to the next level as a significant Christian university in a major city," Sloan said. "The addition of football has the potential to enhance the reputation and recognition of HBU in ways that will benefit all areas of the University, including student recruitment and retention."

## NATIONAL ATTENTION

The possibility of a football team is just one of the many developments that fans can look forward to in the years ahead.

"I think one thing people are going to notice immediately is Division I institutions that they identify with and that have really good name recognition coming on campus to play us," said

Ron Cottrell, head basketball coach. "They're also going to see us playing on TV more, as the name of HBU gets spread more nationally with the Division I exposure."

For alumni of the University, including former student-athlete and head softball coach Mary-Ellen Hall '88, the return to NCAA Division I presents an opportunity to reflect on past successes while eagerly anticipating the promise of the future.

"Division I is where we started, so this latest move solidifies that tradition," Hall said. "Everyone – our alumni base and current students – want to see the best of the best, and that's what they're going to see. There's a whole new level of excitement now that everyone can rally around and support."



## PEP TALKS: COACHES DISCUSS RETURN TO NCAA DIVISION I IN THEIR OWN WORDS



**Ron Cottrell**

Head Coach, Men's Basketball

"I don't think we would have been able to make this step if we hadn't been as strong as we were athletically on the NAIA level. You always build on your history and traditions, hoping the next group does even better than the last, and that's how we plan to build the foundation for our Division I program."



**Jared Moon '96, MEd '01**

Head Coach, Baseball

"The move gives us a new identity and something to strive for. Our student-athletes are getting the chance to play at some very exciting venues, and they are focused on getting back to the top of the heap. We've already beat some teams in the past couple of years that really opened some eyes, and we're working toward getting better and better."



**Kaddie Platt '94, MEd '01**

Head Coach, Volleyball

"I love the challenge of competing in the NCAA, the highest level of competition in amateur sports. Returning to the Division I level has really unified the University and given Husky fans another reason to cheer relentlessly."



**Mary-Ellen Hall '88**

Head Coach, Softball

"At the Division I level, it's a bigger, faster, stronger game. No matter the opponent, you have to go out and play your best every day to compete to win. All of us are facing really competitive schedules against some of the top teams, and I think that brings a degree of notoriety that HBU deserves."



# THE QUEST BEGINS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HBU FOOTBALL GET ANSWERS

HBU is one of 25 colleges around the nation planning to start a football team between now and 2015. The following questions and answers are designed to help Husky fans prepare for kickoff.

### WHAT DO THE TERMS FBS AND FCS MEAN WHEN USED TO DESCRIBE DIFFERENT NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL PROGRAMS?

Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools are schools such as Texas (Big XII Conference), Rice and Houston (Conference USA). They compete in post-season bowls and the national champion is crowned in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship game. Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) schools are schools like Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin, Nichols State and Lamar, who are all in the Southland Conference. The FCS postseason is much like the NCAA basketball tournament, with a selection committee picking 20 teams to compete in a single-elimination playoff format to determine a winner. HBU has announced the desire to start a football program at the FCS level.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO AN INSTITUTION OF PLAYING FOOTBALL AT THE FCS LEVEL?

One benefit is increased male enrollment at the institution. A study done by Nebraska-Kearny showed that for every male football player brought to campus, two extra males enrolled. Having the sport

of football also helps to increase the retention of existing students by providing another series of fall events that can serve to help build school spirit, much like the women's soccer championship did on campus in the fall of 2010. And finally, the addition of the sport of football will allow for greater engagement of HBU's alumni and friends as the University seeks to better attract attention and donors.

### CAN HBU AFFORD A FOOTBALL PROGRAM?

The study that was commissioned and approved by the Board of Trustees showed the sport of football actually could provide continuing revenue to the University after five years through the tuition, room and board gained from additional students – both football players and others – and additional revenue from the NCAA gained by playing the sport.

### WOULD HBU BEGIN PLAYING FOOTBALL GAMES THE YEAR THAT THE PROGRAM IS STARTED?

No. The timeline that HBU established to start the sport calls for the hiring of several coaches, who would then recruit football players to campus, in the first year. The second year would entail adding more staff and facilities, coinciding with the start of football practices with mostly freshmen players. The third year would feature the first actual intercollegiate competitions in the sport, utilizing mostly freshmen and sophomore student athletes to field the team. The long-term goal is for the Huskies to play on campus, but in the short term, HBU plans to utilize another as-yet-undetermined facility in Houston.



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## TITLE HOLDERS

Huskies take multiple conference championships in 2010-2011

**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
2009-2010, 2010-2011

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
2010-2011

**SOFTBALL**  
2010-2011

### TRACK & FIELD GOLD MEDALISTS:

- ★ Jake Adkins
- ★ Amber Goodson
- ★ Morgan Pressley
- ★ Jonathan Staples

"We could not have asked for a more intense conference tournament. The home crowd was loud and proud and very energetic. The team showed character and perseverance and a refusal to lose."

**Misty Jones**  
Head Coach, Women's Soccer

"The girls had come so far as a team and as a unit, and they weren't going to give in that day in South Dakota. A competitor had labeled us a 'good little team,' and that became a catalyst for us. The local story about our win even opened with 'the "good little team" had what it takes to win a Division I softball league title.'"

**Mary-Ellen Hall '88**  
Head Coach, Softball



# the DAWG LISTENER

Alumni Association seeks to strengthen  
bond with former students

Jennifer Davis wants to hear from you.

The 2008 marketing graduate has saved in her smartphone the names and numbers of many of the good friends she made during her time at HBU, but as the University's new associate director of alumni relations, she is looking to connect with even more former Huskies of all ages.

Davis, who interned with Vivian Camacho '91, senior director of alumni relations, during her senior year, will again report to Camacho while leading the planning and organizing of alumni events, overseeing social networking, and engaging students and young alumni in the HBU Alumni Association.

"My internship helped me see HBU in a new light," Davis said. "When it was over, I knew I wanted to return and work at my alma mater, so I could give back to the University that I think changed my life."

Having felt overwhelmed after three and a half years in large undergraduate classes at the University of Texas, Davis found the college experience she had been seeking all along when she transferred to HBU in the fall of 2006.

"Before applying, I stopped by campus for a visit, and several faculty members, including journalism and mass communication professor Dr. Alice Rowlands, spent more than an hour talking with me

about the program and giving me a tour of campus," Davis said. "That really impressed me, and it was an experience I knew I needed. From that point on, I didn't look at or apply to any other universities."

As her love for the University continued to grow, Davis wanted to share and encourage that same love in her fellow students and alumni.

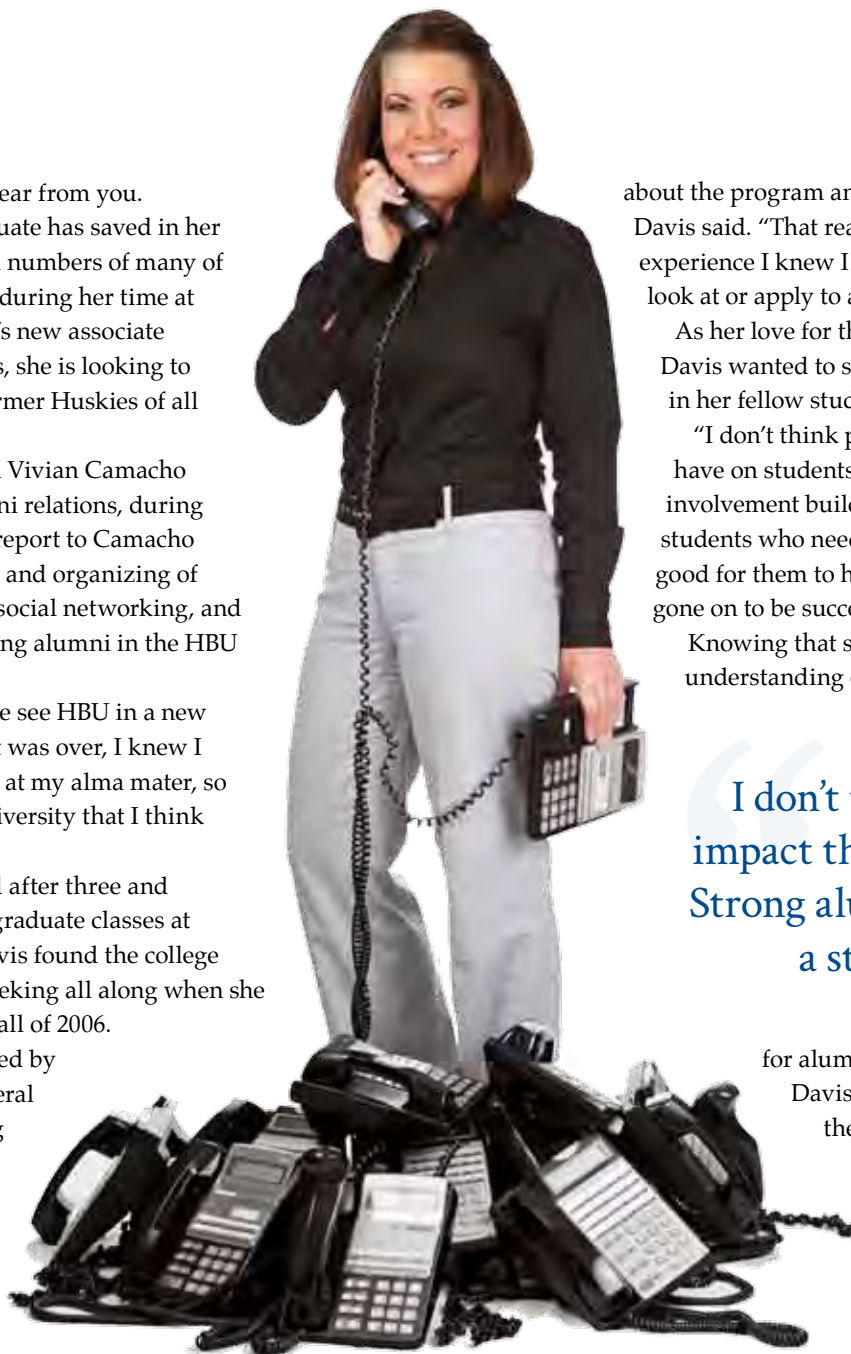
"I don't think people realize the impact they can have on students," Davis said. "Strong alumni involvement builds a stronger University. There are students who need mentoring and nurturing, and it's good for them to hear and see that HBU alums have gone on to be successful after graduating."

Knowing that strong traditions and a better understanding of what appeals to and has meaning

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Strong alumni involvement builds  
a stronger University.**

for alumni will help increase involvement, Davis is planning to build bridges with the local alumni community through a series of weekday evening listening sessions at area churches in November.

"We don't want to move forward with planning events





that aren't going to be successful, so I'm going out to visit with alums face-to-face and listen to their thoughts, ideas, concerns and questions," Davis said. "I want to know what they want to see, what they want to do, and how they want to interact and engage with the University."

Davis acknowledges there is room for improvement in communication with alumni, and the listening sessions are just one of many new efforts underway to ensure alumni are kept informed and given opportunities to stay connected on a more regular basis moving forward.

"We want the alums to know that we're here for them," Davis said. "For instance, we've added more alumni updates to the Alumni Connections e-newsletter to let them know we're paying attention to what's going on with them, and we're trying to make it easier for them to pay attention to what's going on here too."



## UPCOMING ALUMNI LISTENING SESSIONS IN THE HOUSTON AREA

### NORTH

Wednesday, Nov. 9  
6-8 p.m.  
Spring Baptist Church  
Building A, Room 103  
1027 Spring Cypress Road  
Spring, TX 77373

### CENTRAL

Wednesday, Nov. 16  
6-8 p.m.  
Crosspoint Church Bellaire  
Room 208  
4601 Bellaire Boulevard  
Bellaire, TX 77401

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# HOME COMING

## SUNDAY 10/30

"PAWS ACROSS CAMPUS"  
DECORATING - 1 pm

## MONDAY 10/31

BANNER BASH - 6 pm

## TUESDAY 11/1

CAMPUS LUNCHEON - 11:30 am

## WEDNESDAY 11/2

CONVOCATION PEP RALLY - 11 am

## THURSDAY 11/3

ORG TEAM BATTLES - 5 pm

GREEK TRAGEDY - 7 pm

VOLLEYBALL VS. CHICAGO STATE - 7 pm

## FRIDAY 11/4

SPIRIT OF HBU ALUMNI & WALK OF  
HONOR AWARD DINNER - 6 pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS.  
ABILENE CHRISTIAN &  
"HUSKY MADNESS" - 7 pm

BONFIRE PEP RALLY - 9 pm

HOMECOMING DANCE - 10 pm

## SATURDAY 11/5

HUSKY HUSTLE (5K RUN) - 8 am

VOLLEYBALL VS. NJIT - 2 pm

TAILGATE & CHILI COOK-OFF - 3 pm

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS.

AUGSBURG - 7:05 pm

POST-GAME CELEBRATION - 9:30 pm



# Alumagrams

What's new with you?

## 60s & 70s

**Wayne Webb '67, MEd '01** and **Suzanne Clark Webb '67** retired in 2010 after more than 80 years of combined experience teaching in public schools.

**Dr. Rhonda Goodman '75** is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Doug Harris '76**, owner of Noisemaker Communications, was elected to the Texas Radio Hall of Fame for his role as marketing director at Houston's KLOL-FM.

**Joe Michels '78** works in the Health Care group at the Houston law office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.

**Kendal Barrier Randall '79** was named 2011 Teacher of the Year at L. D. Bell High School, where she teaches theater, in Hurst, Texas.

## 80s

**Daniel Lippe MBA '80** is president of Petral-Worldwide Inc., a Houston-based consulting firm he co-founded to serve petroleum, midstream and petrochemical industry clients.

**Janet Woodyard Mackey '82** has published her first book, a work of Christian fiction called *Losing Mama*.

**Dale Jefferson '83** was named the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus by the South Texas College of Law Alumni Association. He is a partner of the Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom L.L.P. firm in Houston. In March 2011, he competed on a four-person team that finished third in the Shell Houston Open Grand Pro-Am tournament at the Redstone Golf Course.

**Gerald Martin '83** was the first gymnast inducted into San Angelo's Central High School Bobcat Athletic Hall of Fame in March.

**Gregory Arroyo Jr. '84** is director of Arctas Capital Group.

**Ray Waters '84** is pastor of The Village Church in Hapeville, Ga.

**Benny Agosto '86** was profiled in the July/August 2011 issue of *Hispanic Executive* for his service as the 2011-2012 national president of the Hispanic National Bar Association. During the annual Hispanic Heritage Day game in October 2011, the Houston Texans presented Agosto with the NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award to recognize his positive impact on the Hispanic community in Houston.

**Jeff Amerson '86** is principal of Poe Elementary School in Houston's historic Boulevard Oaks and Southampton neighborhood.

**Greg Garrett MS '86** is director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Western Illinois University, which provides confidential, no-cost business counseling and low-cost training to help prospective and established business owners make sound decisions about the feasibility of starting and the successful operation of a business.

**Claudio Melani '87** is an emergency specialist agent with FEMA in Puerto Rico.

**Lourie Itliong Moore '87** is a nursing information manager for the Harris County Hospital District.

**R. Mark Payne MBA '87** is a partner in the San Antonio office of energy law firm

Burleson LLP. In addition to his experience as an attorney, he has taught as an adjunct professor at HBU.

**Chris Porter Ring MBA '87** is vice president of development at Petris in Houston, where she leads the development and quality assurance teams.

**Andy Nolen '88** is an attorney in Houston.

**Janet McQuaid MBA '89** is an environmental law partner in the Pennsylvania office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., which serves energy companies working within the Marcellus Shale.

## 90s

**Kathy Brown Chessher '90** is community manager of distinguished events for the American Cancer Society in Beaumont.

**Bradley Green MBA '90** is vice president of sales for tele-ICU provider Advanced ICU Care in St. Louis.

**John Harris '90** is chief strategy officer for digital marketing agency Location3 Media in Denver, where he leads strategy and business development activities.

**Dana Manners MBA '90** is an account executive at Honeywell.

**Jack Varcados '90** owns Jack John Varcados Shell Inc. in west Houston.

**Cindy Henderson Redding MS '91** was promoted to senior vice president of human resources of The Mosaic Company in Plymouth, Minn.

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# Class Acts

Community theater gives current, former students opportunity to shine



Gibson, Thompson and Richie stand "UpStage"

You can't rush confidence.

Impressed by what he read, Dr. Jon Suter, distinguished professor in the HBU Master of Liberal Arts program, encouraged Ann Richie to submit one of her graduate papers for potential publication.

At the time, however, Richie, who completed the program in 1999 with a 4.0 grade-point average, was too shy to follow through on his suggestion.

More than 10 years later, however, the once-shy student stands on stage in a white shirt and pink poodle skirt singing popular 50s rock songs with her husband Arnold prior to a performance of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" by the UpStage Theatre, which the couple founded in 2000.

Richie, who has since written four shows as artistic director of UpStage Theatre's children's programs, credits Dr. Suter for planting a seed that continues to bloom.

"I still have that assignment," Richie said, "and I treasure Dr. Suter's comments. Although I did not act on them right away, his encouraging words gave me the confidence that Arnold and I would later need to help launch and develop a successful community theater."

The growth and success of the UpStage Theatre was clear during the four-week run of "The Buddy Holly Story" this summer, when it set several attendance records.

The HBU influence on display in front of those crowds did not end, however, with Richie's role as pre-show entertainment. Alumnus

Norris Thompson '89 and current School of Music student Christina Gibson received praise from local media for their supporting performances in a scene depicting Buddy Holly's debut at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

For Gibson, who was participating in her first stage show outside of school, the production represented a chance to share her love of performing with others.

"I don't sing elsewhere, but on the stage, I'll sing my heart out," Gibson said. "I do it for the sheer enjoyment of watching other people being entertained."

Thompson, who had worked with the Richies on UpStage performances in the past, relished the opportunity to rejoin a close-knit family.

"The Richies are professionals who allow the talent to show its talent," Thompson said. "They'll rein me in if they need to, but otherwise, they encourage all of us to insert our unique personalities into our characters."

It was that flexibility that gave Thompson the freedom to transform the fictional Bobby Cullens character, which otherwise might have had just a line or two, into a scene-stealer.

In one such moment, Thompson, as Cullens, jumped off stage for a photo with an audience member to which he had just thrown a sweaty scarf before remarking, "Apollo, y'all didn't know what you were in for."

It is a sentiment that applies to not only the impressive contributions of the three HBU students, but also to the unexpected significance of those encouraging words first scribbled on a shy student's assignment many years before.



Gibson and Thompson belt out a tune as Apollo performers

**Aceneth Medina '92** received a master's degree in curriculum and education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. She is a secondary reading teacher for Northside ISD in San Antonio.

**Dr. Anthony Pope '92, MEd '96** is superintendent of the Marlborough Public Schools in Marlborough, Mass. He is a graduate of the urban superintendents program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

**Jeff Spears '92** is a contracts administrator for the city of League City.

**Dr. Doug Bruce Jr. '93** is an assistant professor of internal medicine at Yale School of Medicine. In partnership with the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief, he helped open a methadone maintenance program in Tanzania – the first public, nationally available program of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa – to treat heroin addiction.

**Shelly Thomas Nalbone '93** is a pediatric nurse practitioner with the office of the "Tot Doc," pediatrician Dr. Laurie McKillip, in The Woodlands.

**Charles Reid '93** hosts "This Opera Life with Charles Reid," a weekly podcast in which he has conversations with performers about their lives offstage.

**Scott Stabler '94 is an assistant professor of history at Grand Valley State University. He received a Fulbright Award to study and teach at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana during the winter 2011 semester.**



**Ramona Castex Williams '93** is a registered nurse and medical staff quality management coordinator at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

**Stan Wolenski MBA '93** owns Stanley Custom Construction in Richmond.

**Ben Henderson '94** has published his first legal thriller, *The Annulment*.

**Dane Friend '95** is chief human resources officer for Baylor College of Medicine.

**Chris Heath '95** is executive vice president of corporate finance for Radiant Oil and Gas in Houston.

**Dr. Shannon Holmes '95** was named Region 5 Superintendent of the Year. He has served 13 years as a school administrator, including the last six as superintendent of Hardin-Jefferson ISD.

**M. Ward Scobee MBA '95** is senior vice president of Terra-Gen Power, LLC, where he oversees all operating wind projects and is actively involved in Terra-Gen's wind development efforts.

**Suzanne Gerczak Weatherly '95** received a doctorate in educational administration from Baylor University in May 2011. She teaches developmental English at Lone Star College-University Park in Houston.

**Robert Bremer '96** is associate dean for management and finance at the University of Virginia.

**Stephanie De Los Santos '96, MEd '98** is director of communication for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in Houston.

**Claudio Freitas '96** is an operations management team leader for IBM in Rio de Janeiro.

**Jon Gundry MEd '96** is superintendent of the Pasadena Unified School District in California.

**Timothy Hall '96** is a training supervisor for West Business Services in Middleton, Wis.

**Byron Howell MBA '96** earned a Ph.D. in business from Northcentral University. He is a consulting project technical manager for Oracle Corporation.

**Jason Shuttlesworth '96** is pastor of Wooster Baptist Church in Baytown.

**Eric Adams '97** passed the Louisiana State Bar Exam. He is a shareholder in the Houston office of MehaffyWeber and is registered to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

**Scott Belshaw MLA '97** helped design curriculum for the private investigator program at the University of North Texas, where he serves as an assistant professor.

**Yvonne Camacho '97** was promoted to clinical manager for the fourth floor telemetry/inertial measurement unit at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, where she provides management oversight and support to the night-shift team.

**Bernie Clement MBA '97** is the chief information officer at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center in Thibodaux, La.

**Jacqueline Vogel Espinoza '97** is director of U.S. benefits and compensation for McDonald's USA in Oak Brook, Ill.

**Dr. Alberto Gonzalez '97** is a vascular surgeon at the Vein and Vascular Institute of Tampa Bay.

**Dr. David Morgan '98** is assistant professor of Biblical studies at Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn.

**John Boggs '99** is director of the evening/ weekend division and an adjunct instructor at San Jacinto College's South Campus.

**Julissa Guerrero-Chappell '99** is executive director of Comp-U-Dopt Inc., a non-profit organization that provides computers and technology education to children in underserved communities of Houston.

## 00s

**Dr. Luke Dahn '00**, assistant professor of music at Northwestern College, received the Northwestern Teaching Excellence Award.

**Richard Sockey IV '00** is CEO of Village General Maintenance in Silver City, N.M.

**Cory Ferguson '01** is a sales coordinator for the Holiday Inn Bedford DFW Airport Area West.



# Choosy Mom Chooses Motherhood

Unexpected chance to live out dream reaffirms  
alumna's place at home

She heard it on the radio.

Austin country station KVET-FM was launching a "casting call" contest to find a new morning show co-host, and Jamie Ivey '02 thought to herself, "Why not?"

The stay-at-home mother of four children under the age of 8, three of whom are adopted, had secretly dreamed of a job in radio or TV – and a chance to put into practice what she learned as a speech communication major at HBU – for years.

"Even though I had no experience in radio, I knew I would kick myself if I didn't at least put my name out there," Ivey said. "My blog is called 'Dreaming Big Dreams,' and I realized this was an opportunity for me to really dream big."

After serious prayer and discussion with her husband Aaron '03, the Iveys worked together in his studio on Jamie's demo and sent it to the station, which posted it online with many other entries so listeners could hear it and vote.

And vote they did. Listener responses determined the top 10, and Jamie scored the highest percentage of the popular vote. KVET judges then selected five of the

remaining contestants for a live, on-air audition, and, again, Jamie made the cut.

"I entered the contest on a whim, so I never thought about what it would be like if I got that far," Ivey said. "I was nervous leading up to my in-studio audition, but when I had lunch with Aaron afterward, I told him that no matter what happened, I had fun and felt like I had given it my best."

The KVET team agreed, and on April 4, 2011, Jamie hit the Austin airwaves as a member of the station's morning show.

"I love sharing my thoughts with people, so radio was a perfect fit for me," Ivey said. "Hundreds of thousands of listeners were hearing me talk about my faith, my family, and how we do things, and they seemed to appreciate what I had to say."

Jamie also was enjoying the chance to meet people she never would have met otherwise, including nationally recognized performers and athletes and coaches from the University of Texas, but it was the four children waiting for her back home she longed to spend time with most.

"I was waking up before 5 a.m. and getting home by noon most days, which sounds like perfect hours for a mom, but my absence was really affecting the kids," Ivey said. "By the time I got home, they would have already done fun stuff with the babysitter before it got too hot outside. Even though it was only a few hours each day, I felt like I was missing a lot of their lives."

While the attempt to balance work and family life is one many parents face, Jamie found herself struggling with it in front of a large, and public, audience. As she had done with many other aspects of her personal life, she decided to share her dilemma with her co-workers and listeners.

She was reminded quickly how passionate KVET listeners are about their station and its on-air personalities. They called into the studio, posted on its Facebook and Web pages, and e-mailed Jamie directly to share their opinions. While reactions were mixed, the majority were supportive.

"The encouraging words



...the desire to follow her heart

The chance to live a dream...



from listeners were precious to me," Ivey said, "and the reaction of my co-workers was fabulous. I was a nervous wreck thinking I was letting down the team, but everyone at the station said they admired and respected me when I decided I wanted to resume my role as a full-time mom."

A few days shy of five months into her new adventure, the novice who learned she was good at and enjoyed the life of a DJ said a bittersweet goodbye to Austin radio and signed off of KVET for the last time on Sept. 2, 2011.

"What I realized through this experience is that putting away my desires and wants for my kids is the most selfless thing I can do," Ivey said. "While I may desire success and the chance to make a name for myself in the radio industry, more than any of that, I desire to raise healthy, well-educated kids who love God and have hearts that put others before themselves."



**Jon Lineberger '01** was elected to serve as the 2011 chairman of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce.

**Tommy Philips '01, MS '03** is running for Sugar Land City Council At-Large Position One in the May 2012 election.

**Kathy Bassir Forbes '02** is the librarian at Houston's Westside High School.

**Lindsey Duke Singleton MEd '02** is an educational consultant with Cohen's College Connection in Addison, Texas.

**Ben Benner '03** is an area sales manager for Enterprise Fleet Management in Atlanta.

**Christine Floyd '03** received a Master of Science in mathematics from Montana State University in 2009. She is the Title I curriculum coordinator and elementary math coach for the Hot Springs School District in Hot Springs, Mont.

**Melissa Silva Ramos '03** is a physical therapist assistant with Hallmark Rehabilitation.

**Terri Flemings Thomas MSN '03** is a family nurse practitioner in the RediClinic inside the Cypress HEB grocery store.

**Mitchell Chase '04** has authored a book, *The Gospel Is For Christians*.

**Dr. Adrian Davieson MLA '04** received a Ph.D. in management from the University of Phoenix. He is an executive consultant in Houston.

**Griffin Colvert Gonzalez '04** graduated with a master's degree in conflict resolution and reconciliation from Abilene Christian University.

**Matt Higginbotham '04** is youth pastor at Kingwood Bible Church and is pursuing a graduate degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Samantha Kennedy '04** is a business development manager for The Daniel Group.

**Candace Bush Thorpe '04** is a teacher for Fort Bend ISD.

**Euradell Davis MEd '05** is an instructor of developmental English at Lone Star College-Montgomery.

**Katrina English '05** is head volleyball coach and an English teacher at Lamar High School in Houston.

**Josh Prickett '05** was a member of the first graduating class from A.T. Still University's School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), where he received the SOMA Outstanding Student of the Year award.

**Joseph Ramirez '06** and wife Lisa completed their first BP MS150 from Houston to Austin in April 2011 in honor of his cousin, Toie Michelle Venable.

**Renita Walker '06** is an ESL instructor for a Houston non-profit organization. She is writing her dissertation and is scheduled to complete a Ph.D. in organizational psychology in June 2013.

**Tahera Khan MAP '07** is director of human resources at Hyperdynamics Corporation in Houston.

**Derrick Owens '07** is a contracts director with National Oilwell Varco in Houston.

**Renee McGruder '08** contributed to the book *5 Must-Know Secrets for Today's College Girl*.

**David Bartholome MLA '09** is a teacher and director of residence life at Chiquapin Preparatory School.

**Elizabeth Steen '09** graduated with a master's degree in social work from the University of Houston.

**Gina Laico Teafatiller MBA '09** is vice president of marketing for Hotze Enterprises in Houston, where she oversees marketing, public relations and social media strategies.

## 10s

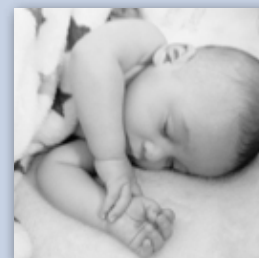
**Grace Collins '10** is a junior high language arts teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Crosby.

**Stephen Hayes '10** is a partner in the Study Lounge, a loft study space in Houston's Rice Village staffed by student tutors from HBU and other area colleges.

**Zeke Zikeli '10** is a broker with GEM Insurance in Houston.



Sieja



Cerda



Chapman

**Samuel Sieja '00** and wife **Mandy Haught Sieja '01** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Christopher, on Dec. 20, 2010. He was welcomed by siblings David and Allison.

**Kesliea Reyes Cerda '09** and husband Rudy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Joshua, on Dec. 22, 2010. He was welcomed by siblings Reuben and Makayla.

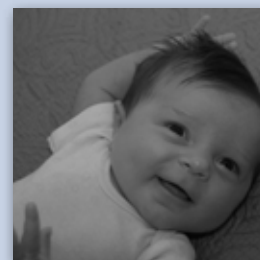
**Carl (Buck) Chapman Jr. '05** and **Megan Baumgardner Chapman '05** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Elijah, on Feb. 9, 2011.

**Bethany Eubanks Smith '06** and husband Josh are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jude Isaak, on Feb. 24, 2011. He was welcomed by sister Anabella Marie.

**Michelle Anderson Scheiffele '99** and husband David are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emersyn Reese, on March 15, 2011. She was welcomed by



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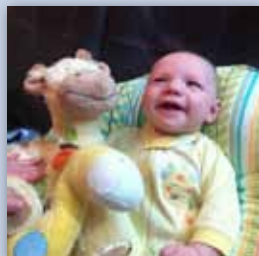
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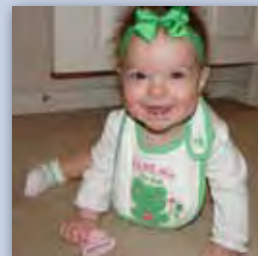
**Jude Smith**



**Johnson**



**Knudsen**



**Douglas**



**Miller**



**Scheiffele**



**Goodwin**



**Powell**



**Sloan**



**Perales**

brother Ethan Ray, grandfather **Michael Ray Anderson '67** and uncle **Dr. Marcus Ray Anderson '03**.

**Brandon Johnson '06** and wife Natalie celebrated their daughter Payton's first birthday on March 30, 2011. Brandon is a business education teacher and coach for Humble ISD.

**Larry Mayberry '08** and wife **Lindsey Davis Mayberry '10** welcomed two-year-old Micah Allen into their family from Texas CPS in April 2011.

**Whit Goodwin**, director of Student Life at HBU, and wife Leigh Anne are proud to announce the birth of their son, Whittington Collom Goodwin II, on April 18, 2011.

**Tico Montoya '07** and wife Nicole are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jude Moses, on April 30, 2011. He was welcomed by siblings Elijah, Lydia, Benjamin and Jasiel.

**Cariane Clayton Knudsen '09** and husband Philip are proud to announce the birth of their son, Elias Philip, on May 7, 2011. The Knudsens are working in full-time ministry in China.

**Jonathan Powell '08** and wife Emily are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Emiline, on May 17, 2011. She was welcomed by proud grandparents **Bob '76** and **Linda Foster Powell '77** and uncle and aunt **Josh '03** and **Christi Powell Vaughan '02**. Jonathan, who completed a master's in education administration in 2011, teaches English and creative writing and coaches football and soccer at New Caney High School.

**Crystal Dick Douglas '03** and husband Joe celebrated their daughter Bella Rose's first birthday on June 4, 2011. Crystal is an elementary school teacher for Conroe ISD.

President **Robert and Sue Sloan** are proud to announce the birth of their ninth grandchild, Lincoln Harris, on June 8,

2011. He is the son of Bryan and Amy Sloan and brother to Robby and Juliette.

**Katy Bowser Smith '05** and husband Brad are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Kathryn, on June 24, 2011. She was welcomed by sister Natalie.

**Andrew Miller '11** and wife **Ruth Lopez Miller '10** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Grace, on July 10, 2011. She was welcomed by proud grandfather **Danny Miller**, director of Baptist Student Ministries at HBU.

**Blanca Cuellar-Perales '97** and husband José celebrated their son Pablo Angel's first birthday on Sept. 6, 2011, with his big sister Sarahi.

**Kim Gaynor**, vice president for University Communications at HBU, and wife Brenda are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Vivianne Bridges, on Sept. 14, 2011.

# In Memoriam

## Trustees

**Dr. J. Bruce Belin Jr.** passed away on May 27, 2011. He was appointed to the HBU Board of Trustees in 1967 and served as chair in 1997. At the request of the Cullen Trust for Higher Education, on whose board he also served, the Belin Chapel in the Morris Cultural Arts Center was named in honor of Belin and his wife Mary Ann. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from HBU in 1998, and he and Mary Ann received the Spirit of Excellence Award in 1998 and the Milton Cross Service Award in 2005.

## Faculty/Staff

**Judy Babb** passed away on Aug. 20, 2011. Having been the second member of the Houston Baptist College staff hired in 1963 by Dr. Troy Womack, she served HBU for almost 30 years as an associate in financial affairs and administrative assistant to President and Chancellor Hinton prior to her retirement in 1991. In 1970, she was the first HBU employee to have the mayor of Houston name a day honoring her service to university students.

*"Students loved Judy because she shared her life and her heart with them. She showered them with love and served as kind of the 'mother' of the campus, making both students and their parents feel very comfortable. The wall in our office suite bearing mementoes that students had given her was so full that I was always afraid it was going to fall down."* – Ken Rogers, retired director of scholarships

*"Judy took her job and made it her life. She did everything she could to see that the students who passed through her office were able to secure an education at HBU, because she believed they were being taught by the very best faculty."* – Carol Elsbury, retired registrar

**Pam Clopton** passed away on July 16, 2011. She was circulation supervisor and assistant systems manager in the Moody Library, where she had served as a friend and mentor to generations of HBU students since 1988.

*"Pam's meticulous work ethic, intellectual curiosity and levelheaded personality made her indispensable in the library, where she was a great team-builder. She was fair with everyone, always treating them – including students with whom she sometimes had to be stern – with courtesy and respect."* – Ann Noble, director, Moody Library

*"Pam was one of the staunchest advocates for students I have ever known on the HBU campus. She tried to help anyone who came into the library. Many students never knew her name, but it was not unusual for 'that tall lady with the British accent' to stay past her quitting time in order to help them with problems."*  
– Dr. Jon Suter, distinguished professor and retired director, Moody Library

**Dr. Joyce Fan** passed away on June 14, 2011. She was a founding faculty member and former chair of the chemistry department whose name was synonymous with the establishment of HBU's pre-med program. She received the statewide Piper Professor award for outstanding achievement in teaching in 1972, and, prior to her retirement in 1983, HBU conveyed on her the rank of distinguished professor. The Houston Chronicle honored her as one of 50 women who "made their mark on Houston."

*"There is no doubt in my mind that most of the medical degrees that hang on the office walls of the HBU pre-med students she advised should have a place for her signature, because she was such an integral part of our acceptance into medical school."*  
– Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox '81, solo practitioner and owner, West Houston Pediatrics, P.A.

*"Dr. Fan was more than just a professor. She frequently referred to herself amongst some of her closest students as 'Mama Fan,' and that was truly how she saw her role. She found great joy in helping others and giving, especially the giving of an education as a teacher."* – Dr. Thomas M. Wheeler '75, Harlan J. Spjut Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology & Immunology, Baylor College of Medicine

**Dr. Lois Lawrence** passed away on April 16, 2011. She was a former professor in English who established the Danny Lee Lawrence Writing Awards in memory of her son to honor outstanding student achievement in writing. She was also faculty sponsor of HBU's student literary anthology, which was known as the *Shank's Mare* under her faculty sponsorship.

**Alton Stanberry** passed away on April 15, 2011. He joined the HBU family in 1999 as a member of the campus maintenance department.

**Evelyn Yates** passed away on Sept. 4, 2011. She served on the staff in the Registrar's Office during the enrollment of her daughter Jane '72, who is the wife of Mike Haley '70.

## Former Students

**Gwendolyn Smith Carraway '96, MATS '99** passed away on June 1, 2011.

**Barbara Chapman '88** passed away on June 12, 2011. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from HBU and worked at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in radiology.

**Jimmy Eapen '00** passed away on July 15, 2011. He earned a Bachelor in Business Administration from HBU.

**Joanne Graham** passed away on Aug. 3, 2011. She earned an accounting degree at HBU.

### *Your Dying Day - a poem by Bruce Belin*

Your dying day shall be to you as the day of harvest to the farmer  
As the day of deliverance to the prisoner  
As the day of marriage to the bride

Your dying day shall be a day of triumph and exaltation  
A day of freedom and consolation  
A day of rest and satisfaction  
Knowing that you will be with our Lord



**Thomas Johnson '81** passed away on June 20, 2011.

**Jody Jordan '04** passed away on July 15, 2011. As a vocal performance major at HBU, she performed in Handel's "Messiah" in Carnegie Hall with Schola Cantorum in 2001.

**Patrick Mercier '87** passed away on May 23, 2011. He earned a Bachelor of Science in social work and psychology from HBU.

**Dr. Alan Neighbors MLA '89** passed away on May 27, 2011. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged at the rank of E-5.

**A. Louis Patterson III '87** passed away on Feb. 5, 2011.

**June Crozier Towers MLA '89** passed away on March 12, 2011.

## University Friends

**Herb Asel** passed away on July 22, 2011. He was the husband of Shirley Asel, who served as president of The Guild in 2007-2008.

**Leon Brown** passed away on Aug. 21, 2011. He was the husband of Mary Brown, a former member of the President's Advisors and The Guild.

**Patsy Cabaniss** passed away on June 10, 2011. She was a member of The Guild, and she and her husband Jim, who served on the HBU Board of Trustees from 1981-1985, were also members of the President's Development Council.

**Charles DeLancey** passed away on April 4, 2011. He was the father of HBU alumna Meg DeLancey '77, who passed away in 2002, and a former member of the President's Development Council.

*"Charles DeLancey was a man of great faith coupled with a very generous spirit. He, his wife Eleanor, and their daughter Meg, were generous to HBU and many other institutions with both their time and their money. The DeLanceys adopted me into their family years ago, and I have treasured my friendship with the entire family, who are all now united in the arms of Christ."* – HBU President Robert Sloan

**Susan Fulton** passed away on Aug. 12, 2011. She was the daughter of Barbara Fulton, a former staff member in the HBU Office of Admissions.

**Dorothy Justman** passed away on May 19, 2011. The fifth-generation native Houstonian donated a piece of furniture made by her great-great grandfather Friedrich Usener, a German immigrant who arrived in Houston in 1839, to the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts in 1969 for its opening exhibit.

*"Dorothy spent many years gathering evidence of the anecdotal family stories her grandmother told. She was a frequent visitor to and great supporter of the museum because of her pride in the role it played in preserving that heritage."* – Lynn Miller '77, retired director, Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts

**Darrell Lassonde** passed away May 31, 2011. His wife Pat served as administrative assistant to President E. D. Hodo for 16 years.

*"Darrell was the ever-present supporter for his wife, who served with his approval as my faithful assistant through thick and thin. He was an adjunct staff member at numerous events, always supporting Pat in a quiet, unassuming manner that mirrored his commitment to her, to the University, and to the Lord."* – Dr. E. D. Hodo, president of HBU, 1987-2006

**Cassie Ludtke** passed away on Sept. 15, 2011. She was the mother of Helen Ludtke Anderson '68 and was a former member of The Guild. Her son-in-law Don Anderson '68 is a former vice president for development at HBU.

**Anna Miller** passed away on Aug. 5, 2011. She was the mother of retired nursing faculty member Marianne Miller Anderson and was a charter member of the Auxiliary and a former member of The Guild.

**Jo Mitchell** passed away on June 28, 2011. She was a member of The Guild from 1995-2008.

**Wanda Moniaci** passed away on May 14, 2011. She was the mother of HBU Athletic Director Steve Moniaci.

**Julia Mullins** passed away on July 7, 2010. She was the wife of former HBU Trustee John Mullins.

**Dr. Larry Smith** passed away on Dec. 10, 2010. In 2003, he and his mother Nell Smith established the Dr. Larry D. Smith Endowed Award for Teaching Excellence, which is given annually to HBU's nominee for the statewide Piper Professor award.

*"By recognizing one faculty member each year for his or her exemplary record of accomplishments in teaching and continuing practice of scholarly exploration, the Dr. Larry Smith Award is a consistent investment in the central mission of HBU and a testimony to the faith and values of Dr. Smith and his great family."* – Dr. Randy Wilson, chair, Professional Development Committee, and interim dean, School of Education

**Pam McQuitty** passed away on Sept. 14, 2011. She was the daughter of Mary Ellen Spore, the 2012-2014 chair-elect of the HBU Retirees Association who served as administrative assistant to the School of Music for 18 years prior to her retirement in 2003.

**Cecilia Talley** passed away on March 28, 2011. She was president of the American Museum Society from 1969-1971.

*"Cecilia's life was so full of loveliness that every thought of her brightens my life. Her faith focused God's flashlight on the often shadowed avenues of life's adventures. She gave to me the indelible imprint of her friendship, and a Christian theater now in its 45th season blossomed with her encouragement."* – Jeannette Clift George, founder, A. D. Players, and former HBU drama professor

**Marshall Wilkes** passed away on March 10, 2011. He and his wife, Mildred, who is a former member of The Guild, were members of the President's Development Council.

**Larry Young** passed away on June 21, 2011. He was the husband of Pat Young, administrative assistant in the HBU Student Success and Advising Center, and was involved in many campus renovation and remodeling projects in recent years.

*"Not everyone can find success and enjoyment in his life's work, but Larry did just that. The quality of his work and his ability to make you forget about seemingly impossible deadlines spoke volumes about his professionalism. My memories of Larry make me think of the quote from the French poet Jean de La Fontaine, 'By the work one knows the workman.'" – Isaac Simpson, director, Instructional Media Services*

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– Brena Baumann-Gonzalez ’87

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