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HBU NEWS

FALL 2013

THE MASTER PLAN EDITION

BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY

HOT WATER PIPING SCHEMATIC
NO SCALE

Students show their Husky pride during a Welcome Days scrimmage on the new **DUNHAM FIELD**



FALL 2011
Discussions begin to design a "Master Plan" for the University

FALL 2012
Location of football field finalized and architectural plans developed

MARCH 2013
Police station (the old "art barn") is demolished. Field construction begins

JULY 2013
Phase one of field construction completed

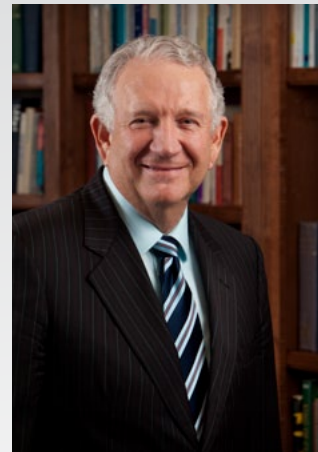
AUGUST 2013
Team begins on-field practice, holds scrimmage during Welcome Days (seen above)

SUMMER 2014
A planned addition of 5,000 stadium seats

FALL 2014
First conference football game on HBU campus

FUTURE
Expansion to 10,000 seats has been planned for, as HBU grows





Dear Friends,

As we welcome HBU's 51st freshman class this fall, we are experiencing a strong sense of **momentum** across many areas of the campus. Thanks to the planning, prayers and hard work of countless individuals, this momentum has been building for several years—whether in athletics, student life, campus development projects, or the academic program. Since 2008, we have been taking important steps in our efforts to implement the goals in our Ten Pillars vision; now, however, we are making major strides toward their fulfillment.

Of course the whole campus has been energized by HBU's historic first football game against Sam Houston State on Aug. 31. Coach Vic Shealy and his staff worked hard to prepare our football athletes for their seven-game developmental season. And we are thrilled that, thanks to the generosity of Archie and Linda Dunham, the Huskies now practice on Dunham Field. We are also excited about the new Chick-fil-A that just opened in our M.D. Anderson Student Center—to the delight of students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.

In addition to these enhancements, we continue to gain momentum in planning the development of our US 59 and Fondren retail zone. In the pages that follow, you will find exciting articles and artistic renderings that showcase not only Belin Drive and the proposed development of our retail zone, but also our plans for developing our academic, residential and athletic zones as part of a master plan designed to transform the campus and revitalize our community.

Finally, we are experiencing strong momentum as we expand the University's academic programs and build a stellar faculty of acclaimed Christian scholars. Provost John Mark Reynolds, Dr. Michael Ward, Dr. Jerry Walls, and the top three female Christian apologists in America—Nancy Pearcey, Mary Jo Sharp, and Dr. Holly Ordway—are only some of the faculty contributing to HBU's growing national prominence as an institution that promotes a Christian worldview. And, of course, we are thrilled that pre-eminent Christian apologist Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ*, has joined the faculty in our School of Christian Thought. We all look forward to the contributions he will make on the campus and in our community.

I know you will enjoy reading about football, the new Chick-fil-A, our campus master plan, our apologetics faculty, and other exciting topics in this issue of *HBU News*. These are all evidence of the growing momentum we are experiencing at HBU as we work to provide "A Higher Education," one that points to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Robert B. Sloan Jr.

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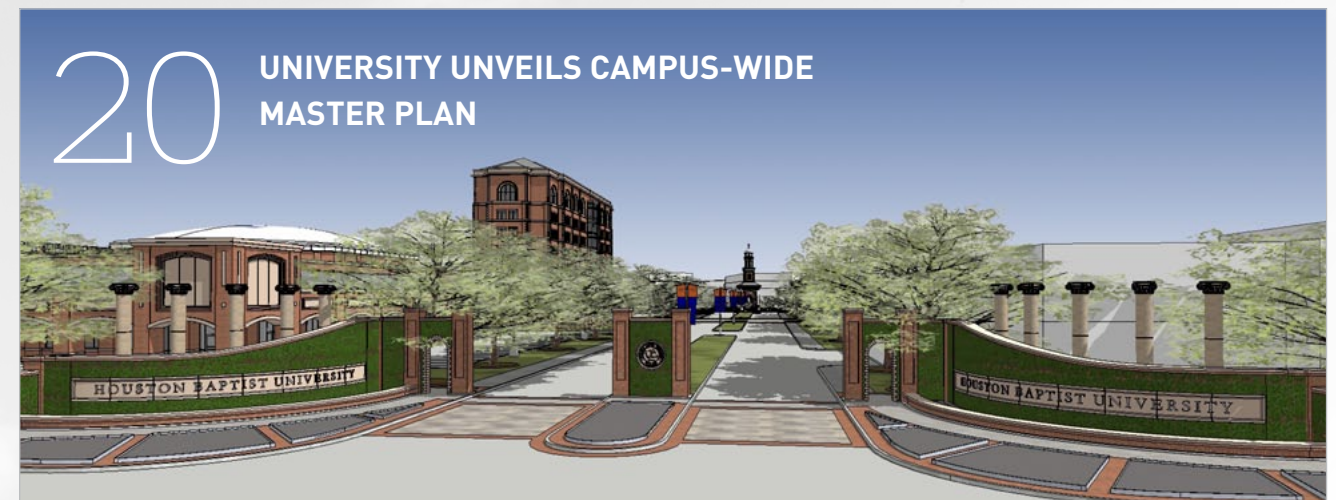
TOP TALENT KICK-STARTS CINEMA AND
NEW MEDIA ARTS PROGRAM



BECOMING AMERICA'S PREMIER
DESTINATION FOR APOLOGETICS



HUSKIES INVADE HUNTSVILLE FOR
HISTORIC FIRST FOOTBALL GAME



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ON THE COVER

Get a first look at the new Master Plan to prepare the HBU campus for an enrollment of 10,000. Find the exciting story on page 20.

51st freshman class starts strong

A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR?

EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR—not only because the newest huskies are brimming with enthusiasm for everything happening at HBU, but also because we are entering the second half of our first century with what may be a record-breaking freshman class.

Because students have two weeks after class begins to decide whether they will keep or drop courses, the official freshman count was not available at press time. Nevertheless, Vice

President of Enrollment Management James Steen was cautiously optimistic. “Whether we break the freshman class record of 560 is yet to be seen,” said James, “but I am confident that we will land at or above the budgeted numbers.”

In June, the Board of Trustees approved a growth-oriented budget based on anticipated enrollment that could drive a number of exciting projects. The latest data suggests the University budget stands on solid ground.



Fast food giant brings waffle fries and smiles to a hungry campus

It is finally here. The “official” grand opening celebration of the new Chick-Fil-A Express—scheduled for September 26—marks the first major fast-food chain to establish a franchise at Houston Baptist University. But no need to wait: the aroma of fried chicken

is already filling the M.D. Anderson Student Center with hungry students, faculty and staff. “We have been working with Aramark and Chick-Fil-A for several years to make this happen, but the opportunity recently emerged,” said Sandy Mooney, VP for financial operations. “We want our students to enjoy quality and diversity, and intend to bring more name-brand options in the future.” The “express” version of the franchise features many of Chick-Fil-A’s most popular items in a self-service setup. Hours of operation are M-Th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 2:30 pm.



PATRICK MOORE TO BUILD MARCHING BAND

Patrick Moore has been added to the HBU music faculty as Director of Bands. His responsibilities will include forming a marching band which will perform at all home football games and an HBU band which will play at all home basketball games. He is an active percussion performer, educator, arranger, adjudicator and clinician.

DR. SLOAN HOSTS RADIO PROGRAM

As of July 1st, Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. is hosting a brand new radio program. *A Higher Education* will air weekdays at 3 p.m. on KKHT 100.7, The Word, in Houston. This new program features conversations between Dr. Sloan and a variety of influential and engaging guests as well as his best sermons.

TRADITIONAL HBU RING RETURNS

May graduates celebrated their transition to alumni with an inaugural class ring ceremony. Seniors graduating in December will renew a lost HBU tradition with the return of the official HBU class ring for all graduates. The traditional ring was worn by every class until the 1990s.

STUDENT ATHLETES GIVE TO COMMUNITY

The HBU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Greater Houston Special Olympics joined together to provide several Special Olympics athletes an opportunity to experience a day in the life of an NCAA Division I student-athlete. A vast majority of Special Olympics athletes are unable to attend a university or college.



Rock the Bradshaw

CAMPUS REC IS NOT JUST FOR JOCKS

A NEWLY INSTALLED ROCK-CLIMBING WALL is proving to be a “lightening rod for activity” at HBU’s Bradshaw Fitness Center, according to Campus Recreation Director Josh Dunn. Even people who aren’t quite ready to strap in and climb the 28-foot-high wall stop to ask questions about it, he said.

The climbing wall is just one of many options offered by Campus Recreation to enhance campus life and encourage students to develop healthy lifestyle habits. Dunn aims to offer recreational activities that appeal to as many students as possible, even those who might not be inclined to use the fitness center’s state-of-the-art workout equipment, or play one of the numerous intramural or club-level team sports available to students.

That’s why Dunn designed the Epic Adventures program to attract students who may not consider themselves athletes. For example, the new academic year kicked off with HBU’s version of the popular *Hunger Games* book and movie

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series. Just before classes started, 24 incoming freshman and upper classmen enjoyed a two-day outing filled with hiking, canoeing, camping, paintball and volleyball. In keeping with the themes of the *Hunger Games* storyline, they also competed for prizes. Devotional times helped set the tone for the spiritual focus that is an integral part of the HBU student experience. The outing is a lot of fun, said Dunn, but the greater purpose is to give incoming freshman a chance to begin forming HBU memories and friendships even before classes begin.

Other activities planned under the Epic Adventure umbrella include the 5K Husky Hustle run, the Dragon Boat Regatta, black-light dodge ball, and a bike tour through a local farmers’ market. “We’re reaching out to as many students as possible to create a culture of health and wellness,” said Dunn.



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THREE DAYS OF
WORSHIP & MINISTRY WITH

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AND THE

PASSION BAND

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

BEN STUART

DIRECTOR, BREAKAWAY
MINISTRIES, TEXAS A&M

"NIGHT OF WORSHIP" CONCERT

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 pm

With HBU ID: \$5 online / \$8 door

All others: \$10 online / \$13 door

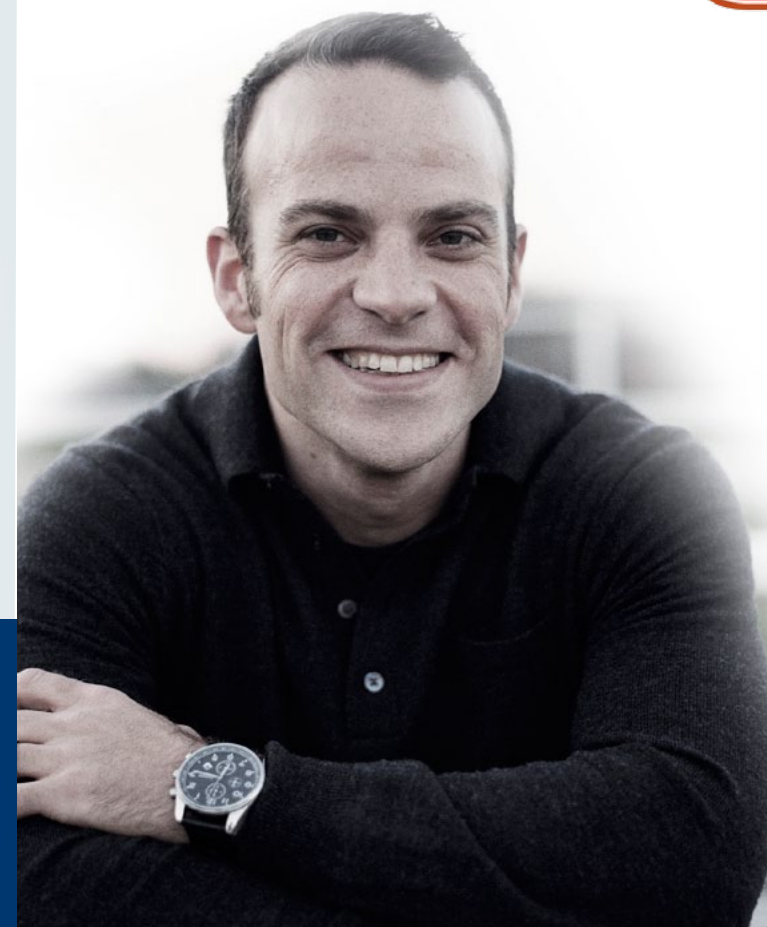
DAILY SERVICES: SPEAKER & BAND

Sept. 18 & 19, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

CONNECT: CHURCH WELCOME NIGHT

Sept. 18, 4:30-6:30 pm, Dinner in McNair Hall

TICKETS & DETAILS: HBU.EDU/IGNITE



For the
gee whiz
file

Before you try to take on this beast, we've got the facts you need to at least sound like this isn't your first rodeo.

28 feet high and 16 feet wide

108 hand and foot holds

The rope can hold the weight of an average car

A 20-year veteran of competitive outdoor rock climbing set the climbing routes

Each belayer receives 16 hours of instruction to ensure climber safety

(Belayers are the folks who stand below and use a rope to hold the climber's weight.)

Climbing is free for students and other Bradshaw Fitness Center members

DOUG TENNAPEL: creator
of Earthworm Jim, The
Neverhood and Cardboard

Top talent launches Cinema & New Media

EMBRACING THE STORYTELLERS



JOSHUA SIKORA
Director, Cinema &
New Media Arts

According to University President Robert B. Sloan Jr., the newly developed Cinema & New Media Arts program aims to provide an opportunity for students to engage with both emerging technologies and the timeless art of storytelling. “Writers and filmmakers make up a powerful force in today’s culture,” says Sloan. Provost John Mark Reynolds echoes this sentiment and adds, “It’s awfully sad that the movie version of the greatest novel of the twentieth-century written by a traditional Christian—Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*—had to be produced by pagans because Christians lacked the skills. HBU will rectify that situation within a decade.”

In pursuit of that goal, **NOTED ANIMATOR, GAME DESIGNER, AND GRAPHIC NOVELIST DOUG TENNAPEL** is the newest addition to HBU’s Cinema & New Media Arts program, which is offering its first classes this fall. For nearly twenty years, TenNapel has been a creative force in popular media, beginning with his video game concept *Earthworm Jim*, which spawned an animated TV series and toy line in the 1990s. Today, TenNapel is developing film and television projects for DreamWorks, Nickelodeon, and Netflix, while also creating new video games and graphic novels.

At HBU, TenNapel is collaborating with program director Joshua Sikora to build a major that takes advantage of the developing opportunities available to media creators in the twenty-first century. “The media landscape is rapidly evolving and the doors are wider than ever for young people with a passion for filmmaking, video game design, and new media on the web,” explains Sikora.

Last year, HBU recruited **SIKORA, A NEW MEDIA ENTREPRENEUR FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, to design the new major. “Five or ten years ago, it would’ve been impossible for a small university in Houston to do this,” Sikora explains. “But today, films can be produced anywhere, video games are being designed by two or three person teams, and websites like Facebook and YouTube are redefining the very idea of broadcasting—HBU wants to be part of this media revolution.”

Key to Sikora’s strategy is connecting HBU’s students directly with top talent. With a two-decade career spanning multiple mediums, Doug TenNapel fit the bill perfectly. “To succeed in media today, artists need to be able to adapt quickly and deftly cross from one multimedia platform to another—exactly what Doug has done so well for more than twenty years,” explains Sikora.

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**WRITERS
AND FILM-
MAKERS
MAKE UP A
POWERFUL
FORCE IN
TODAY’S
CULTURE.**

Beginning in 2014, TenNapel will be teaching Cinema & New Media Arts courses online and in person, as well as giving students the opportunity to apprentice directly with him on his professional projects. He will also be available to review student work and provide feedback on their productions.

This kind of one-on-one mentorship is at the center of HBU’s efforts to become the leading Christian university for aspiring artists. Cinema is simply the latest focus in the University’s dynamic and diverse School of Fine Arts, joining music, studio art and creative writing.

The new program will operate in conjunction with HBU’s Journalism & Mass Communication major, led by **DR. JEFF WILKINSON, AN EXPERT IN CONVERGENT MEDIA AND MULTI-PLATFORM JOURNALISM**. Dr. Wilkinson has cultivated relationships with Houston-area businesses and media production companies, offering HBU students numerous first-class internship opportunities.



For news and additional information about HBU’s Cinema & New Media Arts program, visit their website at CINEMA.HBU.EDU.

HE IS A PHILOSOPHY MAJOR WHO GRADUATED IN MAY AND IS OFF TO **PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**. SHE IS A HOUSTON **TEXANS CHEERLEADER** AND FORMER MISS TEXAS TEEN USA WHO JUST STARTED HER SOPHOMORE YEAR. HERE ARE THEIR STORIES.

Recent graduate **JEREMY KLUTTS** is proud to have called HBU home, but hopes to make his fellow Huskies proud as our latest representative to the Ivy League. Having been accepted to the University of Chicago, Duke, Fordham and Princeton, Jeremy decided to pursue a master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He gives credit to his philosophy professors Jeremy Neill and Jeff Green for making the suggestion. "All of the members of the department became mentors to me," said Jeremy. "I can't begin to describe the impact they had on me and how grateful I am for all of their individual interest in me."

Jeremy was a model student during his four years at HBU, excelling in academics, but also heavily involved in student life as a member of the Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity and president of the Student Government Association. When asked what advice he has for student leaders, he offered the following: "One, never think of yourself as better than those in your organization—your successes ride on the shoulders of others; two, realize your own limitations and the strengths of others; and three, never back down from an idea, a dream or a problem."

After seminary, Jeremy plans to pursue a PhD in philosophy and follow in the footsteps of the professors who inspired him. For Jeremy, philosophy will always be an essential discipline, as it "reminds us what it means to be human, to be the imago Dei." Philosophy compels us to ask "the fundamental questions of our own existence." What is evil and how do we respond to it? Are we more than just reasoning beasts? Questions like these help us confront a variety of life situations in ways no textbook can.

Interacting with professors and students who take those questions seriously is precisely what Jeremy values about his HBU experience. "I am convinced that you will find no better community of men and women, who are all at once serious about academics, but at the same time earnest about their missional calling for the gospel," said Jeremy.

As he moves on to Princeton with a scholarship package covering 80 percent of his tuition, Jeremy has no intention of leaving HBU in the dust. "I am proud to have been a

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part of what is happening there," he remarks. "Ultimately, I would really like to return to the Houston area and hopefully even HBU. Some of the most important people in my educational career and my life as a whole are HBU professors. I want to be able to give back what I was given."

It never occurred to HBU sophomore **MADISON LEE** that she might want to be a Houston Texans cheerleader. At least not until her brother Matthew handed her a flyer advertising tryouts. Though Madison was captain of her Northland Christian School cheer squad in high school, she wasn't sure she wanted to cheer for the Texans. But Madison's mother, Tammy Lee, reasoned that her daughter loves the Texans, loves dancing, and would get to make friends with a lot of

Madison acknowledges that some people don't understand how reigning as a beauty queen or cheering for an NFL team could honor God, but for her the connection is clear. Her high-profile activities give her opportunities to meet many people she wouldn't otherwise, and Madison says she is never hesitant to share her faith with whoever will listen. She noted that the Bible teaches that we are to use our talents for God's glory, and added, "That is just what I'm doing—using the talents God has given me, bringing it all back to him, and giving him the glory."


"BEING A HOUSTON TEXANS CHEERLEADER OR BEING MISS TEXAS TEEN USA DOES NOT DEFINE WHO I AM. GOD GETS THE CREDIT FOR MY SUCCESSSES."

other girls her age. And Matthew insisted, "You gotta do it!"

Madison began to ponder, pray, and research. After observing that the Texan cheer squad costumes were relatively modest and their dancing style was more sassy than provocative, she agreed to attend a pre-tryout workshop. "Once I met some of the girls, and got back into dancing, I got the bug," she said. As is her habit, Madison prayed that God would lead her and only open the door if joining the squad was his will. On tryout day, more than a thousand girls auditioned at the Methodist Training Center. Madison was among the thirty-four who made the squad.

As winner of Miss Texas Teen USA 2012, Madison is quite accustomed to all the attention public roles tend to draw. Nonetheless, she manages to stay grounded in her faith by being intentional about keeping her relationship with Christ her first priority. Madison's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, because, as she explained, "It keeps me motivated to give 110% in everything that I do, whether it is cheering, school, competing in a pageant, or working on strengthening my relationship with God. It also reminds me that every crown, trophy, or plaque that I receive here on earth is temporary, but I try to be my best for 'the crown that will last forever.'"

Cheering for the Texans is only a part-time job; the twenty-year-old nursing student is taking 13-credit hours this fall. Now that her freshman year is completed, Madison is glad she chose HBU. "The professors are absolutely incredible. They really want you to succeed," she explained.

After she completes her training, Madison hopes to work as a pediatric oncology nurse, having been inspired by her eight-year-old friend Julia Cobb. Julia suffers from a rare form of cancer known as Ewing's sarcoma. Madison met Julia and her family when they attended a pageant. Though Madison and the other pageant contestants are ostensibly role models for young girls like Julia, Madison is emphatic that Julia is a role model for her. "That girl changed my life. She influences and inspires me every day. And I never would have met her if I weren't involved in pageants. It is so obvious to me that God does have a plan." 

When asked how she feels about going onstage in a swimsuit, and the midriff-baring tops and hot pants cheerleaders must wear, Madison replied that she is comfortable: "For me, working out and maintaining my body is very spiritual. It's God's temple where he lives, and taking great care of it is one way of showing my dedication to him."

Madison has long been active in community service, and racked up more than 300 volunteer hours in high school, many of them serving meals and providing worship services for the homeless with Street Reach Ministries. But cheering for the Texans has given her a platform to serve and bless in ways she otherwise couldn't. She was able to go with a few of the football players and cheerleaders as they visited Fire Stations 51 and 68 to honor the firefighters who died in a five-alarm blaze in Southwest Houston on May 31. The team presented each station with jerseys embroidered with the firehouse numbers and the names of the fallen firefighters.

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PEARCEY



STROBEL



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Recruiting for National Influence

NO APOLOGIES

WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE LEADING APOLOGISTS to its already stellar faculty, HBU's School of Christian Thought is poised to become *the* leading center for preparing students to communicate the truth and beauty of the Christian faith to present and future generations. Provost John Mark Reynolds allows that a handful of schools do a great job of teaching traditionally defensive apologetics—showing that the Bible is reliable, and giving historical evidence for Christ's resurrection, for instance—but HBU's program has an additional cultural apologetics component that sets it apart.

"Cultural apologetics" is the term coined to describe the pioneering work of the late Francis Schaeffer, one of the two leading apologists of the twentieth century. HBU is thrilled to have **NANCY PEARCEY** on board as a professor and scholar-in-residence, because she is intimately familiar with his work, having studied with Schaeffer and authored several books that apply his approach to science, art, and other elements of culture. Heralded as "America's pre-eminent evangelical Protestant female intellectual" by *The Economist* magazine, Pearcey won two ECPA Gold Medallion Awards for her books *Total*

Truth and How Now Shall We Live? (the latter co-authored with Chuck Colson and novelist Harold Fickett). She and her writer-editor husband J. Richard Pearcey will also direct the Francis Schaeffer Center for Worldview and Culture at HBU.

Pearcey explains that Schaeffer's unique contribution is to help Christians see where the culture is headed by understanding how each prevailing ideology influences and leads to the next ideology over the course of intellectual history. Understanding why romanticism and eventually postmodernism followed the era of materialism, for example, allows us to see how the logical implications

HERALDED AS "AMERICAS PRE-EMINENT EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT FEMALE INTELLECTUAL" ... PEARCEY WON TWO ECPA GOLD MEDALLION AWARDS

of a particular worldview play out in ideas, behaviors, and cultural norms. "Learning to think in terms of worldview allows us to get ahead of the curve culturally speaking, instead of being shocked at each new stage of secularization and always reacting," contends Pearcey.

Another thing that made Francis Schaeffer different, says Pearcey, is that he showed how movies, songs, books, and even advertisements reflect a particular worldview; learning to recognize anti-Christian worldviews empowers believers to both resist secularization and to engage others in natural conversations about competing ideologies. Though there is much to be gleaned from his life and body of work, Pearcey emphasizes that, "Our goal is to go beyond a study of Francis Schaeffer. Worldview is about being a missionary for your day. We want to help students learn how to do apologetics themselves so they can apply worldview thinking to the challenges of our time."

HBU HAS ALSO ADDED TO ITS FACULTY the world's foremost expert on imaginative apologetics and C. S. Lewis, the other leading Christian apologist of our century. **DR. MICHAEL WARD** lectures internationally on Lewis, Tolkien and apologetics, and is the author of the groundbreaking study of Lewis' writings, *Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis*.

Ward will teach online courses, visit the Houston campus each spring for in-person work with students, and serve as director of the University's new C.S. Lewis Centre in Oxford, England. The Centre will promote the study of Lewis and expand the global reach of HBU's apologetics program by allowing Master of Arts in Apologetics (MAA) students to study abroad and work with Ward in Oxford.

Ward is also gifted in bringing scholarly insights to a broader audience. He presented the BBC television documentary *The Narnia Code*, a popular and accessible introduction to the ideas

WARD WILL TEACH ONLINE COURSES, VISIT THE HOUSTON CAMPUS EACH SPRING... AND SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW C.S. LEWIS CENTRE IN OXFORD, ENGLAND

expressed academically in his book *Planet Narnia*. He aims to help MAA students likewise work with their own talents, play to their strengths, and develop their own brand of imaginative apologetics, whether they work in the area of fiction or non-fiction. While the role imagination plays in fiction is more obvious, Ward explains that creativity and imagination are also important in non-fiction because "how you express facts can be very much better—or worse—depending on how you exercise your imagination."

The intellectual aspects of apologetics are endlessly stimulating for some, but the ultimate purpose of the discipline is, of course, to bring people to faith in Christ. To that end, HBU has recruited atheist-turned-Christian **LEE STROBEL**, the former award-winning legal editor of *The Chicago Tribune* and *New York Times* best-selling author. He won Gold Medallions for his books *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, and *The Case for a Creator*, all of which have been made into documentaries distributed by Lionsgate.

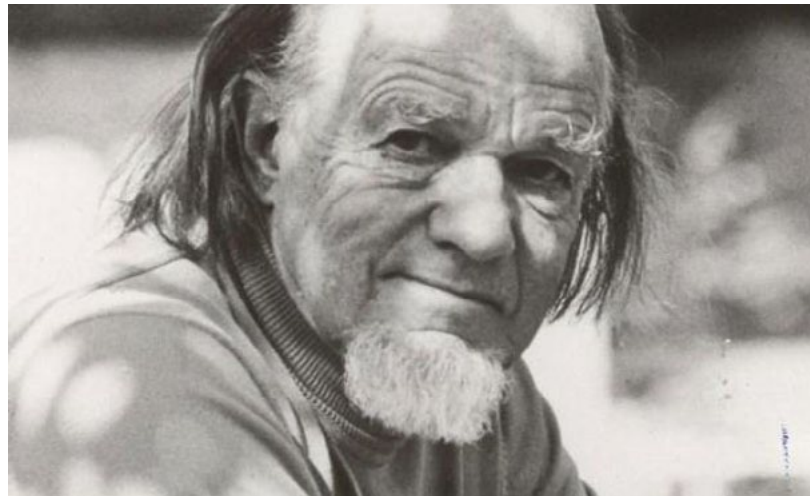


Nancy Pearcey is interviewed on campus by Focus On the Family

Strobel describes his niche in HBU's School of Christian Thought as bridging the intellectual aspects of apologetics with the practical aspects of evangelism. "At most Christian schools, students put off the course in evangelism because they are afraid they will have to memorize a formula and act like someone they are not," acknowledged Strobel. Instead, he said, each believer should learn to develop their own style in sync with their unique personality and temperament.

As co-author of the highly effective *Becoming a Contagious Christian* course, Strobel is well-equipped to teach students how to naturally and effectively talk with others about Jesus. Beginning next spring, Strobel will offer a course that he believes people will be excited to take. Specifically, he will show students how to start spiritually fruitful conversations, how to tell their testimony in compelling ways, how to become better listeners, and how to understand the mindset of a skeptical, postmodern generation.

Strobel said he is passionate about teaching evangelism courses because he wants more Christians to experience the joy and excitement of seeing family, friends, neighbors and colleagues come alive in Christ. "Watching God transform lives reminds us that the gospel is powerful and that God is still at work today," he added.




Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984) led a movement in "cultural apologetics" that continues to change lives all over the world.

THE RECRUITMENT OF THESE THREE FACULTY is only the most recent effort to make HBU's School of Christian Thought the strongest program possible, and Provost John Mark Reynolds asserts that such an outstanding center for cultural apologetics couldn't exist anywhere but HBU. When asked to explain, he notes that HBU has the distinct advantage of being in Houston, a large city that has all the resources necessary to be a cultural powerhouse: it's a port city with a strategic airport hub, and is also a center for energy, technology, and medicine. For those reasons and more, he said, Houston regularly makes the top three in lists of important cities. Secondly, he reasoned, HBU may be the only school that is theologically conservative enough to want to become a center of cultural apologetics while also being doctrinally broad enough (in a "mere" Christian sense) to be able to hire the people needed to get the job done. "There are a lot of coalition schools that will read C.S. Lewis," said Reynolds wryly, "but they couldn't hire

THEBESTSCHOOLS.ORG RECENTLY RANKED HBU FOURTH ON A LIST OF "THE 15 BEST COLLEGES FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE"

him if he came on the market because his denominational affiliation [as an Anglican] isn't right." HBU isn't hampered by such limitations, and is able to hire the best Christian faculty available.

The addition of Pearcey, Ward and Strobel is bringing fresh attention to HBU, the department and the exceptional apologetics faculty already here; namely Jerry Walls, Mary Jo Sharp, and department chair Holly Ordway. Observers are already taking note: TheBestSchools.org recently ranked HBU fourth on a list of "The 15 Best Colleges for Studying the Bible," citing our faculty of acclaimed Christian scholars and our new graduate programs in philosophy and apologetics. 

At left:
HBU hosts
the "[un]
Apologetic"
conference
in the
Spring
of 2013,
featuring
lectures
by Provost
John Mark
Reynolds,
Lee Strobel
and other
prominent
apologists.



faculty focus

A SAMPLING OF
RECENT WORK BY
HBU SCHOLARS

DR. MATTHEW BOYLESTON, dean of the School of Fine Arts, had his **MANUSCRIPT OF POEMS**, *Viewed from the Keel of a Canoe*, named a semi-finalist for the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Prize. His manuscript was also first runner-up for the Melissa Lantis Gregory Poetry Prize, finalist for the Tampa Review Prize for Poetry, finalist for the Able Muse Award, semi-finalist for the St. Lawrence Book Award, and semi-finalist for the Miller Williams Arkansas Poetry Prize.

DR. PETER DAVIDS, visiting professor in Christianity, had an **ARTICLE**, "What Glasses Are You Wearing? Reading Hebrew Narratives Through Second Temple Lenses," published in the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*. His **REVIEW** of the book *Eschatologie—Eschatology: The Sixth Durham—Tübingen Research Symposium*, was published in the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*.

DR. BARBARA J. ELLIOTT, assistant professor of liberal arts in the Honors College, **CHAired** A PANEL and spoke at the national meeting of the **PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY** on April 6, as they convened to consider "Social Justice from a Conservative Perspective." She also addressed the **FREEDOM SEMINAR** of Northwood University in Detroit on April 13 concerning "Tocqueville's Conundrum: The Way we Use Our Freedom Determines the Health of the Nation."

DR. CHARLOTTE FONTENOT, assistant professor in special education, gave a **PRESENTATION** on "Understanding Behavior Management for Students with Autism" at the fifth annual HBU School of Education symposium on Teaching and Learning on April 13. She also **CO-AUTHORED** "Assessment: Utilizing the iPad as Assistive Technology," published in Volume 42, No. 1, of *DiaLog: the Journal of Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Association*.

COLLIN GARBARINO, assistant professor in history, **PUBLISHED** A **REVIEW** of the book *The Myth of Persecution: How Early Christians Invented a Story of Martyrdom*, by Candida Moss, in the latest edition of *Themelios: an International Journal for Students of Theological and Religious Studies*.



DR. BRUCE L. GORDON, associate professor of the history and philosophy of science, co-edited the recently published **BOOK**, *Biological Information: New Perspectives*, with Robert Marks II, Michael Behe, William Dembski, and John Sanford. His **ARTICLE**, "In Defense of Uniformitarianism," was published in the journal *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* (Volume 65, No. 2). Finally, his **ESSAY** "Losing Our Religion: Darwinism, Secularism, and the Decline of the West," was released in a volume titled *Darwinian Evolution and Classical Liberalism: Theories in Tension*.

DR. ANTHONY M. JOSEPH, associate professor in history, **PRESENTED** HIS **PAPER**, "Anglicizing the American Taxpayer, 1763-1815," at "Anglicization Reconsidered: Celebrating the Career of John M. Murrin," a conference sponsored by the **MCNEIL CENTER FOR EARLY AMERICAN STUDIES** on April 19-20.

BOB MARLEY, co-coordinator of the athletic training education program and adjunct professor in kinesiology, received the inaugural **MOST VALUABLE ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARD** from *Training & Conditioning* magazine.



DR. MICAH MATTIX, assistant professor in literature, had his **REVIEW** of a new biography of the American poet Sylvia Plath, titled "The Lives of Lady Lazarus," published in the January 25 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*. He also published the following **ESSAYS AND REVIEWS**: "Life's Missing Pieces," *The City* (Winter 2013); "The Morality of Modern Cycling," *First Things* (January 21, 2013); and "Confessions of a Protestant Christmas Tree Amateur," *First Things* (December 7, 2012). Additionally, he **PUBLISHED** "Walker Percy's Alternative to Scientism in The Thanatos Syndrome" in *The Political Companion to Walker Percy*.

DR. HOLLY ORDWAY, chair of the Department of Apologetics, had **TWO POEMS PUBLISHED** recently. Her sonnet "Light" appeared in the Winter 2013 edition of *Californios Review*, and her sonnet "Maps" appeared in the Spring 2013 issue of *Dappled Things: A Quarterly of Ideas, Art, and Faith*. She **ALSO PUBLISHED** "Further Up and Further In: Representations of Heaven in Tolkien and Lewis," in the spring issue of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Inklings Studies*, and **TWO REVIEWS**: *Imaginative Apologetics* for the journal *Themelios*, spring 2013; and *C.S. Lewis and the Middle Ages* for the journal *Mythlore*, spring/summer 2013.

DRS. DAWN WILSON, LINDA BRUPBACHER, AND CYNTHIA SIMPSON from the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, with alumni graduate students Rachel Merren and Ranelle Woolrich, had their **MANUSCRIPT**, "Making Disciples: the Effects of Technology Integration Coaching," published in the *International Journal of Christian Colleges of Teacher Education*. The paper describes a pilot study of collegial coaching for technology integration at two private Christian schools.

Powerhouse lifts Nursing & Allied Health

WHEN SHE'S NOT RUNNING EXTREME OBSTACLE COURSES OR LIFTING WEIGHTS, RENAE SCHUMANN IS PREPARING THE SCHOOL FOR NEW HEIGHTS OF SUCCESS



AFTER A YEARLONG SEARCH, the School of Nursing and Allied Health welcomed a new dean, Dr. Renae Schumann, in June to oversee plans for growth and continuing attainment of the highest national standards. Dr. Schumann most recently taught in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, where she twice received the John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

The new dean noted that the School of Nursing is highly respected regionally, and that Houston hospitals prefer HBU graduates. But she believes the time has come for wider recognition of the outstanding healthcare training offered here. “We’re good enough to be ranked with the world’s top nursing schools,” declared Dr. Schumann.

While Dr. Schumann’s professional experience is in nursing, she is eager to promote both the nursing and kinesiology sides of the school. Her enthusiasm for the wellness management and athletic training specializations of the kinesiology program springs from per-

sonal experience. In 2006, Schumann weighed over 200 pounds. She believes she was well on her way to a heart attack when God impressed upon her that she is created in his image and should have more respect for her body—his temple. Today she can deadlift 225 pounds, run the Warrior Dash obstacle course, and climb a 15-foot rope in eight seconds.

Dr. Schumann describes her fitness transformation as more than external, in large part because a Christian trainer helped her focus on the spiritual aspect of health and wellness that still motivates her today. She is excited to be at HBU because “Our students can be trained to do the same thing—to help people understand how caring for their bodies glorifies God.”

ABOVE: Renae Schumann, dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health; **RIGHT:** Captain Kelly, husband of former U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords; **FAR RIGHT:** Victoria King (Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center, chief nursing officer) **BOTTOM:** Donna Stewart, Patricia Hercules, Victoria King, Gillian Alexander

CONFERENCE PHOTOS BY JOHN LYNCH

One thing that few people know about the new dean is that she has an alter ego—Velvet the clown. Dr. Schumann went to clown school in 1997 after her doctoral advisor insisted she find some activity that would keep her from taking herself too seriously as she

“WE’RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE RANKED WITH THE WORLD’S TOP NURSING SCHOOLS”

completed her dissertation. Velvet became a frequent guest at local church health fairs and blood drives for four years. She would sit with reluctant blood donors, telling them how much Jesus loves them, and how he loved that they would sacrifice in order to save someone else’s life. And by the way, she would ask, did they know that Jesus also made a sacrifice for them?

Though she hasn’t put on the white-face or donned the yellow wig and costume with the big yellow flower on the neckline for some time now, Dr. Schumann said that Velvet remains with her. “My clown character loves God. She supports people and shares Jesus with them,” she explained. And Velvet is always available to lend Dr. Schumann the confidence needed to take on whatever challenges come her way.



GIFT FROM THE DUNN FOUNDATION

The John S. Dunn Foundation made a generous \$200,000 grant to the School of Nursing and Allied Health to fund faculty development and hiring that will allow the school to grow and serve an increasing number of students. Receipt of the grant was contingent on HBU raising matching funds, a challenge successfully met by nursing alumni, previous donors, and the sponsors and attendees of the Spirit of Excellence Gala, held last year.

HBU HOSTS GLOBAL NURSING CONFERENCE

The School of Nursing and Allied Health joined forces with Memorial Hermann and the University of Chester (UK) in May to host their fourth annual global nursing conference, “Advancing the Practice of Nursing: A Global Perspective,” on the HBU campus.

The conference opened with Captain Mark Kelly, commander of the space shuttle Endeavour’s final mission, and husband to Gabrielle Giffords—the former U.S. Rep. who was shot in the head by a deranged gunman at a public appearance in Jan. 2011. Kelly spoke about the power of the human spirit and how the excellent nursing care his wife received was a critical component of her remarkable recovery.

Other keynote speakers included Tracy Gray, a 1999 graduate of HBU’s MBA program and a process and quality consultant with Haliburton, and Irini Antoniadou, president of the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses.



THE MASTER PLAN

BY WESLEY GANT

“So, can you do it without money?”

This isn't typically a question one wants to hear when launching a major development project. But what many would see as a roadblock, Robert “Corky” Dragoo saw as an opportunity. Dragoo, the native Texan engineer who earned accolades for his overhaul of the Texas Tech campus, was approached by President Robert B. Sloan Jr. in Aug. of 2011 with an enticing challenge: Thirty underdeveloped and underutilized acres at the corner of Fondren and US 59 stand ready for an extreme makeover.

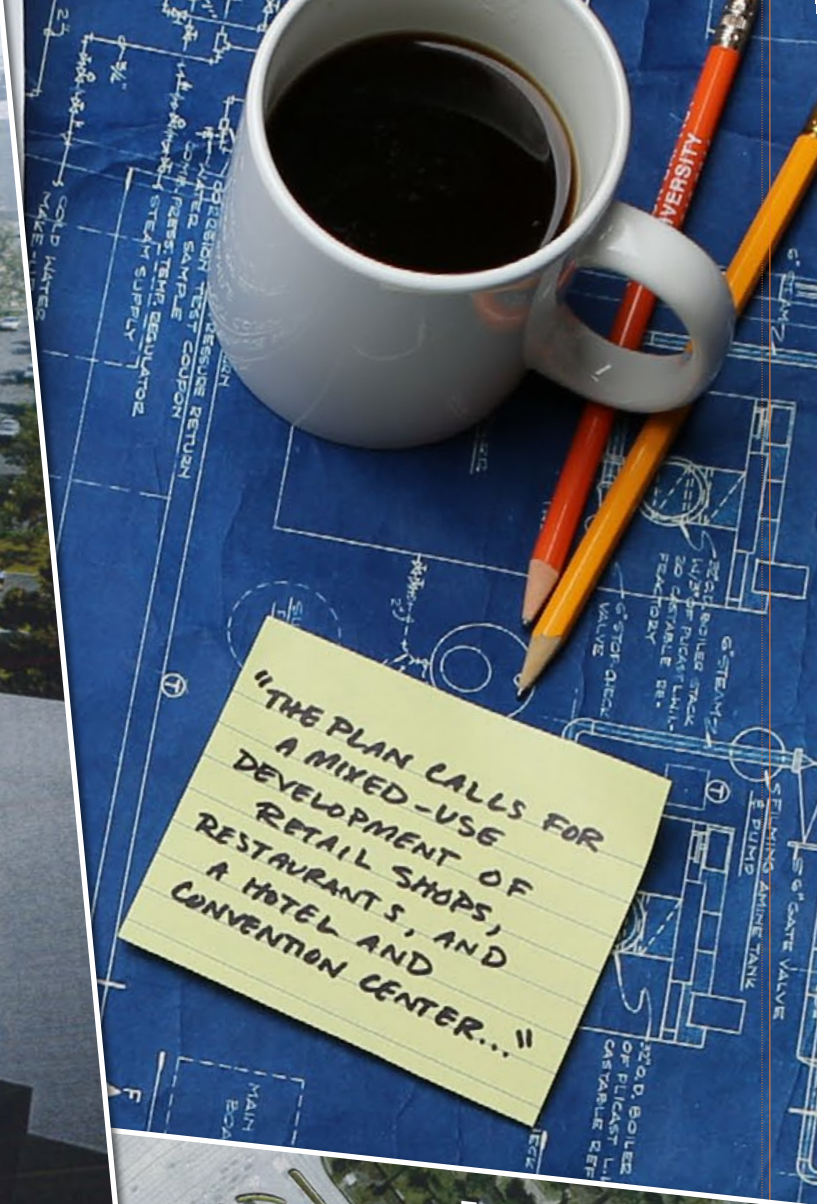
The property, viewed by 275,000 commuters each day, remains under HBU ownership, and has generated substantial reve-

nue over the years. But with an eye toward growth, the president and Board of Trustees see this aging property as an opportunity to expand the campus and beautify a highly visible front door to the University. As with all achievements that are truly worthwhile, it is not an easy one, but certainly one that will have far-reaching impact. “We are thrilled to share what we know will be a tremendous leap forward for both our campus and the community,” said Sloan.

The resulting plan includes the most dramatic redevelopment project the Sharpstown area has seen in decades, and even



View of west entrance from US 59



"THE PLAN CALLS FOR A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF RETAIL SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, AND A HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER..."

Aerial view of Fondren, US 59



the City of Houston is taking note. "Part of our strategic plan is to uncover win-win solutions between the University, private businesses and the City," says Dragoo, "taking some of the pressure off of our own donor base to get this done quickly." Recognizing the many benefits redevelopment is expected to provide the community, including the roughly 200 jobs it is expected to create, the City of Houston will reimburse the University \$4.4 million for the project.

The initiative has also drawn the attention of key developers and commercial partners, who will help make the

redevelopment financially feasible. Rather than building out amenities that would exclusively serve the campus community, the plan calls for a mixed-use development of retail shops, restaurants, and a hotel and convention center that will serve as a hub of activity for thousands of patrons, such as the 4,200 employees of Memorial Hermann hospital. A new basketball arena will anchor the space, providing the only entertainment venue in Houston that can cater to audiences of 3,000 to 5,000. This distinction will enable the University to lease the facility for a variety of concerts, conventions and other public events.

PGAL, the architectural and development firm hired by HBU, has been working to attract first-rate vendors that will enhance the student experience and the campus work environment. Several current tenants will remain, such as LifeWay Christian Stores and the FedEx Office. Discussions with corporate representatives of Burger King and Shell have led both to develop plans for remodeling and updating their current locations. Shell, which now owns its property, is interested in expanding what they say is the most profitable location in the area.

A number of new companies are eager to move into the 180,000 square feet of space that will soon be a reality. Recently confirmed tenants include Café Express, Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A (the “express” location will remain in the MDA Student Center). “We can attract high quality tenants because we

“STUDIES TELL US WE CAN GROW TO 10,000 STUDENTS, BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT WE’VE GOT TO PREPARE AND THINK AHEAD.”

are developing a high quality space,” says Dragoo, “and both of these facts equate to a much higher revenue stream. The chicken and the egg have to happen at the same time, but what brings them both about is the vision to make it happen.”

A central element of the plan provides a long-awaited entryway to campus from the US 59 feeder. Since its founding, the marquee displaying the University’s name has lacked a direct route into the campus, despite a partial road—termed the “road to nowhere” by some—added in 1998. Concrete is expected to be poured in the upcoming year that will finally provide easy access to the University from the freeway. Those who pull onto that road will be greeted by the new Belin Plaza roundabout, featuring a five-story structure dedicated to the memory of the late HBU co-founder and supporter Bruce Belin.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY ALONG US 59 is just the beginning of a Master Plan that will help make HBU a world-class campus. “Once we began putting the pieces together and looking at the University’s needs over the next 10 to 20 years,” said Dragoo, “it was clear that we had to start thinking about the project on a much more macro-scale. We had to answer questions like, ‘does an arena make sense here if we have a stadium on the opposite side of campus?’ or ‘how will drainage



"The Pillars at HBU," including 5,000 seat arena



View from corner of Fondren and US 59

The Master Plan provides a strategy for accommodating growth, but also for enriching the aesthetic appeal of the campus. It suggests raising and lowering portions of ground to break up the natural flatness of Houston's topography. Winding paths and dramatic courtyards promise scenic vistas, and porticos and breezeways invite students to congregate between classes. Water features and sculpture installations will gradually ornament the landscape.



Belin Plaza & Memorial



WHILE MANY ASPECTS OF THE MASTER PLAN will be fine-tuned in the years to come, major components will be a reality before current sophomores graduate. Indeed, the HBU football team is already practicing on the new state-of-the-art Dunham Field, named for longtime supporters Archie and Linda Dunham, who contributed substantially to the project. The field will be expanded to a full stadium as the size of the student body allows. Belin Plaza has already been made possible by a generous gift from Mary Ann Belin, and will be under construction in the coming months. A complete

renovation of Holcombe Mall, featuring small, outdoor teaching amphitheaters, is ready to launch with as little as \$1 million.

Among the first major additions to the campus in just a few short years will be a new science building and a student services building, both just beyond the Belin Plaza roundabout. In between these two multi-level buildings will be an open corridor leading straight to Holcombe Mall, enabling a direct line of sight from the freeway entrance to the Hinton Center and its ten iconic columns.

"For years the University has been hidden from public view," says president Sloan. "It's been said that HBU is Houston's best kept secret. But I think we have a story worth telling, and this plan will help us do that." From football and faculty to radio advertising, HBU has been raising its profile among news media and the general public. Through the implementation of the new Master Plan, the University will raise its profile in a much more literal sense, both for those on campus, and for the 275,000 vehicles that pass by daily. 📶

"A GAME PLAN FOR ACCOMMODATING GROWTH, BUT ALSO FOR ENRICHING THE AESTHETIC APPEAL OF THE CAMPUS."



Master Planner

Corky Dragoo



WHEN PRESIDENT ROBERT SLOAN NEEDED SOMEONE TO PLAN and execute a major renovation of the HBU campus, he knew just the man for the job. Robert E. "Corky" Dragoo is a longtime friend and was a member of Dr. Sloan's congregation when he was interim pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church. Dragoo had already completed a similar overhaul of the Texas Tech University campus. He also had the technical expertise of a professional engineer and the business acumen of a seasoned executive, both of which would be needed for this undertaking.

As Dragoo describes it, Dr. Sloan "knew how to lay bait" to lure him to the role. The former Senior VP for Temple Inland Corporation is known for his expertise in maximizing organizational asset performance. He's even written a book titled *Real-Time Profit Management* that is used in numerous MBA programs. When Dr. Sloan explained that the University has a tremendous asset of 30 prime acres that aren't yet being used to their best effect, Dragoo was hooked.

Fast forward to the present day, not quite two years after that coffee meeting with Dr. Sloan, and it is clear that Corky Dragoo is indeed a master planner. His office walls and desk are covered with artistic renderings and plans that account for everything from parking needs to technology upgrades to building ornamentation and brick color—and sophisticated computer modeling developed by architectural firm PGAL shows it all in amazing detail. "I can fly you over and around and through the buildings if you like," offers Dragoo.



FROM TOP: **LUKE CLEMENTS** (Great West Conf. Tournament MVP, GWC 1st-Team Selection, Two-time GWC Player of the Week); **KELSEY LOU-HING** (GWC Tournament Champ 2010-13, GWC Tournament Individual Champ '13, '11); **PRESTON STANLEY** (American Sky Conf. Tournament Champ 2013, ASC Tournament - Individual Champ Runner-up, 1st-Team Selection)

HUSKY ATHLETICS

Athletes recognized for academic excellence

Eighteen HBU student-athletes were recently rewarded for their academic achievements, as they were named to the 2012-13 Great West Winter/Spring Academic All-Conference Team.



Jake Gonzalez is a three-time Academic All-Conference recipient

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Women's basketball player Devyn Weymouth was one of only five student-athletes in the entire conference to achieve a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Baseball's Jake Gonzalez was the only Husky to earn a spot on the Academic All-Conference Team every year he was eligible. Baseball's Garrett Tully, and women's track runners Kenisa Haynes, Jamie Whitt and Jessica Whitt were placed on the team for the second time. There were 13 first-time honorees.

KPRC interviews Coach Kelley and Mary Lou Retton

Former University of Texas football letterman Shannon Kelley and his gold medal-winning Olympic gymnast wife Mary Lou Retton have returned to Houston to help HBU launch its new football program this fall. In May, they sat down with Kelley's former Memorial High School classmate, KPRC anchor Dominique Sachse, on the HBU campus to discuss Retton's gymnastics career and Kelley's love of football for an interview that aired May 19.



Left to right: Shannon Kelley, Mary Lou Retton and Dominique Sachse

Gillian Gonzalez takes home the bronze

Gillian Gonzalez, HBU junior, earned the bronze medal in the juniors division at the 2013 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships in August. The competition has been held since 1985 and is the only individual competition open to full-time college students. "I hope to be able to represent HBU in next year's competition, set an even higher standard, and show my love for the sport," said Gonzalez.



Huskies face
Sam Houston in
first game



FIRST EVER



HBU vs SHSU

Over 650 Huskies poured into Huntsville's Bower Stadium for HBU's historic first football game against Sam Houston State on August 31. Prior to the game, HBU fans from all walks of the University's 53-year history celebrated and tailgated to support the new team and catch up with old friends.

Though the Huskies took a heavy loss (74-0) from the nation's #4 ranked team, the game proved to be a great opportunity to learn and improve. "This was good for our program," said Head Football Coach Vic Shealy, "in the sense that we will narrow the gap between us and the rest of the conference a year from now, having played this game."

Christa Hall, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, noted how great it was to see the HBU fans who stayed to the end. "They cheered every last one of the players as they walked off the field and sang our Alma Mater, Hail the Orange and Blue."

FALL SCHEDULE

WAYLAND BAPTIST	9/14
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST*	9/28
ABELINE CHRISTIAN*	10/12
INCARNATE WORD	10/26
TEXAS COLLEGE*	11/2
TX A&M COMMERCE*	11/9
(HOMECOMING)	

* ALL HOME GAMES AT STRAKE JESUIT, EXCEPT ABELINE CHRISTIAN AT BBVA COMPASS STADIUM

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The Guild



HBU President Robert Sloan and First Lady Sue Sloan, 2012-2014 Guild President Debra Perich, Mary Ann Belin, and Faye Dunwoody

THE GUILD HONORED MARY ANN BELIN AND FAYE DUNWOODY for their Christian leadership in The Guild and their devotion to the mission of HBU at its annual Silver Tea, held at the home of Vicki and Ken Douglas on April 11. Silver Tea co-chairs Angie Angel, Ann Beeson and Carolyn Williams oversaw a successful event that culminated with more than 68 underwriters

and other donors raising more than \$75,000 to support 22 annual scholarships in the School of Education and the School of Christian Thought. The Guild also awards six endowed scholarships annually. As of May 2013, the Guild has contributed more than \$1.5 million to HBU for scholarships, special projects, and The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.

AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY

AMS member and Vice President for University Relations Sharon Saunders presided over the installation of the new 2013-2014 AMS officers in May. Making a surprise appearance at the gathering, HBU President Robert B. Sloan Jr. offered a special prayer of blessing on AMS members for their dedication to treasuring and preserving worthy artifacts of American architecture and decorative arts.



Sharon Saunders presents incoming AMS President Dana Grigsby with a stone scroll of the special blessing delivered to the group by HBU President Robert Sloan.

BLESSINGS

by Robert Sloan

O' LORD,

YOU HAVE TOLD US IN YOUR HOLY SCRIPTURES TO REMEMBER AND NOT FORGET ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. YOU HAVE OFTEN TOLD US TO REMEMBER YOUR WAYS AND YOUR TEACHINGS.

LORD, WE TREASURE THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMORY, AND IN THE AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO PRESERVE AND REMEMBER ALL THOSE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US, THAT ARE WORTH PRESERVING, TREASURING, AND KEEPING.

AND NOW, LORD, MAY YOU BLESS THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY. MAY THEY WITH YOUR GRACE AND SPIRIT BE ENABLED TO LABOR DILIGENTLY AND TO SERVE FAITHFULLY FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST OUR LORD.

AN ACT OF PROVIDENCE COMMEMORATES FIRST FRESHMAN CLASS & FIRST 50 YEARS

Houston Baptist University welcomed its first class of freshmen fifty years ago this September, three years after the school's founding in 1960. Those wondering what that first day of class was like on the fledgling campus can read all about that and the first fifty years of the school's history in Vice President Emeritus Don Looser's richly detailed work, *An Act of Providence*. The book won the 2011 Institutional History Award from the Texas Baptist Historical Society and has been reviewed in numerous important periodicals, most recently *Houston History* magazine. Copies of the book are available in the HBU bookstore and from Amazon.



Meet your Alumni Relations team

Amy Youngblood (pictured right) and Christa Hall have joined Alumni Relations as director and assistant director, respectively. Together they make a dynamic team ready to help alumni enjoy the many benefits of staying connected with their HBU family.

Formerly the director of alumni relations at Concordia University Texas, Amy brings a commitment to Christian education and experience helping alumni engage with the University in the area of their greatest joy. As she did at Concordia, Amy hopes to reconnect former students, champion the University's initiatives, and guide volunteer leadership to build a successful and sustainable alumni association at HBU.



**BOTH RECENT
AND LONG-
TIME ALUMNI
HAVE BEN-
EFITED FROM
NETWORKING
WITH OTHER
HUSKIES**

Christa, a 2011 HBU alumna, is very excited to return "home" to serve the university she loves. As a student, Christa was heavily involved with residence life and other campus organizations; she currently serves as an advisor for the Iota Pi chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. As an alum herself, Christa desires to respect Husky traditions while adapting to meet the needs of alumni today.

Amy and Christa say the enthusiasm of HBU alumni has been encouraging, especially as the inaugural football season has provided a focal point for activities. Husky alums transported tables and chairs, brought food and put up tents to make the first Husky tailgate a fun-filled event. One crafty alumna even designed and built an orange and blue beanbag-toss game so alums can test their own hand-eye coordination skills before cheering on the Huskies.

Both recent and longtime alumni have benefited from networking with other Huskies during the Husky Social Hour. Due to growing popularity, the event will now be held monthly rather than every other month.

To find out more about how you can connect with HBU and fellow alumni, contact Amy Youngblood at AYoungblood@hbu.edu or Christa Hall at CHall@hbu.edu.

NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR ADVANCEMENT

The University welcomed Chad Cunningham as the new senior director for Advancement in March. He comes to us from John Brown University in Arkansas, where he served as assistant director of annual giving and special projects. Chad and his wife Stephanie's first interaction with HBU was more than ten years ago, but he says their first impression of the university was no small part of their decision to move here.

While conducting a training workshop for HBU's Student Life staff in 2002, the couple shared their struggles with a miscarriage. A few weeks later the Cunningham's received a thank-you package from the staff that included a stuffed toy Husky pup intended for their still hoped-for first child. It was a gesture Chad and Stephanie found deeply moving, and their first-born daughter Brianne still treasures her HBU "Slushy" puppy. Now that they

are officially part of the HBU family, the Cunninghams look forward to serving and getting to know many of the wonderful alumni and friends of HBU.

Chad's passion is to enable students to understand God's truth and to become salt and light wherever God leads them. That passion fuels his desire to enable more students to attend HBU through scholarships, and also to assist them in developing relationships with the generous donors who make their higher education possible.

Chad received his BA in church ministry from John Brown University in 1996, and his MA in Christian education from Dallas Theological Seminary in 2000. He has completed several doctoral-level courses in education studies through Talbot School of Theology.



Alumagrams

What's news with you?

70s

EDWARD STOKES MBA '98 was elected Chairman of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) by the group's board of directors for the 2014-2015 term. The OTC organizes industry-leading events for the development of offshore resources in the fields of drilling, exploration, production, and environmental protection, with attendance at their annual conference regularly exceeding 80,000 people.

RUBY WHITE FERGUSON '72 retired June 7, 2013 after a wonderful career as a school nurse. She stays committed to excellence as mentor and preceptor of school nurses.

MARSHA (BEAVERS) SMITH '72 is completing her fifth year with International Schools Group (ISG) in Dhahran/Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia. She is an educational diagnostician and director of student services. Marsha is responsible for servicing all seven of ISG's schools throughout the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

ROBERT '74 AND MELINDA '74 CREECH are at Baylor University. Robert is the Raborn Professor of Pastoral Leadership at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary and Melinda has completed her classwork toward a PhD in literature and religion while working at the Armstrong Browning Library. They are serving as faculty-in residence at University House in North Village.

DR. THOMAS WHEELER '77, Chair of the Department of Pathology and Immunology at Baylor College of Medicine, has been named to the W.L. Moody Jr. Chair in Pathology. He serves on HBU's Science and Math Deans Development Council.



80s

STEVE PORTER MBA '83 was elected to serve as Sugar Land District 1 City Council member. He will step into the district one position in May. He currently serves as president of Gannoway Lake Estates Homeowners Association, vice president of the Burney Road Municipal Utility District, member of the City of Sugar Land Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force and is currently participating in the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce Leadership Forum Class of 2013.

ANABELLE REDMAN '83 recently moved to Richmond, Texas and is the RN school nurse at Lamar Consolidated Independent School District.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE '87 is being inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame later this spring. He will be honored at the Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, FL, during the week of the Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass in May.

TERRY LEWIS '88 recently married wife Missy in August. Both are working with the University of Texas. Terry is working as a broadcast announcer for the Texas Longhorn Radio Network and Texas sports and Missy is working with Texas Longhorn Softball and pursuing her PhD.

90s

HARLES REID '93 is an associate professor, artist-in-residence and the director of vocal studies at Andrews University.

TERRI BURNS '94 is a corporate administrator at Taylor Interests.

CES GUERRA MBA '94 joined Houston's MK Luxury Homes & Condos to specialize in sales and leases of properties in the neighborhoods of Tanglewood, Memorial, the inner-loop, and in the surrounding suburbs.

ANGELA STEWART '97 works as a senior HR representative for Baker Hughes, Inc. She is currently on a special human resources international assignment in Calgary, Alberta - Canada.

MICHAEL SISSEL '97 joined Soluble Systems, LLC, as a territory manager for the north Houston area.

ERIC DULANY '98 was named by BKD, LLP as the leader of its growing energy practice.

2000s

KELLEY O'NEAL '01 is the director of the student success center at Brazosport College.

JENNIFER MUNKE HAMILTON '06 graduated from the University of Houston-Victoria in May 2013 with a Global Master's of Business Administration in Management.

RENITA WALKER '06 was selected by Visa Practical Money Skills for Life as the Innovative Educator for April 2013.

JENNIFER BARTON '07 married Michael Bird in Jan. 2013. The couple lives in London, where Jennifer is in her third year of a PhD in English at the University of York.

TYLER HORNE '09 was recently featured in Houston's dining magazine *My Table* for his vision and altruistic heart at Urban Harvest where he serves as the market manager.

ASHELY LEJEUNE '09 was promoted to audit supervisor in Aug. 2013 at Hein & Associates.

LEAH RANDALL '09 is a U.S. communications specialist at BP, PLC.

CHRIS DODD '10 is making a name for himself in professional soccer in Finland. Dodd's team, FC Korsholm, reached the quarterfinals of the Region Cup. He is now playing with a local premier team, VPS, which is currently in second place in their conference. Dodd played soccer at HBU from 2007-2010, and was team captain in 2010. With 21 match victories, he is the all-time leader in HBU program history for career wins.

ORIANNA QUIJADA CUFFARO '10 was recently married.

COLLIN HENRY '11 recently completed his first year as a physical education teacher at Deretchin Elementary, instructing kindergarten through sixth grade.

SARA MADDEN HARTGROVE '11 was recently married.

KATHLYN HENDRIX '11 will begin her second year at Baylor Law School.

DESMOND IkeGWUONU '11 composed a piece entitled "New Work," which premiered at the AURA Contemporary Ensemble's "Set in Stone" concert in February.

JESSICA LYNN (WILLIAMS) HARPER '12 married Beau Harper last fall. Jessica Lynn also started working at Mustang Engineering in Project Controls in Sept. 2012.

KEITH RILEY '10, MA '12 and LIZ (AMAYA) RILEY '13 were married in August at Tallowood Baptist Church.

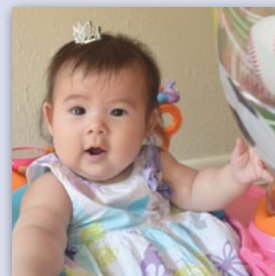
CHELSEA WOOD '13 begins teaching this semester at Yellowstone Academy in Houston.

DAVID LACEY MED '98

Dr. Lacey was named **Educator of the Year** in March by the National Christian School Association. The award recognizes Dr. Lacey's 16 years of service at Westbury Christian School in Houston, where he has served as a teacher, school administrator, Upper School Principal, and High School Principal.

"I got a great education at HBU that thoroughly prepared me for every facet of educational administration that I have encountered

so far. The most memorable single exercise that prepared me for what happens every day in my current job was Dr. Borgers' in-basket activity in the Role of the Principal class. That activity simulated the constant flow of unexpected things that crop up on a daily basis and require rapid re-prioritizing to address the most important items first, no matter what you have planned for the day. I know that all of my classmates would second this recollection."



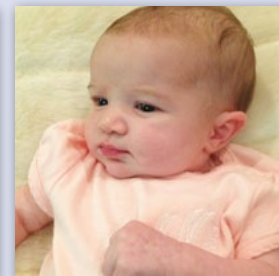
Bubeck



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RICARDO CUBAS '01 and **ANDREA CUBAS '01** are proud to announce the birth of their third daughter, Hadarah. She was welcomed by older sisters Amaris and Janah. Ricardo also recently opened an insurance company servicing the state of Texas.

TIM GANGER '04 and **SARAH WILKINSON GANGER '03** are excited to announce the adoption of Naomi (age 3) and Nate (age 2), brought home from Uganda in August 2012. They join sister Eliza (age 4) and Jude (age 2), who are thrilled to have them. Tim is working as a special education teacher at Pearland Jr. High East, and is part of the church planting and pastoral team at Covenant Community Church, a 3-year-old church plant in Pearland.

CARIANE CLAYTON KNUDSEN '09 and husband Phil are proud to announce the birth of Jeriah Caleb Knudsen born on Sept. 20, 2012 in Shanghai, China, where the couple resides.

MIKE BUBECK '03 and wife Aki are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Faith, on Nov. 28, 2012. She was welcomed by grandmother and former HBU employee Susan Bubeck.

MIRANDA TUCKER WILEY '10 and husband **RYAN WILEY '07** are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Sophie Marie Wiley, on Feb. 11, 2013.

CHELSEA TOWNSEND PURIFOY '09 and husband Jason are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Jack Grayson Purifoy, on May 3. He was welcomed by proud family members, including grandmother **SHELLEY RICHEY '99**.

PRESIDENT ROBERT AND SUE SLOAN are thrilled to announce the birth of their 15th grandchild, a granddaughter, Ellia Gardner Sloan, born on Aug 1. She was welcomed by her proud parents, Michael and Ali Sloan, and her older siblings, Collier and Kaira.

In Memoriam

Trustees

Max Crisp passed away March 30, 2013. He was a long-time member of the HBU Board of Trustees, and served two consecutive terms as chairman in 1998 and 1999.

Dr. Milton Cunningham passed away Aug. 3, 2013. He served as a trustee of the University from 1972 to 1976 while he was pastor of the Westbury Baptist Church.

Bill West passed away March 26, 2013. He was a former professor and served on the HBU Board of Trustees.

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Ed Billings passed away June 2, 2013. He was HBU's first Director of Athletics, and filled that role from 1966 to 1990. He also served as a professor and head of the Department of Health and Physical Education. Dr. Billings was instrumental in HBU becoming a charter member of the Trans America Athletic Conference, where the Huskies won several conference titles and made the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 1983 and 1984.

Elizabeth “Bunny” Blacklock passed away April 12, 2013. She previously served as a secretary in the office of the vice president for Academic Affairs. Her children, Katherine Blacklock McDonald '81 and Doug Blacklock '83, are graduates of HBU.

Doris Denton passed away May 2, 2013. Doris worked many years as secretary to Vice President for Administrative Affairs Don Looser in the 1980s.

She was tireless in her devotion to enhancing the capacity of the office to keep plant operations running smoothly. Her charming spirit and engaging smile served to encourage all who were privileged to benefit from her dedicated service.
— Don Looser, vice president emeritus

Lonnie Lee Richards passed away June 19, 2013. He joined the HBU coaching staff as head baseball coach and later served as head basketball coach. He remained at HBU pursuing his love for coaching until 1975.

Beverly Ann Simpson Sutton passed away July 16, 2013. She taught as an adjunct at HBU specializing in courses in personal image and social confidence.

Dr. David Wehr passed away on May 9, 2013. He was director of choral activities and conducting at HBU from 1979 until his retirement in 1998.

Gordon Severance passed away on July 18, 2013, at the age of 92. After practicing law for 50 years and retiring from other professorial posts, he served as an adjunct professor in HBU's School of Business from 1998-2006, teaching various economics and graduate-level business law courses. He was known for giving much individual attention to his students, and particularly for helping them hone their research and writing skills. His students' exemplary work was regularly recognized at the University's Celebration of Scholarship Symposium.

Gordon's wife Diana has served as director of HBU's Dunham Bible Museum since 2003, and Gordon was no less an ardent supporter of the museum. When the Bible Museum was being moved to the Morris Cultural Arts Center in 2007, and funds were not available to complete the planned displays, Gordon donated his IRA savings to add audio and interactive features, special murals, display cases, and flooring for the caves. The theater in the museum was named the Gordon and Diana Severance Lyceum in 2012 in recognition of the couple's commitment to the Word of God and its significance to the mission of HBU. At the dedication ceremony, University President Robert Sloan noted that the couple's generosity and creativity “have played a key role in making the museum a meaningful resource not only for the campus, but also for the greater Christian community.”

“I already had a law degree when I took Professor Severance's business law class as part of my MBA program, so I didn't expect to learn much. I couldn't have been more wrong! We discussed case analysis well beyond the textbook materials, and I began to apply things I learned from him in my work as an attorney. The lessons I learned from Dr. Severance will last a lifetime. He was more than an instructor; he was a dear friend.”

— Willie D. Powells III, MBA '06
Attorney at law



Former Students

John Michael “Mike” Dorman '72 passed away March 15, 2013. He won the annual top Scholar Athlete Award several times, was president of his fraternity, and served on the President's Development Council from 2004-2007.

Gregory Darrel Kraus '74 passed away May 8, 2013. He attended HBU on a golf scholarship.

Catherine Ellen McGee Neben '89 passed away April 19, 2013. Cathy served as alumni advisor to the HBU chapter of Phi Mu sorority and later created JoeToga.com, a resource for sorority and fraternity supplies. She was President of the Fort Bend Panhellenic in 2004 and helped coordinate joint activities with area sororities and fraternities. Cathy's many volunteer successes in Houston's public schools and her active role as a university and Phi Mu chapter alumnus earned her HBU's Meritorious Service Alumnus Award in 2005.

William Perlmutter '73 passed away May 31, 2013. Mr. Perlmutter made his living in real estate, but was also a longtime volunteer firefighter with Southside Place, serving the department as assistant fire chief, chief medical officer, and chief mechanic.

Mike Perricone '72 passed away Feb. 7, 2013. He was a charter member of the Phi Mu Alpha Chapter at HBU (an honorary music fraternity). An active alumnus, he played with the Homecoming Alumni Band for many years. Mike was a professional clarinetist with the American Federation of Musicians union and played with the Houston Concert Band and the Houston Civic Symphony.

“Mike Perricone was an HBU Husky through and through. He played in all of the bands and was a supporter of everything on campus. He was a fine clarinetist most at home with the symphonic and band literature. Mike was so personable and brought fun to every camous social activity he attended. He was a favorite during my early years as Band Director at HBU. We will miss our gifted friend.”

— Dr. Robert Linder
Former dean of the School of Music

Gregory G. Rodriguez '94 passed away March 7, 2013.

Wayne Stone '87 passed away August 12, 2013. He met his wife Robyn Muckelroy '87 while they were students at HBU.

Logan Wyeth '10 passed away Feb. 27, 2013. He played baseball at HBU and proved to be a great catcher. After graduation, Logan coached youth baseball.

University Friends

Jeannette Baker passed away Feb. 27, 2013. She was a longtime friend of the University and a member of The Guild. Her husband, Rex “Pete” Baker Jr., chaired the HBU Board of Trustees.

“Jeannette was a charming woman, a great mother, a tremendous cook, and fun-loving friend. When I was still single, Pete and Jeannette would frequently invite me to Astros games at the Dome. Jeannette would often bring fried chicken, and we would tailgate before the game.”

— Dr. Don Looser
vice president emeritus

Eleanor Bering, mother of Charles Bacarisse, vice president for Advancement, passed away March 29, 2013.

Mary Parks Caldwell passed away Aug. 24, 2013. She was a longtime Auxiliary member of HBC.

Kay Corderman passed away Dec. 9, 2012. She was a longtime friend of the University and a member of The Guild.

Dorothy Lott Cross passed away June 28, 2013. In 1992, HBU honored Dorothy with the Spirit of Excellence Award, the highest tribute given by the university. Her husband Milton Cross chaired the HBU Board of Trustees, and they were very generous donors to the Hinton Center.

“She was an awesome lady with a perpetual, infectious smile that could light up a room. She was very hospitable and an ever-present support for her husband Milton, who served as my guide into the world of HBU. Dorothy continued to support and attend HBU functions after Milton's passing. She gave time and effort to see that his commitments were sustained and completed. Our world and HBU in particular benefitted from the efforts of Dorothy Cross.”

— Dr. E.D. Hodo
Former president of HBU

Kay Haines passed away July 17, 2013. She served on the President's Leadership Council, and on the executive board of The Guild.

Jacqueline Ann Hutchen passed away April 14, 2013. She was a member of The Guild and a supporter of the Dunham Bible Museum.

Netta Lamberth passed away Dec. 12, 2012. She was a member of The Guild.

Tom Luksetich, husband of Sharon Luksetich, assistant professor in nursing, passed away Aug. 12, 2013.

Leo Neal Namken, the father of Sandra Mooney, vice president for Financial Operations, passed away July 14, 2013.

Robert “Bob” Silverthorn passed away July 4, 2013. He was a generous philanthropist who supported the Morris Cultural Arts Center, HBU Endowed Scholarships, and the HBU Sustaining Fund. His HBU journey began in 2001. He and his lovely wife of 65 years, Marilyn, preferred to make their very generous gifts through their Robert Silverthorn and Marilyn Inez Silverthorn Foundations.

Henry Speich Jr., the father of Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor in music, passed away Feb. 16, 2013.


Stacy Taylor passed away August 16, 2013. His wife Janet serves as a member of the HBU Board of Trustees.

Gilbert Wallis passed away Feb. 6, 2013. He and his wife Nell established the Gil and Nell Wallis Endowed Scholarship at HBU in memory of their daughter Laura Wallis Ferguson. Their daughter Sharon Wallis Chapin '78 earned a nursing degree from HBU.



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