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Mental health is always hard to talk about. People understandably do not want to mention their own emotional struggles. I recall a dear aunt of mine who told my mother back in the days of handwritten letters that lately she had "had the blues." I saw the letter and somehow never forgot what my aunt said. She went through a lot in life with respect to family and health. It was understandable that she would say that sort of thing. I love the way she put it – that she "had the blues."

She found a way to talk about it that my mother, her sister, would completely understand. All of us need, not only the kind of comfort zones and loving relationships that allow us to admit to those "down" times, but also the support of our faith when it comes to working through such experiences.

And sometimes emotional struggles go even further than mild depression. And the Apostle Paul was not afraid to talk about it.

I've often thought of II Corinthians as the "Book of Job" for the New Testament. In it, Paul speaks very frankly of his own sufferings, both emotional and physical. He speaks in a way that is, I think, almost shocking to people if they look closely at the language he uses and not just gloss over his words. I think sometimes when reading Scripture, we, by our own assumptions, build in a "stained-glass distance" that keeps us from the plain sense language of the text. But let's look closely at II Corinthians.

II Corinthians begins in the opening prayer section by referring to the sufferings of Christ, and Paul for his part then refers to the afflictions which he himself has endured (1:4-6). Then, beyond introducing the theme of suffering, Paul plainly admits (1:8-10) that he has recently endured a burden that was so overwhelming that it swamped his strength and as a result he "despaired of life." In fact, he had resigned himself internally to the fact that he was not going to survive the suffering he was enduring – that it would lead to his death. What kind of suffering is so harsh and apparently so unrelenting that you mentally and emotionally give up? Whatever it was, whether physical or mental, he had reached that point.

The truth is, the suffering that Paul refers to in II Corinthians is a mixture of both physical and mental/emotional suffering. We know from the catalogues of abuse that he presents in II Corinthians (see 6:3-10; 11:23-33) that both physical

and emotional suffering have been his experience. Notice for example in 7:5-6 that he refers to having gone through "conflicts without, fears within." He immediately goes on to refer to the God he worships as the one "who comforts the depressed."

And then there is that rhetorical question in 11:28-29, where he refers to the daily pressure that is upon him of concern for all of his churches, and then asks plaintively, "who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?" The psychological torment he felt because of his great love for others, and his willingness to identify with their pains, exposed him to genuine grief and internal suffering. What parent or close friend has never felt that kind of suffering?

Then there's the famous reference to the "thorn in the flesh" in II Corinthians 12:7-10. There, he refers to a suffering that he endures through the agency of Satan, a suffering which the Lord declined to remove — even after Paul fervently begged Him for relief — and within which Paul had to learn contentment. At HBU, we are embarking upon an expanded curriculum for dealing with mental health issues. Just as Paul was transparent about the things that he suffered – remember in 1:8, he plainly says, "I do not want you to be unaware of the affliction which came to me" – so also in the same way, we will not shy away from talking about emotional, psychological and mental suffering. We would never dream of doing that with regard to physical suffering, so neither will we back away from using the full resources of a Christian worldview to address the very real sufferings of our world. In a culture where suicide is on the rise, we intend to use all the resources of faith, psychological insight (all truth is God's truth), and theological study grounded in Scripture to help those in need of healing. Our world is broken in every way – environmentally, physically, socially and emotionally. And we are not afraid at HBU – because the One whom we worship is the God of all things visible and invisible – to present ourselves as agents for His work of healing and redemption.

Dr. Robert B. Sloan

HBU President

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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Dr. Jerry Johnston



In addition to the impressive faculty at HBU, not a month goes by in which distinguished men and women don't visit the campus; they're attracted by the distinction and tenets of our Ten Pillars vision

led by Dr. Sloan. Recently, business ace and energetic leader, Norm Miller, chairman of Interstate Batteries, invested his time in our students. The founder of "I Am Second" shared his story and the vision which now touches innumerable people on digital media. Take the time to listen to the inspiring podcast of Mr. Miller, as well as so many others who cause HBU to be unique, accessible on our "Think About It" podcasts.

On May 14, 2018, harkening back to the 70th anniversary of Israel's founding, the United States officially recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The nation is alive, growing, a technological leader, and probably more safe than some of America's largest cities. Join Dr. Robert Sloan, HBU's president, on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel's most cherished biblical sites on a deluxe trip, to be held March 16-24, 2019. In his effective teaching style,

Dr. Sloan will cause your Bible to come alive, and you will return home with inspiration, knowledge, and confidence in the veracity of Scriptures. We have limited slots, so register today!

Unless you have been totally unplugged from media, the reiteration of the FISA court by media pundits has been referenced endlessly. Regrettably, many Americans do not know the implications of FISA. HBU's brilliant professor, Dr. John Tyler, wrote a prolific article on the topic that is worthy of your time and attention. Pass this information on to a friend.

An education at HBU is life-changing! Did you know an education at HBU is also affordable? Check out "HBU Scholarships" on pages 14-15, and discover how our University helps with student aid.

My wife, Cristie, and I recently had a conversation with Chip Gaines of Waco's beloved Magnolia company. Did you know that Magnolia now draws 1.8 million visitors each year? Chip is an entrepreneur's entrepreneur! Dr. Robert Sloan intersected in Chip's life in a very curious way that you will want to hear about. Be sure to sponsor a table at HBU's Spirit of Excellence Gala on November 1, 2018, at the new Post Oak Hotel, and experience an unforgettable night with keynote speaker Chip Gaines!

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During Honors Convocation in May, several dozen students on the Dunham Theater stage were lauded for their contributions in areas throughout the University, receiving applause from an audience of peers, supporters, faculty and staff. Senior Seth Grant, dressed in a sport coat, shook his head incredulously when he was called forward a blush-inducing fourth time. The affable blond was the recipient of the Christian Leadership Award, the Resident Assistant of the Year, the President's Award, and was named "Mr. HBU."

On campus, Grant did everything from solve issues as a resident assistant in the Husky Village Apartments, to work as the

writing tutor coordinator in the Academic Success Center, to serve lunch as a Baptist Student Ministry volunteer.

While it would seem that Grant had known his peers for at least all four years of his undergraduate work, it's noteworthy that he was only at HBU half of that time after transferring in as a junior. Grant's involvements demonstrate the egalitarian nature of HBU. It's an institution where every student – traditional, nontraditional, commuter, transfer, athlete, international, veteran and more – can find his or her place. "HBU is a special place," Grant said. "The environment here promotes growth in community."

Student involvement makes for a holistic educational experience, and prepares them for life beyond college too, says Whit Goodwin, HBU associate provost for Student Life. "Students, through being involved in community, service, leadership and other participation opportunities, develop, not only the ability to think critically, but also the skills and values to be a person who makes

the world better instead of simply making a paycheck," he said. "They are developed into well-rounded people who will be effective for good in whatever context they choose."

LIVING, LEARNING & DINING

In 2008, the HBU Board of Trustees approved the Ten Pillars Vision, which outlines the directional emphases of the University. The fourth item on the list is to "Establish a Residential Society of Learning." More than half of students live on campus – in the Sadie & Doug Hodo Residence College, the Husky Village Apartments, Philips Men's and Women's Residential College, and Mest.

Jeremie Middleton, HBU director of Residence Life, said, "I think what students get most out of staying on campus is the ability to live and learn together. We have all the necessities in the residence halls. You just have to bring the things to make it yours."

There are academic advantages

SETH GRANT, CLASS OF 2018

I attended a tiny liberal arts honors program in the Twin Cities called Rivendell Sanctuary. From there, I earned my associate of arts degree, graduating in May 2016, and I transferred to HBU that fall to complete my bachelor's degree. As for why I chose HBU, during my last semester in Minnesota there was a series of "coincidences" (I don't believe they were coincidences, but directions from the Lord that led me here). A lot of things lined up in such a way that the hand of God was made evident in them.

I've majored in Writing at HBU. I've been a resident assistant, on the leadership team with the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM), and worked on campus as the writing tutor coordinator for the Academic Success Center. Being an RA has taught me how to be flexible, to deal with conflict, and to serve even when it's 1 a.m. and I'm dead tired. Working with the ASC has taught me how to adapt to change and to overcome obstacles in creative ways. The BSM has been the bedrock of my HBU community; without it, I would not have come to know and love most of the people I now consider my best friends. Nothing draws you closer to a brother or sister than pursuing your heavenly Father together, whatever that might look like.

The professors see you as an individual, not a name on a roster, and they want you to succeed. The staff structure everything here towards your holistic development. And I have found many students who are kind, hardworking, genuine people. I'm blessed to call HBU home.

too. With less time on the road and more resources at hand, students who live on campus have higher GPAs on average. Furthermore, living independently of parents can foster a next level of maturity.

"You have to get out of bed on time and study on your own without a parent telling you to," points out Giovanni Arellano, assistant director of Residence Life. As a former student of HBU, Arellano tried both ways – commuter and residential student. "Being on campus really added to my overall experience," he said.

Grace Gervais, also an assistant director of Residence Life, and the team provide opportunities for fun and connection among students. There are traditional affairs throughout the year like Bingo Night, the Homecoming Dance, the Crawfish Boil, the Polar Bear Plunge, and even Christmas in the Courtyard. "I know, for me, when I was a student, I was really shy," Gervais said. "Living on campus forced me to get out of my shell and get involved."

On a day-to-day basis, the Residence Life team members are available at all times since they also live on campus. They follow up on maintenance needs, answer questions and provide support. "We try to go above and beyond to meet needs," Arellano said. In addition to staff presence, strict entrance protocol and HBU Police presence help assure the safety of residents.

Beyond friendships and staff guidance, the presence of caring resident assistants (RAs) is a central part of students' experience. "Connecting is one of the things we're best at," Middleton said. "The fact that a relationship with Christ is a requirement for staff makes us stand out among colleges too. That's unrivaled near us."

At mealtime, students can choose the Baugh Dining Hall or Chick-fil-A in the MD Anderson Student Center. For a-la-carte options, the coffee shop, Java City in the Moody Library, as well as two on-campus convenience store stations, Hinton

POD located in the Hinton Center lobby, and Husky POD in Husky Village, provide variety.

"While HBU concentrates on enriching a student's mind and spirit, we focus on the culinary experience and are committed to enhancing it," said Benny Gilbert, Aramark Food Service director. Dining options in the Baugh vary from American classics to Latin, Middle Eastern and Far Eastern flavors. "Our themed meals are very popular," he said.

Dining staff balance nutrition and taste. "The vegan and vegetarian items served in the dining hall have become very popular as some students are looking for healthier options. Of course, mac and cheese and chicken nuggets are still the most popular food items," Gilbert said. Beyond the main food service selections, students can stop at the bookstore for snack items, or opt to visit one of several restaurants located at the Pillars at HBU, adjacent to campus.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Since graduating from HBU 10 years ago, Mon'Sher Spencer has been part of furthering what was so fundamental to her own time at the University. Spencer serves as the HBU director of Student Involvement and Leadership Programs, where she oversees student clubs, organizations, Greek Life, Commuter Life, First-Year Experience, and signature Student Life events.

"When I was a student, I was on the worship team, the recreation team, involved with discipleship, and quite a few areas. I know being part of those things was the reason why I grew as a person spiritually, academically, and in character and maturity," Spencer said. "Those are the areas I envision the students growing in here as well. I want them to be the leaders they can be."

Throughout HBU, there are about 50 clubs and organizations, and that number is ever-growing. From the Student Government

Association, to Greek Life, to the Student Programming Board, there are numerous ways for students to explore their interests and try out their talents. Of the options, there are hundreds of opportunities to be in leadership roles. "I tell students, 'You've got to get out of your dorm or your house and plug yourself in. The college experience is what you make it,'" Spencer said.

Roles in student organizations facilitate friendships and provide the kind of experiences that make college such an enriching time in a young person's life. Furthermore, participation gives students a sense of belonging, making them more likely to persevere through obstacles and continue to graduation.

Student Brook Chatagnier said his time as a head musher and a member of the Sled Team, caring for the University mascot, Kiza, is one of the highlights of his college tenure. "I would encourage all students to find the organization that fits them best, and plug themselves into the school," he said. "You truly get the most out of college by these experiences and the close-knit group of friends you make."

Student Leah Townsend emphasized that students don't even have to find an existing group to join, but can formulate one that meets their interests. "If there is a club or organization that you would like to initiate on campus, the doors are always open for that," she said. "There is something for everyone."

Spencer agrees. "The benefit of being somewhere smaller is that it's not cookie-cutter. You're not just jumping in as a number. You can actually be part of the history, of creating and sustaining something," she said.

While new traditions are formed, time-honored ones are cherished and continued. Some of those are Welcome Days, a new student orientation event; Spring Fling, a summer kickoff; Homecoming events, International Week, Husky Revue, a talent show; and Late-Night Breakfast, a pre-exam week meal.

And if the Student Involvement



LEAH TOWNSEND, CLASS OF 2018

I researched HBU and loved that it was a smaller school with smaller class sizes because that is what I was used to. I loved that it was in Houston, one of the most diverse cities in the United States. I also loved that it was a Christian school, so I would be free to speak and learn more about my faith.

My major is Elementary Education. After graduation, I plan on getting a teaching position in Houston. My long-term goal would be to teach English overseas.

As a freshman, the first organization I joined was a sorority, Phi Mu. Next, I joined Student Government Association. I later joined Alpha Delta Pi Honor Society, Order of Omega Honor Society, and Alpha Chi Honor Society. My sophomore year, I became a resident assistant and continued in that position for three years. My junior year, I accepted a position as a writing tutor at the Academic Success Center. My senior year, I became a member of Student Foundation, where we served under the Office of the President.

These experiences have made my college years worthwhile. The people I have met and the leader I have become are all because of the organizations and positions I was a part of in my college career. I have grown so much since I first started college. I have learned how to lead others, speak publicly, and prioritize my responsibilities. Because of the experiences I have had, I can say that I am prepared for life after college.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Just a few steps from campus, the Bradshaw Fitness Center is an 80,000-square-feet complex filled with the expected fitness fare and some extras. HBU students can utilize the fitness center at no extra charge. Joshua Dunn, director of Campus Recreation, said, on average, the Bradshaw receives 9,000 visits per month, with nearly 35 percent of those made by HBU students. "If students need a break or want something fun to do, I tell them to get over here," Dunn said.

Upon coming under the Bradshaw's soaring ceilings and light-filled lobby, students can make the most of strength apparatus, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, classes like CrossFit and Pilates, a basketball court, indoor track, rock wall, 25-yard indoor lap pool, therapy pool, whirlpool, steam room and sauna.

Besides the fitness center's individual and group exercise outlets, the University offers Intramural

Sports (IMS), also at no cost. Hundreds of students participate in volleyball, flag football, basketball, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, powder puff football and dodgeball throughout the school year. "Students love being part of IMS and getting to play in the Husky Football Stadium," Cassie Sorrell, HBU Campus Recreation coordinator, said. "We've heard a lot of students say that intramurals have allowed them to feel connected to the University and to build lifelong friendships."

More than just a fun diversion, participation in intramurals, like other student organizations, allows for players to take on guiding roles. Students are given autonomy; about 25 students work in Campus Recreation, supervising and officiating. "There's a unique opportunity in terms of leadership," Dunn noted. "For example, if students are officiating, they might have to gently reprimand their peers. That's a skill."

The goal of intramurals,

office doesn't host or sponsor an event or organization, they'll connect students with other departments and resources. "The beauty of this place is that there are so many things to do here and wonderful avenues that students can be part of," Spencer said. "It's a place where they can find their niche. There's support here, love here and a spirit of pride and relationship that I don't think you get at a lot of other places."

along with fun, is for students to interact in a sportsmanlike and Christlike manner, Sorrell said. Plus, the students are getting the exercise they need. "Intramurals get the players working out and being physically active while they're not even thinking about the exercise," she said.

For students who play a more competitive game, Club Sports amp up the fun; HBU offers them for a small fee. Students are matched against area college and university peers for men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's Ultimate Frisbee.

Also, Campus Recreation offers Epic Adventures, which fits its moniker. Students trek into exploits like horseback riding, paintball, golfing, bubble soccer, dragon boat races and a spinoff of American Ninja Warrior. Back on campus, Showdown at High Noon began last school year, beckoning competitors into a series

of fun and sometimes silly minute-to-win-it games such as dizzy bat races and football tosses.

One of Campus Recreation's most compelling offerings for incoming freshmen is The Odyssey, an outdoor adventure at Camp Eagle in which they can create bonds with one another, get to know University faculty and staff, HBU upperclassmen, and build their relationships with Jesus Christ. "This unique experience is an opportunity for the freshmen to jumpstart their journeys at HBU, get the tools they need to be successful in college, and participate in exhilarating and challenging activities while supporting their peers and developing their

leadership abilities," Sorrell said. "The skills and relationships students build on The Odyssey is one reason why some students said they

LINH-LY VINH, CLASS OF 2020

After looking at all of my options, I decided that HBU was the best option for me.

I am a Psychology major with a Family Studies minor and am in the Honors College. I see myself doing counseling with couples and families; I really like helping people and getting to know how people think and view the world.

I have been involved with Life Tree Ministries (LTM) through BSM. LTM is a program where we go to a refugee apartment complex and share the Gospel with children and help them with their homework. I have also been a social media student worker in the Department of Student Success. Taking part in the ministry and the student worker position has pushed me out of my comfort zone. It allowed me to get to know more people outside of my classes and initial friend group.

HBU is such a welcoming community, and you immediately feel like you are a part of the family. It has been such a wonderful experience getting to know, not only my fellow classmates, but also the HBU faculty and staff. Every person I have met at HBU has helped me grow as a person.

I am really glad that I chose HBU because I had a major transition from my high school experience to college. But, HBU helped make that transition easier by being so welcoming and open, and helped me realize that I did make the right decision for me.





chose to remain at HBU." Dunn summed up the exercise, relational and enrichment options: "Campus Recreation provides

opportunities for the students to really thrive." Sorrell added, "College is all about academics, but like Student Involvement, we believe it's about having a full collegiate experience too. At Campus Recreation, we strive to offer a place for students to go during their leisure time and provide a fun and faith-filled environment, all while becoming and staying physically fit."

SPIRITUAL LIFE & DISCIPLESHIP

Around HBU's campus, it's common to see students poring over a Bible or devotional book, or having coffee with a discipleship partner.

The faith

component of HBU allows the student experience to be truly complete.

University associate minister, Saleim Kahleh, doesn't underestimate the importance of a spiritual education. "We desire for students to see growth in all areas of their lives – especially spiritually," he said. "Knowing that our spirits will live forever, and because we love our students, our hope and our prayer is that every student will know Jesus. When we know Christ, we become alive to God. At HBU, students have opportunities to encounter Christ and His love for them, as well as discover that the Lord can be real to them every day of their lives. That is one reason why I love HBU so much."

HBU Spiritual Life is integrated into each aspect of the University, from GO Orientations, to Welcome Days, weekly events, concerts, retreats and commencement ceremonies. Events like Convocation, a campus-wide chapel service that meets twice per week, provides community worship and encourages spiritual formation and development.

OSCAR BENITEZ, JR., CLASS OF 2020

I was looking for universities that catered to transfer students; HBU offered an incentive Transfer Student Scholarship I couldn't pass up! I remember on the campus tour, we entered the Hodo Residence building and Hatton Chapel. When I saw the glasswork depicting Jesus on the cross, I knew I was home. Even though I am attending a Baptist campus, I enjoy the fact that I can profess and live out my Catholic faith openly. In the same light, I love the diversity in religious and ethnic backgrounds.

I am majoring in Biology with a minor in Art. My plan is to attend medical school for general pediatrics and use my skills as a physician to do mission work and cater to children in need.

Currently, I am a resident assistant, and I have been a biology lab assistant. I'm part of the Catholic Student Association, AED (our pre-health professions club), and the American Chemical Society. This year, I also joined Life Tree Ministries to work with refugee children, and I spent a summer working for the Recreation Team going to different church camps throughout the state.

HBU is a place of growth in academic, spiritual, social and personal aspects! HBU has opened so many doors for me in ways I had never imagined. It is by far one of the best choices I have ever made, and I couldn't be any happier to call myself a Husky!



Impactful speakers are selected for their ability to connect with students and to challenge them to become productive citizens for the Kingdom of God. Participation in these activities contributes toward students' required Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits. Additionally, students learn through three Christianity/Bible courses, a University academic requirement.

Much of the University's spiritual activities fall under the umbrella of Kaleo, an initiative made possible through a grant given by Terry and Doris Looper in 2015. Kaleo, which means "to call" in Greek, is instrumental in providing real-life application for spiritual concepts. Colette Cross, HBU director of Discipleship, said, "When we received the grant, the purpose was to infuse discipleship into each

part of who we are and what we do as a University. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students, faculty and staff to know the Lord on a personal basis, and to understand

who Christ is in their lives, as well as know what it means to walk in faith with the Lord."

Means for student growth include discipling partnerships with faculty and staff members, Bible studies, small groups, concerts, community worship, volunteer service opportunities and mission learning trips. "We want to make sure that all who come to HBU will hear about the Gospel and the relationship with Christ that one can have," Cross said.

The faith component of HBU has been inseparable from student Jonathan Rangel's college experience. "I've been a leader for the Baptist Student Ministry and helped start our first-ever Spanish Bible study, 'Profundo,' at HBU. Thanks to the Spiritual Life department, I was able to travel to Israel through Passages. I will now be interning in Jerusalem for the entire summer of 2018," he said. "At HBU, you're not only attending a Christian campus, but you are being fed spiritually, and you have amazing professors, staff and classmates who care about your future. The Kaleo discipleship opportunities help us

learn our call for ministry, show us how to live like Christ, and also how to share the Gospel with others."

Knowing one's life calling, or "clarity of call," is a vital part of what Spiritual Life helps provide. "We want to solidify that clarity of call that students have on their lives and provide really solid citizens who graduate and who make good decisions based on their faith," Cross said. "That call could be as a banker or an artist; whatever it is, we know that our common thread is Christ."

Cross and Kahleh emphasize, too, that people of all faiths or of no faith are also welcome at HBU. "We pray that, while they're here, the Christian faith becomes a deeply ingrained part of students' lives so they're equipped to step out into the world," Kahleh said. "I see from the HBU mission statement to the heart of our president, Dr. Sloan, that Jesus is Lord at HBU. Not everyone becomes a Christ-follower, but there is definitely opportunity. Here, you have the freedom to follow the Lord. It's so rewarding to see what God has done and continues to do at HBU."



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MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AMOUNT*	APPROXIMATE MINIMUM H.S. CLASS RANK	APPROXIMATE MINIMUM SCORE
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FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP	\$84,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (or up to \$21,000 per academic year)	TOP 5% TOP 10% TOP 15%	1220 25 1290 27 1380 30
PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP	\$72,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (or up to \$18,000 per academic year)	TOP 15% TOP 20% TOP 25%	1180 24 1260 26 1320 28
LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP	\$60,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (or up to \$15,000 per academic year)	TOP 25% TOP 30% TOP 35%	1110 22 1180 24 1260 26
UNIVERSITY GRANTS	\$32,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (or up to \$8,000 per academic year) \$24,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (or up to \$6,000 per academic year)	All unconditionally accepted freshmen who do not qualify for a scholarship listed above will be considered for one of these University Grants.	

*Actual scholarship award amounts may vary depending on other merit-based awards.

RENEWAL OF FRESHMAN MERIT AWARDS

Recipients of the Founders and President's scholarship are expected to maintain a 3.0 cumulative HBU grade point average for renewal in subsequent years. Recipients of the Legacy Scholarship or a University Grant must maintain a 2.5 cumulative HBU grade point average for renewal in subsequent years.



TUITION: \$30,480
FEES: \$2,050

90%

Over 90% of our students receive financial aid awards!



\$24 million for scholarships & institutional grants awarded last year



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Our online tool helps you see how affordable HBU can be!
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SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

2018-2019 MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HBU TRANSFERS

A new, full-time transfer who has 15 hours **after** high school graduation will be considered for the following transfer awards.

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS	AMOUNT	QUALIFICATIONS
PROVOST'S SCHOLARSHIP	\$15,000 per academic year	3.5-4.0 CUMULATIVE TRANSFER GRADE POINT AVERAGE
DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP	\$13,000 per academic year	3.0-3.49 CUMULATIVE TRANSFER GRADE POINT AVERAGE
TRANSFER GRANT	\$6,000 per academic year	2.5-2.99 CUMULATIVE TRANSFER GRADE POINT AVERAGE
PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000 per academic year	Member in good standing with Phi Theta Kappa as a new transfer student to HBU. This scholarship is stackable on top of the other transfer awards.

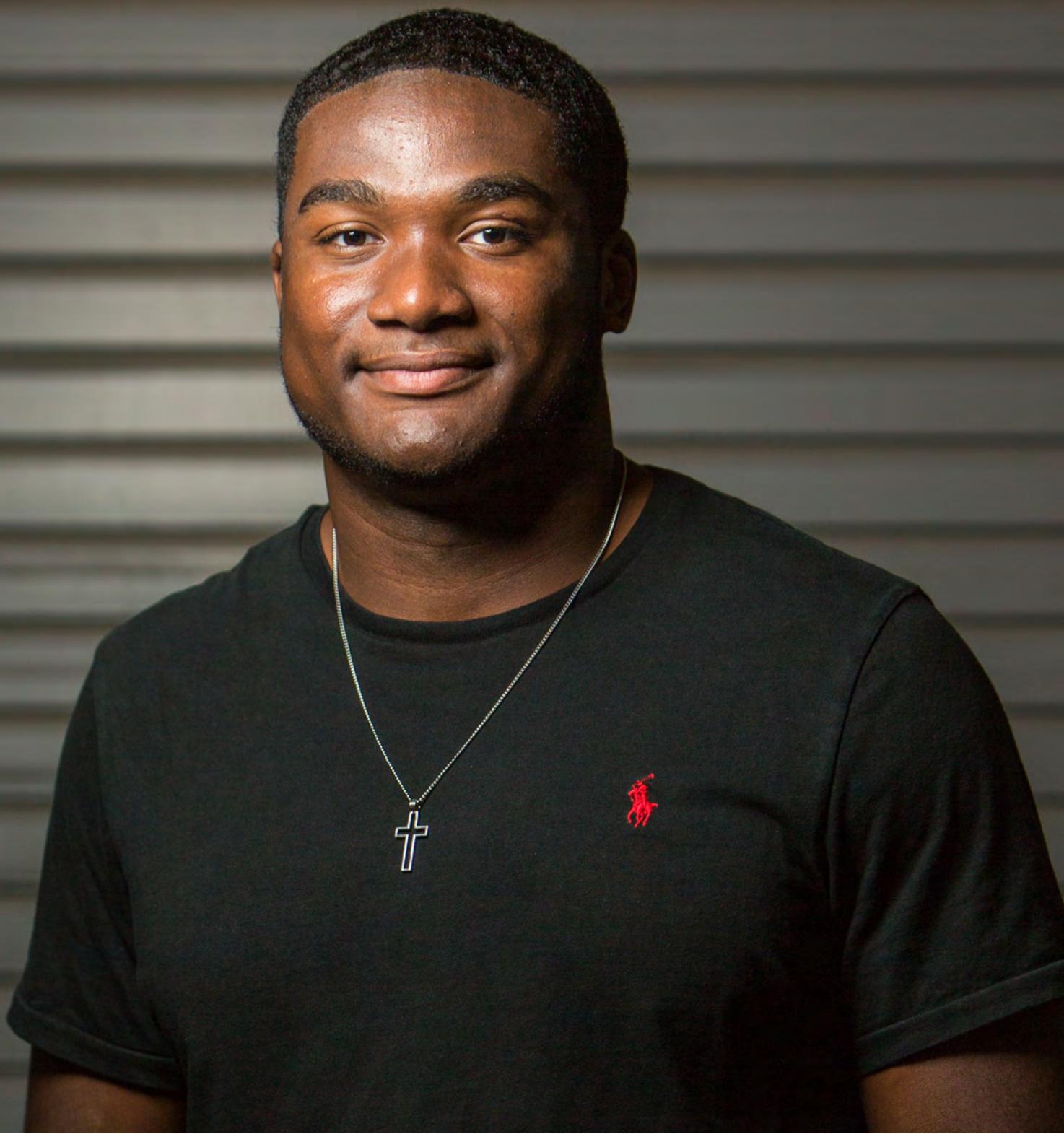
RENEWAL OF TRANSFER MERIT AWARDS

Recipients of the Provost's and Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship are expected to maintain a 3.0 cumulative HBU grade point average for renewal in subsequent years. Recipients of the Dean's Scholarship or Transfer Grant are expected to maintain a 2.5 cumulative HBU grade point average for renewal in subsequent years.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR FRESHMEN AND TRANSFERS

OTHER AWARDS	AMOUNT	QUALIFICATIONS
CHURCH MATCHING GRANT	Up to \$4,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (\$1,000 per academic year)	Christian churches may contribute scholarship dollars to a full-time, undergraduate student. HBU will match dollar for dollar up to \$1,000 for those with unmet need.
MINISTERIAL DEPENDENTS GRANT	Up to \$8,000 divided over 8 undergraduate semesters (\$2,000 per academic year)	Dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers and/or missionaries may apply. Recipients must maintain a 2.8 cumulative HBU grade point average. This grant can be combined with the church matching grant for those ministerial dependents with unmet need.
BGCT MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$50 per credit hour for Freshmen and Sophomores \$75 per credit hour for Juniors and Seniors	To qualify, a student must be someone who has accepted Christ as Lord and personal Savior, be a member of a Baptist church, and provide church-affirmed evidence of a sense of call to ministry.
TALENT-BASED GRANTS	Award amounts vary	Students who contribute special abilities or services to the University may qualify. Talent grants are awarded in music, art, cheer, forensics, athletics and/or nursing. Those interested in a talent-based grant should contact the individual department(s) for more information.

***Note:** Superscoring is the practice of taking the highest subscores from different test dates of either the SAT or ACT and combining them to create a new, higher superscore. HBU will superscore across different sittings of the old SAT or different sittings of the new SAT. However, HBU will only superscore between new or old versions of the SAT (ie. across 2 new versions or 2 old versions), and not between the old and new SAT.



Football Player and Pre-Med Student Gives His Best on and off the Field

André Walker III still remembers when a friend of his family pointed out his build as an elementary student and encouraged the family to put André in football. His mother, Antoinette, didn't like the idea at first. "My mom wasn't a fan of football because of the collisions," Walker said. "But she took a chance on it."

The New Orleans native had only played baseball up until that point, but beginning in sixth grade, he donned full football gear with a jersey on top for the first time. André's father didn't need convincing. "He loved it," Walker said. "He would go in the backyard and set up an obstacle course for my twin brother and I to run through. He would hold a bag and have us tackle it."

By the time he was a student at Brother Martin High School, Walker was a solid player, serving as a defensive linebacker, defensive nose and defensive end. "I like the physical nature of football," he said. "You get to show a different part of yourself that you can't outside of football." He also likes the team dynamic of working together to accomplish goals.

It was after his junior year of high school that Walker realized he was not only going to play football in college, but he would have options. Several schools courted him, impressed by his combination of power and agility, but it was the HBU coaching staff that made an impression on him. "Being part of the football program at its beginning stages and creating a legacy for

others was exciting to me," he said.

In his first season, Walker earned All-Southland Conference Honorable Mention and was named to the Southland Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. The success was just a continuation of the work ethic that Walker brought to the program. "In high school, I was going against players that outweighed me by 75 pounds, so I was used to giving it my all," he said.

Academically, Walker had prepared himself in high school as well, determined to get an academic scholarship if he had been unable to secure an athletic scholarship. His pre-med major at HBU requires an extra measure of discipline. During the season, Walker's days begin with 6 a.m. workouts. Then, after classes, team meetings, and afternoon practice, late nights of studying and completing homework are common.

"For me, the way I like to study combined with the amount of practicing we do means I have to sacrifice a lot of sleep," he said. "You really have to manage your time throughout the day. I feel like it's important for my brother, Antonio, and younger sister, Anastasia, to see me keeping my grades up as well as doing something that I love. I think even if you face hardships, you have to keep pushing through it and learning to make it work."

Despite the rigorous practice schedule, Walker credits Head Coach Vic Shealy and the rest of the coaching staff with providing players the opportunity to be refreshed with

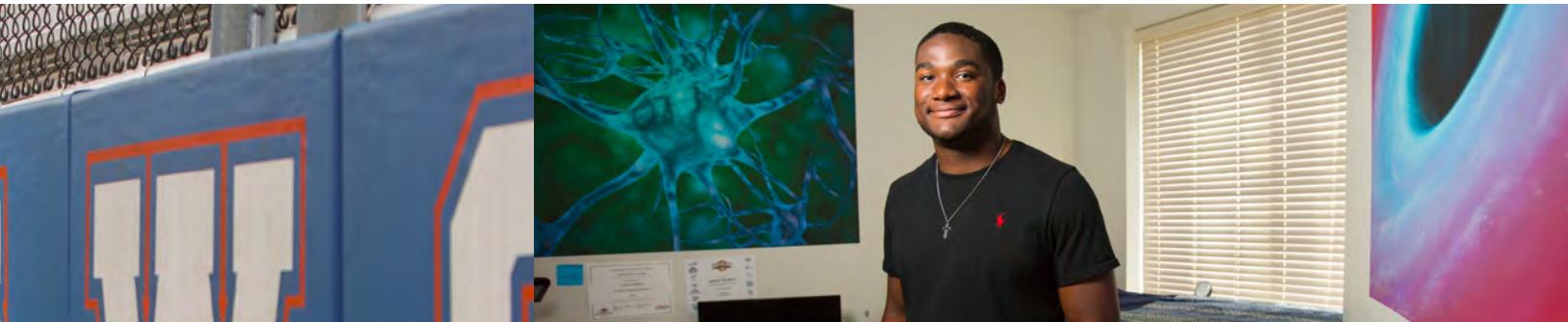
devotional wisdom, and to attend events like internship fairs. "He really looks after us and makes sure we have our lives in order," Walker said. "It's not only about football."

The holistic view translates to HBU's education as well, he said. "The academic excellence at HBU coupled with the religious aspect is unique," Walker said. "A lot of schools don't do that." When he's not maintaining his 3.92 GPA or playing football, the junior attends Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a member of the pre-med society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and is part of a research team. He's also an e-trader by hobby, swapping stocks in his free time.

This summer, Walker is shadowing the team physician, Dr. Vishal M. Shah, before going to Columbia University for the Summer Health Professions Education Program. The experiences are helping him along his planned path of becoming a neurosurgeon.

Exceptional in many ways, Walker is still just one of the guys. He speaks of his teammates with affection. "I have met my best friends in life," he said. "Those are guys I'll never forget. We bleed and sweat together. I know 30 years from now we'll definitely be doing things together; we're a family."

As for his own family, it's safe to say that Walker's mother has come around to the idea of her son playing football. "She loves it," he said. "She's screaming and hollering, and you can hear her over everybody in the stands."



Dr. Doris Warren Celebrates 50 Years on Her Mission Field

Growing up in north Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Doris C. Warren's imagination was captured as an onlooker of the world's space race. "It was at a time when the Sputnik era was starting," she said. "NASA was just getting started and a lot of emphasis was placed on science and related careers."

At the same time, Warren showed an early proclivity toward academia. "I'd always loved to read. My mother said I was a born teacher. I would play school with my sister, Betty, who was four years younger," she said.

While she enjoyed a range of subjects, it was chemistry class that truly catapulted Warren into her life's work. Warren liked the ability to incorporate math and explore chemical possibilities. "I had a wonderful high school chemistry teacher," Warren remembers. "We built rockets and went out on the farmland and shot them off. It was a lot of hands-on activities."

After graduating high school in 1959, Warren entered Baylor University with about 50 other freshmen chemistry majors. By her sophomore year, she was a lab assistant, helping the professor set up freshmen labs and conduct research. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1963 and her master's in 1967 from Baylor, both in chemistry.

Warren joined the faculty of Houston Baptist University in the fall of 1967. The first HBU class had graduated that spring, and the first president, Dr. William H. Hinton, along with other inaugural faculty members, were just getting started. "The Southwest Freeway dead-ended at Fondren," she said. "The campus was sparse; the big trees were sticks back then and it looked like a prairie."

While a new higher learning institution meant much groundwork had to be laid, it also was an opportunity for free-thinking. "That was the beauty of being at a brand new school," Warren said. "There was no one saying, 'We've been doing things this way.' You were really part of it. I was here when they were doing the first accrediting work for SACSCOC (Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). I was put on the committee to write the faculty handbook. I learned from the ground up how a university worked. Here at its young stages, we could be very creative. HBU had these businessmen founders like Dr. Stewart Morris. They were very entrepreneurial and it allowed us to be."

Warren credits the University leadership and founding faculty members like Dr. Joyce Fan for their role at HBU and in her own life. "I feel like I grew up academically and professionally as HBU grew," she said. In 1975, Warren completed her doctorate in chemistry through the University of Houston.



Throughout the years, Warren championed for her students, for chemistry resources, and for HBU as a whole. Early on, she helped secure a National Science Foundation Grant toward scientific instrumentation. In 1985, she pursued a Robert A. Welch Foundation Grant that alone has provided more than \$750,000 for the Chemistry Department. In all, she managed to secure more than one million dollars for her program. The grants are only some of the evidence of the fruitful relationships she formed with individuals, organizations and fellow schools.

Even as she saw the big picture of her department, she still prioritized her students. In fact, she was named the Texas Minnie Stevens Piper Professor in 1991. She has made sure that undergraduate students have the opportunity to do research, and to receive a unique level of attentiveness. "We don't have graduate students teaching labs like in large schools. Students really learn how a scientific paper is composed. The mentoring and advising we have makes the difference."

Furthermore, Warren carried on her own love of research, publishing papers and presenting with students at venues like NASA, the University of Houston, UT Health Science Center and Baylor College of Medicine. "Research is an excellent way to teach students critical thinking and problem-solving," she said. "I'd put our students up against any that are out there." She has seen her students graduate and go into careers like medicine, education,



MEMORIES OF FORMER STUDENTS

"She wasn't much older than us when she came. She was involved in getting me an assistantship in chemistry in the graduate school at Baylor."

-*Jerry Burkhalter, '71*

"I worked as a lab manager for her, and she hosted a wedding shower for my wife, Debbie, and me. She was instrumental in making sure I was a chemist."

-*Monroe Copeland, '71*

"Even now, Dr. Warren is very supportive. It's been exciting to read about her getting grants and seeing her accomplishments."

-*Dr. Kay Lee, '75*

"Dr. Doris Warren is a professor, mentor and lifelong friend. She is a brilliant scientist, effective teacher and godly counselor."

-*Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox, '81*

"She always seemed interested in her students. She's had an impact on so many people and is well-loved. Her classes definitely helped me to do what I do now as a project manager at Baylor College of Medicine."

-*Diane Nino, '86*

"I was terrified of her, and one day she walked by when I was playing music in class. She said, 'Is that Julio Iglesias?' That completely changed the way I saw her. She was tough, but it gave me the discipline to go to graduate school."

-*Elizabeth Bohorquez, '87*

"My favorite part of her class was how passionate she was about teaching ethics. She also paid for my friend and me to go to an etiquette course on campus. I'm completely grateful for her."

-*Kevin Ramirez, '13*

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The HBU Alumni Board of Directors has created an endowed scholarship in Dr. Doris C. Warren's honor. Visit HBU.edu/Warren to contribute.

Randy Sorrels Gives to His Alma Mater

On Houston Baptist University's Day of Giving, Friday, August 31, 2018, Randy Sorrels, '84, will match all donations made to the University, up to \$50,000. Make your donation that day for maximum impact!

Learn more from Alumni Relations: **281.649.3413** or AlumniAssociation@HBU.edu.

Visit HBU.edu/AnnualFund.
HBU.edu/p55-Sorrels



One of the most impressive accomplishments of Houston attorney and HBU alumnus Randy Sorrels, '84, is how he's shared his success.

A managing partner of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz, he was recently chosen as the President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas; Sorrels will serve fellow and future Texas lawyers in the role.

Sorrels is the person behind HBU's Day of Giving generous matching offer. On the University's Day of Giving, Friday, August 31, 2018, Sorrels will match all donations made to the University, up to \$50,000. The gift is just part of a philanthropic pattern for Sorrels.

"My father was in the military and served two tours in Vietnam. He is my role model for service," Sorrels said. "I never thought when I was a student at HBU on an athletic scholarship, and then an academic scholarship, that I would be in a position to give back. I feel it's my obligation to pave the way for others and help them."

Sorrels' affiliation with the University began in 1980, when the soccer defensive player came to play. "I was set to go to a large university in Texas, but made the decision to come to play at HBU. When I got here, I found out it was the best decision I could've possibly made," he said.

He fondly remembers how the soccer team rallied from being underdogs to being the team to beat. "Coming in 1980, we didn't win a single game. But in 1981, with an infusion of new players, we ended up with the best record in the nation," Sorrels said. "I see

that as a microcosm of what goes on in the University as people get involved. We succeed and grow as we participate and do what we can for the University."

Although his law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston sent him into the career for which he is known, Sorrels gives credence to his undergraduate education as well. "At HBU, I majored in political science and speech communication. Both degree specialties helped me, not only in law school, but after that," he said. "I use both of those degrees still today."

Even when he was just beginning in the professional world, Sorrels made it a habit to give to HBU. "As soon as I started to make an adult living, I started to give back just a little," he said. "If you're young, and you give back \$25 a year, that's important to the University. And besides your treasure, you can give of your time and talents."

His contributions grew through the decades with his ability to give. In 2007, HBU's soccer field was dedicated as Sorrels Field. "HBU brought me great friendships both on and off the soccer team that I still enjoy. HBU was terrific academically," he said. "I believe God guides us in the way that He wants us to go, and there couldn't have been a better path for me."

Sorrels said he hopes alumni and friends of the University will jump all in for Day of Giving. "August 31, 2018 is a date that I look forward to. I hope the match encourages people to give, and I hope many people will be involved," he said. "I believe that giving back to this University is one of the most important things we can do to help future HBU alumni."





Academic Success Center Tutoring Program: The Power of Peers

HBU is known for its friendly professors, whose open-door policy helps ensure students aren't lacking in academic support. But sometimes, a boost from another perspective is just what is needed to help students perform well in a course. The Academic Success Center Tutoring Program is about employing the power of peers.

Undergraduate or graduate students who need assistance in a subject or in a writing assignment may schedule tutoring via HBU's portal for next-day appointments. Students may also visit the ASC, housed in the Moody Library, during library hours for walk-in appointments or to schedule a tutoring session in person. "When students come for a tutoring appointment, they're learning from a peer who has taken the class, earned an 'A,' and received a professor recommendation," explained Margaret Humphreys, director of the ASC. "Sometimes students are more comfortable approaching a peer for help instead of a professor."

About 50 qualified tutors assist

other students at the center. "Hiring effective tutors and partnering with our faculty are two keys to the ASC's success," Humphreys said. The center is CRLA (College Reading & Learning Association)-certified. The ASC's services also encompass academic coaching, supplemental instruction, online tutoring, academic workshops and test reviews.

Biology major Oscar Benitez, Jr. comes to the ASC regularly for tutoring across subjects. "In high school, sometimes getting tutoring has a stigma. But in the college setting, you're dumb if you don't go," he said. "I say to people who struggle in class: 'Have you gone to tutoring?' You have to take advantage of the resource."

Tutors like Klaire Ansell, a philosophy major, benefit from the program as well. She is able to practice toward her goal of becoming a professor while having a part-time job on campus. "I love doing it; I like the people," she said. "I would always recommend it to everyone." In addition to the tutors, the ASC employs several student workers to facilitate appointments and keep the

center's 3,000 appointments per year running smoothly.

Students don't pay a fee for the tutoring service, and are not limited in the amount of tutoring they may receive. The ASC, with its moveable furniture, Apple televisions, dry erase surfaces and private study booths – all made possible by donors – has become a learning and studying magnet for students.

For soccer athlete Malik Key, the community environment facilitates study groups and connections outside of formal tutoring as well. "That's the great thing about being in the ASC. You have a lot of others in the same major whom you can go to," he said. "If I need help, I'll study with someone who's about to graduate. Nobody judges you if you don't understand the concept. Everybody here is welcoming."

Humphreys said, "The ASC is one of students' favorite places on campus. We are kind and helpful to students while also empowering them with the resources they need to be successful."

Learn more at HBU.edu/ASC.

Education Seen as a Tool for Sharing the Gospel

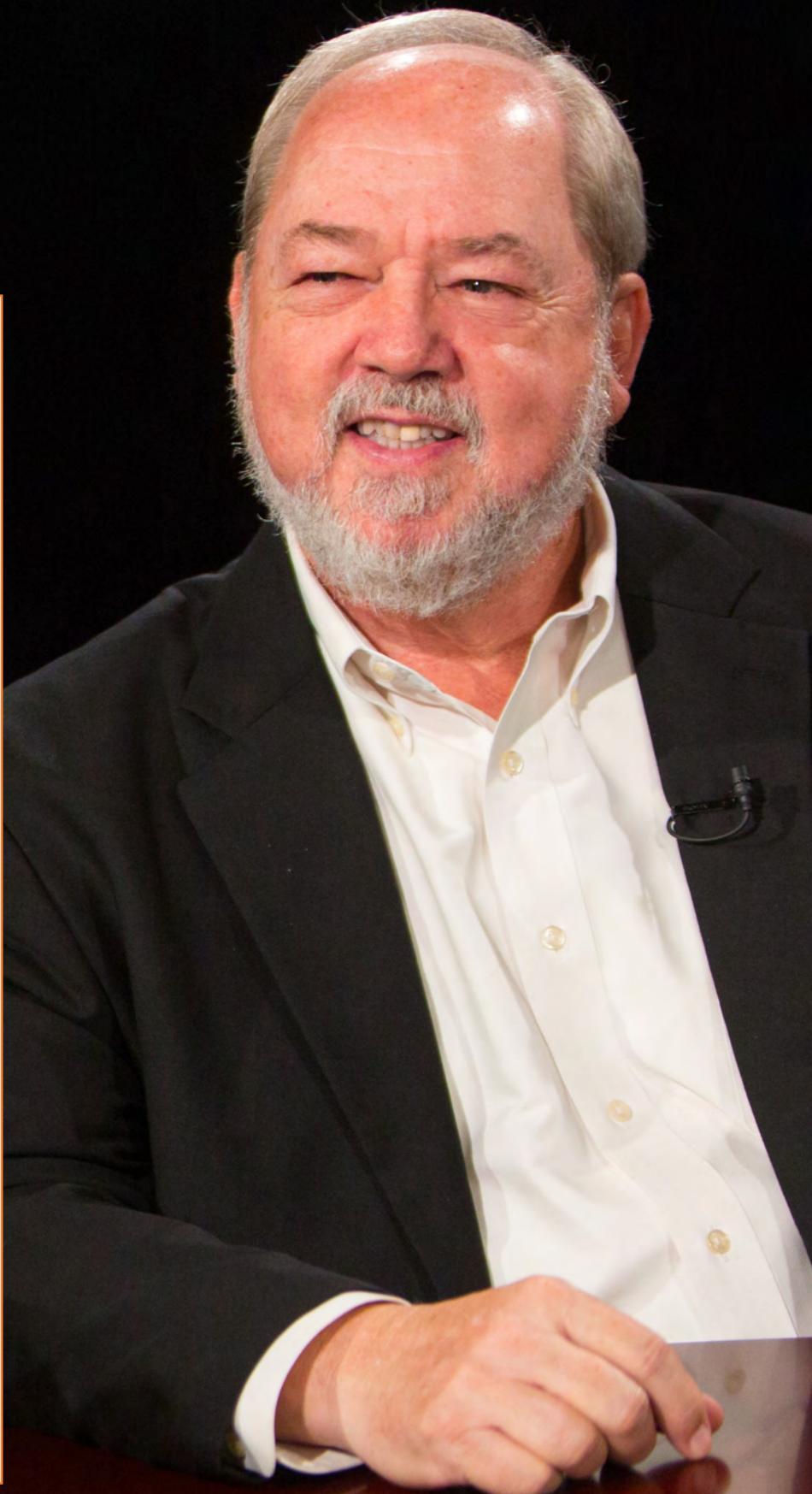
While Jesus' words in the Great Commission includes an exhortation to "teach," missionary Joe Hale didn't associate that with schools. More than 30 years ago, he and his wife, Ann, were serving in Korea when they needed classes for missionary children. Soon, responsibilities surrounding providing an education to a growing group of children took up their time. "I was praying, 'When can I get back to the main thing?' He kind of let us know that the main thing had changed," Hale said. "We were seeing more people come to Christ through that school setting than the rest of our ministry."

From there, the Network of International Christian Schools was formed. Thousands of students are served in 17 schools across 15 countries – and growing. The home countries of the students include about 120 nations. Many of the students and their families hear the Gospel for the first time through school and school-related events.

"I'm absolutely convinced that the new missionary visa is a teaching credential," Hale said. "Your teaching credential will get you into more places than anything. There are basically no closed doors."

When young people, many of whom are future leaders, become Christians, the ramifications in their lives and in their home countries are exponential. "We're going to influence the nations by influencing the children. They can impact their countries. That makes me excited to get up every day," Hale said. "We have to be consumed with seeing His glory taken to all nations."

*Learn more at
NICS.org
HBU.edu/p55-Hale*





Helen Keller



"Rembrandt's Mother" by Gerard Dou

Lady Jane Grey



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Dunham Bible Museum Showcasing Some of the Many Women Who Have Furthered the Message of the Bible

Women were an integral part of the early narrative of Scripture, as well as Jesus' life and ministry. Throughout the history of the Church, women have read and studied the Scripture, and have shared its truth with others through numerous ways – as scribes, translators, missionaries, queens, mothers and teachers.

Women are certainly not an afterthought when it comes to Scripture and to biblical scholarship. Not only are they central in its stories, but they have played roles in recording, preserving and advancing what we now know as the Holy Bible. Even from the earliest days of Christianity, women were valuable contributors in a time when Greek and Roman culture did not emphasize the influence of common women. For example, Phoebe, mentioned in the book of Romans, carried Paul's writings to Rome. Today, about 85 percent of Wycliffe Bible translators are women.

HBU's Dunham Bible Museum is portraying some of the meaningful stories of women's involvement in the Bible through its exhibit, "Women and the Bible." The exhibit features the stories and work of women worldwide ranging from English royal Lady Jane Grey to country singer Dale Evans.

Dr. Diana Severance, director of the Dunham Bible Museum, said the exhibit was inspired by Peter Lillback, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, and Herman Selderhuis, professor of Church History at the Theological University Apeldoorn in the Netherlands, and director of Refo500, the international platform which highlights the legacy of the Reformation. "Concerned that some groups have claimed that Christianity denigrated women, they suggested an exhibit showing how important the role of women in the Bible and women sharing the message of the Bible have been," Severance said. "Wherever Christianity has gone, women have been elevated, and their worth truly recognized."

Remarkably, most of the pieces on display belong to the museum's private collection. The exhibit is on display through 2018.

"Women and the Bible"
On Exhibit through Dec. 14, 2018
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday
Dunham Bible Museum

Morris Cultural Arts Center
7502 Fondren Road
Entrance is Free
281.649.3287
HBU.edu/BibleMuseum



HBU Alumna Portrays Women of the Bible

HBU Alumna Sarah Beth Baca, '01, has been a student of the Bible since childhood, and an artist with a knack for combining the real with the whimsical. In recent years, she's gleaned artistic inspiration from fresh readings of Scripture. "I wanted to do something a little different artistically," she said. "Many of us who have grown up in church have seen more traditional illustrations. I wanted to create something that made people think differently about these people from history."

Specifically, Baca is passionate about exploring the stories of women in the Bible, both well-known and obscure. "I didn't want to just paint another picture, but to break open some of the stereotypes and give a different perspective on the story," she said. "You see things as an adult you didn't see before, like how incredible it was that Deborah went into battle, or how the battle was turned by Jael. I thought, 'What would a woman like this look like? She's got to be tough and fierce. How can I portray these ancient stories and give them a new, vibrant perspective?' And even having read through the Bible many times, reading through the Bible with new eyes, I saw stories of women I never remembered reading. For example, there is a woman named Sheerah

who built three cities. It just opened up my mind."

During the past two years, Baca has portrayed 25 women from the Bible, and she is still going. Her process includes studying Scripture, as well as researching culture and pertinent information pertaining to the time period. "I start out with a drawing of the face and background with watercolor, and then draw details with ink," she said. "It's what's coming out of my imagination of what they might look like."

Baca draws each image as half of the face, representing women's role as half of God's created image and alluding to their mystery. The women's hair and halos are filled with significant icons and text related to the biblical story. While the drawings are not intended to be literal – Priscilla has violet hair for instance – they're meant to capture the essence of the women. "I like the freedom of expression," Baca said. "For some, I just get a feeling, and a sense of what the woman contributed to that time and place, like love, care and protection."

Because the Bible contains limited information about its characters, Baca has visually told the stories of some of the women with the help of custom. For example, Lady Wisdom of Proverbs is known as Sophia, and the woman at the well is known

as Saint Photina in Orthodox and Catholic church traditions.

Baca's depictions of biblical heroines have been admired by people around the world, and her work has been published by Fuller Seminary and Mutuality Magazine. "I think this series has just been God-ordained," she said. "He gave me this vision for creating it."

Baca credits her parents, Jerry and Sheila Wiles, for supporting her artistic pursuits from the start. "My mom played a huge role in developing my creative side; we would spend hours on creative projects together," Baca said. Later, at HBU, Baca grew in her abilities while an art student. In fact, paintings she completed as part of worship during HBU convocations are still treasured and on display at the University. She also relies on the support of her husband, Brandon '00, with whom she has three children.

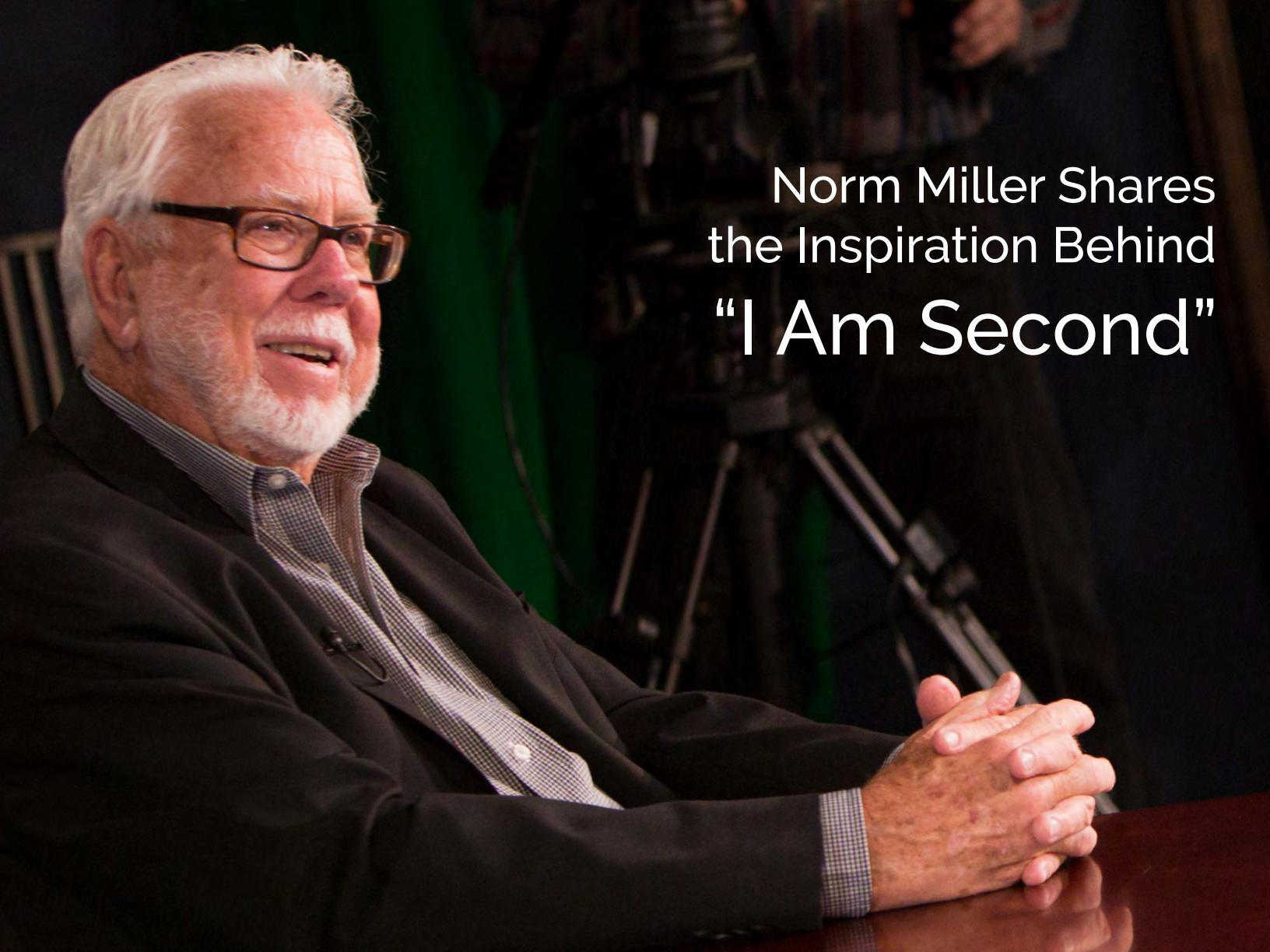
Baca's current projects include community mural projects throughout the area and a summer 2018 gallery exhibit at BR Vino in Rosenberg.

To find Sarah Beth's art, visit:

Society6.com/SarahBethBacaArt

Facebook.com/SarahBethArt

Instagram.com/SarahBethBacaArt



Norm Miller Shares the Inspiration Behind “I Am Second”

As the chairman of a billion-dollar success, Interstate Batteries, Norm Miller knows how to build a business and work hard. Yet, his ambition as a young man didn't seem to carry him to the fulfillment for which he was searching.

"I thought I was supposed to be happy. I had a family, a house, a job with a nice title, but I was getting worse," he said. "I started drinking early, and ended up at 34 having a drinking problem. One morning I realized that I was not in control of things, and I was unfulfilled even after accomplishing

the goals that I thought would make me happy."

Miller described his turning point during an interview with Dr. Robert Sloan, HBU president. "A Christian friend told me the Bible was the Word of God. I said, 'Well, prove it.' I started reading and studying about it," Miller said. "I was actually kind of blown away. It had more basis for belief than anything in history."

Miller particularly remembers studying the fruits of the Spirit in the book of Galatians. "I read 'peace, love and joy.' I wanted to be happy and

fulfilled," he said. "I wanted my life to count."

Miller accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and attests, "God promises to put His Spirit in your heart. The fruit of embracing and obeying God are the peace, love and joy, along with the other fruits of the Spirit."

His spiritual growth continued through discipleship and involvement in a church. Soon, Miller faced the question of how his faith and his work would interact.

"When I got into discipleship, I saw that it was not segmented," he said.

"The reach of the message that Jesus is first and each believer is second has reached about 18 million people and 220 countries."

-Norm Miller



"My brother – who came to Christ around the same time I did – we talked. In the book of Matthew, in essence it says that there is another meeting after this. If we have to stand before God, we have to make a decision. We decided that we were going to honor God. We prayed that we would not turn people off, but that we'd be winsome."

Company meetings began with prayer after that. Miller prayed for employees, and prayed for details about the business. He maintained a devotional practice, memorized Scripture and faithfully kept a prayer journal – all practices he continues today.

"One morning that Scripture came in my mind that, 'You will be my witnesses (Acts 1:8)," Miller said. "Where's my Jerusalem? In North Texas I've been a good witness I thought. The next

thought I had was, 'Have you gone for broke? Can more be done? Can you do it? Well then do it."

Miller phoned a ministry called e3 Partners. He wanted to find a way to reach people with the message of hope and salvation through Jesus.

"They came back with this, 'I Am Second' campaign," Miller remembers. "I thought, 'How am I going to know if this is what I should do?'"

Miller prayed for God's guidance to show him if the campaign was the right route to take. He recalled Jesus' promise that if He is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself.

For the first time in prayer, Miller said, he felt a physical sensation lifting him up, describing the answer to his prayer. He realized that Jesus would do the drawing.

"The response was phenomenal and we went viral," Miller said of the campaign. "That's been nine years ago."

The reach of the message that Jesus is first and each believer is second has reached about 18 million people and 220 countries, he said.

The campaign reached far beyond North Texas, just like Miller's business. As the wise investor in the parable of the talents, Miller has multiplied his resources and invested in the lives of others.

"One thing about being a Christian – you can play 'til the day you die. You don't have to sit in the stands," he said. "We get to be fulfilled in God in all the things He has for us."

*Learn more at IamSecond.com.
HBU.edu/p55-Miller*

Scylla and Charybdis: Between Fear and Courage

By Dr. Steven L. Jones

According to Greek mythology, Scylla (pronounced SIL-ah) and Charybdis (pronounced kah-RIB-dis) were monsters that inhabited opposite sides of a channel of water, sometimes imagined as the Strait of Messina separating Italy from Sicily. Scylla, a former lover of Poseidon, had been transformed into a hideous beast by the poisoned bath salts of Poseidon's angry wife Amphitrite. Charybdis was a massive underwater beast, later rationalized as a whirlpool, that would drink in ocean water three times a day and spew it out again. Sailors had to choose how to navigate the hazard. If you sailed too close to Scylla, she would snatch six people from your ship, but the rest would survive. If you went too close to Charybdis, you risked your whole ship being sucked down and destroyed. "Caught between Scylla and Charybdis" was the ancient equivalent to our "stuck between a rock and a hard place."

The choice of Scylla versus Charybdis is a hard one. Do you knowingly cause the death of six crew members in order to save the rest? Or, do you risk all their lives in the hopes of saving all their lives? What is interesting is that when I pose this question to my students, they all immediately have the same reaction: Scylla...logically. It is more logical to lose six crew members than all of them. They stick with Scylla even when I clarify that they are choosing to intentionally and knowingly kill six people so the rest can live — noble sacrifice they say. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. The light begins to dawn when one of them asks, "Do we get to pick who those six are, or does Scylla pick?" The prospect of being one of the six promotes a reevaluation of the situation. If you were one of the six designated as Scylla-bait, maybe the idea of attempting Charybdis doesn't seem like too bad of an idea.

Often this myth is discussed as an example of a no-win scenario in order to teach people that sometimes there is no right answer. But I believe this is the wrong way to read it. The choice between Scylla and Charybdis is not about the difficulty of certain choices. It is about the fact that in the midst of making difficult choices, every one of us would prefer to choose Scylla, but we should choose Charybdis. We are the captains of our lives. When we encounter difficult straits, we would rather throw six dead bodies overboard and move along. Scylla provides us an opportunity to avoid risk or change or labor, but at the cost of doing wrong. We lie, steal, cheat, or kill in order to maintain the course of our lives. Charybdis requires courage to risk everything we hold dear. But it keeps our souls intact.





FISA versus the *Constitution*

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I. Introduction

This article explains and evaluates the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act ("FISA"), 50 U.S.C. §§ 1801–1885c. It also explains and evaluates the system of secret, *ex parte* courts established by FISA.

Congress passed FISA in 1978 to prevent electronic surveillance violating First and Fourth Amendment liberties. Rather than preventing such surveillance, however, FISA actually creates a statutory pathway that nurtures and protects unconstitutional electronic surveillance. FISA also creates a system of secret, *ex parte* courts that systematically deny due process to Americans surveilled under FISA.

Recent allegations of FISA abuse compel a closer analysis of FISA and its secret court system. Federal officials implicated by these allegations dispute their truth. Consequently, this article does not accept any of these allegations as true. Instead, it bases its analysis of the FISA statute and its secret court system exclusively on the FISA text, the Constitution's text, and U.S. Supreme Court opinions detailing the Constitution's protections against electronic surveillance.

This article concludes that FISA and its secret, *ex parte* courts are unconstitutional for three reasons. First, the secret, *ex parte* FISA courts violate the "case or controversy" requirement of Article III. Second, FISA violates Fourth Amendment liberties from unreasonable searches and seizures. Third, FISA and its secret, *ex parte* courts violate the due process guarantees of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

This article lastly considers the FISA statute and its secret, *ex parte* court system from a policy perspective. FISA apologists argue that the secret FISA courts are necessary for national security. They further argue that national security interests should override Constitutional protections.

This article concludes, as the U.S. Supreme Court concluded in *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 320 (1972), that national security does not require

secret courts. Furthermore, as the Supreme Court explained in *U.S. District Court*, national security interests do not override Constitutional protections. To the contrary, Constitutional protections are more essential in national security cases than in cases involving ordinary crimes. 407 U.S. at 313–324.

II. Origins of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

Richard Nixon resigned his presidency on August 9, 1974, to avoid impeachment. On December 22, 1974, the New York Times published an article detailing illegal surveillance of U.S. citizens by federal intelligence agencies. On July 21, 1975, the United States Senate established a bipartisan Select Committee, chaired by Senator Frank Church, to investigate federal intelligence operations. The Select Committee identified intelligence abuses by the CIA, FBI, Internal Revenue Service, and National Security Agency.

The Select Committee issued its final report on April 23, 1976. Book III of the Select Committee's final report revealed a long-running FBI program named "COINTELPRO" or "Counterintelligence Program." COINTELPRO was "a sophisticated vigilante operation aimed squarely at preventing the exercise of First Amendment rights." COINTELPRO illegally targeted speaking, teaching, writing, and meeting by U.S. citizens. FBI agents targeted, among others, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the anti-Vietnam War movement, and Martin Luther King, Jr. The FBI also targeted many local, state and federal elected officials.

The Select Committee reported that COINTELPRO's "major premise" "was that a law enforcement agency has the duty to do whatever is necessary to combat perceived threats to the existing social and political order." [Emphasis

added). The FBI relied on national security to justify its actions, conducting COINTELPRO "on the theory that preventing the growth of dangerous groups and the propagation of dangerous ideas would protect the national security."

COINTELPRO turned the full "arsenal of techniques used against foreign espionage agents" against American citizens. Many of the FBI's efforts "involved giving information or articles to friendly media sources who could be relied upon not to reveal the Bureau's interests." The FBI planted derogatory articles about its targets. FBI agents authored, printed and distributed false pamphlets and flyers.

The FBI sought to weaken target groups by setting members against each other. FBI agents used anonymous mailings criticizing leaders and allied groups. They formed fictional, FBI-run splinter groups to draw membership away from target organizations. FBI agents encouraged hostility, including gang warfare, between rival groups. The FBI also employed the "snitch jacket" technique to label a targeted individual as an informant so that he would no longer be trusted. See U.S. Senate Select Committee, *Final Report-Book III: Supplementary Detailed Staff Reports on Intelligence Activities and the Rights of Americans* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1976) pp. 1-77.

The Select Committee report concluded that federal agencies "undermined the constitutional rights of citizens primarily because checks and balances designed by the framers of the Constitution to assure accountability have not been applied." The political pressure generated by these revelations forced Congressional action to curb intelligence abuses by the CIA, FBI, IRS, and NSA.

Accordingly, Senator Edward Kennedy introduced the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) on May 18, 1977. President Carter signed FISA into law on October 25, 1978. FISA is codified at 50 U.S.C. §§ 1801-1885c.

III. *Allegations of FISA Abuse*

Congress passed FISA to prevent electronic surveillance violating First and Fourth Amendment liberties. Rather than preventing such surveillance, however, FISA actually creates a statutory pathway that nurtures and protects unconstitutional electronic surveillance. FISA also creates a system of secret, *ex parte* courts that systematically deny due process to Americans surveilled under FISA.

Recent allegations of FISA abuse compel a closer analysis of FISA and its secret court system. Federal officials implicated by these allegations dispute their

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2013. Edward Snowden. Edward Snowden, a former contractor to the National Security Agency, alleged in 2013 that the FISA Court had been issuing general warrants to NSA agents since 2004. These warrants authorized the NSA to capture, in bulk, the content of domestic telephone calls, emails, and texts.

Snowden leaked a large number of classified documents without government authorization, to substantiate his claims. On June 21, 2013, the U.S. Justice Department unsealed two charges against Snowden. These charges allege Snowden violated the Espionage Act of 1917 and stole government property.

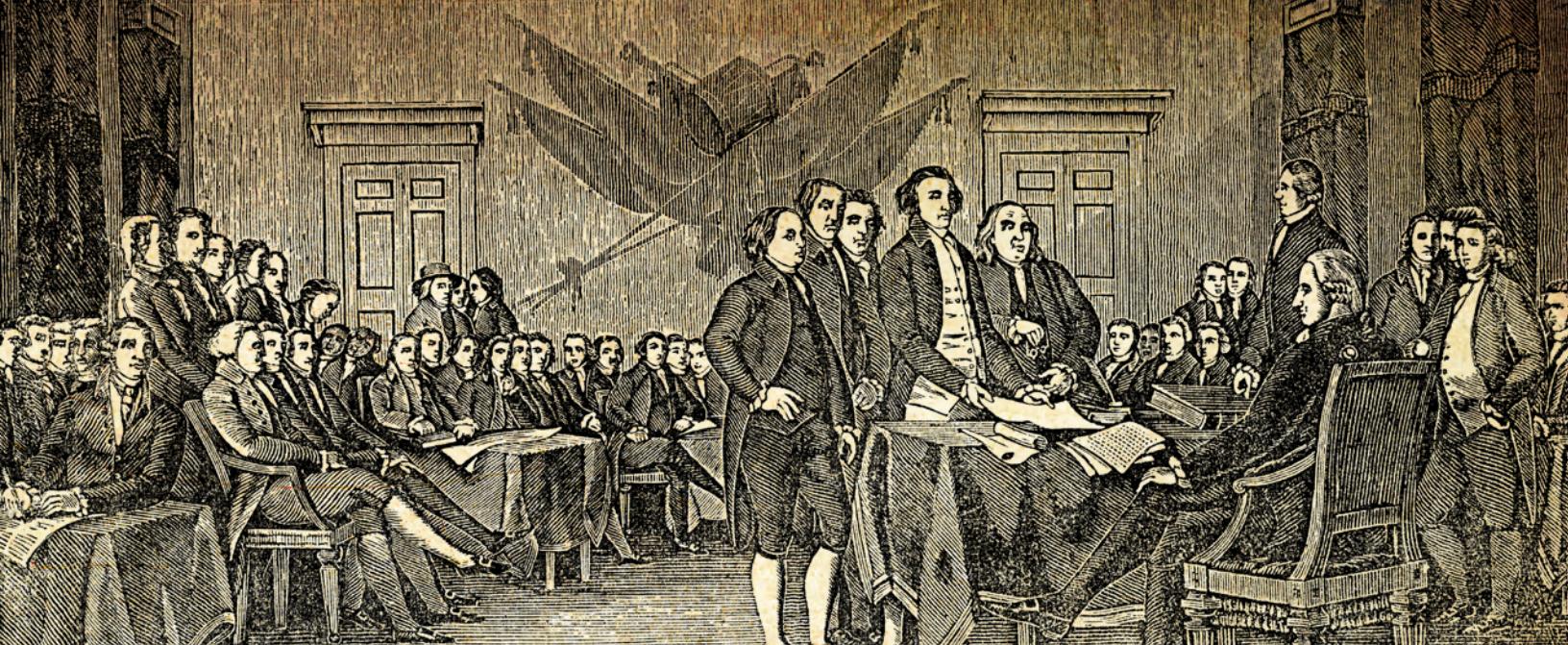
2014. The PCLOB Report. The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board ("PCLOB") is an independent federal agency established by Congress in 2004. The PCLOB confirmed some of Snowden's allegations in its 2014 report on domestic FISA surveillance.

The PCLOB concluded that the federal government was *intentionally* conducting "incidental" domestic surveillance of Americans. The report presumed the scope of this surveillance was very large. The PCLOB could not define its full scope, however, because "the government is presently unable to assess the scope of the *incidental* collection of U.S. person information under the program." [Emphasis added]. As explained below, the term "*incidental*" is a misleading euphemism. It describes unconstitutional electronic surveillance that violates Fourth Amendment liberties against unreasonable searches and seizures.

2016. PCLOB testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Chairman of the PCLOB, David Medine, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 16, 2016, regarding the broad and indiscriminate scope of "incidental" domestic surveillance. "Government databases," Medine testified, "inevitably contain deeply personal communications by, from, and concerning U.S. persons" that "have nothing to do with terrorism or crime."

2018. House Intelligence Committee. On January 18, 2018, the Republican Members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the U.S. House of Representatives issued a classified memorandum on FISA abuses by the Department of Justice and the FBI. The President declassified the memorandum on February 2, 2018, and released the memorandum to the public.

The Republican memorandum claims that an uncorroborated dossier written by former British spy Christopher Steele formed an essential part of a FISA application targeting Carter Page. Page was a foreign



policy adviser in Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential campaign. The federal government originally filed its application in October 2016, and the federal government renewed its application three times. Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe confirmed that the federal government would not have sought a surveillance warrant from the FISA Court without the information contained in the Steele dossier.

The Republican memorandum claims the Clinton campaign paid Christopher Steele more than \$160,000 for his dossier. Senior officials in the FBI and the Department of Justice knew this fact, but they concealed it in their four secret applications to the FISA Court. The Republican memorandum asserts other facts supporting Republican claims that the four FISA applications were motivated, not by national security interests, but by partisan political interests seeking to prevent or destroy a Trump presidency.

On February 24, 2018, Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee released their own declassified memorandum. The Democrat memorandum challenges claims in the Republican memorandum. Both memorandums are publicly accessible on the House Intelligence Committee's website.

IV. FISA's *secret, ex parte* court system

The FISA Court. FISA establishes two secret courts, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ("FISA Court") and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review ("FISA Court of Review"). 50 U.S.C. § 1803. The FISA Court sits in Washington D.C. and consists of eleven federal district court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States.

Each judge serves for a maximum of seven years and their terms are staggered to ensure continuity on the Court. The Chief Justice must appoint judges from at

least seven of the United States judicial circuits, and three of the judges must reside within 20 miles of the District of Columbia. Judges typically sit for one week at a time, on a rotating basis. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (a).

The FISA Court's only jurisdiction is "to hear applications for and grant orders approving electronic surveillance anywhere within the United States." 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (a) (1). Importantly for purposes of Article III, the FISA Court never conducts trials of cases or any other form of adversary proceeding.

The FISA Court conducts all its proceedings in secret. FISA requires all petitions and submissions to be sealed. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l). Records of all FISA Court proceedings, all government applications for electronic surveillance, and all FISA Court decisions on those applications are secret and classified, hidden from public view. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (c). FISA Court proceedings are also *ex parte*, meaning that FISA only permits the federal government to appear, unopposed, in any proceeding before the FISA Court. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l).

The FISA Court of Review. The FISA Court of Review is composed of three federal district court or appeals court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States. Its only jurisdiction is to review FISA Court denials of secret applications for electronic surveillance by the federal government. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (b). Importantly for purposes of Article III, the FISA Court of Review never hears appeals from trials of cases or any other form of adversary proceeding.

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V. FISA's secret, *ex parte* court system is unconstitutional under Article III

U.S. Constitution, Article III, Section 2. The judicial power shall extend to all **cases**, in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made, under their authority;--to all **cases** affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls;--to all **cases** of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction;--to **controversies** to which the United States shall be a party;--to **controversies** between two or more states;--between a state and citizens of another state;--between citizens of different states;--between citizens of the same state claiming lands under grants of different states, and between a state, or the citizens thereof, and foreign states, citizens or subjects. **[Emphasis added].**

The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review are unconstitutional because they violate the "case or controversy" requirement of Article III. Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. They can only hear those cases that the Constitution authorizes them to hear. *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America*, 511 U.S. 375, 377 (1994). The Tenth Amendment reserves all other judicial powers to the states.

The text of Article III limits the federal judicial power to actual *cases or controversies*. The U.S. Supreme Court established three requirements to qualify as an Article III "case or controversy" in *Aetna Life v. Haworth*, 300 U.S. 227 (1937). Each requirement is mandatory. Unless the legal matter meets all three requirements, the federal court has no authority to consider the matter.

Actual dispute. First, the legal matter must involve an actual dispute. "It must be a real and substantial controversy." *Aetna Life v. Haworth*, 300 U.S. 227, 240-241 (1937).

Adverse parties. Second, the legal matter must involve adverse parties. It must "touch the legal relations of parties having adverse legal interests." *Aetna Life v. Haworth*, 300 U.S. 227, 240-241 (1937).

Dispute capable of final judicial resolution. Third, the dispute must be capable of a final judicial resolution. "It must be a real and substantial controversy admitting of specific relief through a decree of a conclusive character."

Aetna Life v. Haworth, 300 U.S. 227, 240-241 (1937).

As explained below, the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review fail all three "case or controversy" requirements established in *Aetna Life v. Haworth*. FISA's secret, *ex parte* court system is therefore unconstitutional under Article III.

No actual disputes. All proceedings in the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review fail the first "case or controversy" requirement because *they do not involve any actual disputes*. The FISA Court's only jurisdiction is "to hear applications for and grant orders approving electronic surveillance anywhere within the United States." 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (a) (1). The FISA Court of Review's only jurisdiction is to review FISA Court denials of those applications. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (b).

All proceedings before both FISA courts are *undisputed*. They merely involve *unopposed* applications to conduct electronic surveillance in the United States. There is no actual dispute between the federal government and any other party because FISA forbids the presence of any other party. The federal government is the only party permitted to appear before either court. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l).

No adverse parties. All proceedings in the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review fail the second "case or controversy" requirement because *they do not involve adverse parties*. All proceedings in the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review are *ex parte*. The federal government is the only party permitted to appear before either court. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l). The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review forbid the presence of any adverse parties.

Furthermore, neither court allows any other party to know that the federal government has even filed an application with either court. FISA requires all petitions and submissions to be sealed. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l). Records of all FISA Court proceedings, all government applications for electronic surveillance, and all FISA Court decisions on those applications are secret and classified, hidden from public view. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (c).

No disputes capable of final judicial resolution. All proceedings in the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review fail the third "case or controversy" requirement because *they do not involve any disputes capable of final judicial resolution*. There are no actual disputes, no adverse parties, and no trials in the FISA Court. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (a) (1).

Similarly, there are no actual disputes, no adverse parties, and *no appeals of trials* in the FISA Court of Review. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (b). There are thus no disputes capable of final judicial resolution in any proceeding before the FISA Court or the FISA Court of Review.

VI. FISA is unconstitutional under the Fourth Amendment

U.S. Constitution, Amendment IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

FISA violates the Fourth Amendment's liberties from unreasonable searches and seizures. The following discussion includes three sections. The first section explains four principles establishing the broad scope of Fourth Amendment liberties. The second section explains the Fourth Amendment's five restrictions on electronic surveillance. The third section explains how FISA violates all five of the Fourth Amendment's restrictions on electronic surveillance.

A. The broad scope of Fourth Amendment liberties

Four principles define the broad scope of Fourth Amendment liberties from unreasonable searches and seizures. The following discussion details the U.S. Supreme Court opinions establishing these principles.

First, Fourth Amendment liberties apply to all persons present in the United States. Fourth Amendment liberties against unreasonable searches and seizures apply to all persons present in the United States, even if their presence is "unlawful, involuntary, or transitory." *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001); *Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena*, 516 U.S. 200 (1995); and *Bolling v. Sharpe*, 347 U.S. 497 (1954). All surveillance under FISA involving persons present in the United States is therefore subject to the Fourth Amendment.

Second, Fourth Amendment liberties apply to electronic surveillance. Although the text of the Fourth Amendment only refers to "persons, houses, papers, and effects," a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court held that Fourth Amendment liberties apply to electronic surveillance as well. **United States v. U.S. District Court**, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972). All electronic surveillance under FISA involving any person present in the United States is thus subject to Fourth Amendment restrictions.

Third, Fourth Amendment liberties apply in cases involving national security. The U.S. Supreme

Court held in *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297 (1972), that the federal government's duty to preserve national security does not override the Fourth Amendment's liberties from unreasonable search and seizures. The federal government must comply with the Fourth Amendment in all domestic subversive investigations. Government must present sufficient evidence of probable cause to a neutral magistrate and obtain a warrant before it can invade the privacy of any person in the United States.

The Court wrote that Fourth Amendment liberties are even more essential in national security cases than in cases involving ordinary crimes. The federal government tends to regard all opponents of its policies as a threat. This attitude predisposes the federal government to violate rights protected by both the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment. *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972).

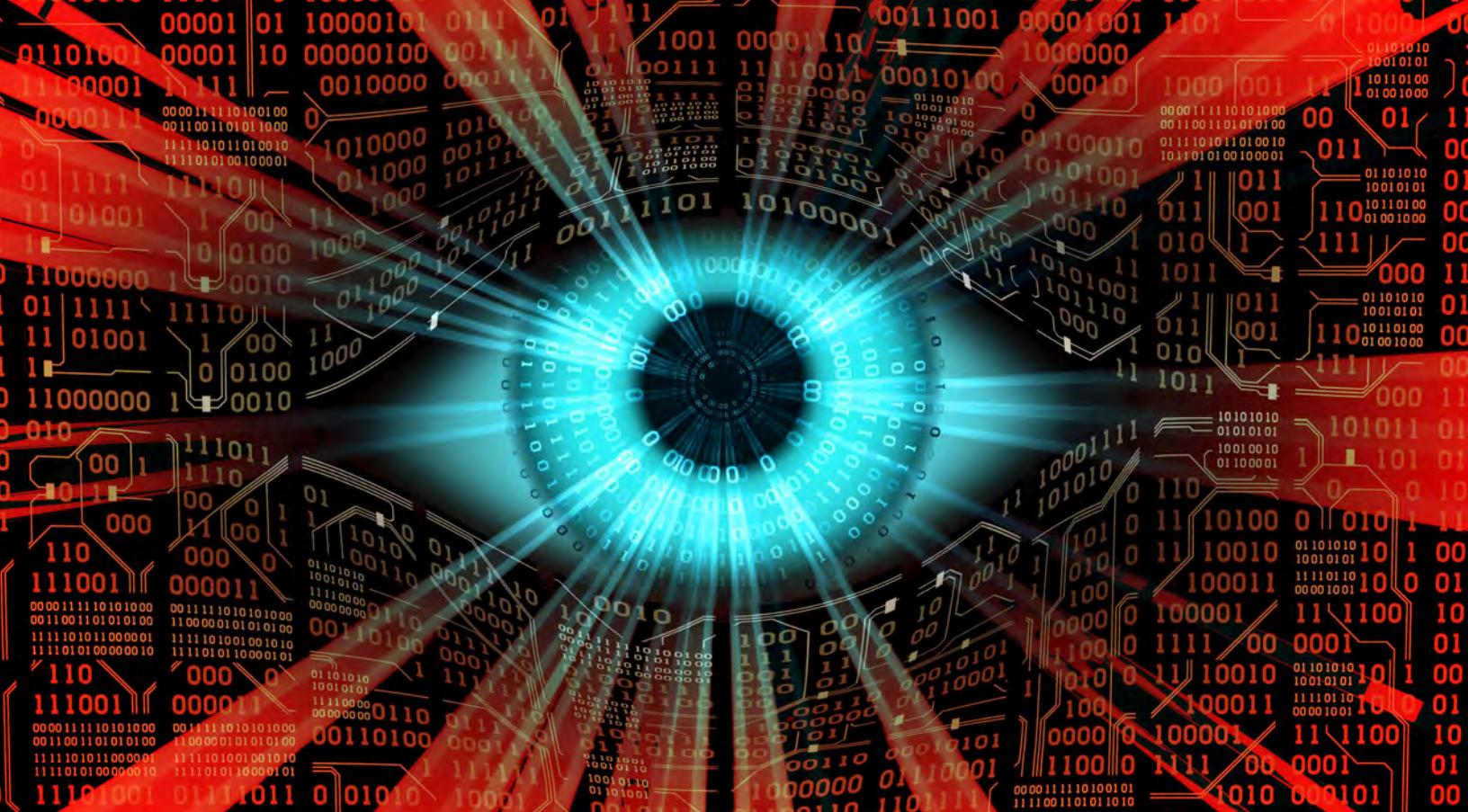
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Fourth Amendment liberties apply wherever a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. *Katz v. United States*, 389 U.S. 347 (1967). "Wherever a man may be, he is entitled to know that he will remain free from unreasonable searches and seizures." 389 U.S. at 359. Fourth Amendment liberties also apply to electronic surveillance whenever the person has a "reasonable expectation of freedom from governmental intrusion." *Mancusi v. DeForte*, 392 U.S. 364, 368 (1968).

B. The Fourth Amendment's five restrictions on electronic surveillance

Fourth Amendment liberties protect against "unreasonable searches and seizures," but they do not protect persons from *all* searches and seizures. To protect against unreasonable searches and seizures, the Fourth Amendment establishes five restrictions on all searches and seizures. The following discussion details the U.S. Supreme Court opinions applying these five restrictions to electronic surveillance. As explained above, these restrictions protect all persons present in the United States, even if their presence is "unlawful, involuntary, or transitory." *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001).

Warrants. First, the Fourth Amendment prohibits electronic surveillance without warrants, even in national security cases. *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 353 (1967); *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972) (Unanimous opinion). The Fourth Amendment prohibits the federal government from conducting any electronic surveillance involving persons present in the United States without obtaining a search warrant.



Prior approval of a neutral magistrate.

Second, the Fourth Amendment prohibits electronic surveillance without the prior approval of a neutral magistrate. The courts cannot properly enforce Fourth Amendment liberties if the Executive Branch conducts domestic security surveillances solely within its own discretion. *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 316-318 (1972).

A neutral magistrate must approve any electronic surveillance before the government can proceed with the surveillance. This requirement applies to cases involving matters of national security. *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972). Compliance with the Fourth Amendment is "a constitutional precondition of electronic surveillance." *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 359 (1967).

"Probable cause." Third, the Fourth Amendment prohibits electronic surveillance without an affidavit establishing "probable cause." "Probable cause" under the Fourth Amendment requires that the person swearing to the warrant application have "reasonable grounds at the time of his affidavit for the belief that the law is being violated on the premises to be searched." *Dumbra v. U.S.*, 268 U.S. 435, 439-41 (1925). [Emphasis added].

The Fourth Amendment requires a sworn affidavit establishing probable cause before the government can conduct electronic surveillance. "[N]o Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation." [Emphasis added]. Compliance with the Fourth Amendment is "a constitutional precondition of electronic surveillance." *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 359 (1967).

Detailed description of the targeted location.

Fourth, the Fourth Amendment prohibits electronic surveillance without a sworn, detailed description of the targeted location. The Fourth Amendment requires a sworn affidavit giving a detailed description of the location the government intends to surveil. "In no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched." [Emphasis added]. Compliance with the Fourth Amendment is "a constitutional precondition of electronic surveillance." *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 359 (1967).

Detailed description of the targeted person. Fifth, the Fourth Amendment prohibits electronic surveillance without a sworn, detailed description of the targeted person. The Fourth Amendment requires a sworn affidavit giving a detailed description of the person the government intends to surveil. "[N]o Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." [Emphasis added]. Compliance with the Fourth Amendment is "a constitutional precondition of electronic surveillance." *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 359 (1967).

C. FISA violates the Fourth Amendment's five restrictions on electronic surveillance

In violation of the U.S. Supreme Court opinions cited above, FISA violates all five of the Fourth Amendment restrictions on electronic surveillance. The following

discussion explains the FISA provisions violating each restriction.

No warrants. First, FISA permits electronic surveillance **without warrants**. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (a). The Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence may target persons for electronic surveillance *without a warrant* for up to one year unless the person "is known" to be present in the United States, 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (d). FISA thus permits the federal government to target any person it chooses without a warrant by claiming uncertainty about the person's location.

Furthermore, although 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (b) prohibits the "*intentional*" targeting of persons present in the United States, FISA permits "*incidental*" surveillance of persons present in the United States. For example, if a person present in the United States communicates with a targeted person outside the United States, FISA permits surveillance of both persons, even though all warrantless electronic surveillance of persons present in the United States violates the Fourth Amendment. *Katz v. United States*, 407 U.S. 347, 353 (1967); *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972) (Unanimous opinion). The term "*incidental*" is thus a cynical and misleading euphemism. It describes unconstitutional electronic surveillance that violates Fourth Amendment liberties against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board ("PCLOB") is an independent agency within the executive branch of the United States government. Congress established PCLOB in 2004. The PCLOB published a report on FISA surveillance in 2014. The PCLOB concluded that the federal government was conducting broad "*incidental*" domestic surveillance on Americans protected by the Fourth Amendment. The report presumed the scope of this surveillance was very large. The PCLOB could not define its full scope, however, because "the government is presently unable to assess the scope of the *incidental* collection of U.S. person information under the program."

Furthermore, the PCLOB concluded that this unconstitutional, warrantless, "*incidental*" surveillance was intentional. "The collection of communications to and from a target inevitably returns communications in which non-targets are on the other end, some of whom will be U.S. persons. Such '*incidental*' collection of communications is not accidental, nor is it inadvertent." *PCLOB, Report on the Surveillance Program Operated Pursuant to Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act* [50 U.S.C. § 1881a] (July 2, 2014) at pp. 10, 82. [Emphasis added].

The Chairman of the PCLOB, David Medine, testified in 2016 before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding the broad and indiscriminate scope of "*incidental*" surveillance of persons present in the United States.

"Government databases," Medine testified, "inevitably contain deeply personal communications by, from, and concerning U.S. persons" that "have nothing to do with terrorism or crime." Medine testified as follows:

[50 U.S.C. § 1881a] allows the government to collect a massive number of communications, and as a default, store them for five years or more. Although U.S. persons cannot be targeted for [50 U.S.C. § 1881a] collection, the government **incidentally** acquires information about a U.S. person when a target communicates with that person. As a result, government databases inevitably contain deeply personal communications by, from, and concerning U.S. persons. **Many of these communications have nothing to do with terrorism or crime. Rather, they can include family photographs, love letters, personal financial matters, discussions of physical and mental health, and political and religious exchanges. U.S. person queries are, therefore, capable of revealing a significant slice of an American's personal life. This is particularly the case for Americans who correspond frequently with foreigners, including relatives, friends, and business associates.** PCLOB Chairman David Medine, "Prepared Statement for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary," May 16, 2016. [Emphasis added].

No prior approval of a neutral magistrate. Second, FISA permits electronic surveillance without the prior approval of a neutral magistrate. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (j). The FISA Court never reviews or approves specific requests for electronic surveillance. Instead, the FISA Court only reviews the government's "targeting" and "minimization" procedures. It has no role in overseeing how the government actually uses its surveillance power. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (j) (2) (B) and (C).

Furthermore, even if the FISA Court finds the government's "targeting" and "minimization" procedures deficient, the government may ignore the FISA Court ruling and continue its surveillance during rehearing and appeal. This surveillance can continue until the FISA Review Court issues its final order on appeal. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (j) (4) (B).

No "probable cause." Third, FISA permits electronic surveillance with no showing of probable cause. "Probable cause" under the Fourth Amendment requires the government affiant to demonstrate reasonable grounds, under oath, *that the targeted individual is violating the law* on the premises the government intends to surveil. *Dumbra v. U.S.*, 268 U.S. 435, 439-41 (1925). [Emphasis added].

The burden for obtaining a FISA warrant is substantially less than Fourth Amendment "probable cause." Under FISA, the government need not demonstrate that *the*

targeted individual is violating the law on the targeted premises. The federal agent merely needs to list the facts and circumstances upon which he relies in forming a belief that (1) that the targeted individual is an agent of a foreign power, and (2) that the location to be surveilled is about to be used by an agent of the foreign power. 50 U.S.C. § 1804 (a) (3) (A)-(B).

FISA does not require any showing that the surveillance target is (1) violating any law, (2) involved in any crime or wrongdoing of any type, or (3) connected in any way to terrorism. 50 U.S.C. § 1804 (a) (3) (A)-(B).

No detailed description of the targeted location.

Fourth, FISA permits electronic surveillance without a sworn, detailed description of the targeted location. In fact, FISA permits electronic surveillance of locations in the United States without *any* identification of the targeted location. 50 U.S.C. § 1804 (a) (3).

No detailed description of the targeted person.

Fifth, FISA permits electronic surveillance without a sworn, detailed description of the targeted person. In fact, FISA permits electronic surveillance of individuals in the United States without *any* identification of the targeted individual. 50 U.S.C. § 1804 (a) (2).

VII. FISA's *secret, ex parte court system is unconstitutional under the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments*

U.S. Constitution, Amendment V. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, ***nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;*** nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation. [Emphasis added].

U.S. Constitution, Amendment XIV. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United

States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; ***nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;*** nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. [Emphasis added].

The following discussion explains how the secret, *ex parte* court system established by FISA violates the due process guarantees of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. The due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments prohibit federal and state governments from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Each amendment binds both federal and state governments through the doctrines of incorporation, *Mapp v. Ohio*, 367 U.S. 643 (1961), and reverse incorporation, *Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena*, 516 U.S. 200 (1995), and *Bolling v. Sharpe*, 347 U.S. 497 (1954).

The due process clauses protect Fourth Amendment liberties. As explained above, the Fourth Amendment protects all persons in the United States against electronic surveillance, *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972), even if their presence is "unlawful, involuntary, or transitory." *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001).

Fourth Amendment liberties apply wherever a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. *Katz v. United States*, 389 U.S. 347, 353, 359, 361 (1967); *Mancusi v. DeForte*, 392 U.S. 364, 368 (1968).

Fourth Amendment liberties apply in cases involving national security to the same extent as it applies in cases involving ordinary crimes. *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972).

Nevertheless, FISA systematically violates Fourth Amendment liberties by permitting unreasonable, warrantless electronic surveillance of private communications. The following discussion includes three sections. The first section explains the purpose behind the due process clauses. The second section explains the three core requirements of the due process clauses. The third section explains how FISA's secret, *ex parte* court system violates each of these requirements.

A. Purpose of the due process clauses

The purpose of the due process clauses is to protect all persons from mistaken or unjustified deprivations of life, liberty, or property. *Carey v. Piphus*, 435 U.S. 247, 259 (1978). The due process clauses guarantee every person the opportunity to contest any government action that deprives them of life, liberty, or property. *Fuentes v. Shevin*, 407 U.S. 67, 81 (1972).

The due process clauses forbid the federal government from conducting electronic surveillance on any person in the United States in violation of the

Fourth Amendment without first giving that person the opportunity to contest the government's actions. *Nelson v. Adams*, 529 U.S. 460 (2000); *Marshall v. Jerrico, Inc.*, 446 U.S. 238, 242 (1980); *Carey v. Piphus*, 435 U.S. 247, 259 (1978); *Fuentes v. Shevin*, 407 U.S. 67, 81 (1972); and other cases cited below.

B. The three requirements of due process

Due process has three core requirements. The first requirement is full and fair notice. The second requirement is a fair trial, and the third requirement is an impartial tribunal. The following discussion explains the U.S. Supreme Court opinions establishing each requirement.

Full and fair notice. The government must give every person prior notice of any action that may deprive the person of his life, liberty, or property. The notice must also give every person the opportunity to present his objections. *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950). Furthermore, the notice must inform the person of what he must do to prevent the deprivation of his life, liberty, or property. *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 267-68 (1970). Both the notice of hearing and the opportunity to be heard "must be granted at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." *Armstrong v. Manzo*, 380 U.S. 545, 552 (1965).

Fair trial. Due process requires that every person receive a fair trial before the government can deprive him of his Fourth Amendment liberties. *Matthews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319, 333 (1976). The fair trial requirement has two purposes. First, it protects the individual's life, liberty, or property from arbitrary government encroachment. Second, it ensures fair play for the individual. *Fuentes v. Shevin*, 407 U.S. 67, 80-81 (1972).

Every individual must receive an opportunity to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses. *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 269 (1970). Every individual is entitled to the assistance of counsel. *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 270-71 (1970). The government must disclose its evidence to the individual prior to trial so that the individual has the opportunity to show that the evidence is untrue. *Greene v. McElroy*, 350 U.S. 474, 496 (1959), quoted with approval in *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 270 (1970).

The court's decision must rest solely on the law and the evidence presented at the trial. The court must publicly state its reasons for its decision on the record. The court must also indicate the evidence upon which it relied. *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 271 (1970).

Impartial tribunal. Every individual has the right to a neutral and impartial judge, so that he can present his case "with assurance that the arbiter is not predisposed to find against him." *Marshall v. Jerrico, Inc.*, 446 U.S. 238, 242 (1980). This neutrality requirement helps guarantee that the government does not take an individual's life, liberty, or property based on an erroneous or distorted conception of the facts or the law. *Marshall v. Jerrico, Inc.*, 446 U.S. 238, 242 (1980); *Schweiker v. McClure*, 456 U.S. 188,

195 (1982). No judge may decide a case if he is biased for or against any party. *Tunney v. Ohio*, 273 U.S. 510, 523 (1927); *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 271 (1970).

There are two lines of U.S. Supreme Court opinions requiring recusal of the judge. The first line of opinions provides that no judge can hear a case if he has "a direct, personal, substantial, pecuniary interest" in the case. *Tunney v. Ohio*, 273 U.S. 510, 523 (1927); *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009), slip op. at 6.

The second line of opinions provides that no judge can hear a case if "the probability of actual bias on the part of the judge or decision maker is too high to be constitutionally tolerable." *Withrow v. Larkin*, 421 U.S. 35, 47 (1975); *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009), slip op. at 11. In such cases, "the inquiry is an objective one. The Court asks not whether the judge is actually, subjectively biased, but whether the average judge in his position is 'likely' to be neutral, or whether there is an unconstitutional 'potential for bias.'" *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009), slip op. at 11.

C. FISA's secret, *ex parte* courts violate all three requirements of due process

The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review conduct all their proceedings in secret. FISA requires all petitions and submissions to be sealed. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l). Records of all FISA Court proceedings, all government applications for electronic surveillance, and all FISA Court decisions on those applications are secret and classified, hidden from public view. 50 U.S.C. § 1803 (c).

The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review also conduct all their proceedings *ex parte*. Only the federal government appears in any of their proceedings. FISA does not permit any other party to oppose the federal government. 50 U.S.C. § 1881a (l).

No full and fair notice. In violation of the U.S. Supreme Court opinions cited above, FISA proceedings do not give any person prior notice that the government intends to violate their Fourth Amendment liberties. Only the government receives notice of these secret proceedings. No person receives any opportunity to present his objections to the deprivation of his Fourth Amendment liberties. No person is informed what he must do to prevent the deprivation of his Fourth Amendment liberties. No person receives notice of any hearing at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner.

No fair trial. In violation of the U.S. Supreme Court opinions cited above, no person receives a fair trial before the government deprives him of his Fourth Amendment liberties. No person receives any opportunity to defend his liberties at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner. No person receives an opportunity to confront and cross-examine government witnesses or affiants.

No person receives the assistance of counsel. The government is not required to disclose any evidence



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to any person prior to trial. No person receives an opportunity to show that the government's evidence is untrue.

Neither the FISA Court nor the FISA Court of Review publicly states the reasons for any of its decisions on the record. Neither court is required publicly to indicate the evidence upon which it relied in making any of its decisions.

No impartial tribunal. In violation of the U.S. Supreme Court opinions cited above, the probability of actual bias on the part of FISA judges "is too high to be constitutionally tolerable." An "average judge in their position" is not likely to be neutral. Instead, each FISA judge performs his duties in a biased system that creates an "unconstitutional potential for bias." *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009), slip op. at 11.

Reports mandated by 50 U.S. Code § 1885c demonstrate the probability of actual bias. Congress established the FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review in 1978. Between 1978 and 2013, the federal government made 35,529 requests to conduct electronic surveillance in the United States. The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review denied only eight of the 35,529 requests.

The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review grant **99.98%** of all government requests for electronic surveillance. The FISA Court and the FISA Court of Review are not, and cannot be, the impartial tribunals required by the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

This article makes no claim that the FISA judges are "actually, subjectively" biased. *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009), slip op. at 11. This article directs all its criticism instead to the secret and inherently skewed system in which all FISA judges are required to perform their duties.

FISA proceedings have no due process restraints. FISA proceedings have no adverse parties. FISA proceedings have no opposing counsel. FISA proceedings have no trials. No interested party can ever challenge the government's claims, either on the law or on the facts. These factors inevitably skew all decisions in the government's favor.

Secrecy destroys accountability. No judge, however impartial, is omniscient. He cannot consider any information that government agents conceal from him.

FISA judges have no basis under FISA for evaluating the legitimacy of the government's claims or the reasonableness of its requests.

FISA mandates that its secret courts conduct every proceeding *ex parte*. *Ex parte* proceedings nurture bias. It is impossible for a judge to render an unbiased decision when only one side has the opportunity to argue its case. Any competent lawyer can persuasively transform an improbable fiction into a probable truth in an *ex parte* proceeding. There is no balance of presentation by opposing advocates.

The common law tradition universally abhors *ex parte* proceedings for this precise reason. Rule 3.05 of the Texas Code of Professional Responsibility, the code that governs lawyer conduct in Texas, strictly forbids any Texas lawyer from engaging in *ex parte* communications: "A lawyer shall not communicate or cause another to communicate *ex parte* with a tribunal for the purpose of influencing that entity or person concerning a pending matter."

VIII. *National security does not justify FISA or its secret courts*

FISA apologists, particularly those in the intelligence community, argue that national security is the most compelling of all governmental interests. National security, they argue, justifies cutting the corners off the Constitution. National security outweighs Article III limits on federal judicial power. National security requires secret courts free of Fourth Amendment restraints. National security is more important than due process of law.

FISA apologists argue, as tyrants have argued for centuries, that national security is the highest good for government. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected this argument in *United States v. U.S. District Court*, 407 U.S. 297, 313-324 (1972).

The federal government argued in *U.S. District Court* that government's duty to preserve national security overrides Fourth Amendment liberties. In rejecting

this argument, the U.S. Supreme Court observed that Fourth Amendment protections are more essential in national security cases than in cases involving ordinary crimes. The Supreme Court explained that the federal government tends to regard all opponents of its policies as a threat. This predisposes the federal government to violate rights protected by both the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment.

"History," the Court explained, "abundantly documents the tendency of Government - however benevolent and benign its motive - to view with suspicion those who most fervently dispute its policies. Fourth Amendment protections become the more necessary when the targets of official surveillance may be those suspected of unorthodoxy in their political beliefs. The danger to political dissent is acute where the Government attempts to act under so vague a concept as the power to protect 'domestic security.'" 407 U.S. at 314.

The federal government argued further in *U.S. District Court* that national security requires secret courts freed from Fourth Amendment restraints on electronic surveillance. Ordinary federal courts, the government claimed, "have neither the knowledge nor the techniques necessary to determine whether there was probable cause to believe that surveillance was necessary to protect national security." Ordinary federal courts are not competent to evaluate the "large number of complex and subtle factors" in national security cases. Lastly, the disclosures required by the Fourth Amendment create "serious potential dangers to the national security and to the lives of informants and agents" from leaks by judges, clerks, and court reporters.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected all these arguments. "There is no reason to believe," the Court wrote, "that federal judges will be insensitive to or uncomprehending of the issues involved in domestic security cases. Certainly courts can recognize that domestic security surveillance involves different considerations from the surveillance of 'ordinary crime.' If the threat is too subtle or complex for our senior law enforcement officers to convey its significance to a court, one may question whether there is probable cause for surveillance." 407 U.S. at 320.

IX. Conclusion

Liberty, not national security, is the highest good for government. Liberty is desirable for its own sake, and not merely as a means of achieving some other goal. The attributes of government, including those designed to maintain national security, are only desirable to the extent that they nurture liberty. It is only by liberty that men can pursue the true, the good, and the beautiful. It is only by liberty that men can direct their minds, their hearts, and their souls to the highest ends of civil society and private

life.

The FISA text, the Constitution's text, and relevant opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court conclusively demonstrate that FISA and its secret, *ex parte* courts, are unconstitutional for three reasons. First, the secret, *ex parte* FISA courts violate the "case or controversy" requirement of Article III. Second, FISA violates Fourth Amendment liberties from unreasonable searches and seizures.

Third, FISA and its secret, *ex parte* courts violate the due process guarantees of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Lastly, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that national security does not require secret courts or justify ignoring Fourth Amendment liberties.

Congress passed FISA to prevent electronic surveillance violating First and Fourth Amendment liberties. Rather than preventing unconstitutional electronic surveillance, however, FISA creates a statutory pathway that nurtures and protects unconstitutional electronic surveillance. FISA also creates a system of secret, *ex parte* courts that systematically deny due process to Americans surveilled under FISA.

No instrument of tyranny is more effective than secret courts, and no justification for their tyranny is more common than national security. The Sanhedrin convicted Christ in illegal secret trials. Caiaphas argued that national security justified Christ's death. "It is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." John 11:50.

The Stuart kings justified the Star Chamber's secret proceedings as necessary to prevent riots and sedition. The Star Chamber's arbitrary judgments and savage punishments made its name a byword for tyranny. Lord Acton, the great Cambridge historian, observed in 1887 that power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Contemporary events may validate Lord Acton's observation once more.

Congress must repeal FISA and abolish FISA's secret, *ex parte* courts. The federal government has no right to bar the courthouse doors to those it targets for surveillance. The federal government has no right to eavesdrop and archive the private communications of Americans without a warrant and without showing probable cause that the individual is committing a crime on the premises to be surveilled.

Most importantly, federal officials have no right to abuse FISA to undermine our elections. The most fundamental liberty of the American people is the liberty to govern ourselves. Congress must repeal FISA in order to maintain respect for our Constitution, in order to preserve our electoral process, and in order to promote confidence in our representative form of government.



HBU Professors Joshua Sikora, Chris Hartwell and Bearden Coleman at the 2018 South by Southwest Film Festival & Conference



Filmmaker Darren Aronofsky (*Noah*, *The Fountain*) speaking at the 2018 South by Southwest Film Conference



Director Steven Spielberg and the cast of Ready Player One at the film's premiere at South by Southwest



Actor Mark Hamill, Writer/Director Rian Johnson, and the production crew of *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, a panel discussion at South by Southwest



Chris Hartwell, assistant professor of Cinema & New Media Arts, experiences a new 360° virtual reality film directed by Terrence Malick

Cinema & New Media Arts Faculty Visit SXSW Festival

Submitted by the CNMA Faculty

This spring, for the third straight year, faculty from HBU's Cinema & New Media Arts program attended the South by Southwest Film Festival, Texas' largest media conference held annually in Austin.

For seven days, the faculty joined the other 72,869 festival goers in attending film screenings, panel discussions, and talks by prominent film directors, actors and public intellectuals. Although large in scale and scope, the conference aims to create an environment in which dialogue between attendees, speakers and artists is both encouraged and feasible.

Reflecting on HBU's presence at the conference, Joshua Sikora, director of the Cinema & New Media Arts program, said, "It gives our faculty unprecedented opportunities to network with local professionals, learn about the latest trends in technology and media, and ultimately be a part of steering the cultural conversations that are born in this unique, creative space." This year's conference, which featured 139 films from 37 countries, highlighted work by established directors like Steven Spielberg and Wes Anderson, while also introducing audiences to emerging talent like Chris Caldwell and Zeek Earl, whose first film, "Prospect," had the festival buzzing. "The festival lets us see where cinema – really all media – is headed," said Bearden Coleman, associate professor of Cinema, Media Arts and Writing. "And this is essential for us in order to do our jobs in the classroom. After all, we are training the next generation of media makers. You spend a week attending screenings, talks, and panels, and you can't help but see common threads – aesthetically, politically, spiritually – running through it all." The chance for faculty to be a part of that dialogue is part of what makes the conference so special. One of the most valuable parts of the experience is when HBU faculty take part in the Q&As after screenings and keynote talks. Sikora said, "In that context, it's been amazing speaking with filmmakers like Darren Aronofsky or Terrence Malick about the way faith and morality have shaped their work, and bringing that into focus for a larger audience." Coleman observed that themes of faith and artistic practice were prominent at this year's conference. "I was surprised and encouraged by the number of panels that looked at the intersection of faith and the arts. There were panels on faith and film, faith and gaming, and more." He said it was also apparent from the films he attended that filmmakers outside of the Christian-film industry are addressing spiritual life in more direct ways. "In films like A.J. Edward's 'Friday's Child,' and Eugene Richards's, 'Thy Kingdom Come,' you're seeing artists wrestle with the grace and redemption needed to make sense of this fallen world." Ultimately, the faculty brought back new insights that will help shape the next developments in HBU's Cinematic Arts, Mass Media Arts, and Interactive Media majors. Sikora explains, "We work in a constantly changing industry where it's critical for student success that our faculty understand the current landscape and emerging trends. But the most encouraging reminder when we're at South by Southwest, is that there are deeper narrative truths about our humanity and our need for God that will never grow old, and that audiences will always find compelling."

All photos by Joshua Sikora

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Education: Yesterday and Today

I've seen a lot of changes in the world over the last 30 years, but none that has changed as much as education. It used to be that a high school diploma was necessary in order to make a decent living. In the 80s, with a changing economy, a bachelor's degree became an absolute requirement to obtain many professional jobs. I remember my first job out of college – during the interview, the hiring manager said he couldn't have even interviewed me unless I had a college degree. He didn't care what I majored in, it could have been basket-weaving for all he cared (his words)!

Today, our economy has drastically shifted, and so has the job market. With new requirements across multiple professions, employers now have greater expectations for what they want to see as a result of education and the degree you've earned. Increased competition in the workplace has certainly contributed to a greater demand for higher education. In some occupations, it seems that a graduate degree has replaced the bachelor's degree in importance, especially pertaining to career advancement. Don't misunderstand me, an undergraduate degree is still valuable and has certainly replaced the high school diploma as a minimum educational requirement. As such, there are significantly more students studying for an undergraduate degree today than a graduate degree.

Most online students are adults who have varying expectations for the degree they are pursuing. Some are completing the degree to achieve their next promotion or step in their career, while others are there to learn an entirely new field of study. If you find yourself in need of additional education, whether it be undergraduate or graduate, in order to advance in your career and optimize your earning potential, the question becomes

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Learning. Prior to coming to HBU, he was vice provost of Liberty University where he started a K-12 Online Academy, and oversaw the development of a complete K-12 online curriculum. It grew to reach more than 6,000 students nationwide and in 24 foreign countries.

not "if," but "how?"

"How do I go back to school with a job, familial, social and church responsibilities?"

Just as the need for education has changed, so has the way we obtain it. It's no secret that online education has grown dramatically over the past decade. Nearly seven million students are now studying online with more enrollments each year. As people become more comfortable living and working in an online-centric world, it only makes sense that online education would become increasingly appealing to more students, especially when you consider the advantages of doing so compared to the restrictions of attending a physical campus.

But as online education has continued to grow, so have the questions about the quality of an online education over the traditional classroom. In some institutions, this is a legitimate concern. A number of universities now offer both programs and courses entirely online. So how do you know that a university ensures that the quality of education you will receive online is equivalent to the education received in a traditional classroom setting? There are several things you need to consider before choosing the school you will attend:

1. ACCREDITATION

This is important as you consider attending a particular university. Regional accreditation is the highest standard of certification a university can receive. It ensures the student that the education they will receive has been peer-evaluated and meets high standards of instruction. HBU is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The SACSCOC mission statement

is "to assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of its member institutions." This is a rigorous process that involves a constant assessment and evaluation of the programs offered by HBU – both residentially and online – and helps you to know that HBU offers quality programs of study.

2. COMPARABILITY OF LEARNING

Central to the concept of online learning, quality is the concept of alignment, which is evident when all elements work together to ensure achievement of desired learning outcomes: learning objectives, measurement and assessment, educational materials, interaction and engagement of learners, and course technology. These are the same principles that are valued in the traditional classroom setting, but are simply achieved through different means. Thus, instructional design for online courses is extremely important.

3. QUALITY COURSE DESIGN

Some faculty believe they can simply place the same content they teach in the classroom online. This sounds great, but it's not that simple. Adult learners, who comprise the majority of online education consumers, are looking for more than what's traditionally taught in the classroom. Online instructional design has become a career in and of itself. Tamela Crickenberger, HBU Online director of Course Development states, "Some best practices for online course design include creating opportunities for student engagement — student-to-student and student-to-professor — as online learners often feel isolated when learning from a distance. It is also important to determine the level of learning needed in order to show competency in a subject and use instructional techniques and tools that are appropriate in demonstrating the appropriate level of competency. For example, if a student should be able to apply human resource principles and law to effectively recruit, select, train and retain employees by the end of the course, using a quiz-type of assessment will not measure the level of learning needed for this course outcome. Finally, a good online course uses different types of media to ensure there is content that is effective for all learning styles."

4. MAKING THE TRANSITION

HBU Online has assembled a team that is both knowledgeable and skilled in assisting students in making the transition to a digital learning environment through the use of several tools and resources. One of the most valuable resources to new HBU Online students is the orientation course, which is designed to help them understand how to navigate their classes. Students will learn how to navigate the course operating system, learn what is expected of them and how to stay engaged with the course and their classmates. However, becoming an online student is not without its challenges. Pursuing a degree online requires a little more drive

and initiative than that of the traditional classroom environment. With that in mind, here are a few of the tips we provide to students as they begin their pursuit of a higher education:

- a.** Read the course syllabus and schedule: Know what is expected of you every step of the way in your courses by reading the syllabus and course schedule. The syllabus will tell you everything you need to know about course objectives, learning outcomes, assignments, policies and procedures for each class. Additionally, the schedule is a great way for you to plan ahead for the duration of the class by knowing what assignments are due each week. Nothing will be a surprise!
- b.** Get acquainted with your professor and fellow students: One of the secrets to successfully adjusting to online education is engagement with the professor and other students in your course. Take an active role in your education by discussing ideas and sharing questions with your professor and fellow students. To gain the best help from a professor, don't be afraid to ask questions and share what you already know and understand. In so doing, they may provide instruction that is meaningful to your needs, as well as the needs of others in the course. Additionally, good dialogue involves clarity in expressing ideas and seeking information. The following are examples of requests that are too general: "I don't understand," or "Please help." These would be better stated: "I understand that I am to write a paper on George Washington, but the directions do not tell me how long the paper should be and how many sources I am to use from my research."
- c.** Submit assignments on time: As mentioned before, your syllabus and course schedule will provide you with due dates for your assignments, as will your course content each week. Your professor should also make you aware on a weekly basis of what assignments are due and when. Planning ahead is a major key to success, especially for any major written assignments such as a research paper!
- d.** Be organized: Organization propels both progress and success. Daily organizational structure and strong study skills are fundamental elements to online learning achievement! Many of our students have found that keeping a physical binder to take notes while studying lessons is an excellent way to increase learning. The notes also provide a convenient means for review before taking quizzes or tests, and allows you to review when you are away from the computer, or have lost access due to technical difficulty. There is no shortcut to learning, but academic success is at the end of the path marked by order and perseverance.
- e.** Be an active learner: Take time to take careful notes, memorize important terms and definitions, and to understand facts and concepts from the lessons. Remember, you will use what you learn today as the foundation for what you will learn tomorrow.

Based on the changes in education over the last several decades, it's safe to say that the future of education will continue to evolve with the times. Both increased demand and certain technological advances, such as augmented reality and artificial intelligence, will alter the dynamics of the field. HBU will be there, ready to greet the future of learning when it does!



Dr Robert B. Sloan, Reuben Evans and Dr. Craig Evans

My Look Into “Fragments of Truth”

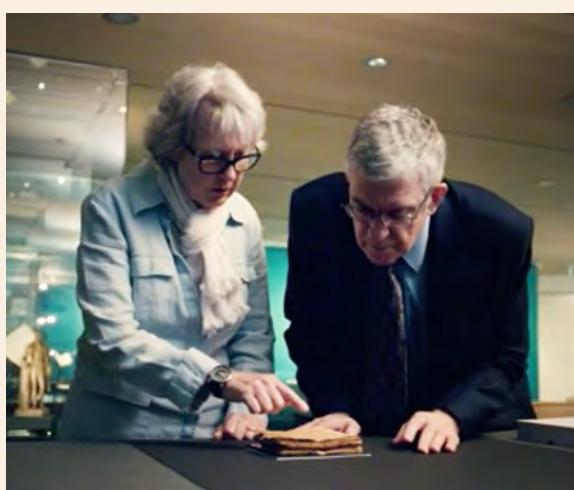
By Dr. Craig Evans, HBU John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins

Shortly after we completed filming in Israel of our series of mini-documentaries on “Archaeology Jesus,” Reuben Evans of Faithlife Films asked me what project we should do next. At the time, I was researching my book, “Jesus and the Manuscripts.” How many, how old, and how good the manuscripts of the Greek New Testament Gospels are, was very much on my mind. Without thinking more than a few seconds, I suggested to Reuben that we make a documentary on the oldest surviving manuscripts of the New Testament Gospels. He liked the idea, and so did the leadership at Faithlife.

Reuben, his film crew, and I flew to Europe in late May 2017. We visited Dublin in Ireland, Manchester, Oxford, and Cambridge in England, Geneva in Switzerland, and the Vatican in Rome, Italy. Over the course of two weeks, we filmed the oldest surviving Greek manuscripts of the New Testament Gospels. We interviewed the world’s leading textual critics, experts on ancient manuscripts, and curators and librarians who house and preserve these manuscripts for public viewing and scholarly study.

Scholars we interviewed

included Keith Elliott, David Parker, Larry Hurtado, Simon Gathercole, Daniel Wallace, Peter Williams, David Trobisch and Jacques Berchtold. We filmed the oldest fragments of the Greek Gospels, including Papyrus 52, Papyrus 64, and Papyrus 66. I even held in my hands Codex Bezae, named after the great Swiss Reformer Theodore Beza, who donated it to the Cambridge University Library. The context contains the four New Testament Gospels and the book of Acts, and dates around the year 400.



Faithlife Films has created a 90-minute documentary called “Fragments of Truth,” that released theatrically on April 24. Houston Baptist University hosted a pre-screening release in the Dunham Theater. After the screening, President Robert Sloan moderated 30 minutes of questions directed toward me and Reuben Evans (we’re friends but not otherwise related!). This Q&A session was filmed, and a brief, edited segment was added to the end of the documentary, which was shown in 741 cinemas and theaters across the United States. In Texas alone, 77 cinemas and theaters showed the documentary, which is narrated by legendary actor John Rhys-Davies, famous for his roles in “Indiana Jones” and “Lord of the Rings.”

The documentary shows that the New Testament Gospel manuscripts are ancient, reliable, and faithfully reflect the text of the original writings, or autographs. We hope many Christians, along with their family and friends, (especially those who have heard claims recently made in the media to the effect that the Gospel manuscripts are full of errors and uncertain readings) will see the film.

I find it interesting also that “Fragments of Truth” appears in the same academic year in which Lee Strobel’s movie, “The Case for Christ,” also appeared. The latter appeared in the fall 2017 semester and the former appeared in the spring 2018 semester. This is amazing. Has this ever happened before that two members of the same faculty appear in theatrical releases in the same academic year? I think this says something about HBU’s position of leadership in crucial areas of thought and study in these troubled times!





Dr. Timothy Brookins Discusses His Path to Scholarship

Dr. Timothy Brookins is the director of Graduate Programs for the School of Christian Thought, program coordinator for Graduate Theology Programs, interim chair of the Department of Theology, and assistant professor of Classics and Biblical Languages for HBU.

Please tell us about your personal, academic and professional background.

I grew up in a traditional home in Virginia, where I attended a Baptist church with my family and public school from K through 12. While I was a fair student, like many kids, I took little interest in school. The one subject I took interest in was Latin, which I started in seventh grade and continued in until graduation. I went on to college (at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia) envisioning a vague future in youth ministry, and I continued to lack focus in my studies. I followed the path to ministry after graduation by moving to Raleigh, North Carolina, where I attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. After starting Greek my first semester, the spark that Latin created in middle school was revived by Greek and fanned into a flame, so to speak. That's when I began to see my future in clearer focus. I had worked a couple of years at a Christian

summer camp for kids, and was currently interning as a youth pastor at a local church near Raleigh. I was beginning to see that youth ministry wasn't for me in the long-term. At the same time, I was coming to life as a student and had begun developing a strong desire to use my studies to help others find their way in life. At this point, I decided to pursue a PhD and a career in higher education, although I was unsure which area I wanted to focus in. At first, I felt pulled in several different directions, then in just two – for several years vacillating between Classics and New Testament. I decided in favor of New Testament, entering into Baylor's PhD program in 2008, but still uncertain whether I'd taken the right path. But as I began graduate studies at Baylor, it became clear to me that, for me, New Testament studies and Classics weren't alternative career paths. My love for the New Testament and my early love of Latin weren't disconnected parts of my journey; the two areas converged and my academic journey all came together at this point.

When did you arrive at HBU, and what have your roles been?

I started at HBU in the fall of 2011 while I was still writing my doctoral dissertation. I was hired as a full-time "Latin Instructor" in the Honors College. The next year, a Latin department formed in the College of Humanities, and I moved from the Honors College to Humanities. In 2013, Latin merged with Biblical Languages to form the department of Classics and Biblical Languages, and at that point I shifted my teaching responsibilities from Latin to Greek. Most of my time since then has been spent in the Greek classroom, though I've also continued to teach one or two Bible/theology classes a year and an occasional Latin class. And so I continue to sit at the intersection between biblical studies and classics!

What is unique about HBU's School of Christian Thought?

Among other things, one feature I'm excited about is our new MA in Classics and Early Christianity. The organizational relationship between classics and biblical studies is closer at HBU than it is at most institutions. It's pretty standard to separate "Classics" and "Religious Studies" into different departments. While our department of "Classics and Biblical Languages" and our department of "Theology" are nominally separate, biblical languages spans the gap. We also share faculty between the departments; for example, while I teach mostly Greek classes, I also teach at least one class in biblical/theological studies each year. The relationship between the two departments is showcased in a special way in our new MA. The degree is built around the intersection between classics and biblical/theological studies. The program requires courses in Second Temple Judaism, the Gospels and Acts, and second-century Christianity, but it also has offerings in Greek and Latin, Greco-Roman philosophy and religion, and classical archaeology.

What projects are you currently working on, and what is trending now in Christian scholarship?

In a way, everything is trending right now in biblical scholarship. Post-modernity has helped legitimize a multiplicity of non-traditional approaches to interpretation—feminist interpretation, post-colonial interpretation, liberation interpretation—even as more classical, historical-critical scholarship and biblical theology continue. We are also seeing a renewed interest in pre-critical interpretation — interpretation as it was practiced in the ancient and medieval church, long before we became concerned about the text's meaning in its "original context." Legitimacy of interpretation, in short, is no longer restricted to a particular method, or one method to "rule them all."

My work focuses on the apostle Paul in his Greco-

Roman context. This work prioritizes original context as a lens of meaning. I look at Paul's writings through what might be called a social-historical or socio-linguistic approach. This approach grounds interpretation in the language, customs, and value systems of the first-century Mediterranean world, exploring how Paul drew from available cultural resources in writing his letters, as well as how he adapted these resources in light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ. I'm currently writing a book on Paul's interaction with Stoic philosophy, the most popular philosophy of his day and influential, not only for other contemporary philosophies, but also in certain streams of Judaism, in Roman politics, and in the general ethos of Greco-Roman culture.

In other research projects, I focus more on exegesis, or close, verse-by-verse analysis of the biblical text. I'm currently writing two commentaries. The first is on 1 Corinthians and the second on 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Both of these are academic commentaries, but they will also be of use to advanced students in theological and biblical studies, as well as to educated lay people; for example, aptitude in Koine Greek is not required for use; while I refer to the language of the original Greek, I use English transliteration for the characters.

What do you hope students gain from their academic programs at HBU?

Certainly, some course work in Greek and Latin! Other than that, let me mention three things of a more general nature. First, how to think critically. This is the gift that keeps on giving. I can tell you what to think, or I can teach you how to do it. Every age offers virtues of which previous ages were ignorant, and every age has its vices. We want to foster in students a critical ability to distinguish between the good and the bad, to know when to conform to culture and when to critique it. Second, how to dialogue openly. Thinking critically doesn't mean being "critical" of everything that those who are not a part of our tight circle think. Sometimes, thinking critically means being willing to give up beliefs that don't stand up to scrutiny, and to adopt those we once found erroneous. Third, how to live lovingly. We don't want to impart only knowledge, but also "power." It's been said that "knowledge is power." That's not what I mean. The apostle Paul associates power, ironically, with Christ-crucified, that which the world views as ultimate weakness. But in the crucifixion was not weakness, but God's power, the power of love, the power of self-sacrifice. Paul contrasts this love with "knowledge," knowledge, that is, that inflates the self, elevating the self above others. This is the opposite of God's power. All other kinds of power rely on dominance. Dominance does not transform, but only restrains the lesser powers. The power of Christ-crucified, and life so conformed, is the only kind of power that is ultimately transformative.

HBU President and Advancement Office Host Covenant Society Reception



The Houston Baptist University Covenant Society was created to recognize and thank those who have invested in HBU's future through a planned gift.

Universities like HBU depend upon the support and partnership of friends of the University. They are the heroes who make it possible for students such as HBU student Brenda Brocato to attend, and to receive the best education possible. Brocato addressed a group gathered for a Covenant Society Reception during a recent Sunday afternoon at Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, and Mrs. Sue Sloan's home, Morris House.

"Coming out of high school, I wanted to study humanities and liberal arts from a Christian perspective," she said. "The education is even better than I thought it would be. The professors' support and mentorship has been helpful, and I've made so many amazing connections."

The Houston Baptist University Covenant Society is comprised of University supporters who have arranged to leave a legacy gift through options including a will, charitable gift annuity, charitable lead trust, charitable remainder trust, life estate, living trust, life insurance policy or IRA/annuity/pension plan. Tommy Bambrick, vice president of the HBU Capital Campaign, said that, of planned gifts, wills which leave a provision to HBU make up about 60 to 70 percent of deferred gifts to the University.

"Relationships are the most important thing for a university," Bambrick said. "We are thankful for what our donors do for HBU. Our goal for planned giving is to fulfill our constituents' philanthropic wishes in



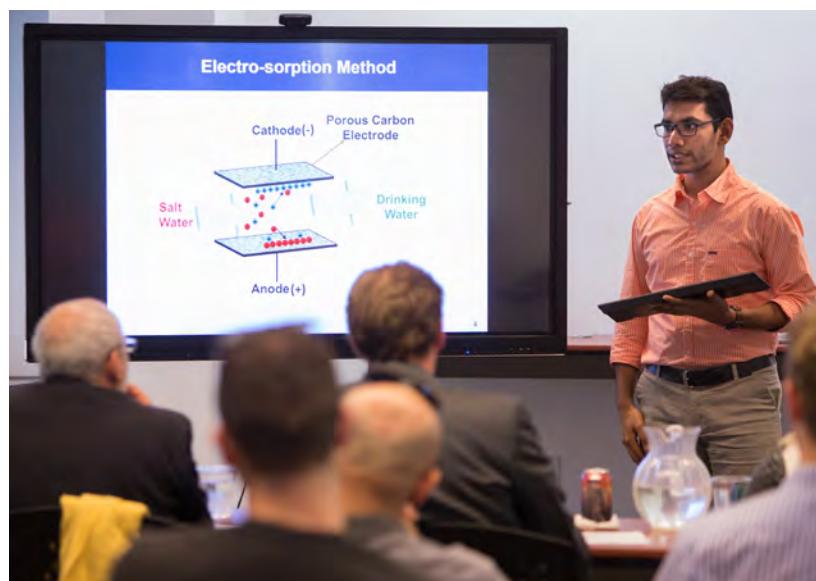
coordination with their overall financial and estate planning." Bambrick's office has created a Wills Guide and a website, PlannedGiving.HBU.edu, to help facilitate the planning process. "People should always have a will," he said.

Dr. Rusty Brooks, Prince-Chavanne Chair in Christian Business Ethics for the HBU Archie W. Dunham College of Business, agreed. "You have to decide to do something or it will get decided for you," he said of leaving a will with one's own directives. As an employee of three decades, Brooks said, "This is my second home. The University has given me a lot of happiness." Like other donors, Brooks and his wife elected to give to a specified area within HBU that is meaningful to them. "I'm one of these that says, 'Here's what I want to give to.' You can make your gifts very specific," he said. "It will eventually benefit students. I went to school on scholarships myself. If it helps one kid go to school, it's worth it."

Dr. Carol McGaughey, who served the HBU College of Education and Behavioral Sciences department for 16 years, retiring as associate dean in 2017, remembers her time fondly, and has also chosen to leave a legacy through planned giving. "HBU is a place where collegiality and faith supersede work. It's a special atmosphere," she said. "By giving, you're blessing wonderful young people."

Friend of HBU, Ret. Col. Newt Cole, said, "I love this school. I've always believed in sharing what you have with the Kingdom of God because it's His. Giving to student scholarships blesses my heart so much. We're all blessed and privileged to be a part of a wonderful school."

For information, please visit PlannedGiving.HBU.edu or call **281.649.3407**.



HBU McNair Center Hosts “3 Day Startup: Water Texas”

HBU's McNair Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise, in partnership with the McNair Centers at Rice University and the University of St. Thomas, hosted “3 Day Startup: Water Texas” in April. The three-day program is a learning-by-doing workshop that teaches entrepreneurial skills to participants in a hands-on environment. College students were tasked with creating ideas and formulating solutions revolving around water and water technologies.

Representing 11 colleges and universities, 22 attendees converged in the new Lighthouse Lab on the second floor of HBU's Hinton Center. Throughout the weekend, four teams

worked on ideas which culminated with a pitch contest before a panel of five professional judges representing HBU, Rice University, the University of St. Thomas, and the Houston Technology Center.

One participant was Texas A&M recent doctoral graduate Daniel Browne, who came to the event with a business plan well on its way. His idea, “Algae to Energy,” revolves around using algae to convert carbon waste from power plants and contaminated wastewater into a usable byproduct. “I've been working on this for about two years and had the core idea, but this weekend has been great. We've really developed the business model a lot,” he said of his work group. “It's been a great

experience; I've really enjoyed this.”

HBU junior and business major Chris Mohindroo's group worked on a water filtration system. “In a weekend like this, you learn what you can't get out of class,” he said.

Michael Player, administrative director for HBU's McNair Center, said, “I am so very proud of the 10 HBU students, and all of the students, who participated.”

Bart Bohn, 3 Day Startup founder, said, “It's been surprising to see the depth of ideas the students brought.”

Notably, Browne and his project went on to win second place at the 2018 Aggie Pitch Contest a week later.

Learn more at HBU.edu/McNair.

The Guild Annual Silver Tea Supports Scholarships



Debra Perich BA '99
and Ruth Draper



Candace Desrosiers BA '94, Cindy Garbs
and Vivian Winslow BA '91



Marsha Eckermann BA '68
and Dr. Jennifer Ferguson BA '69

The Guild Silver Tea is an HBU tradition which began in 1992. The annual event draws friends of the University who value its mission. This spring's event was hosted by Diana and Todd Brock, and chaired by Jennifer Ferguson, Marsha Eckermann and Debra Perich.

Proceeds from the Silver Tea will go to graduate education and theology scholarships.



Tana Jefferson and Patti Bailey



Sharon Saunders, Ruth Draper and Cheryl Kaminski



Judy Craig and Kandy Brittain

The Guild Installation Celebrates Philanthropy

The Guild Installation in May at Morris House represented the celebration of The Guild's philanthropy and the passing of the leadership baton. The Guild is comprised of dedicated, Christian women who give of their time and resources to support the mission of HBU, and to provide graduate scholarships for education and theology students. The Guild has raised more than \$1.8 million for scholarships and other University projects.

Outgoing President Ruth Draper, who served in the

role for two years, welcomed new president, Cheryl Kaminski, along with the other executive board and board members, and committee chairs.

Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, thanked the attendees for their work. "When people give, it makes a huge difference in the lives of students," he said. "These scholarships touch the lives of people who, in turn, touch others' lives. Thanks to all of you for all that The Guild does. Thank you for the hours you spend helping and interacting with students."



Stephanie '07 and Aaron '06 Diehl



Julianne Lee

Endowed Scholarship Donors Honored at Reception

James Blackwell's family first donated to Houston Baptist University in the 1960s, when they gifted a tract of land in the Alvin area to the University. He is still passionate about supporting a higher education institution which has as its founding mission, recognizing Jesus Christ as Lord. "I pray that students get the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal savior and grow up to serve God," he said.

Blackwell was one of the honorees at the Endowed Scholarship Donor Reception at Morris House in April. The event recognized recent donors who gave in order that the goals and dreams of future students may be realized. Donors are memorialized in recognition plaques located in the Bettis Quadrangle of the Brown administration building.

Aaron, '06 and Stephanie Diehl, '07, recently established a scholarship for their alma mater. "I had an endowed scholarship as a student and benefited from it," Aaron Diehl said. "I was uniquely appreciative. We had the opportunity to give and we did."

Student Julianne Lee, a mezzo-soprano and pianist who is majoring in music and minoring in biology, is a recipient of the Mellinger Endowed Scholarship in Music. She shared her gratitude at the event. "I auditioned at HBU and fell in love with it and decided to come. The scholarship is really helpful to me," she said. "My experience has been extremely great."

We Offer Special Thanks for the Newest Endowed Scholarships

- Betty J. Beard Endowed Scholarship
- Winnie Evans Blackwell Endowed Scholarship
- Linda and Colonel Newton V. Cole Endowed Scholarship for Christian Thought
- Neil and Peggy Daniels Endowed Scholarship
- Diehl Family Endowed Scholarship
- Grace Gandy Endowed Scholarship
- Grayson and Patsy Glass Endowed Scholarship
- Jo and Charles F. Howard Endowed Scholarship
- Tana Jefferson Endowed Scholarship
- Steve and Becky Kerns Family Endowed Scholarship for Athletics
- Jane Jester, '68 Marmion and Stephen Andrew Marmion Alumni Endowed Scholarship
- Margaret Newman Endowed Scholarship in Studio Visual Arts
- Schissler Foundation Endowed Scholarship in Nursing honoring Nancy Schissler
- Dr. Doris Corpier Warren Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

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UNIVERSITY EVENTS



HBU Hosts Second Annual Author Celebration

Houston Baptist University's writers and artists shared their recent publications during HBU's Second Annual Author Celebration, held in McNair Hall in April. Authors included accomplished faculty members, staff and even students. Genres varied, and works included topics like history, Christianity, business and education.

Dr. Jerry Walls, philosophy professor and prolific writer, displayed several books including "Venus and Virtue" and "Roman but Not Catholic." Walls said, "I write about things people care about, and about stuff that I think matters."

Student writers, photographers and artists were gathered to celebrate Academic Success Center's publication, "Writ in Water." Editor-in-chief Seth Grant said, "It was cool to see the entire process through. The team was able to pull something off."

Director of the Dunham Bible Museum, Dr. Diana Severance, exhibited "Her-Story" and "The Story of Emily." "It's wonderful to be able to share the publications," she said.

CEO of Faith-Based Company Inspires at CCB Spring Luncheon



Founder and CEO of Cohen Architectural Woodworking, Philip Cohen inspired attendees of the Center for Christianity in Business Spring Networking Luncheon. The CCB is an initiative of the HBU Archie W. Dunham College of Business, dedicated to challenging and equipping Christian business leaders to integrate biblical principles.

Cohen shared his journey from homeless drug addict to effective CEO. As a young man, he began making wooden trucks, baby cradles and porch swings in a home shop in the 1970s. By the 1980s, he established his company and sold cabinets to stores such as Walmart. "I was thankful that Jesus had been a carpenter," he said. "God showed me somehow how to do it."

The entrepreneur has seen his Missouri-based business grow beyond his imaginings through applying the teachings of the Bible to his business practices. After 36 years in business, Cohen operates a \$12 million production with nearly 100 employees out of a 54,250 square-feet facility. Clients throughout the United States include top companies. "God has blown our minds by what He's done," he said.

Cohen views his business as mission; more than half of his employees are former prisoners. Days at work begin with a devotional and prayer. The Christian faith defines the business operations, from diligent work to biblical conflict resolution. "Our mission is to transform every life we touch," he said.

Cohen left his attendees to consider Psalm 127:1: "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." He said, "If God isn't building it, you're wasting your time. What is the Holy Spirit telling you to do? Will you have the courage to do it?"

Learn more at HBU.edu/CCB.

MFA Graduates Showcase Art Pieces



There were 10 Master of Fine Arts class of 2018 graduates who showcased their theses work in the Contemporary Art Gallery and throughout the halls of the University Academic Center this spring. Undergraduate BFA/BA students showcased their work as well. Jim Edwards, HBU artist-in-residence and director of the HBU Contemporary Art Gallery, noted the diversity of the art piece styles and subjects. From realist to surrealist drawings and paintings, to wooden and metal craftsman pieces, each art item reflected its creator's imagination.

Kingsley Onyeiwu, whose portraits lined the UAC entrance, said, "HBU has been a turning point in my life. It's been a great opportunity, and I've built relationships with people from all walks of life."

Edwards described the students' caliber of work. "This exhibition offers

proof of the high standards these artists have achieved while also celebrating their individual talents," he said. "As they leave the Houston Baptist University Master of Fine Arts program, these 10 artists take with them their unique artistic visions and their success as visual artists. We thank them for helping to enrich our lives through art."

MFA Class of 2018

- Shannon Alexander
- Emily Burgess
- Kathy Bilyeu
- Barry Carter
- James Klein
- Michael Leanes
- Juan Mejia
- Kathryn Nosenzo
- Kingsley Onyeiwu
- Fereshteh Solati



Learn more at HBU.edu/FineArts.



President's Concert Features Original Composition

The HBU President's Concert featured HBU musicians performing the original composition of Department of Music Chair and Director of Choral Activities Dr. Terre Johnson. Choral ensembles, soloists and orchestra, along with the winner of the HBU Concerto/Aria competition, Sydney Fabregas, performed.

"Song of the Captive" was first performed in Florence, Italy in 2016. Composed in 2015, Johnson drew inspiration from the Psalms written during Babylonian captivity, and from African-American spirituals.

Visit HBU.edu/Music.



Honors Convocation Recognizes Outstanding Students

The Spring 2018 Honors Convocation recognized those who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their respective areas. Student awards were given across colleges, departments and organizations. Honor society inductees were acknowledged as well. At the faculty and staff level, employees were awarded for exceptional work.

Alumni Association Hosts Golden Circle Celebration

Members of the classes of 1967 and 1968 gathered for the Golden Circle Celebration this spring. While much has changed from the Houston Baptist College they knew then, the alumni celebrated how far the University has come.

Participants were inducted into the Golden Circle, receiving Golden Anniversary diplomas and 50-year pins. Additionally, they had the chance to tour the campus. Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, and Dr. Christopher Hammons, director of the Center for Law and Liberty and professor of Government, spoke.

The HBU Golden Circle honors those who attended the University 50 years ago or more.

Learn more at HBU.edu/GoldenCircle.



Faculty & Staff Members Honored at End-of-Year Celebration



Mon'Sher Spencer



Alan W. Presley



Dr. Felisi Sorgwe



Dr. Steven Jones

HBU faculty and staff members gathered to mark the end of the school year, and to recognize those who have contributed in exceptional ways to students and to the University as a whole. Employee service tenures in increments of five were recognized as well.

Winners of the Ray Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award were

Mon'Sher Spencer, director of Student Involvement and Leadership Programs, and Alan W. Presley, associate director of Web Strategies and Operations. Finalists were Lisa Michalk, Harriet Sturgeon, Sandra Zambrana, David Hao, Frederick Simmons and Clint Strickland.

Opal Goolsby Professor of the Year Winner was Dr. Felisi Sorgwe,

associate professor of Theology. Finalists were Dr. Wendy Frazier, Jesse GrothOlson, Dr. David Grubbs, Susan Schneider and Dr. Agnieszka Czopik.

Minnie Stevens Piper Professor University nominee was Dr. Steven Jones, associate professor of Classics. Finalists were Dr. Joshua Farris, Jesse GrothOlson, Dr. Polly Trevino and Dr. Saul Trevino.

Lighthouse Lab Ribbon-Cutting Held

The McNair Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise at Houston Baptist University marked the opening of the Lighthouse Lab with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication prayer in May. Michael Player, administrative director of the center, welcomed leadership from The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, members of the HBU Board of Trustees, and special guests.

The lab allows users to hone in on technology with a maker lab including 3-D printers, sublimation (product imprinting) equipment, augmented and virtual reality, and other interactive equipment. The center is for students of all majors and for utilization by faculty members for specialized instruction.

Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, thanked Janice



and Robert C. McNair, and the foundation, for making the lab possible. With its technology and creative space, the Lighthouse Lab will serve current and future entrepreneurs as they develop their businesses. "Because of the McNairs, and their commitments to education and to the Kingdom of God, this lab is possible," Sloan said.

Visit HBU.edu/McNair for more information.



HBU Class Ring Ceremony Marks Milestone

The HBU Alumni Association Class Ring Ceremony marks a milestone in the lives of graduates. Students, family members and supporters listened at this year's event as Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, charged students to let their lives' work be a demonstration of their thankfulness.

"You've received a wonderful education. It's been more than just a major. What you've learned enables you to be the person God made you to be," Sloan said. "I charge you to be a good steward. Be a person of faith. We're proud of you; we're thankful for you."



HBU Graduates Celebrate During May 2018 Commencement

We pray God's blessings upon each of the 408 HBU May graduates! This includes 276 undergraduate degrees, 131 graduate degrees and one certificate earner.





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HBU Golf Hosts Professional Golfer Colin Montgomerie

After graduating from Houston Baptist University in 1987, Golfer Colin Montgomerie immediately turned professional, and has made a name for himself around the world. "Monty," as he is known, has won dozens of top tournaments and is a Ryder Cup legend. The Scot has been named "Europe's Top Golfer" eight times.

In May, Montgomerie was back in Houston to play in the Insperity Invitational at The Woodlands Country Club. But before his tournament play, he spent an evening with HBU athletes, coaching staff, alumni and friends in a fundraising dinner for HBU's Golf Program. Dr. Robert B. Sloan, HBU president, presented Montgomerie a Distinguished Alumnus Award, as well as a Spirit of Excellence Award.

"The reason I am here tonight is because of HBU and what it gave me," Montgomerie said. "What a great four years." Montgomerie reflected upon his time at HBU, from adjusting to Houston heat to taking evening classes in order to complete his degree promptly.

He answered questions from Dr. Sloan, as well as from audience members, sharing how golf equipment and the



pace of the game has changed during the past 30 years. The highlight of his evening was reuniting with his former coach, Dave Mannen, an HBU Hall of Honor inductee.

"This game has afforded me a great life, lifestyle and travel," Montgomerie said. "I always think about how I started at HBU. I had to compete with my teammates and learn how to play and how to win. I have to go back to my time there."

Back-to-Back

Women's Golf Captures Second-Straight Southland Conference Championship

By Russ Reneau & Erica Reyes

The setting, the scene, nearly all of the actors were the same and the result was not much different.

As it did last year on a sweltering Wednesday at Woodforest Golf Club in Montgomery, Texas, the HBU women's golf team held off a charge from Central Arkansas to win the Southland Conference Championship.

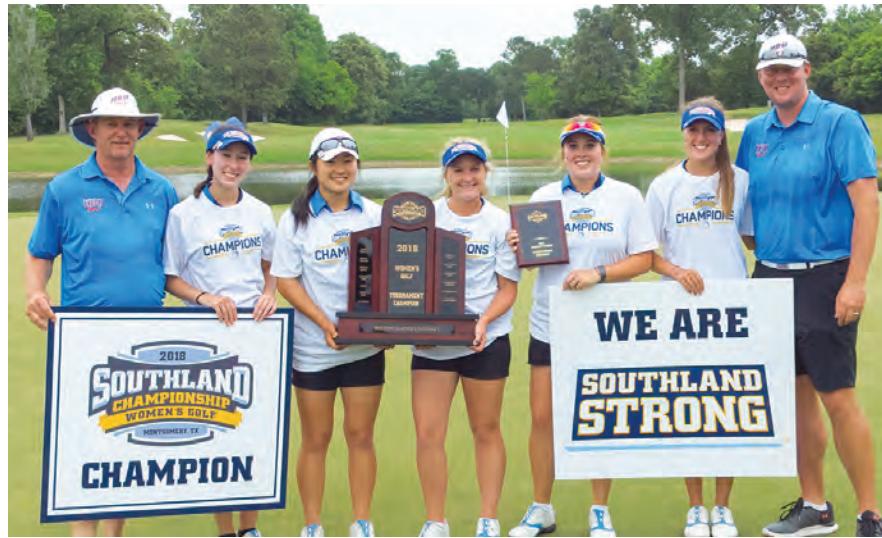
"It feels great to win back-to-back titles," head coach David Shuster said. "Woodforest is a special place for us; we feel comfortable here and the team plays well here. It's indescribable to go back-to-back. It has been a few years since we did it back in the Great West Conference. These are some special ladies. The beauty is, they are all returning next year, so I look forward to the future with this team. A huge part of the ladies' continued success is due to having a great assistant coach. I can't express how thankful I am for Coach (Jordan) Jeffers for all he has done for our programs. He is an awesome coach and person to have on our team."

While the Huskies won by one stroke in 2017, this year's victory was a little more comfortable with a nine-stroke margin over the Bears, who trimmed three-strokes the lead in the final round. Overall, HBU shot 898 for the three rounds, while UCA shot 907 and Sam Houston State finished third at 916.

Junior Kaity Cummings, who entered the final round in fourth place, fired a 1-under par 70 to charge to the top and claim the individual title with a 54-hole total of 7-over par 220, two strokes ahead of Sam Houston State's Hannah Alberto. Junior Lexi Brooks, last year's individual champion, battled back from a disappointing opening round to tie for fifth.

Sophomore Alisa Chong led the tournament through 36 holes, but settled for eighth, and freshman Sara Zrnikova, the lone rookie on the squad, finished ninth. Sophomore Caylee Senn tied for 35th.

"The girls did a fantastic job," Jeffers said. "I am very proud of them. We have done some great things this season, we just kept fighting throughout the year and ended up coming out with the win. Back-to-back victories are huge for our program and what we are trying to do. Coach Shuster has done a great job building this program and I am grateful for him allowing me to be a part of it." Shuster earned his second-straight conference Coach of the Year honor, while Cummings was a first-team all-conference selection. Brooks made the second team and Zrnikova earned honorable mention. HBU went on to compete at the NCAA Austin Regional at the University of Texas Golf Club May 7-9, finishing 14th, ahead of Miami, Georgetown, Missouri State and East Carolina.



Kaity Cummings

HBU Tops Academically in Southland for Third-Straight Year

HBU was recognized with the Southland Conference Academic Performance Achievement Award for the third-consecutive year at the league's annual May meeting in Frisco, Texas.

HBU earned 78 of its possible 91 points, 85.7 percent, well ahead of Sam Houston State, which was second with 45-of-98 points for 45.9 percent.

The award is largely determined by Academic Progress Rate (APR), a measure adopted by the NCAA in 2004 which holds institutions accountable for academic progress or their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term.

Several student-athletes earned academic honors this year, with men's soccer's Bryan Brody the highest among them with his third CoSIDA Academic All-American honor. Student-athletes making the Academic All-Southland Conference Teams were: Braxton Bonds (men's

basketball); Amanda Johnson (women's basketball); Andre Walker and Mev Ajdin (football); Val Almendarez (men's golf); Lexi Brooks, Kaity Cummings and Alisa Chong (women's golf); Ellee Hall and Megan Rickert (women's soccer); Jessica Wooten and Bailey Banks (volleyball). Baseball and softball had not been released at time of publication. Brody was joined on the Western Athletic Academic All-Conference Men's Soccer Team by teammates Darrell Johnson, Brandon Smith, Tim Watson, Dominick Faletto, Josue Palomino, Khalil Thomas and Dequan Thomas.



Inductees to the Chi Alpha Sigma national academic honors fraternity for athletes.

2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Southwest Baptist	Husky Stadium	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	*McNeese	Husky Stadium	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	*Abilene Christian (Family Weekend)	Husky Stadium	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	*at Central Arkansas		6 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Southeastern Louisiana		4 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Stephen F. Austin (Homecoming)		6 p.m.
Oct. 27	*at Northwestern State	Natchitoches, La.	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Nicholls (Military Appreciation Day)	Husky Stadium	2 p.m.
Nov. 10	*at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas	3 p.m.
Nov. 17	*Sam Houston State (Senior Day)		2 p.m.

*Southland Conference game



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This is Home: HBU is Where Assistant Basketball Coach Steven Key is Meant to Be

By Jeff Sutton

If you've followed HBU men's basketball at all over the last 27 seasons since the program restarted, you're no doubt familiar with head coach Ron Cottrell who has presided over each and every one of those seasons. Odds are, you're also familiar with assistant coach Steven Key who has been a part of the Husky basketball program since 1991 with Cottrell. After starting out as a student manager, his 24 seasons as an assistant coach make him the longest-tenured assistant coach in all of NCAA Division I men's basketball (Cottrell owns the sixth-longest tenure among active head coaches).

College basketball is a profession where it's become the norm for coaches to move from school to school in an attempt to better position themselves for that next job. During the offseason after 2016-17, Key assumed the mantle of the longest-tenured assistant when Mike Hopkins left Syracuse for the head coaching job at the University of Washington. The right circumstances and a true love for his alma mater have created the opportunity for him to office in Sharp Gym for more than two and a half decades.

For Key, who first came to 7502 Fondren Road after his

father moved the family to Beaumont following 20 years as a minister in Savannah, Georgia, HBU is simply a part of his life. He states, simply, "This is home. There have been opportunities to look other places and see if there's anything that fits, but every time I did that, nothing ever felt right. Nothing ever felt like being here."

"Here" is the place where Key met his wife, the former Sherry Blakely who was a standout Husky softball player. "Here" is the place where he worked as a manager from 1991 through 1994 before getting hired as an assistant even before graduating in 1996.

Down a hallway past the HBU men's basketball offices sits the program's equipment room. Anyone who has been down that hallway has certainly noticed it, adorned with a variety of stickers and decals placed there over the years by Key and fellow managers who he worked with when he first started at HBU. If you stop and take a closer look at the bright orange door, you'll notice a pair of signatures on the door, one more faded than the other. The older, faded signature belongs to former Houston Rocket and NBA Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon, and the other, newer signature is from Rudy Tomjanovich, a former Rocket player and coach.

"I've told Coach (Cottrell) several times, if and when we move into a new facility, that door is going," Key says. "It will be the door to the new equipment room. That door, for me, is part of the history of Sharp Gym and HBU basketball. That door could be a historical landmark here on campus."

While the door represents a physical mark Key has left on the HBU campus, some words of wisdom received from his father helped him understand the impact he could truly have as a basketball coach.

He says, "My dad's a minister, my mom's a social worker, my brother's a minister, and early in my career, I always felt like, 'Well, I'm just a basketball coach.' I told

my dad that one time, in my mid-20s when I just started coaching and he said to me, 'You don't have to have 1,500 people in your congregation to be a minister, or to minister to people and make a difference. You get 15 guys each year, and that's your ministry. That's who you're trying to reach.' It took a while for that to really seep in and get to where I needed to be. I've been trying to really have an influence on these guys just as much off the floor as on."

In addition to his basketball coaching duties, Key has been an important figure in the athletic department in his 27 years on campus. Early on, in 1993, he began doing sports information work for the Huskies. This included, but was certainly not limited to, statistical work, writing game previews and recaps, and working at games for all sports that HBU sponsored at the time. In fact, Key was responsible for creating HBU's first-ever athletics website back in 1997.

Over the years, he has seen Cottrell as a guiding force in the growth of his career.

"I feel privileged and honored that coach has kept me around this long. I'm sure early on in my career there were probably some times he wanted to get rid of me because I was dumb and naïve to what it takes to become a good coach. But, he kept me around and tried to help me work and help me learn," he recalls. "I think I've been able to forge a good relationship with him even though there's 11, 12 years between us. We're friends, and I consider him one of my better friends, even though he's still my boss."

Ultimately, for Key, he views HBU as the place he's meant to be. He says with a smile, "This is where God wants me to be. I'm about to turn



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47 years old, and if for whatever reason God figures out I need to be somewhere else, He'll tell me. But, as long as my keys keep working on that office door, I'm going to keep showing up and working hard to be the person He needs me to be here."



Shared Hunger

Kittley, Mills Look to Help HBU Football Turn the Corner

By John Holt

Every new year, life changes occur.

Relationships change, dreams change and careers change.

For the HBU football program, the biggest changes to start 2018 were two new coordinator hires. On January 10, Zach Kittley was named the school's new offensive coordinator, while Jeff Mills was named the new defensive coordinator.

Kittley, 26, arrived in Houston after spending the previous five seasons working in various coaching roles at Texas Tech University. Meanwhile, Mills joined the Huskies carrying 30 years of experience at the collegiate level.

Although it's only been a few months since they joined the Husky program, both have already began making an impact, and don't appear to be slowing down anytime soon.

Becoming an offensive coordinator in the collegiate ranks isn't a common thing for most 26-year-olds. Yet Kittley is not your ordinary, average Joe. Serving as a graduate assistant during his final three years at Texas Tech, he coached a pair of quarterbacks, Pat Mahomes II and Davis Webb, who were both selected in the 2017 NFL Draft. That highlight alone had Husky quarterback Bailey Zappe ecstatic when he learned Kittley was chosen as the team's new OC.

"I looked him up," Zappe recalled. "I saw he was from (Texas) Tech. When he first met with us, he said he worked under (Kliff) Kingsbury. I was like, 'Kingsbury, that's a high-profile coach.' (Texas) Tech has had the best offense in the country for the past few years. He learned from the best."

From Kittley's point of view, as soon as he heard about the HBU offensive coordinator opening, he became intrigued.

"I loved the (interview) experience and what the program was all about," Kittley said. "For myself too, growing as a young coach, I'm 26 years old. This is a great coaching and learning experience."

HBU head coach Vic Shealy acknowledged that he was targeting a young candidate from a high profile offensive program. From the beginning, Kittley seemed to be the perfect fit for the position.

"Several people who I talked to that I really respected came back and said the rising star out there is Zach Kittley from (Texas) Tech. Coach Kingsbury has given him the quarterbacks for the last year or year-and-a-half, and what he's done with those guys fundamentally, and his knowledge of that system, is second to none."

Unlike Kittley, Mills is a veteran coach who accepted his position with the Huskies after being away from the college coaching ranks in 2017. While not being involved in the college game was unique for Mills, it did provide him the opportunity to run a Sports and Wellness Athlete Training (SWAT) private football academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his son, Tyler.

"It was a blessing," Mills said of his year away from college football. "What is interesting, it stretched me to go out and explore and learn. I played college quarterback, so I was working on teaching and coaching quarterbacks. I was working receiver drills. I actually learned a lot of things technique-wise because I've been on the defensive side most of my career."

What helped Mills land in Houston was his relationship with Shealy and former Husky defensive coordinator, Charlie Camp. Today, the linebackers coach at UTSA, Camp, was a graduate assistant for Mills when he was serving as defensive coordinator at the University of Idaho.

"Circle of life," Mills said with a laugh. "God opened the door when Charlie left here."

Mills and his wife, Carmen, had been praying throughout 2017 for an opportunity to return to college coaching. When Shealy contacted him in late December 2017 to discuss the opening, Mills considered he and Carmen's prayers had been answered.

"My wife and I were praying about working for a Christian leader who is basically serving God and living for an audience of one," Mills said. "It's just amazing how God works. I feel like I'm in heaven here on earth as far as coaching football in Texas. My dad had a dream of coaching football in Texas and he never got that opportunity. I know he's smiling looking down that I have this opportunity that Coach Shealy has afforded me to be in the great state of Texas where football is king."

Shealy remembered when he was defensive coordinator at Kansas, he visited Mills at the University of Washington. During the visit, he took notice of Mills' ability to connect with his players.

"He was the secondary coach at the University of Washington," Shealy said. "When I went out there, and really got a chance to watch him on the field with the players, I realized that this guy was a heck of a lot better coach than I was with these DBs."

As spring practice period concluded, Kittley and Mills are pleased with what they were able to incorporate and accomplish.

Shealy is proud of what has transpired on both sides of the ball and notes that both new hires share a humbleness in which they work.

"It's not offense versus defense or defense versus offense," Shealy said. "What's fun is just to see the game being taught, and both sides of the ball complimenting each other. We're in a really good place in our locker room right now with our chemistry. Not that we've ever been in a bad place, but I think one of the byproducts of two new coordinators is that there's a lot of good things going on inside the head and heart of our program. That's a result of those two guys."

Kittley and Mills will coach their first game as members of the HBU coaching staff on September 1 at Husky Stadium against Southwest Baptist. Until then, they'll continue preparing their playbooks, get their units acclimated, and settle into life in Houston.

Alum-A-Grams

1970s

Robert Norwood '72, has recently retired from AT&T.

Delwin Richey '76, is the director of Texan Debate and instructor of Communication Studies at Tarleton State University.

Deborah Lyn Fort Harrison '76, is the principal broker and owner of Key Property Group.

Sharon Kenner Toups '77, is currently enjoying retirement.

1980s

Dr. Richard "Doug" Spence, Jr. '80, published a biography of Andrew Jackson Donelson, nephew of President Andrew Jackson, called "Andrew Jackson Donelson: Jacksonian and Unionist," a book that was some 30 years in the making. Doug is an associate professor of biology at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.



Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox '81, was recently published in the Houston Business Journal regarding Pediatric Concierge Medicine. Barbara is the founder and owner of Personal Pediatrics of Houston, where she has practiced solo pediatric medicine for 30 years. She is also the host of the "Healthy Kids, Happy Kids" podcast.

Rosendo Caveiro MBA '81, was appointed senior vice president of Avison Young's Multifamily Capital Markets team. He will be leading the firm's investment sales platform throughout Florida.

William Sukaly MBA '81, has been appointed by Catholic Charities of Buffalo as the director of Immigration and Refugee Assistance. Sukaly has served as a supervisor within the department since 2009. Before joining Catholic Charities, he was the principal of WPSukaly Consulting. In his new role as director, he is responsible for the supervision and management of the agency's resettlement program, employment services for refugees and immigrants, and immigration and naturalization services.

Dr. Anne Chee '82, is the owner of Westchase Dental.

Sam Trujillo '83, is a worship pastor at Parkhills Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Susie Lee '83, works at Houston Methodist.

Isabel Lorenzo '83, is an instructor and technical director at Baylor College of Medicine.

Conrad McCutcheon '83, is a physician at Memorial Village ENT.

Teresa Fitts Burrell '83, is an account manager at Wortham Insurance.

John Stephens '85, is the senior vice president for Enterprise Financial Group.

Stellar Award winner, Smooth Jazz and Dove Award-nominated saxophonist **Angella Christie '84** landed coveted rankings on two Billboard Charts – Gospel and Contemporary Jazz. "Intimate Conversations," Christie's long-awaited new release and ninth album, captures her posing as a mesmerizing musical conversationalist bringing a fresh innovative approach to well-known Gospel and Christian tunes.

Clayton Whitehead MBA '85, is a controller for CECO.

Kathryn Drake Van Der Linden MS-HRM '86, is a retired colonel of the United States Air Force.

Anthony Halim '86, is the senior director of Package Development & Sourcing for Mana Products.

Lourie Moore '87, BSN achieved her doctor of nursing practice degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in May 2018. She was recently promoted to administrative director, Nursing Knowledge Management. She was one of the recipients for the 2017 Texas Nurses Association District 9 Outstanding Nurses Award.

Stanley Tan MBA '87, is the managing director of S&P Financial Management Services LLC.

Martina Martinez Aguirre MSC '88, is a program manager for Shell Oil Company.

Stephen Duyka MSc '88, is the parochial vicar at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Carlotta Brown '89, was recently featured in the Houston Chronicle for her many accolades and hard work for Peck Elementary in Houston ISD. Most notably, the story covered her gift from television host Ellen Degeneres for \$10,000 towards the improvement of the elementary school where she serves as principal.

Paulia Young Elam MS-HRM '89, is retired after working for the City of Houston's Airport System and from her own consulting firm managing human resources.



Ruben Gozalez '88, was recently published by Forbes. He wrote "How to Prepare to Boldly Pursue Your Goals."

1990s

Lila Flores '90, is a teacher for Perryton ISD.

Robert Estrada '90, is the chief financial officer of Invictus Energy, LLC.

Sharon Dearing Baxley '92, is a retired educator.

Robert G. Hughes '92, is a professional home inspector for Texas House Check.

Dr. Grace Carter Lyon '93, is retired from the Gwinnett County Public School.

Theodore Moore '93, is a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Denise Gaye Dunham '93, is an RN, BSN territory manager for MDR Fertility Pharmacy.

James Kingsmill '94, MEd '02, was recently named a recipient of the National Speech and Debate Association Donus D. Roberts Quad Ruby Award. He is currently a communications teacher and debate coach at Dayton High School in Dayton ISD. His wife, **Deborah Thompson Kingsmill '92, MEd '03**, is a seventh-grade science teacher at Highlands Junior High School in Goose Creek CISD. They have one son, Jacob, and reside in Crosby.

HBU alumnae spanning all decades were honored at the 13th Annual Awards Presentation for 2017 Excellence Awards in Nursing. Those alumnae included **Patricia Lea '73, Shannan Hamlin '93, Roberta Mayers '99, Delinda Castillo '01, Deanna Thomas '02, Kristen Tiemann '08, Diana Castillo '01, ADN '09**, and **Patricia Guevara '12**. The Excellence in Nursing Awards is hosted by the Good Samaritan Foundation (GSF) which encourages others to celebrate and recognize individual nurses who excel in their chosen fields. Nurses are nominated by their peers for their passion, leadership, mentorship and service to the Houston community.

Yong Lee '94, is a senior financial analyst for Statoil.

Andrea Mihlhauser Stock '94, is a compliance officer with Petrus Trust Company.

Mickie Huber Kamp MBA '95, is a supply chain director at Fluor.

Tim Thelen '95, is an American professional golfer.

Carol Darden Wortham MLA '95, is retired.

Gary Runner MBA '95, is the division president for David Weekley Homes.

Carlos Heredia-Quintana MSC '96, is an engineering manager for Pimsoft Inc.

HBU alumnus **Bobby Sanders '96**, recently made headlines for his successful coaching of Tompkins High School's historic run to the Class 6A state tournament in San Antonio. Bobby was honored as part of HBU Men's Basketball's 50th Season celebration, and named to the All-Decade Team for the 1990s. Sanders was a four-year letter-winner from 1991-95, and was also a member of the inaugural HBU Sports Hall of Honor class of 1997.

Francis Canare '97, is a physical therapist assistant at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital.

Michael Ray MBA '98, is the principal at ThioSolv, LLC.

Shawna Walker Escobar '98, is the co-owner of 2E Powder Coating.

Ryan Clark '99, is a worship pastor at the First Baptist Church Pampa.



Himesh Gandhi '99, formally won council seat in Sugar Land, Texas in May. The win is Gandhi's fourth

and final term. Gandhi was first elected in 2012, when he was 35, the youngest councilman to be elected in a citywide vote. He has served on numerous city council committees and was also a member of the task force that spearheaded development of the Smart Financial Center at Sugar Land—an iconic concert and performance hall that opened last year.

Robin McGinnis '99, DDS, is a dentist for Carus Dental.

Arnetta Yardborough MLA '99, recently expanded her AY & Associates, LLC Coaching, Wellness, & Consulting boutique firm's wellness services.

2000s

Albert Engel '09, is a customer service manager at Sentry Technologies.

Ninaad Vaidya '00, is a pricing strategist at Brenntag Latin America.

Sherry Hedge Whiteside '00, is a therapist with Hill Country Counseling.

Torivia Alvarado Martinez '01, works as a teacher for Houston ISD.

Anne Tankersley Botter '02, is a self-employed personal trainer.

Ramon Verduzco MEd '02, is a teacher in Fort Bend ISD.

Tanisha Anderson '03, is a value analyst for the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Byron Ford MLA '03, is an instructor at Houston Community College.

Lane Harrison MLA '03, recently published a graphic novel, "Fish and Bayou Tales." His book is a memoir about his experiences growing up near the bayou.

Mary Nguyen '03, is a senior analyst for IHS Markit.

Matt Parker '03, is a youth pastor at First Baptist Church Friendswood.

Sharon Parish '04, is an elementary music specialist for Pasadena ISD.

Alum-A-Grams

Pamella Moore '04, is a business owner/CFO.

Henry Taylor '04, is a fulfillment center associate for Amazon.

Jennifer Rey '05, is a registered nurse for MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Tiffany Koloroutis Kann '06, completed her Master's in Social Work at the University of Kansas in 2015. She plans to continue practicing therapy privately before continuing her PhD research.

Michael O'Neal '06, is a North Texas regional sales manager for Detection & Measurement Systems.

Andrew Hollan MLA '07, has recently completed a film, "The Fall & Rise of Texas City," focusing on the Texas City Disaster of 1947.

Rebecca Morales '07, is a program manager with MSX International.

Renee McGruder '08, is a web coordinator for Lakewood Church.

Carlina Chen Zeng '08, is a bilingual teacher for Alief ISD.

Lena Liddell MEd '09, is a diagnostician for Houston ISD.

Deepu Kurian MSC'09, is the director of business operations for the University of Houston.

Chrystal Broussard MLA '09, is an account liaison for the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Florentia Van Ewijk '09, is the office manager for Euro Economics.

Ashley LeJeune MSAcct '09, is an assurance manager with Moss Adams.

2010S

Ben Sieben '10, completed a second master's degree in music in May 2017 at the University of Colorado Boulder. He took a short-term faculty job position as "Emerging Artist-in-Residence" at Penn State Altoona, where he worked for the Fall 2017 semester as a vocal coach and pianist. He has since moved back

to the Houston and is an adjunct professor and staff accompanist for HBU.



Alina La Truong '11, is the business owner of Fish Bowl Poke.

Samantha Hernandez '12, and her husband, **Hayden Hernandez '12**, both work running the non-profit Elijah Rising, an organization fighting sex trafficking and serving survivors of sex trafficking. They are expecting a new addition to their family in September!

Samantha Johnson McCabe '12, is an escrow processor for Stewart Title.

Inga Grinell MED '15, works for Fort Bend ISD as a diagnostician.

Jaime Messinger-Willman MEd '15, is an educational diagnostician for Spring Branch ISD.

Eric Geerlings '16, is a project environmental engineer for Arcadis US.

Hunter Barron MSAcct '17, married **Christina LeBarron, '16**, soon after his graduation from HBU. He played football for HBU for four years, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Christina graduated Summa Cum Laude in the Spring of 2016, and they are now living in San Diego, and both studying for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

Amber Brooks '17, is a teacher at YES Prep Public Schools.

Saif Maknojia '17, is a project engineer for PRC Roofing Company Inc.

Husky Pups



Jessica Elizalde Fernandez '11, and husband, Antonio, along with big sister, Sophia, are happy to announce the arrival of Emma Jolee Fernandez, born on April 29.



Christin Handy Edward '11, and husband, Winston Edward, welcomed the arrival of Isabella Sara Edward, born on January 13.



Rachel O'Shields David '09, and husband **Erik David MAcct '08**, along with big brother Jack Hudson, are happy to announce the arrival of Lillian Katherine David, October 13, at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 19 3/4 in.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Michael Poldrack '05, passed away on February 4 in Houston. He was the IT director for Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea and BenMaier Law Firm.

Kathleen Gay Peeples MBA, MSHRM '84, recently passed away. Gay received additional degrees from Florida State University and the University of Oklahoma. Kathleen was director of commercial products for Igloo Corporations, and while working for Igloo, invented and earned four U.S. product patents. Kathleen will be remembered by so many as always taking the time to help others no matter how small their issue might have been.

Dr. Richard Hoskins '78, passed away in July of 2013 after a brave battle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife, Randi, and three children.

Laura Kitzmiller "Kitz" '69, passed away May 26, in Bryan, Texas. Laura received her BA from HBU, and then received an ME degree in Kinesiology from Texas Tech University in 1970. She taught in the Health and Kinesiology Department at Texas A&M University from until 2000. At Texas A&M, she began a program for EMT training, First Aid, First Aid Instructors, CPR, and CPR Instructors, which has continued to the present.



Garrett Dolan '18, passed away on May 6. Houston Baptist University held a memorial service in his honor. A native of Mont Belvieu, Texas, and a Barbers Hill High School standout, Dolan was integral to the HBU football program's founding.

Dolan earned several All-American designations over the past two seasons and was a four-time All-Southland Conference selection. He led the Southland Conference and ranked second in the nation for a second-straight season with 12.7 tackles per game, including 10 tackles for loss. Dolan made a career-high and school-record 140 tackles to bring his career total to 467, which ranks seventh all-time in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

One of the "Original 13" of HBU's football program, Dolan was a three-time captain, and was the team's defensive player of the year each of the first four seasons. He was recently honored as the HBU Athletics Robbie Robertson Male Athlete of the Year for a second-straight year.



FORMER EMPLOYEES

Wanda Green passed away on May 3, and is survived by her sons, Jon and Roger. Wanda played a critical role in Houston Baptist University's early history.

She served as the first secretary to the first University president, Dr. W. H. Hinton, from 1963 to 1969. Her role as wife to University professor, Dr. R. Paul Green, and mother to four student children, coupled with her position in the President's Office, made her virtually the best-informed person on campus; she was an encourager to hundreds. She remained active in the HBU Retirees Association well into her 90s.



Venda Johnston, a long-time administrative assistant in the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health, and a good friend of the HBU family, passed away on March 20 after a brief battle with cancer. Venda

lived a full life, surrounded by her husband of 58 years and her children and grandchildren. She is remembered as a wonderful woman of faith, who was compassionate, generous, and encouraging – full of life and kind words. During her time at HBU, she always encouraged faculty and students alike and became known as their "prayer warrior."

Pauline Wright passed away in March. Pauline worked for HBU as director of secretarial services. Pauline is survived by her son, **Michael Wright '82**. Her dedication and service to HBU will forever be cherished. She was remembered by members of the HBU Retirees Association as being a delight to know and an invaluable colleague.

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June 25: Brenda Whaley



Professor of Biology

Dr. Whaley was named HBU Faculty Woman of the Year in 2000, received the Opal Goolsby Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001, and was named the HBU Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Nominee in 2003 and 2004. She is a leader and a servant within the College of Science and Mathematics, and in the University as a whole.

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July 2: Hannah John



Hannah John is a standout student in HBU's Psychology program. An excellent program within HBU's College of Education

and Behavioral Sciences, the HBU Psychology degree trains students in multiple disciplines including individual, social and cultural psychology. Coursework prepares students for further study and meaningful application.

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July 9: Gabriel Byrd



Gabriel Byrd is majoring in Education, and additionally serves as the head football equipment manager for the Huskies Football

team. HBU's Education program encompasses numerous options for use in the K-12 and higher education settings. Learners are prepared in subject matter competency and in teaching strategies.

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July 16: Timothy Brookins



Director of Graduate Programs for the School of Christian Thought, program coordinator for Graduate Theology Programs,

interim chair for the Department of Theology and assistant professor of Classics and Biblical Languages

Dr. Brookins specializes in the Greco-Roman context of early Christianity, with a primary emphasis in the Pauline epistles. A new program, Master of Arts in Classics and Early Christianity, is being launched.

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July 23: John Tyler, Jr.



Program coordinator for Legal Studies and associate professor of Government Dr. Tyler practiced commercial, civil rights and toxic tort litigation as an attorney

in Texas for 35 years. As a professor, his teaching emphasizes the dynamic conflict between the political, moral and historical dimensions of law that formed the Western legal tradition

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July 30: Steven Mark



Director of Graduate Programs and chair for the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance in the Archie W. Dunham College of Business

Having had years of hands-on corporate experience, Dr. Mark brings a rich knowledge base. His primary teaching focus centers on Accounting Information Systems and Cost/Managerial Accounting.

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August 18: Dianne Reed



Director of the doctorate program, EdD in Executive Educational Leadership, and a professor of Education The Doctor in Executive Educational

Leadership was HBU's first doctoral program, making Houston Baptist University a national, comprehensive University. The College of Education is launching a second doctoral program, the Doctor Education in Special Education Leadership.

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August 20: Rene Maldonado



Rene Maldonado is a student in HBU's Cinema & New Media Arts program. The Cinema & New Media Arts Program at HBU provides a challenging and creative

environment for students to develop their abilities and prepare for work in film, media and the web.

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August 13: Kingsley Onyeiwu



MFA Student Kingsley Onyeiwu graduated in May. Kingsley's work, along with other MFA students' work, is on display in the University Academic Center. The HBU Master of Fine Arts

program is a Christian-based, two-year studio program with specialization in the areas of two-dimensional studies (painting, drawing and printmaking) and three-dimensional studies (sculpture and ceramics).

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September 3: Joe Hale



Founder & President of the Network of International Christian Schools Joe Hale started his first international school in 1983 while serving

as a missionary in Korea. Since then, the Network of International Christian Schools has become 17 schools across 15 countries serving thousands, and is growing.

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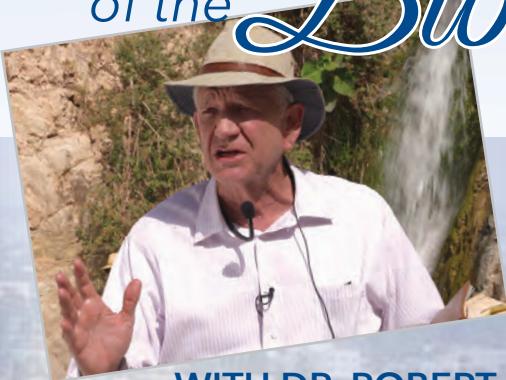
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DAY 1 - SATURDAY, MARCH 16: Depart IAH, 5:05 p.m. to LHR arrive 7:05 a.m.

Depart LHR 8:05 a.m. to TLV arrive 2:50 p.m.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY, MARCH 17: Arrival, transfer to Herbert Samuel Jerusalem (March 17-19)

DAY 3 - MONDAY, MARCH 18: Mt Olives, Old City of Bethlehem

DAY 4 - TUESDAY, MARCH 19: Depart Jerusalem via Jordan Valley, Beith Shean, Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Capernaum Mt. of Beatitudes - Scots Hotel (March 19-20)

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20: Boat Ride, Ancient Boat Museum, Nazareth, Caesarea Maritima, travel back to Jerusalem - Herbert Samuel Jerusalem (March 20-24)

DAY 6 - THURSDAY, MARCH 21: Western Wall Tunnels, City of David, Pool of Siloam, Southern Steps, Jewish Quarter, Upper Room

DAY 7 - FRIDAY, MARCH 22: Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, Garden Tomb

DAY 8 - SATURDAY, MARCH 23: Dead Sea, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Massada

DAY 9 - SUNDAY, MARCH 24: Departure TLV 7:27 a.m. to LHR arrive 10:50 a.m.

Depart LHR 3 p.m. to IAH arrive 8:30 p.m.

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