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HBU Welcomes  
Robert & Sue Sloan

**Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr., HBU's Third President**



## Message from the *President*



I feel deeply honored to begin service as the third president of Houston Baptist University. In recent days, I have spent time trying to learn as much as I can about the history and traditions of HBU. I have already begun to meet the many outstanding faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends who represent the University. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months. I hope you will be able to join us at events throughout the year. Please do stop by when you are on campus. Sue and I count it a distinct privilege to be able to serve our Lord with you in Christian higher education and especially through the remarkable story that HBU has begun to write in the few dynamic decades of its history.

I have learned from our written history that this University was founded out of the conviction that colleges need not be established out in the hinterlands away from the life, or even the temptations, of the city. The men and women who worked to build Houston Baptist College were energized by the idea of building a Christian university

right in the middle of the metropolis. They knew how Houston was growing and they put their school right in the path of that growth. The result is a young university with the wonderful combination of a diverse student body and strong sense of mission for the community, the world, and the Lord.

Alongside the dynamism of the University and the blessing of its location in the international city of Houston, HBU has a foundation in the first things of the Christian faith. Time and again as I have read through historical information about the University, I have found myself drawn to the institution's Preamble which declares that Houston Baptist will stand or fall with its witness for Christ and His church. I understand that in the earliest years HBU found its quest for accreditation challenged due to its adherence to the great traditions of our faith. Rather than cave in, this institution insisted that it would stand on its core Christian convictions. The University, of course, in the end received its accreditation without compromise.

This University is a young institution full of people who know what they believe and are driven to serve and bear witness before one of the great cities of the world. Religions, ideologies, politics, histories, and entertainments swirl around amongst Houston's millions vying for the attention and the hearts of the people. Standing in the middle of these competing voices, HBU has something in common with the early church. It is our task to listen, to love, to serve, and to be faithful. My heart is gladdened to stand here with friends. It is a good thing to have important work, indeed, the work of God's kingdom, to which we can put our hands.

Sue and I look forward to meeting you at the earliest opportunity.

Blessings,

Robert B. Sloan Jr.

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HBU's third president, Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. and his wife, Sue.

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# A New Era Begins ...

**On September 1,  
Houston Baptist  
University entered a  
new era when  
Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.  
became the third  
president to serve the  
University since its  
founding in 1960.**



President Sloan with members of the Presidential Search Committee - (front row) Chair of the Board of Trustees Ray L. Cox BS '81, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee Diane Williams BA '93, Dr. Mark Denison BA '82, Jack D. Carlson, Dr. Stewart Morris, (back row) Karl Kennard, Dr. Bruce Belin Jr., and David Stutts BS '82.

With a wealth of experience in Christian higher education and a commitment to that ministry, Sloan is bringing his own style of enthusiasm and commitment to campus.

“I have been deeply impressed by the vision of the trustees, the dedication of the faculty and staff, the energy of the students and the remarkable level of commitment on the part of Houston Baptist University alumni,” said Sloan. “I’m thrilled at the opportunity to come to HBU. The people that my wife, Sue, and I have met have been so welcoming and appreciative that we find ourselves humbled by their trust.

“In addition to its people, HBU has many remarkable assets, not the least of which is the City of Houston itself. Houston is teeming with diversity, opportunity, cultural resources, outstanding leaders and is truly an international metropolitan area. Further, the distinctive Christian character and mission of the University are both matched and supported by the great churches of Houston and the surrounding areas.”

The Board of Trustees confirmed their selection of Sloan on August 8 after naming him as the sole presidential candidate a week earlier.

According to Ray L. Cox BS '81, chair of the Board of Trustees and an ex-officio member of the University’s Presidential Search Committee, watching the two separate but parallel paths that HBU and the Sloans followed to come to the same decision – that Sloan should become the next president of HBU – was nothing short of remarkable.

“It has been truly amazing to witness God’s hand guiding this entire process. Dr. Robert Sloan is a renowned Christian educator, scholar and author, and he possesses the leadership skills and vision for Christian higher education that make him the perfect choice to lead HBU into the future,” said Cox.

Sloan succeeds HBU President E.D. “Doug” Hodo, who served as the University’s second president from 1987 until his retirement in July 2006. Jack D. Carlson, former SYSCO executive and member of the HBU Board of Trustees, served as interim president during the month of August.

“I am very excited to be a part of the HBU family,” Sloan said. “Houston Baptist University is an institution with a remarkable history and also big plans, and I am thrilled to be part of them.”

Right: Dr. Sloan visits with freshman Guiselle Miranda and junior Jonathan Powell.



BUSINESS LEADERSHIP  
INTEGRITY

# WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS ...

“Currently, HBU is at a pivotal point in its history where a strong leader is needed to carry on the mission and vision of the University. While at Baylor, Dr. Robert Sloan made significant contributions that made Baylor one of the world’s premier Christian institutions. There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Sloan will bring valuable assets as a proven influential leader and Christian educator to lead HBU into the future.”

**Edward Batinga**  
HBU Senior  
Former Student Government Association President  
Member of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee

“We are delighted that Dr. Sloan is coming to HBU. As a former student of President Sloan, I have the highest regard for him as a scholar. Dr. Sloan served Tallowood as interim pastor for nearly two years before my predecessor. He is held in high esteem as a great preacher and teacher as well as a wonderful healer and peacemaker. His love for the scriptures still resonates in the hearts of the people at Tallowood. As an adjunct professor at HBU, I have come to love the faculty, administration and especially the students. Dr. Sloan’s arrival will be a great blessing to all of these constituencies. HBU alumni have expressed their unqualified excitement in recent days. This is good news for Houston Baptist University and good news for the city of Houston. Dr. Sloan will make a difference in the community. As friends of Dr. Sloan, my family and I are delighted to have Robert and Sue near to us in Houston. Sue will be a wonderful addition as the new first lady of the HBU family. She exudes grace and charm. This is a great day for all who love HBU.”

**Dr. Duane Brooks**  
Pastor  
Tallowood Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas

“I am thrilled that Robert Sloan will be our next president at HBU. A college president is first of all ‘a teacher of teachers,’ and that describes Dr. Sloan to a tee. In the 22 years of my student journey, he was one of the best teachers I ever had. He knows how to learn, how to teach and how to love students.

We need a strong academic as president of HBU to meet the challenges ahead. Dr. Sloan is that kind of leader. He is a man of vision, and he knows how to articulate that vision in such a way that people want to come along. Our best days are ahead.”

**Dr. David B. Capes**  
Chair, Department of Christianity and Philosophy  
Houston Baptist University

“Robert Sloan is a man known for his integrity. His experience in Christian higher education will be a tremendous asset for HBU, its students, alumni, faculty and staff. I consider him a colleague and friend. Each chapter in the life of a University has significance and with Robert’s leadership the opportunities are unlimited.”

**Dr. E.D. Hodo**  
Second President  
Houston Baptist University

“The Presidential Search Advisory Committee was very impressed with the passion and zeal Dr. Sloan has for Christian higher education. That, in combination with his commitment to academic excellence, convinced us that he is the best choice for the next president of HBU.”

**Dr. Brenda Whaley**  
Associate Professor of Biology  
HBU, Class of 1979  
Member, Presidential Search Advisory Committee

“What a coup for our University to bring a man with such great credentials. He and his wife, Sue, will be an asset not only to HBU but to the larger Houston community.”

**Diane Williams**  
Chair, Search Committee  
Member, Board of Trustees

“Let me congratulate the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee for their leadership and wisdom in naming Dr. Robert Sloan as President of Houston Baptist University. Dr. Sloan is one of the preeminent scholars and educators in our nation. Under his leadership Baylor University was taken to new heights of excellence. I know he will bring this same passion and commitment to the table as he builds on the scholarship and distinction that define HBU. I sincerely believe Dr. Sloan is the man for this moment in HBU’s history as it moves into the 21st century. Faculty, students and friends of this outstanding institution should be proud and excited for what the future holds.”

**Dr. H. Edwin Young**  
Senior Pastor  
Second Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas

## Fall Convocation: *A New Beginning*

HBU opened the new academic year with its 44th annual convocation presided over by President Sloan in his first official welcome to students, faculty and staff. Dr. Craig Turner, president of Hardin-Simmons University and guest speaker for the day, utilized his own love of literature to encourage students to follow their dreams.



Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Don Looser, President Sloan and President Turner.

## MEET DR. SLOAN

### CAREER IN HIGHER EDUCATION:

Sloan most recently served as chancellor of Baylor University, following his service as Baylor's president from 1995-2005. He also served as dean of Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary from 1993-1995. Sloan joined the Department of Religion faculty at Baylor University in 1983. He also served on the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and adjunctively at Hardin-Simmons University.

### MINISTRY CAREER:

Sloan has served as pastor and interim pastor at more than 20 churches throughout Texas and Oklahoma during his career, including his service as interim pastor at three churches in the Houston area – First Baptist Church of The Woodlands, Willow Meadows Baptist Church and Tallowood Baptist Church.

### EDUCATION:

Sloan graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1970. He earned the Master of Divinity degree magna cum laude from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1973. He conducted post baccalaureate research at the University of Bristol, England, from 1973-74 and earned the Doktor der Theologie insignia cum laude from the University of Basel, Switzerland, in 1978.

### SERVICE:

Sloan has served in leadership roles in a number of professional, civic and community organizations including:

- American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges & Universities Board of Directors, 2003 -2005
- Spokesperson for the group of six major college athletic conference CEOs, 2001-2002
- Chair of the Big 12 Board of Directors, 2000-2002
- Citizens Inc., 2006
- Cooper Foundation Board, 1995-2006
- Compass Bank Advisory Board (formerly Texas National Bank), 1995-2000

### PUBLICATIONS:

Sloan has authored two books, edited several others, published more than 50 articles and chapters for scholarly or ecumenical journals and publications and presented numerous academic papers.

### FAMILY:

Sloan, a native Texan, was born in Coleman, Texas, and raised in Abilene. He is married to the former Sue Collier of Cisco, Texas, also a Baylor graduate. They have seven children plus one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law: Charissa; Bryan and Amy; Eraina and Bryan; Michael; Althea; Sophia; and Paul.

# HBU Receives Top Tier U.S. News Ranking

*“America’s Best Colleges 2007,” Also Named “Best Value”*



For the third consecutive year, HBU has been ranked in the top tier among the “Best Universities” offering master’s degrees in the Western region by *U.S. News & World Report* in its *America’s Best Colleges* for 2007 edition, receiving a ranking of 49th among the 123 schools in its category. In 2006, HBU received a 57th ranking.

HBU was also ranked 11th among colleges and universities in its category for best value in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” ranking, based on the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the value is considered. Only schools ranked in the top tier of their categories are included on the premise that the most significant values are among colleges that are above average academically.

In the three years since HBU achieved a top tier ranking, its SAT 25th-75th percentile has risen from 950-1190 to 1000-1230. HBU’s smaller class sizes also contributed to its rankings, with fewer than 20 students in 57 percent of its classes and only one percent of classes with more than 50 students. Another key factor was that 44 percent of 2005 freshmen were ranked in the top quarter of their high school graduating class. HBU’s graduation rate also rose from 42% to 50% in that three-year period.

The Universities-Master’s West division includes colleges and universities that grant both undergraduate and master’s degrees. The top tier includes 63 universities from states including Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington.

An additional 60 schools are listed alphabetically in the third and fourth tiers of rankings in the category.

Colleges and universities are listed and ranked by region based on criteria including peer assessment, class size, freshman retention, graduation rate, SAT/ACT scores and student/faculty ratio. All data is based on the freshman class of 2005. Each indicator is assigned a weight (expressed as a percentage) based on judgments about which measures of quality matter most. Colleges are ranked based on their composite weighted score. To view the rankings, visit the website below.



[www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

## The Changing Face of Campus:

### *Cultural Arts Center*

A look across Holcombe Mall toward the Hinton Center reveals a changing campus landscape as construction continues on the newest landmark, the Cultural Arts Center.

The 90,000 square foot complex is rapidly taking shape with the first section, the Great Hall, expected to be completed in November. A look toward the northern end of the building reveals the outline of the Chapel/Recital Hall which will seat 365. It is expected to be ready for use near Easter 2007 and will be available for recitals, weddings, lectures, and other special events. A 1,200-seat Auditorium is slated for completion in late spring.

The building’s museum space will house the Dunham Family Bible in America Museum, the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts including the Theo Redwood Blank Doll collection and the Schissler Miniature Furniture collection, and a new acquisition, the Museum of Southern History.



Stanley Williams, who provides project management leadership to the University for the Cultural Arts Center, his grandson Payne, and Dr. Don Looser, vice president for academic affairs, survey the construction.

# Painting the Town:

## *HBU Students Travel to New York City on a Special Mission Trip*

With the help of a grant from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, 22 students traveled to New York City in August to take part in “Paint the Town,” a project developed to build relationships between churches and communities in the city. Students spent hours painting inner city schools in three different boroughs of New York City: Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx.

“Through the efforts of students from HBU and others who volunteered with ‘Paint the Town’ partnerships are being formed,” said Jason Shaffer, HBU’s coordinator of community service and missions. “Local schools are now calling on churches for support and the churches are gaining respect from members in the community. I think our students gained a lot from each other on this trip. It is neat to see how a group of people who are at different places in their faith journey can come together and challenge one another.”



Junior Katie Rothenback and senior Damaris Duran were among the students who painted schools.

### **HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY** **School of Music** **Fall 2006 Schedule**

**Friday, October 20**

8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
**BONHOEFFER CONCERT**  
PERFORMANCE

Written by HBU Professor of Music Dr. Ann Gebuhr  
\$5 HBU ID ticket charge,  
\$25 regular ticket charge,  
\$15 seniors 60+

This performance is part of a special three-day conference, “Bonhoeffer Today: Peace, Ecology and Christian Ethics,” co-hosted by The Melancthon Institute, Christ the King Lutheran Church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church and The Holocaust Museum of Houston.

**Friday, October 27**

8:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
**FALL CHORAL CONCERT**

**Thursday, November 2**

Convocation

10:10 am, HBU Campus  
**HBU BAND CONCERT**

*For information and any schedule changes:*  
*School of Music*  
*281.649.3338*

# *Save the Date*

## NOVEMBER 28, 2006



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HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

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## Berry Receives Teaching Award



The Houston West Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year and Educational Partnership Awards recognized Debra Berry BSN '89, associate professor in nursing and director of student health services, as the

Post-Secondary Schools Teacher of the Year and presented her with the Christa McAuliffe in Search of Excellence Award.

Dr. David Capes, professor in Christianity and chair of the Department of Christianity and Philosophy, was also honored as a Post-Secondary School Teacher of the Year.

## HBU/Jane Long Summer Academy:

# A Partnership of Learning

The Houston Baptist University Summer Academy, which allows a group of motivated, diverse students from Jane Long Middle School to experience a technology-rich curriculum while experiencing life on a college campus, completed its 11th year this summer. The Academy is under the direction of Dr. Carol McGaughey, associate professor in education, and Evelyn Shephard, a Jane Long teacher.

A number of HBU students volunteered to serve as mentors during the program. They attended an evening meeting at Jane Long Middle School where they met the families of the students they were assigned to work with before the Academy began.

“It was wonderful to be part of a program that has the potential to have such a life-changing, empowering impact on students’ lives,” McGaughey said. “Working with the students was very rewarding; you could almost see their self-confidence grow as they were challenged by the various activities and overcame difficulties through problem-solving. The Academy plays an important role in HBU’s contribution to the neighborhood community.”

Several donors helped make this year’s Academy possible including Fiesta, the Jack H. and William M. Light Charitable Trust and J.P.Morgan Chase.

## Jack D. Carlson, *Interim President, August 2006*

It was only one month, but any month is crucial in the life of a University. The Board of Trustees elected Jack D. Carlson to serve as interim president upon the retirement of Dr. E.D. Hodo. Carlson, who had recently retired from SYSCO Corporation after a career spanning 36 years, has served as an HBU trustee for more than 12 years. During that time, Carlson has chaired and served on many of the University’s standing board committees, and is currently chair of the Finance Committee.

“Serving as ‘Interim President’ of HBU has been an enriching personal experience for me and an opportunity to see the University in a close-up perspective. My 40-year business career and 12 years as a trustee were helpful in preparing me for this responsibility and, I could only have imagined how wonderful and enlightening this experience has been.

Our students, alumni and trustees appreciate the faculty and staff who have seamlessly performed over these weeks in the professional, exceptional and excellent manner in which they are accustomed. Dedication, competence, character, compassion, integrity and respect describe each of our valued HBU associates.

Faculty, staff, students and friends have been most supportive and patient in this transition period, and were much involved in the confirmation process of our new president. I am now privileged to return and serve on the Board of Trustees and join in their support of our new presidential leadership. With its greatest days ahead, HBU is celebrating success every day in its quest to become one of metropolitan America’s premier academic institutions within a distinctive Christian environment. God has great plans for His Blessed University.”

Jack D. Carlson



Jack and Karen Carlson

## Graduate Programs:

### *New Classes, New Programs Offer New Opportunities*

#### **MATS** *Update*

Students can now select a concentration in Hebrew and Greek in the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) program, in some cases earning up to 18 hours of credit in the two languages. The MATS program is a 36-hour program designed to prepare students for full-time and bi-vocational ministry. Lay people have also taken advantage of the MATS program to enhance and continue their voluntary ministries in local churches.

#### **MBA** *in Sports Management*

This fall HBU introduces a new MBA program – the MBA in Sports Management. As one of the longest running MBA programs in the Houston metro area, it is only natural that HBU is also the first to offer such a program.

The sports industry is a billion dollar industry growing in scope both financially and globally. This creates the necessity to have individuals with the proper knowledge, skills and abilities to operate and manage sports businesses and organizations. The Sports Management curriculum was designed to give students a well-balanced view of the sports industry from a business perspective. Program courses are specifically designed to provide students with an understanding of business fundamentals and how to apply these on the job. Areas of study will include the fundamental concepts, theories, and organization of management as it applies to the field of sports.

#### **MBA** *Begins Saturday Sessions*

The College of Business and Economics is excited to announce the new Saturday MBA program beginning in the fall 2006 quarter. The prescribed curriculum combines a solid business foundation with electives from a variety of functional areas which integrate business ethics with leadership principles and communications.

This new program affords the flexibility of being able to take classes only in the evenings or Saturdays, or a combination of the two. The HBU quarter calendar allows students to begin classes four times throughout the year, and classes are taught by the same faculty that deliver the evening MBA program.

#### **MLA** *Introduces New Course*

The Master of Liberal Arts program at HBU is a master's degree designed for adults whose formal college education is complete, but who wish to continue intellectual enrichment in a stimulating academic environment. MLA courses combine a challenging and exciting interdisciplinary approach to the study of the liberal arts with a practical structure. Evening and Saturday classes allow for completion of the degree on a part-time basis in fewer than two years.

Registration for the winter quarter for students in the MLA program is just around the corner. One new course has been added for the winter quarter to coincide with this year's elections.

*Politics and Film: Power, Trust and War* is a film course which examines classic American films from different parts of the 20th century. Each film conveys a sense of the political culture of a particular era. Focusing on three broad themes – power, trust and war – this course explores shifting attitudes and perceptions by the American people regarding their democratic institutions, politics and politicians. Each class will include discussion of the historical and political influences of particular decades and excerpts from multiple films that illustrate these influences.



Rita Tauer, interim dean, College of Business and Economics and assistant professor in accounting, and Alexis Knapp, associate dean of undergraduate programs, College of Business and Economics and assistant professor in management, accepted the official award of accreditation for the College of Business and Economics at the annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in Chicago this summer.

For more information on HBU's nine graduate programs or alternative teacher certification program, visit our Web site at:



[www.hbu.edu/academics/graduate\\_programs.html](http://www.hbu.edu/academics/graduate_programs.html)

# Welcome Days

It's an annual tradition ... with a new look this year!

## Step 1: Move In!

Welcome Days was held on campus this year, giving freshmen a true glimpse of campus life. Move-in was a big day with moms, dads, brothers and sisters, and other friends and family members lending a hand.



Fun on Holcombe Mall!



Rebecca Best and Alyssa Groux



Laurianne Balkum had help moving in from her parents, David BA '84 and Kimberly BA '83 MA '88 Balkum.

## Step 3: Get to Know Each Other, Get to Know HBU!

Small group sessions offered students the opportunity to get to know their classmates better. Guest speakers comprised of faculty and staff share insights into University life.

## Step 4: Eat!

Food is a big part of any freshman's first week on campus, and students had lots of opportunities to try out the campus eateries during Welcome Days. The Alumni Association welcomed students to the Hinton Alumni Center with a backyard ice cream social.

## Step 2: Get Your Beanie!

*"It's a tradition."*

In a solemn ceremony freshmen pledged to wear their beanies for the first weeks of school, representing their commitment to life as a Husky. The annual freshmen-upperclassmen tug-of-war determines whether freshmen wear their beanie an extra week. This year's freshmen lost the tug and wore their beanies an extra week!



Louis Orantes-Reyes and Michael Lindley



Lining up for ice cream!



Amy Elder and Avery Brown enjoy ice cream.

## Step 5: Have Fun!

Whether it was the square dance, movie on the mall, wild and crazy games, a trip to the Astros game, or just hanging out with new friends, fun was a big part of what bonded our freshmen together as a class.



Armanique Hayes, Jennifer Reynolds and Keith Riley



Freshman top left to right: Brian Handel, Kristi Davino, Cody Harmon, Heather Scott, Brittney White and Stacy Uy with President Sloan.



The Husky Wave!

*I will uphold the legacy of this precious beanie. I will wear it with pride through the first week of my freshman year. Rain, shine, night, or day. I will display the colors of my school—Houston Baptist University—The Noble Orange & Blue. I will stand tall and proud as a member of the Fighting Husky Freshman Class. This is my pledge: Strong in Mind, Strong in Body, Strong in Spirit.*



Movie night on the Mall!

## Step 6: Give Back!

An integral part of this year's Welcome Days was the opportunity for freshmen and their pack leaders to give back to the community. Students traveled to The Nehemiah Center in downtown Houston, where they worked in classrooms, cleaned up the grounds and even washed buses. The Nehemiah Center is a Christian-based organization that offers academic, emotional, cultural, social and spiritual enrichment to the children and families who attend MacGregor and J. Will Jones Elementary Schools, Lanier and Gregory Lincoln Middle Schools, Lamar High School.



Austin Woo helps with a community service project at The Nehemiah Center.

## Step 7: Passing the Torch!

Welcome Days was about fun, learning, making new friends and getting comfortable with college life on the HBU campus. As the week came to an end, freshmen were joined by family members and current students, faculty and staff for the final tradition of the week, the Passing of the Torch. This ceremony symbolizes the passing of the Husky tradition to a new group of Huskies – the Class of 2010!



Kevin Kelly, Vicki Kelly and Will Kelly

## Admissions Special Events

### Prospective Students & Their Families Visit Campus

Do you know a prospective student who is interested in learning more about HBU? One great way for students to get a real feel for life on campus is to attend one of Admissions' special events, planned during the year to allow prospective students and their families an opportunity to visit campus and meet with representatives concerning their academic and financial aid needs.

- **Nov. 11 – Sneak Preview** allows students and their families to attend a mock lecture, speak with parents of current HBU students, and spend time with college representatives. Students who wish have the option of spending the night on campus.
- **Jan. 20 – The Husky Hoopla** basketball event lets prospective students take on the role of a Husky Fan for the evening!
- **Feb. 8 – Husky Highlight** is an evening opportunity for students and their families to visit campus and learn more about the admissions process and the HBU experience.
- **March 23-24 – Spring Preview Weekend** brings prospective students to the campus to spend the night hosted by current HBU students and provides a variety of information sessions on specific majors, financial concerns, and parent information.

For more information or to RSVP for an Admissions special event, visit:

[www.hbu.edu/specialevents](http://www.hbu.edu/specialevents)

## On the Road!

HBU's admissions representatives will be hitting the road this fall visiting with prospective students and their families. If you know a prospective student who might be interested in attending HBU, contact our admissions office at 281.649.3211 or 800.969.3210 or by e-mail at [huskies@hbu.edu](mailto:huskies@hbu.edu).

This fall's schedule includes visits to these areas outside of Houston:

<u>Week:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
October 16 .....	Corpus Christi
October 23 .....	San Antonio
October 30 .....	Rio Grande Valley, Austin, Southeast Texas
November 13 .....	East Texas
November 27 .....	El Paso

## The Endowed Academic Scholarship

Each year HBU awards its most prestigious scholarship, the Endowed Academic Scholarship (EAS), to a select group of students based on academic performance as well as other objective and subjective criteria. This scholarship rewards academically gifted students with strong leadership skills, involvement in school and community activities, enthusiasm for learning, critical thinking skills and exemplary moral values. The scholarships can range from full tuition to three quarters tuition for four years, and may also include housing allowances. All documents for application for the EAS, including University application and scholarship application, must be on file by December 8, 2006.

To qualify as an EAS candidate, a student must be seeking a degree from HBU, be a senior student in high school for the 2006-2007 academic year, and must obtain a 1300 SAT score on a combined total from the critical reading and mathematical reasoning sections or a 29 ACT cumulative score. Personal interviews are held with qualifying EAS candidates.

For more information or an EAS application, visit:

[www.hbu.edu/scholarships](http://www.hbu.edu/scholarships)

## Focus & Refuge

Focus & Refuge, HBU's music ministry groups, have named their members for 2006-2007.

Focus members and their home churches include **Toni Davis**, Willowridge Baptist Church; **Jonathan Gales**, Grand Parkway Baptist; **Naythan Murrell**, First Baptist Katy; **Beca Pineda**, Hope Reform Church, Clear Lake; **David Tisdale**, First Baptist Crosby; **David Tucker**, Deer Park First Baptist; and **Erika Zieschang**, Crossbridge Community Church.

Members of Refuge include **Ryan Beasley**, Kingsbrook Baptist; **Jonathan Brink**, First Christian Pasadena; **Clay Carnes**, North Oaks Baptist; **Chelsea Crosley**, Grand Parkway Baptist; **Rachel Mixon**, Bethel Independent Presbyterian; and **Megan Yarrington**, Sagemont Church.

To book one of the groups for your church, school or organization, contact Michael Tims, assistant director of admissions and Focus/Refuge director, at 281.649.3224 or by e-mail at [mtims@hbu.edu](mailto:mtims@hbu.edu).



# Houston Baptist University Business Affiliates

## Thank You Affiliates

The 2006 Business Affiliate members raised more than \$27,000 toward student financial aid and scholarships. We are grateful for our partnership with businesses that recognize their importance in strengthening the future of our community and for their investment in the lives of students.

To learn more about becoming a Business Affiliate visit our Web site or contact Sandy Biggers, director of development at 281.649.3407 or [sbiggers@hbu.edu](mailto:sbiggers@hbu.edu).



[www.hbu.edu/busaff](http://www.hbu.edu/busaff)

## Silver Level



Mac Haik  
President  
Mac Haik Enterprises



Doug Hodo Jr., Vice President  
McGriff, Seibels & Williams of  
Texas, Inc.

## Gold Level



Mike Ballases  
Chairman  
Houston Region  
JPMorgan Chase



Juanita Elizondo  
Director of  
Community  
Relations  
Fiesta Mart



Dr. Stewart Morris Sr., Chairman, Stewart  
International; Stewart Morris Jr. and Malcolm  
Morris, Co-Presidents, Stewart Title



Dr. E.D. Hodo and Dan Wolterman, CEO,  
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System

## Bronze Level



Al Estrada Sr.  
Branch Manager  
ABM Janitorial Services



Don Woo, Chair, HBU's President's  
Development Council and President,  
Mission Constructors, Inc.; Ken Kilgore  
and Jeff Kilgore, Co-Presidents, Kilgore  
Mechanical

# Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award

... recognizing staff members for exemplary service to the University.

*“The secret of joy in work is contained in one word ...*

*Excellence.*

*To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.”*

— Pearl S. Buck



*Roger Willhite*

Roger Willhite  
Assistant Softball Coach,  
Athletics Maintenance

Willhite is in his eighth season as assistant softball coach for the Huskies. He has been a key factor in building the Huskies into a team of national prominence. He was recognized in 1999 when honored, along with head coach Mary-Ellen Hall, as the NAIA Coaching Staff of the Year by the

National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

“I enjoy seeing the freshmen come in naive and excited and then see them graduate, in most cases, a much more mature and excited young person. One of the greatest joys of this job is watching the incoming freshmen mature and continue on to graduation. What a joy it is to see these kids grow in all phases of their lives.”

**What he loves about HBU:** “The great part about working here is the people. We are blessed to have so many talented people at the University.”



*Elaine Higginbotham*

Elaine Higginbotham  
Administrative Assistant for the President

Higginbotham is responsible for coordinating activities in the office of the President, including serving as assistant secretary for the Board of Trustees. She also works closely with the vice presidents, legal counsel and the entire campus.

**What she loves about HBU:** “I love seeing the University from the President’s Office. I get to see the campus as a whole, appreciate the history, and see glimpses of the future. HBU has a wonderful Christian attitude and environment. This is really a great place to work.”

# Opal Goolsby Award for Outstanding Teaching

... a mark of distinction for University faculty who have made a life-long commitment to teaching excellence.



*Dr. Martha Maddox*

*Dr. Martha Maddox MAP '89  
Associate Professor of Psychology  
Retired May 2006*

Maddox's teaching focus at the University was on developmental and abnormal psychology. Special interests within her discipline included childhood disorders, depression in women, bipolar disorder, and grief and loss processes. Maddox retired in May 2006.

**What she enjoys most about teaching at HBU:** "Teaching is an atmosphere. I hope that I created a good atmosphere for learning. I hope that this atmosphere helped students to explore other ideas, enhance their creativity, and that they felt free to disagree, free to think out loud. One main thing I hope was achieved was to deepen students' sensitivity and feeling for what individuals going through depression are suffering through emotionally."



*Dr. Christopher Salinas*

*Dr. Christopher Salinas  
Assistant Professor in Speech Communications  
Director of Forensics and Public Policy program*

Salinas' teaching focuses on advanced speech communication courses for majors. He also coaches the mock trial team at national competition. His area of specialization is rhetorical criticism in the areas of politics and popular culture. Last year he was named director of a new major program, public policy, an interdisciplinary-based program that provides students with the theoretical perspective, analytical skills, and substantive knowledge to understand and solve problems.

**What he enjoys most about teaching at HBU:** "The students make teaching very special. It is easy to establish relationships that create a wonderful learning environment. The diversity of the student body creates opportunities for understanding that can't be found in textbooks."

## Piper Professor Nominees Named

Five professors have been selected to represent their colleges as Piper Professor nominees for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Piper Professor Award is one of the state's most prestigious education awards recognizing excellence in higher education at both public and private institutions. This year's University honorees include:



College of Arts and Humanities  
**Dr. Connie Michalos**  
professor in English  
College of Business & Economics



**Dr. Levon Hayrapetyan**  
professor in computer information systems management  
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences



**Dr. Eloise Hughes** MEd '93  
professor in education  
College of Nursing



**Dr. Vanora Hundley**  
associate professor in nursing  
College of Science & Mathematics



**Dr. Susan Cook**  
professor in biology and director of the Health Professions program

## Woods Named Chemistry Chair



Dr. Treacy Woods, professor in chemistry, has been named the chair of the Department of Chemistry. Woods has been with the University since 1983. She coordinates the departmental Welch Grant which helps facilitate the Welch Undergraduate Research Scholars.

Woods' teaching is focused on Organic Chemistry and she participates in the Principles of Research faculty team where she presents the ethics expected of scientists to students.



## Jennie Hedger MLA '99

Master of Liberal Arts program coordinator

### Summer Employee of the Quarter

**How she came to HBU:** A graduate of Louisiana State University, Hedger began looking for an MLA program in Houston and found the program at HBU. "I called Dr. Newell Boyd, the founding director, and knew immediately this is where I wanted to be," recalls Hedger.

#### How did the MLA program enrich your life as a student?

"Each professor has a passion for his subject that drives the student to learn more. The MLA students are from different ethnic and religious backgrounds and their ages range from early 20s up to 70s and 80s. This diversity of opinions and ideas creates a wonderful learning environment. The MLA program is a fabulous experience."

#### What do you tell prospective students about the HBU MLA program?

"I tell prospective students that the MLA program enriched and changed my life and I hope that they have the same experience. Knowledge is a life-long pursuit and the MLA prepares one to live life with that goal in mind."

#### What's the best aspect of working at HBU?

"I enjoy working within the university's atmosphere of higher learning and the energy it creates among the students. But most of all I like the people I work with. They make my job fun and my day worthwhile."

**Debra Berry** BSN '72, associate professor in nursing, attended two conferences in August: "Obesity: A Scientific Update" sponsored by the Institute for Natural Resources (INR) and "Changing the Paradigm for Insulin Delivery: Innovations & Indications" sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center. She also gave a three-part presentation on "Aging: Is this Normal or Do I Need an Extreme Makeover?" for campus faculty and staff in August. \*

**Dr. Renee Borns**, director of academic advising, published an article titled "Finding an Additional Funding Source for an Advising Unit" in the *Academic Advising Today* newsletter. \*

**Dr. Michael Bourke**, professor in political science, worked on completion of two books: *Corporate Data Management and SAP: From Concepts To Keystrokes*. \*

**Dr. Martin Bressler**, professor in entrepreneurship and marketing and area coordinator in entrepreneurship, co-authored a paper for the AIS Educators conference that has been selected a "Distinguished Paper" and will be published in their journal. He co-authored an article titled "Teaching Methodologies in the Classroom: A Study of Student Preferences" which received the Distinguished Research Award at the Allied Academies Conference in New Orleans, La. The article will also be published in *The Journal of the Academy of Educational Leadership*. Bressler co-authored an article titled "An Econometric Analysis of the Socio-Economic Factors Affecting the Adoption and Success of Accounting Information Systems in Small Businesses" which will be published in the fall 2006 special edition of *The International Journal of Ecology & Development*. He co-authored an article titled "How Entrepreneurs Choose and Use Accounting Information Systems" which appeared in the June 2006 edition of *Strategic Finance*. Bressler authored an article titled "Tips Enable Employees to Better Reflect Firm" which appeared in the May 1 edition of *Marketing News*. \*

**Dr. David B. Capes**, professor in Christianity and chair of the Department of Christianity and Philosophy, wrote two articles for two books entitled, *The Voice of Matthew* with Lauren Winner and *Dust Off Their Feet* with Brian McLaren. He also was a VIP Observer to the Ahmaddiya Islam Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) in Washington D.C. Capes has also been invited to write several other articles for *The Encyclopedia of the Historical Jesus*. \*

**Dr. James Claycomb**, assistant professor in physics, co-authored the paper "Superconducting and High-Permeability Shields Modeled for Biomagnetism and Nondestructive Testing," which was published in the *IEEE Transactions on Magnetics* in June. He also co-authored the paper titled "Complex Dielectric Behavior During Formation of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> by Combustion Synthesis,"

published in *The Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics* in August. Claycomb also attended the Applied Superconductivity Conference (ASC) in Seattle. \*

**Colette Cross**, University Chaplain and director of spiritual life, and **Jason Shaffer**, coordinator of ACTS, led a workshop titled "Spiritual Life is More Than Chapel Attendance" at the annual Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) Conference in Marion, Ind. \*

**Dr. Rhonda Furr**, professor in music, spent a week this summer examining and playing organs in Boston. Of particular interest were several historic Aeolian-Skinner organs built by Donald Harrison (builder of the 1949, 72-rank instrument at First Presbyterian Church where she is currently the organist). \*

**Virgil Grotfeldt**, assistant professor in art, along with **Michael Collins**, associate professor in art, participated in the Shanghai Art Museum in Houston. The show consisted of 40 Houston artists. A major catalogue was produced, and the show received over 20,000 visitors in two weeks. \*

**Dr. Christopher W. Hammons**, associate professor of political science and director of the Master of Liberal Arts program, was an invited participant to the George Mason School of Law "Program on Politics, Philosophy, and Economics." The colloquium gathered professors from academic institutions across the nation including UCLA, Yale, UT Austin and Harvard to discuss interdisciplinary approaches to the study of public policy. \*

**Dr. Rachel Hopp**, associate professor in biology, presented a poster titled "Identifying Factors which Lead to Success in Anatomy and Physiology I" at the 20th Annual Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) Conference in Austin. \*

**Dr. Jackie P. Horn**, professor in biology, will be featured in the 10th Edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*®, 2005-2006. This is the fourth time that she has received this honor. \*

**Dr. Jamie Johns**, associate professor in Christianity and director of the Biblical Languages program, spent the summer in East Africa where he taught a New Testament Theology course at Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya. He also lectured at the Nairobi Evangelical School of Theology, Nairobi and the Kenya Baptist Theological College, Limuru, Kenya. Johns has also been working over the summer with Dr. Christo van der Merwe, University of Stellenbosch, Cape Town, South Africa on a research paper dealing with translating metaphors in a source language-oriented translation of the Hebrew Bible. \*

**Dr. Tom Kennedy**, associate professor in psychology, presented a paper titled, "Children, Conversion, and the Age of Accountability in the Evangelical Church: A Psychological Perspective" at the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities' biennial conference, "Children's Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives," held in June. \*

# Welcome New Faculty/Staff Members

## FACULTY

### Michael Collins

associate professor of art

### Dr. Ed Dupnick

associate professor of management

### Carolee John

assistant professor of athletic training;  
director, Athletic Training Program

### Dr. James Johnson

associate professor of kinesiology

### Kelley Lardy

assistant professor of nursing

### Dr. John Ledford

assistant professor of chemistry

### Dr. Ernest Liang

associate professor of finance

### Dr. Melissa Marse

assistant professor of music

### Corrine Smith

assistant professor of nursing

### Dr. Felisi Sorgwe

assistant professor of Christianity;  
director, Center for Ministry Careers

## STAFF

### Alison Childers

counselor; Enrichment Center

### Raquel Osuna

academic records processor;  
Registrar's Office

### Pamela Netter-Morris

administrative coordinator; Student Life

### Megan Stuckey

office coordinator; Enrichment Center

### Stephanie Adams BBA '01

human resources representative;  
Human Resources

### Tiffany Grove

cheerleader coach/sports recreation  
coordinator; Student Life

### Jeremy Rakes

sports information assistant; Athletics

### Kyle Wilford

head athletic trainer; Athletics

### Donald Thomas

user services analyst; Information Systems

### Ersulee Young-Wade

secretary;  
Media Services

### Jennifer Heisler

assistant volleyball coach; Athletics

### Vic Gilmore BBA '05

assistant men's basketball coach; Athletics

### Deborah Hatchett

office assistant;  
College of Science & Mathematics

**Melanie A. Leslie**, associate professor in art, had three monographs accepted as part of the Lessedra World Print Exhibition, June - September 2006 at the Lessedra Gallery in Sofia, Bulgaria. \* **Dr. Louis Markos**, professor in English, was a plenary speaker for a colloquium on C. S. Lewis held at Taylor University in Indiana. He also addressed the Central Texas C. S. Lewis Society. Markos also presented a paper titled "Roman Portraits: Ancient Rome on Film" for the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and for the faculty of St. Thomas Episcopal Academy in Houston. He is also finishing two books which are scheduled to be published in 2007: *From Homer to Christ: Why Christians Should Read the Pagan Classics and Pressing Forward: Alfred, Lord Tennyson and the Victorian Age*. \* **Dr. Diane Martin**, associate professor in history, published an article entitled "Prosecution of the Statutes of Provisors and Premunire in the King's Bench, 1377-1394, in Fourteenth Century England" this summer. She attended the 41st Annual Congress for Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan at Western Michigan University. Martin also presented a paper at Leeds University in England at the International Medieval Congress entitled "Joan of King: The King's Mother and the Exercise of Authority." \* **Dr. Marie A. Mater**, associate professor in speech communications, has had her journal article "Bridging the North-South Divide: The Global Responsibility Frame at Earth Summit +5" published in Volume 3 of *The Environmental Communication Yearbook*. \*

**Dr. Alice Rowlands**, professor in mass communications and advisor to *The Collegian*, has been invited to participate as a faculty member for the Baptist Press Collegiate Journalism Conference in October in Nashville, Tenn. \*

**Dr. Larry Ruddell**, assistant professor in business, presented a paper at the annual Society for Business Ethics Conference in Atlanta entitled: "Transformational Leadership as an Effective Classroom Leadership Model for Business Ethics Instruction." He is continuing to work on a book: *Developing Database Applications with Microsoft Access*. Ruddell traveled to Istanbul, Turkey where he explored research opportunities with TEDMER (Turkish Business Ethics organization). He also visited Miami International Seminary where he provided support for the student management database he developed which supports students in 27 different locations worldwide.

\* **Dr. Brian Runnels** BMEd '81, dean of Arts and Humanities and professor of music, was elected to serve as secretary on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \*

**Sharon Saunders**, vice president of marketing, was recognized at the Fort Bend Baptist Academy Appreciation Luncheon for the completion of her tenure

as a member of the Board of Trustees for 2000-2006. \* **Dr. Jon M. Suter**, professor of library science and director of libraries, made a donation of more than 400 magazines collecting comic strips and/or featuring articles on the history of the art form to the *Oklahoma Cartoonists Collection* housed inside the Toy and Action Figure Museum (TAFN) in Pauls Valley, Okla. He is also a writer featured in the *Oklahoma Cartoonists Collection*. Born in Holdenville, Okla., Suter was among the earliest major collectors of comic books and strips in Oklahoma. \* **Rita Tauer** MS '85, interim dean, College of Business and Economics, and assistant professor in accounting, and **Alexis Knapp** MS '00, associate dean of undergraduate programs, College of Business and Economics, and assistant professor in management, accepted the official award of accreditation for the College of Business and Economics at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in Chicago this summer. They also presented a session, "The Administrative Angle, Leading a College Through the Accreditation/Reaffirmation Process," which covered the candidacy process, preparation for the self-study year, and the formal visitation. \* **Dr. Betty Thompson**, associate professor in biology, was part of the Discovery College at CyFair College where she conducted classes titled "Oozing Bubbling Science" with children ages 6 to 8. The curriculum allowed students to work on chemistry and physics experiments using inquiry-based activities and to work in cooperative learning groups patterned after the Montessori methods of teaching. \* **Dr. John Yarrington**, professor of music and director of the School of Music, led the adult choir at Music Week in Naramata, Canada at the Naramata Continuing Education Centre, in August. A new book, *Have We Had This Conversation?*, was another summer project. This is an attempt to speak about music making as a conversation and to ask what conductors and singers need to be effective. \* **Dr. Yuri Yatsenko**, associate professor in computer information systems, was awarded a \$25,000 NATO grant for "Optimal Replacement of Information Technologies and Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and USA." He also provided collaborative research and made presentations at Kiev State University (Ukraine) and the University of Girona (Spain) by their invitations. Yatsenko presented invited talks at the International Conference on Management Sciences: Optimization Models & Applications (University of Texas at Dallas) and the International Conference on Hybrid Systems and Applications (University of Louisiana, Lafayette La.).



**2006 Volleyball Team**

## HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY 2006 Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>OCT</b>		
3	* Huston-Tillotson	6:30 PM
6	* College of the Southwest	7:00 PM
7	Lubbock Christian	1:00 PM
11	Prairie View A&M	7:30 PM
<b>12</b>	<b>Lubbock Christian</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>13-14</b>	<b>Husky Classic</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Prairie View A&amp;M</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Texas Southern</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
27-28	Premier Classic	TBA
<b>NOV</b>		
3	* Texas Wesleyan	7:00 PM
4	Southern Nazarene	9:00 AM
4	* SW Assemblies of God	11:00 AM
4	* Paul Quinn	2:00 PM
10-11	RRAC Tournament	TBA
17-18	Region VI Tournament	TBA
<b>DEC</b>		
TBA	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

\* - RRAC match | **Bold** denotes Home match

## Cottrell Coaches USA Basketball Trials



HBU Basketball Coach Ron Cottrell, pictured here with Kentucky Coach Tubby Smith, Yale Coach James Jones and Oregon Coach Ernie Kent, coached at the U18 USA Basketball Trials this summer.



Cottrell was one of six college coaches selected to represent the USA as court coach. The USA took the gold medal in the FIBA Americas U18 Championship with victories over Uruguay, Brazil, Canada and Argentina.

*Photos by Steve Maikoski and courtesy of USA Basketball*



## HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY 2006 Soccer Schedule



2006 Soccer Team

<b>OCT</b>		
<b>7</b>	* <b>Bacone</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>10</b>	* <b>Northwood</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
14	* College of the Southwest	3:00 PM
16	Howard Payne	2:00 PM
21	* Huston-Tillotson	3:00 PM
<b>26</b>	* <b>Texas Wesleyan</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
30-1	RRAC Tournament	TBA

<b>NOV</b>		
4-11	NAIA Region VI Tournament	TBA
14-21	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

\* - Red River Athletic Conference Game  
**Bold indicates Home games**



## HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY 2006 Women's Soccer Schedule



2006 Women's Soccer Team

<b>OCT</b>		
<b>7</b>	* <b>Bacone</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>10</b>	* <b>Northwood</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
14	* College of the Southwest	1:00 PM
16	Howard Payne	12:00 PM
<b>18</b>	<b>Prairie View A&amp;M</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>26</b>	* <b>Texas Wesleyan</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
30-1	RRAC Tournament	TBA

<b>NOV</b>		
4-11	Region VI Tournament	TBA
14-21	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

\* - Red River Athletic Conference Game  
**Bold indicates Home games**

For the latest schedules and game results visit our Web site below.



[www.hbuhuskies.com](http://www.hbuhuskies.com)

# HBU Alum-A-Gram

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

**Send your photos to [hbunews@hbu.edu](mailto:hbunews@hbu.edu) or mail them to HBU News, 7502 Fondren, Houston, TX 77074-3298.**

*(Note: Class year denotes last year of attendance or year of graduation)*

## 1960s

**Greg Nash** '68 resides in Plymouth, N.H., where he works for Loon Valley Real Estate.

**Alan Moore** BA '69 has retired after 30 years with the Houston engineering office of Dow Chemical and now resides in Lake City, Colo., with his wife Barbara.

## 1970s

**Renee Fransee Griffin** BA '70 and husband James recently moved to Ingram. Jim flies for Continental Airlines, and Renee will be the general music teacher at a Kerrville elementary school. They have two sons, Jeremy and David.

**Deborah Preece Williamson** BA '73 is a teacher for W. L. Hauke High School in Conroe. She has two children, Brent and Claire.

**Larry Rager** MBA '79 is an associate professor for St. Francis University and resides in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

## 1980s

**Bob Wall** BS '80 completed his 26th year teaching and coaching in Alief ISD, having won 345 games in 14 years as the girls' basketball coach at Hastings High School. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Bob, wife Ida, and daughter Traci live in Fort Bend County.

**Rev. Donald Redway Brown II** BA '83 has been named the senior pastor for Grace United Methodist Church in Manvel. He and wife Beth reside in Rosharon.

**Ralph B. Morgan** BA '83 was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 24 and is serving as the assistant rector at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church where he is responsible for evangelism. He will be

ordained as an Episcopal priest in January 2007. Prior to attending seminary and his ordination, Ralph served for over 25 years as a youth minister. Ralph, wife Terri and daughter Brittany reside in Spring.

**Laura Savage** BS '83 just completed three years of service with the International Institute for Christian Studies. She was a university professor in Romania for two years. Laura has returned to the US and resides in Nederland. She began a new ministry as associate pastor for educational ministries at First Christian Church in Beaumont in August 2006.

**Laura Jenne Richard** BA '85 is a marketing programs manager for BMC Software. Laura, husband Jim, and children Katie, Trey and Maggie reside in Sugar Land.

**Matthew England** BA '86 is a vice president in the Private Bank for Wells Fargo as a certified financial planner. He resides in Santa Barbara, Calif.

## Distinguished Alumnus and Meritorious Service Alumnus Award Honorees

The Alumni Association congratulates this year's recipients ...

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

The award is presented to alumni who have made distinctive contributions in their fields. They must have consistently exemplified the standards on which the University is founded.

#### **Edwin B. Young BS '84**

*Founder and Senior Pastor, Fellowship Church - Grapevine, Texas*

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE ALUMNUS AWARD

The award presented to alumni who have made significant contributions of energy, time and creativity toward the advancement of the University and exemplify the standards upon which the University is founded.

#### **Tadd Tellepsen MBA '99**

*Vice President, Tellepsen Builders, L.P.*

**Watch for more on these outstanding alumni in the next issue of the HBU News.**

**Dana Spillers Callaway** BA '87 is an executive secretary at WorleyParsons. Dana married Larry Callaway in September 2004 and they reside in Houston.

**Harriet Newman** MAP '87 is a career counselor with her firm, Harriet Newman & Associates. Harriet is the mother of two grown children and grandmother of three. She and husband Ron reside in Maplewood.

**Brent Ward** BM '88 works for Asaph's Children. He, wife **Shirley Ward** BS '86, and children Luke, Lei-Leen, and Levi reside in Houston.

**Amy Butler Welsh** BA '89 is chief financial officer for Energy Answers Corporation. Her husband Philip is the president of Environment One Corp. They reside in Albany N.Y.

## 1990s

**James Nebout** BA '90 is an attorney for Burwell, Burwell & Nebout. James was named one of Houston's top lawyers in the June issue of *Houston Texas Magazine*. James, wife Hilary and children Nikolas and Chloe reside in League City.

**Claire Montgomery Young** ADN '91 is the chief nursing officer for Cleveland Clinic. She, husband James, and children Jamie and Joey reside in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

**J. Douglas Parker** BA '92 is director of marketing for PGAL. He was recently appointed to the Society for Marketing Professional Services 2006-07 Board of Directors as senior advisor.

**Thuy Nguyen Doan** BS '93 is an assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine. He and wife Minh have three children, Ethan, Taylor and Ella.

**Elaine Colwell Tracy** ADN '94 is a research nurse at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**Suzanee Marie Gerczak** BA '95 is finishing her dissertation for her EdD at Baylor and is co-principal of J.L. Lyon Elementary in Magnolia ISD.

**Bobby D. Hopper** '95 is minister of Fillmore Christian Church in Fillmore, Ind. He has a new book coming out entitled *To Win-Build-and Send: Preparing to Live Truly Great Lives in Christ*. He and wife Cami have two children, Tyler and Lauren.

**Kristi Ware Plaskonos** BA '95 resides in Old Greenwich, Conn., with husband Eric and daughter Blanche.

**Jomo Washington** BA '96 is an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army at Ft. Hood.

**Anthony Wilkins** BA '96 is serving as a U.S. Army Chaplain in Iraq.

**Kimberly Berry Brey** MA '97 and husband Terry reside in Golden, Colo.

**Russell Sylvester** MBA '97 is a senior IT business system analyst SAP for Nike. He and wife Angela and son Brandon live in Beaverton, Ore.

**Donna Baskin Winebrenner** BM '97 lives in Sweeny, where she is choral director for Sweeny Junior High and High School.

**Saurin Shar** BS '98 recently graduated from the Executive MBA program at UT Austin and has joined leading casual video-game publisher PlayFirst in San Francisco, Calif.

**Jonathan Wiles** BA '98 is communications director at Schloss Mittersill, a center for engaging Christian faith and culture, located in the Austrian Alps.

**Gloria Casso Benavides** MEd '99 lives in Laredo and teaches in the Laredo ISD.

## 2000s

**Kevin Westberry** BA '00 lives in San Francisco, Calif., and teaches in the San Francisco USD.

**Joseph Collins** MS '01 is vice president of taxation with Colt International in Houston. He and Jessica Lynn Horne were recently married at West University Baptist Church.

**Ryan Kelly** BM '02 earned his MM from the University of Oklahoma in 2004 and is in his third year as a faculty member of Kilgore College in Kilgore.

**Marsha Joseph Vaughn** BS '03 is TAKS facilitator for Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School in Dayton and resides in Baytown with husband Gerald and children Derrick, Dijon and Myah.

**Karl Stumpf** BA '03 recently graduated from DePaul College of Law in Chicago, Ill., with a J.D. and Certificate in Taxation.

**Usurlia Lynn Benjamin** BBA '04 is an HR specialist/generalist for Fluor Corporation in Sugar Land. She resides in Missouri City with husband Doffie and children Chris, Jarrod, Jasmine and Gregory.

**Anthony Love** MBA '04 is senior financial analyst for the Production Quest Division of Baker Hughes in Houston.

## Dr. Roy D. Heller BS '87

### Alum Receives Prestigious SMU Teaching Award

Dr. Roy D. Heller BS '87, assistant professor of Old Testament at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, has been named the recipient of the prestigious Golden Mustang Endowment teaching award. The Golden Mustangs, a group of SMU alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago, established The Golden Mustang Endowment for the advancement of teaching and learning. The award is presented to a junior, tenure-track faculty member "whose teaching is consistently excellent, whose courses reflect thoughtful curriculum development, and whose scholarship makes a meaningful contribution to the discipline and to student learning." After graduating from HBU summa cum laude, Dr. Heller went on to earn five graduate degrees from Yale University: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Sacred Theology, the Master of Philosophy, the Master of Arts, and the Doctor of Philosophy.



**Megan Baumgardner** BA '05 and **Buck Chapman** BA '05 were married May 20 at West University Baptist Church in Houston. They reside in San Antonio where Megan teaches English and social studies at Cornerstone Christian School and Buck is the manager of Bulverde Feed, a family business. Other Huskies in the photo include **Sarah Jackson** '06, **Beth Baumgardner Ramos** BSN '05 and **Jeremy Jackson** BS '04.



**Sally Ruiz** BA '05 and **Dusten Melear** BM '06 were married June 10 at North Oaks Baptist Church in Spring.

**Crystal Shai Streety** BBA '05 lives in Houston and is employed as a personal banker for Bank of America.

**Kevin Neimeyer** BBA '05 resides in Pearland and is employed by Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

**Yolanda Moultrie** MBA '06 is a HR specialist for Fluor Corporation in Sugar Land. She and husband Torrance live in Cypress.

**Andrea Shaw** BSN '06 is a registered nurse with Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

**Brittney Adams** BA '06 is a communications coordinator for KBR in Houston.

**Keren Crosby** BS '06 and Joseph Jackson were married June 16 at First Presbyterian Church in Sugar Land.

## Welcome Husky Pups

**Duc Do** MS '89 and wife Linda announce the birth of their son, Daniel, on Jan. 27. He was welcomed by big sister Angela.

**Cindy Holmes White** BA '89 and husband **David** BBA '95, MS '01 are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Samantha Annette Irene, on Jan. 29, 2005. She was welcomed by big brother Hunter.

**Phillip Breedlove** BA '90 and wife Megan are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Lindsey, on May 4. She was welcomed by big sister Ellie and big brother Kenneth. Phillip is currently working as a professional counselor in the emergency department at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

**Jerri Bauer Monbaron** BA '92 and husband Mark are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Dylan Patrick, on Feb. 20.

**Lara Berry Landmesser** BA '93 and husband David announce the birth of son, Luke Eason, on Feb. 8. Proud grandparents are **Joel Berry** BS '72 and Linda Berry.

**Joe MacDonald** BA '93 and wife **Cazandra** BME '90 are proud to announce the birth of son, Caeleb Christian, on Jan. 18. He was welcomed by big brother Julian. Joe is the music minister and also a certified candidate for deacon at Deming United Methodist Church in Deming, N.M. Cazandra is the national marketing manager for Hemophilia Options.

**Vanessa Camacho Shew** BBA '94 and husband Stephen are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Daniel Stephen, on June 3. Daniel's aunt is **Annabelle Camacho** BSN '91.

**Jason Brown** BA '96 and wife **Julie** '96 welcomed son, Jeremiah Scott, on May 19. He joins siblings Jude, Jaynie, Jonah and Jillian.

**Jason Shuttlesworth** BS '96 and wife Angie are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Moriah Grace, on Dec. 11, 2005. She joins big brother Benjamin. Jason is pastor of Avondale Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

**Cindy Boles Johns** '97 and husband Richard had their fifth boy, Andrew Michael Luke, on June 20. He joins brothers Timothy, Zachary, Jacob and Matthew.



White



Breedlove



Monbaron



Landmesser



MacDonald



Shew



Johns

## Come home to HBU! Homecoming 2007

Homecoming is the perfect time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones! We have a week of activities planned just for you.

SAVE THE DATE  
**January 29 - February 3**





Garza



Carter



Folks



Slate



Clark



Terzian



Stock

**Laura Garza** BS '98 and husband Efrain are happy to announce the arrival of Sofia Dolores on Feb. 20. Sofia has two big brothers, Matthew and David.

**Misty Martin Carter** BS '00 and husband Adam welcomed twins, Colton Dean and Madilyn Elizabeth, on Nov. 11, 2005.

**Samantha Albritton Folks** BA '00, MEd '02 and husband Shawn welcomed daughter, Sydney Rae, on June 12. Grandmother **Carolyn Albritton** is HBU registrar.

**Lindsay Chaddrick Slate** BA '00 and husband Tony are proud to announce the birth of twins, Kaitlyn Hope and Kennedy Nicole, on July 7.

**Krista Lyon Clark** BA '01 and husband **Ryan** BM '99 welcomed daughter, Chelsea Joy, on Aug. 10.

**Jacob Stock** BA '01 and wife **Melissa** BA '02 have welcomed a new baby girl, Bella Grace, to their family. Bella Grace was born Aug. 6 and was welcomed by big sister Ashtyn.

**Kelli Terzian** MA '01 and husband David announce the arrival of son, Luke, on May 21. He is welcomed by big brother John.

**Christi Powell Vaughan** BA '02 and husband **Josh** BA '03 welcomed son, Zakary Michael, on June 9. Proud grandparents are HBU Trustee **Bob** BS '76 and **Linda** '77 **Powell** and **Kelley** BA '76 and **Chris** BSN '76 **Vaughan**. Aunt **Christina Campos Vaughan** BS '00 and uncles **Kel Vaughan** BA '99 and current HBU student **Jonathan Powell** also welcomed the youngest Husky to the family.

**Melissa Thibodeaux Holmquist** BA '03 and husband **Michael** BA '04 announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Nicole, on April 7.

**Brian Price** BA '03 and wife Maritza welcomed daughter, Andriana Michelle, on June 9.

**Seema Gaj-Daya** MA '04 and husband Munir are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Aaisha, on May 14.

**Will Rice** MEd '06 and wife Tabitha welcomed a daughter, Mackenzie Elyse, on Feb. 15.



Vaughan



Holmquist



Gaj-Daya



Rice

## Classmates Gather for Reunion Lunch



Five graduates of the Master of Arts in Psychology program got together for a reunion lunch this summer with a former professor, **Dr. Muriel Flake**. The group enjoyed visiting and sharing memories. Pictured left to right are (back row) **Jan White** MA '86, **Suzie Hessel** MA '88, **Marolyn Baldwin-Copeland** MA '87, (seated) **Katherine Norris** MA '87 and **Dr. Flake**. Not pictured is **Leslie Fox** MA '87 MEd '88, who also joined the group for lunch.

## Connections:

### One Ring's Journey Home

Rev. Dale Jones BA '87 lost his HBU class ring in 1989 while on a camping trip. That same year David Weseloh was born in Pasadena. Who would have known their paths would cross almost 20 years later?

Soon after his graduation from HBU, Jones' mother, one of his greatest supporters and encouragers, bought him a graduation ring.

Two years later, in the summer of 1989, Jones took his family to New Braunfels to camp on the banks of the Guadalupe River. While there, he took a raft trip down the river. It was at the end of the excursion that Jones discovered that his HBU ring had slipped off his finger. Jones was heartbroken, not only because of the value of the ring, but because his mother had given it to him and it was now lost at the bottom of the Guadalupe River.

The years flew by as 17-year-old David Weseloh grew up. In the summer of 2006 Weseloh was on a camping trip with his family at the Guadalupe River. While he was somewhat whimsically turning over rocks on the river bed he saw a glitter of gold. He reached down and pulled a ring out. Weseloh noticed the ring was from HBU, the year of graduation was 1987, and the initials ADJ were engraved on the inside of the band.



Rev. Dale Jones BA '87 and David Weseloh

Instead of keeping the ring, Weseloh called HBU to see if he could determine the ring's owner. The University's alumni office was able to use the initials inside the ring to find Jones' name in their database.

On the afternoon of August 3, David and his mother and several representatives from the University met at Sterling Wood Baptist Church where Jones is the pastor, and David presented the keepsake to its original owner.

"I can only say that my heart was filled with gratitude to this young man for his honesty and sensitivity. He instinctively knew that the value of this ring was far greater than the gold from which it was forged," said Jones.

## In Memoriam

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

— Hebrews 11:1

### FORMER STUDENTS

**Johnathan Dax Cantu** BA '05 passed away July 5.

### UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

**E. Deane Kanaly**, a friend and supporter of the University, passed away July 29.

**Wanda Hudson**, mother of **Dick Hudson** BA '75, passed away July 29. She established the Wanda E. Hudson Alumni Endowed Scholarship.

**Henry Alvin Lott**, who served on the HBU Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1983, passed away Aug. 23. He was also one of the original members of the President's Council in 1970, now referred to as the PDC. In 1970, Mr. Lott made a gift of property that helped establish an endowed academic scholarship in his name.

**Dr. Albert Myers**, original faculty member at Houston Baptist College who served as the divisional director for science and math and professor and chair of chemistry, passed away Aug. 17 at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, and three sons and their families, including **Dr. William Meyers** BA '67 and his wife, **Barbara McElvany Myers** '68.



Myers

## Join Us in Dallas!

All alumni attending this year's Baptist General Convention General meeting are invited to attend a special reception to greet Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.

### Baptist General Convention General Meeting Reception

El Fenix - Downtown Dallas  
1601 McKinney St.  
Dallas

**Monday, November 13**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by your Alumni Association**

## Join the Network!

### Alumni Networking Luncheons

HBU Alumni Networking takes place five times a year (second Wednesday of October, December, February, April and June) on campus for the purpose of providing a venue for professional networking and enjoying a distinguished speaker on a pertinent topic.

Luncheon participants include alumni, University faculty and staff, current students, as well as members of the Houston business community. The Distinguished Speakers Series has included men and women from all areas of the professional world addressing such topics as financial planning, branding, stress management, local economic climate, leadership and owning your own business. Join us this year! All luncheons are held in Dillon II in the Hinton Center on campus. The cost is \$20 per person.

October 11 ..... Meet the President - Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.  
 December 13.....Christmas Luncheon  
 February 14..... Beverly Kaufman, *Harris County Clerk*  
 April 11 ..... Ron Stone MLA '94  
*President, Stonefilms of Texas*

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## Announcing New Benefits for HBU Alumni

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## Attention Recent Graduates ...

In an effort to continuously improve service to students, the Alumni Association will be mailing out a short survey approximately six months after graduation. Please take a few moments and let us know about your experiences as a student. Thank you!

[www.hbu.edu/networking](http://www.hbu.edu/networking)

# HBU Husky Hustle 5K fun run & 1 mile walk

## November 11 - 7:30 a.m. Start Time

(We will accept photocopies of this form.)

The form is also available at [www.hbu.edu/huskyhustle](http://www.hbu.edu/huskyhustle). You can also register on-line at [www.EzToRegister.com](http://www.EzToRegister.com).

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Age on November 11, 2006: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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T-shirt size (large will be given if size is not indicated)  S  M  L  XL

Registering for:  5K fun run/walk race  1 mile fun walk

**\$20 if postmarked by Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006; \$30 race day;**

**\$40 family of 2; \$10 for each additional participant.**

**Current HBU Students \$10 (with valid student ID)**

**HARRA Members \$1 discount. HARRA number \_\_\_\_\_**

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Absolutely devastated can't make the run, but here is my donation to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

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In consideration of your accepting this entry, I release, for myself, for my heirs, executors, and administrators, all parties involved in the planning or staging of the HBU Husky Hustle 5K fun run & walk including officials and sponsors and hereby waive, any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, or causes of action of any nature whatsoever including claims for death, injury or illness, arising out of my participation in the HBU Husky Hustle 5K fun run & walk. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my photograph or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. This entry is invalid unless signed by entrant. If entrant is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign entry. The official race director reserves the right to reject any entry.

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# Dr. Constantina Michalos

**“What I hope students will include in the chapter of their lives written here is that they have learned how to learn; they have learned that really good questions generate even better questions; they have learned that challenging authority in the right spirit is the lifeblood of a University; they have learned that when they stop being curious, they stop living.”**

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