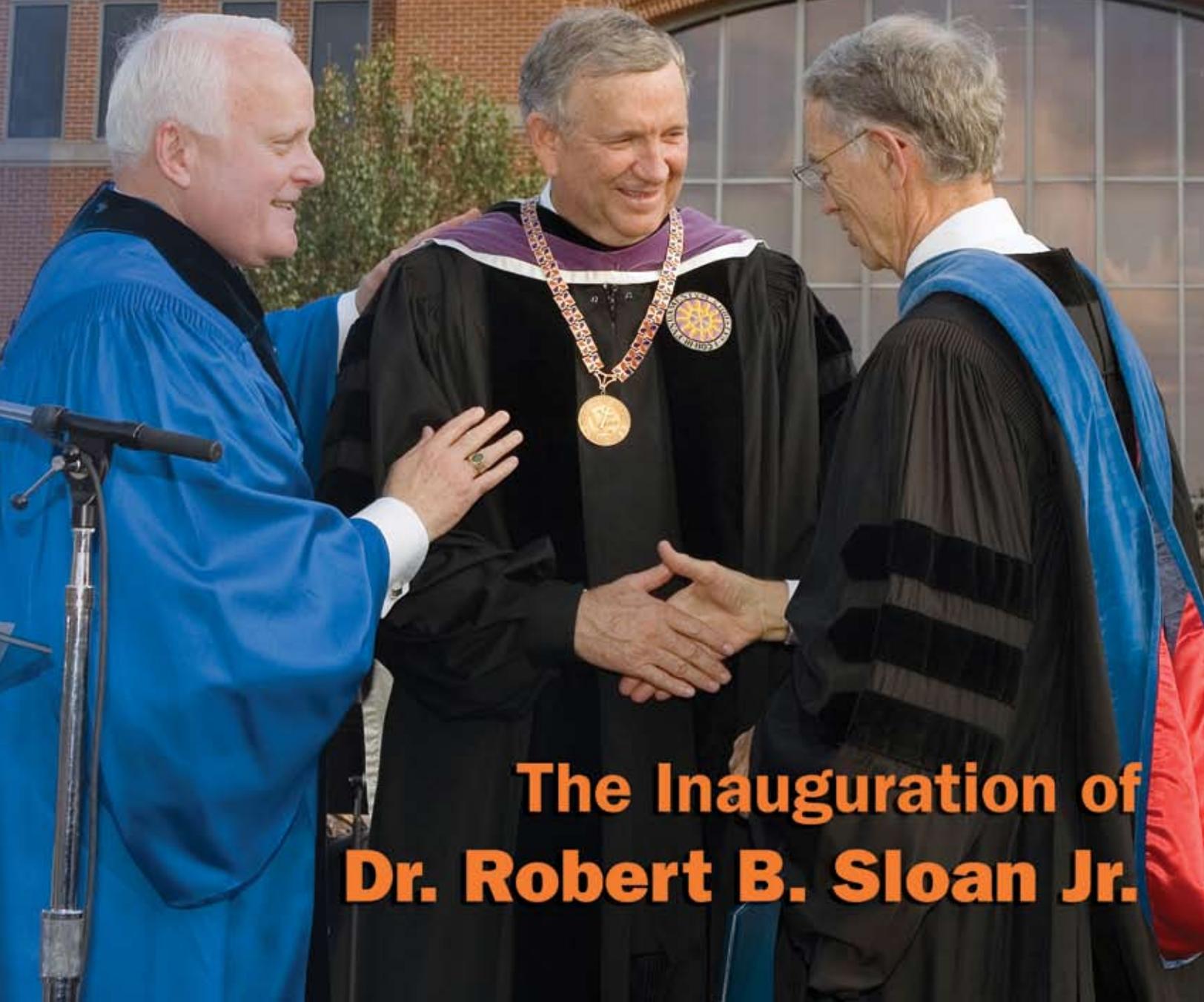


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**The Inauguration of  
Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.**

## Message from the *President*

**I**t is hard to believe that Sue and I have already made it through our first quarter here at HBU. It has been a wonderful time. These three months have flown by quickly. We love being in Houston and have developed a great appreciation for our new colleagues on the faculty and staff. The students and alumni have joined in welcoming us into the HBU family with open arms. We have also enjoyed discovering the many support groups for our University. The Guild, the President's Development Council, the American Museum Society, the Alumni Association, and of course the Trustees have all been incredibly supportive and encouraging.

And then, I have to comment on the Inauguration of November 28. It was truly one of the high points of our lives. Sue and I and our children (except Michael who is in Scotland working on his PhD) were enormously affirmed by the total experience. It was beautiful. It was done with an excellence reflective of devotion to our Lord. There was pageantry laced with outstanding music provided by our own students, and there was the wealth of academic tradition associated with so many from the world of higher education and the broader HBU family who were there. A special thank you to the Steering Committee for their leadership and, also, to the many committee members and volunteers who assisted in making this event truly spectacular. And, our gracious Lord gave us such a beautiful day to enjoy everything. The speakers were outstanding, and we were all touched by the variety of exhortation and affirmation about HBU.

Sue and I want to express our deep appreciation for Doug and Sadie Hodo. They have been so helpful to us in making this transition. Doug and I have had the opportunity to spend significant time together and it has provided great encouragement, information, and insight. I am very grateful to Doug for his support.

I feel like I have so much to say and so little space in which say it, but let it be sufficient for now to say that Sue and I are so grateful for the opportunity to

serve our Lord in this way. We believe there is an enormous opportunity for Houston Baptist University, an opportunity that begins in the great city of Houston and extends around the world. I felt strongly led to come here because of the larger calling I have experienced to be a part of Christian higher education. I believe that we have an important role to play and witness to bear in the important work of expressing through the instrumentality of higher education the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our world and to our culture.

Sometime in the next several months, we will begin a process, as a university family of faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and trustees, to consider what a long-range vision would look like for HBU. I have already had the privilege of visiting with all of the faculty and staff of the University in small groups, and I have learned so much about the hopes, dreams, concerns, and aspirations of all for the University. I have also been privileged to speak with numerous students in small groups, and their insights are a valuable part of what we can be both in the short term and in the long term. Through the Alumni Association I have heard of and felt their pride in their alma mater and their desires for the future of this great University.

Finally, I want to say a special word of thanks to the Trustees. Until we have a long-range vision in place, we are engaging in a short-term fund raising campaign to deal with the issues of greatest concern to the University family. We are finishing the Cultural Arts Center, building out the space for the museums (Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, Museum of Southern History, and the Dunham Family Bible in America Museum) that will go in the Cultural Arts Center, and we are looking at other important capital projects that need to be done in the short or intermediate term. For example, I want us to build new temporary space for the art department and other campus needs. Even if we have to erect a steel building for now, to use for a few years until a more permanent space is built, it will be an improvement over what



our fabulous art faculty and students have today. Therefore, we have a short-term, seven million dollar capital campaign going right now, and we will make some very positive steps over the next few months to raise that money and use it for important needs – laboratory equipment, updating the nursing computer lab, technology, refurbishing and adding offices, and some athletic needs, to name a few items in the campaign. The faculty, staff, and students have also suggested some further areas for study related to overall academic and institutional needs, which we are already doing.

While there are still a few boxes left unpacked, Sue and I are proud to call the President's Home our home. It is a wonderful place with a special charm and elegance. While the Christmas Open House was our first official function in our new residence, we have already hosted a thank you reception for those who served on the Inaugural committees. And, our first night here students from the residence colleges came to welcome us with a plate full of cookies. We knew we were home!

Again, thank you for receiving Sue and me in to the HBU family. We look forward to getting to know you and to sharing in the calling of Christian higher education. It is our joy and privilege to serve the Lord here with you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Sloan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

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# Inauguration Day

In a ceremony that combined the dignity of time-respected traditions, the warmth of the HBU family, and the grace of God for beautiful weather, Robert B. Sloan Jr. was inaugurated as the third president of Houston Baptist University on Nov. 28th.

The quarterly Board of Trustees meeting was convened in Hinton Center followed by luncheons for visiting dignitaries, trustees and special guests at two campus locations. As campus hosts welcomed guests, the inaugural ceremony in Oscar F. Holcombe Mall began with the pageantry of the formal procession including more than 100 delegates from educational institutions and learned societies, as well as trustees, faculty, the executive council and presidential party. Greetings were brought by representatives from a number of University constituencies. Dr. Don Looser, vice president for academic affairs, presided over the ceremony where a number of Sloan colleagues and friends spoke.

Befitting the grandeur of the event, the University Chorus performed the inaugural anthem, “All Creatures of Our God and King.” Keynote speaker for the inaugural ceremony was Dr. Edwin Young, senior pastor, Second Baptist Church of Houston. A spiritual charge to the president was delivered by Dr. Duane Brooks, pastor, Tallowood Baptist Church of Houston.

Sloan called the day “a celebration of the history and future of HBU. We gather together to celebrate our shared history as an institution – our founders, our purpose, our mission as an institution of Christian higher education. We celebrate not only HBU, but we do so as a representative of a particular kind of education — one which seeks its self-understanding, mission and outcomes in the central features of the Christian faith.”

A celebratory reception followed in the Great Hall of the Cultural Arts Center where construction on the site was halted for the day to provide guests with the opportunity to enjoy the first event held in the soon-to-be completed facility which will also house a chapel, University museums and auditorium.

Numerous faculty, staff and students as well as alumni and friends volunteered countless hours to assist in the multitude of tasks involved in hosting more than 1,400 in attendance for the day’s events. Inauguration Day truly marked a time of new beginnings.

To view the Inauguration Ceremony visit [www.hbu.edu](http://www.hbu.edu).





# A Day of *Celebration* ...

**P**resident Sloan's Inauguration Day was filled with family, old and new friends, and professional colleagues. It was truly a day of joy and celebration.



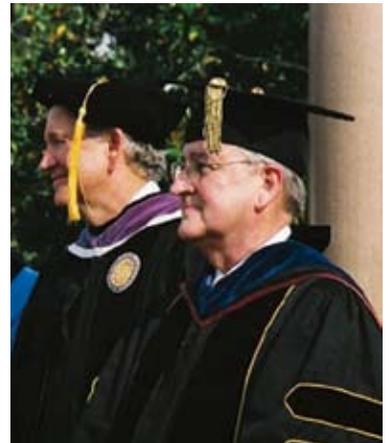
The academic regalia worn by delegates added color to the ceremony.



First Lady Sue Sloan and the Sloan family watched with pride as President Sloan was inaugurated.



President Emeritus E.D. Hodo and Trustee Lisa Morris Simon BA '76



Dr. Sloan and Dr. Don Looser



Dr. Duane Brooks and Rev. Jack Ridlehoover, retired pastor, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene



Speakers at the Inauguration included Rev. Mark Denison BA '82, pastor, First Baptist Church of Gainesville, and Dr. James Denison BA '80, pastor, Park Cities Baptist Church.



The Sloan Family: Alatheia, Paul, Sophia, Dr. Sloan, Sue Sloan, Charissa, Amy, Bryan, Eraina and Bryan. Son Michael, who is pursuing graduate studies in Scotland, was unable to attend.



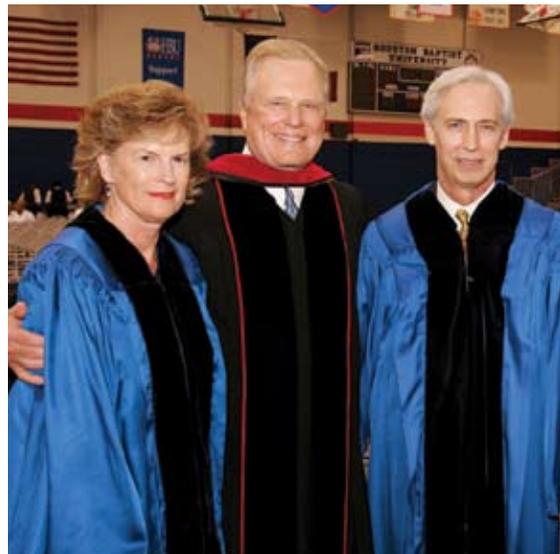
Dr. John Yarrington and Dr. David Capes were program participants.



Janie Finlay, Archie Dunham, Linda Dunham and Gregg Matte, senior pastor, Houston's First Baptist Church



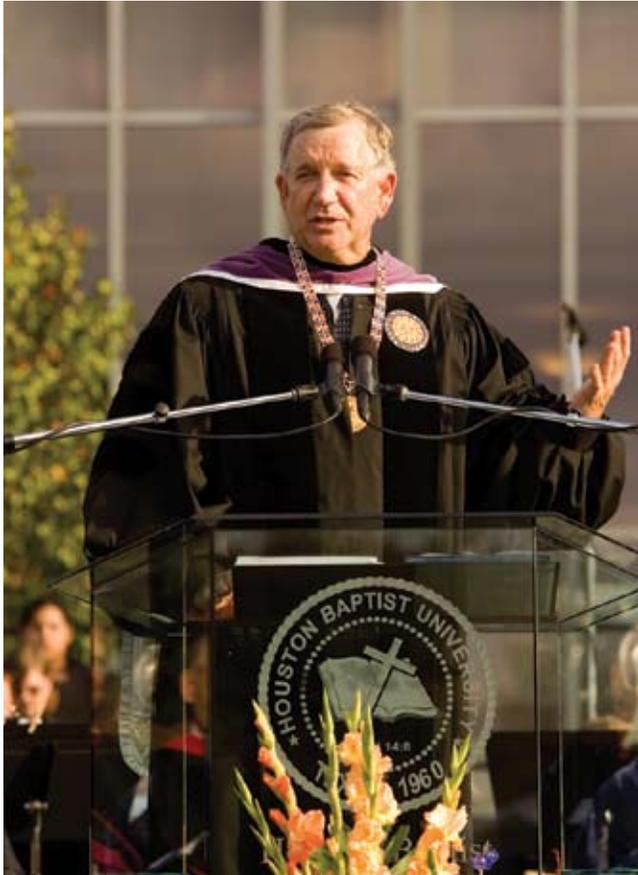
Dr. Sloan and Dr. Jim Richards, executive director of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention



Former Trustee Diane Williams BA '93, Dr. Edwin Young and Ray L. Cox Jr. BS '81

## Excerpts from President Sloan's

# Inaugural Address



“Presidents are public symbols but the emotional substance, the historical glue of any institution belongs to its alumni, its friends, those who love it and carry it within their hearts.”

... we realized we could not escape the calling of Christian higher education; it is a deep passion that Sue and I share. Somehow, we knew that is what we should do, must do, and would do. I cannot begin to describe for you adequately the rich and real part of the renewed sense of calling that we felt to return to Christian higher education and to serve in this way.



... it is the faculty who carry the academic freight of the institution. It is the faculty who in the exercise of their calling — their scholarship, their teaching and research, their building of a community of learning — who embody the traditions and shape the mission of the university.



Every institution has a personality, a history, and its own distinctives. Christian institutions derive their identity from Jesus Christ, the foundation stone. We have our own identity and history as an institution. And every institution that names the name of Christ shares with us in that kind of central confession. With all the diversity we have as Christian institutions, with our different locations, our different academic emphases, none the less every Christian institution, by definition, finds its focus, its foundation, in the person of Jesus Christ.



HBU has sought to embrace the Christian faith as an institution of higher learning in an urban setting. I said earlier one of the things that attracted me — and through which I sensed God's calling to enter again into Christian higher education in a leadership role — was the city of Houston. It was a compelling factor for me. As Sue and I began to look around, we had some friends in whom we had confided that Houston Baptist University had contacted us. They said to us, ‘do you realize how few universities, how few Christian universities there are in major urban settings in the United States?’

There are of course some great Catholic institutions particularly east of the Mississippi River, but there are precious few Protestant institutions that are not in small or medium-sized towns west of the Mississippi River. And while Christian institutions ought to be in every setting — whether it is a small country environment, a small town, or a medium-sized town — there must certainly be a place for great Christian institutions, places of academic excellence, in the urban environment.



But I submit to you that the Christian faith ... cannot be faithful to the One who is Lord over all things visible and invisible, over every sphere of reality, unless we also say that the content of the intellectual traditions of the Christian faith have an impact upon the kind of University we are, not only with respect to our environment, our attitude, and our chapel services, but also with respect to the intellectual and academic engagement that goes on in the classroom.

We ask questions. We are not afraid of questions. We seek to engage because this is God's world and He made it and it is good. And therefore, there is no sphere of reality, there is no single corner of this universe that falls outside of the sphere of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and therefore we need not fear asking any question. We need not fear any level of engagement.



We have enormous opportunities ... as an institution of higher learning to bear witness to Jesus Christ, unafraid to ask any question and know that He is Lord over all things visible and invisible. We have the opportunity to bear witness in the 'great city' where ethnicities and races, peoples and nations, are drawn together like Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. It is here where we bear our witness. The world has come to us. Let us take up the cross and follow Him.

*Duane Brooks*  
Pastor, Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston

"You, Dr. Sloan, are uniquely qualified for this task. My charge today is love to lead, and by that I mean to lead we must love. Great spiritual leaders love in order to lead. To lead effectively we must love our Lord God with our all. Dr. Sloan you are imminently qualified. And as I've seen, HBU students, faculty, staff, trustees, and alumni are particularly easy to love."

*Jack D. Carlson*  
Chair, Board of Trustees 2006-2007

"It is the conviction of the Board of Trustees that the spiritual calling and unique gifts of Robert Sloan are critical to the future development of Houston Baptist University at this point in her history. May I express my best wishes. Be assured in the hopes and prayers of us all."

*E.D. Hodo*  
President Emeritus  
Houston Baptist University

"I know from experience that God watches over all things relative to the welfare of this institution ... And so my friend, Robert Sloan, I cannot but believe that He brought you here, as He brought me, to this school to be about His purpose... the uniqueness of a University where faith and discipline is the primary goal."

*Edwin Young*  
Senior Pastor, Second Baptist Church,  
Houston

"This University is uniquely distinctive in the 21st century. Students all over Houston, the country, and the world will want to be a part of what this University stands for, which is something all of us can get involved with starting today."

The University would like to thank the HBU faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends who contributed to the planning of the events of Inauguration Day.

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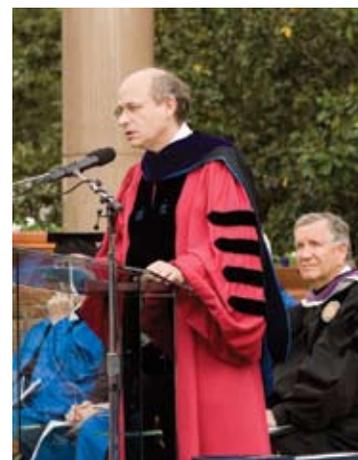
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“Just as we celebrate the diversity on each of our campuses, we celebrate the diversity of higher education. We who are gathered here represent the great variety of higher education institutions: public and private, secular and non-secular, small and large, urban and rural, research universities, liberal arts colleges and community colleges. Although there are great differences among us, in those differences there is strength and opportunity. We are also united by a common faith in the importance of truth, of learning, and of reason in contributing to human development and progress.”



**Stewart Morris Sr.**

**Founding Father**

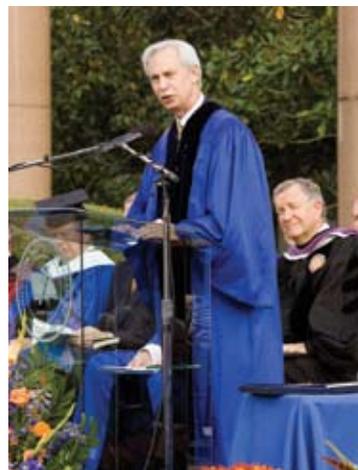
“Dr. Sloan, these ten columns of Texas granite, each weighing 13 tons, are symbolic of the strength of this institution. They represent the Ten Commandments written in the Hebrew Bible. Dr. Sloan, we recognize you as a giant. You are standing on the shoulders of a strong Board of Trustees.”



**Ray L. Cox Jr. BS '81**

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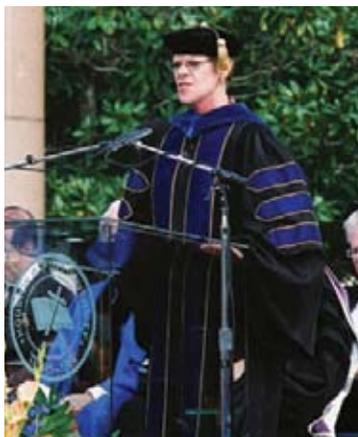
“It is my firm belief that it was only through God’s providence that the paths of the Search Committee and Dr. Sloan ultimately met.”



**Constantina Michalos**

**President, Faculty Assembly**

“You have arrived at a propitious time in our history, and in your brief tenure you have already established a culture of trust and open communication, and inspired confidence that we will work together to conceive and realize a millennial vision for the University.”



**Charles Wade**  
**Executive Director**  
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“Texas Baptists believe it is God’s providence that has brought Robert Sloan to be the third president of Houston Baptist University. He brings to HBU a mind academically and theologically trained, a heart to serve God and humanity, eyes that can see greatness in the future of this institution, and the experience to lead the faculty, administration, trustees, and all those who love HBU to work together for the achievement of all the goals important to you as you fulfill God’s vision for this great University.”



**Edgar Gonzalez**  
**President**  
**Student Government Association**

“With the encouragement and enthusiasm that he (Dr. Sloan) brings to HBU, to new and old generations of Huskies, I feel that he will lead HBU very well through this new era.”



**Monica Hodges BA '94 MEd '00**  
**Chair, Alumni Association Board**

“From the very beginning of HBU, the Lord has shown his greatness by providing Godly visionary leaders in Dr. Hinton and Dr. Hodo. Bringing you, a Godly visionary leader, makes it clear that the Lord’s greatness is still at work in this University.”



**Frances Curtis**  
**Dean of Students**

“You have our esteem and trust. We want to share in your vision for a great University with a Christ-centered education. To that end, on behalf of the staff, I pledge our support and service, in hopes of receiving our Lord’s commendation, ‘well done good and faithful servant.’”



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# DEFINING RELATIONSHIPS ... a conversation with

## Jack D. Carlson

Chair, Board of Trustees, 2006-2007

### How did you first get involved with HBU?

Having lived as a Baptist in Houston for 40-years, I have known of HBC/HBU for all that time. I remember the After Dinner Players and Jeannette Clift George's events, the great gymnastics teams, and attended church at Second Baptist with Dr. Bill Hinton. On several occasions, my wife Karen and I were invited by acquaintances to attend President's Council events. We got to know the Hodos as they came to serve the University and about 14 or 15 years ago I was nominated to serve as a trustee. I served for three 3-year terms, took off a year, and was asked to return for another 3-year term. That term has now been extended another three years by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

### How do you view the role of the trustee?

A trustee's role is one of great responsibility and importance for the "governance" of the University. The most capable president and executive staff of institutions such as HBU would not meet their full potential without the diligent effort, encouragement, and hard work of the Board of Trustees. Over these 13 years of serving HBU I have witnessed the invaluable expertise, wisdom, guidance, and support which have been unselfishly given to the University by those who have served as trustees, and it has been a professional and spiritual growth experience for us all.

### You've served on several different Board committees. What are the most important traits a trustee should possess?

*Available* – for unselfish commitment of time, talent and wisdom to Board responsibilities. *Knowledge* – know as much as possible about the University, its staff and faculty. *Ambassador* – seek to represent the University whenever/ however possible. *Commitment* – to cooperative service, to leadership, to ethical practices, to God's will in every decision and action. *Spirit-led* – we continuously, and collectively, seek God's counsel.

### Did your experience as interim president change how you view the University and your role as a trustee?

My brief opportunity to serve as interim president was an enlightening experience and one that would benefit any trustee that would ever serve on HBU's Board. I have a better understanding of the University — the faculty, the staff, the facilities — and the complexity of the day-to-day operating dynamics. I had no disappointments and no major surprises during my interim presidency, only confirmation that HBU is blessed with a lot of talented folks with collegial spirits and cooperative attitudes. I have personally witnessed the individual commitment of the executive council and their staffs and faculty.

### This will be a very important year in the life of the University. In your role as chair of the Board, do you have any specific goals for the coming year?

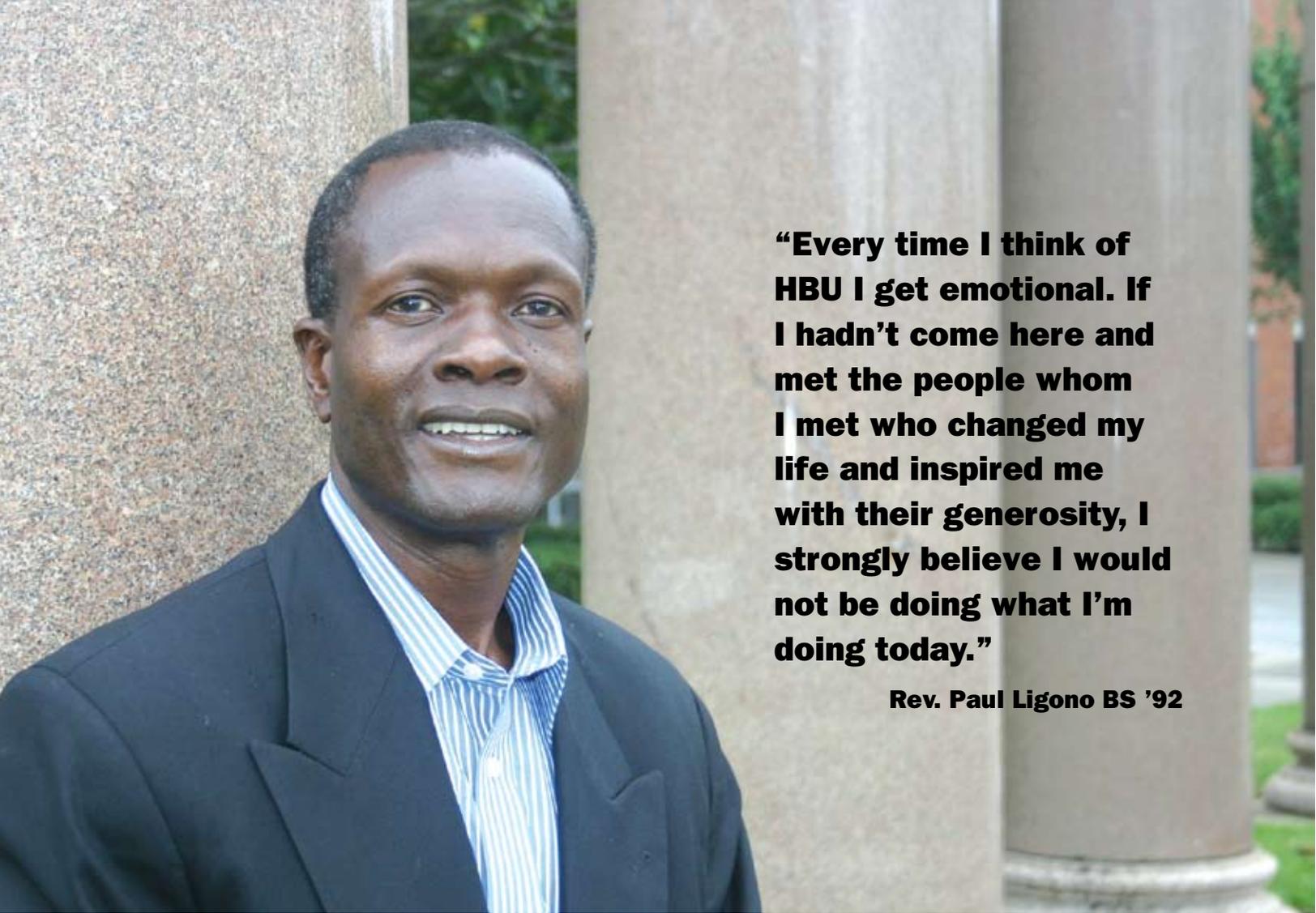
I am excited for HBU, not only because of the legacy and strong foundation it has, but the opportunities for growth and progress. Our Mission and Vision statements are timeless and remain unchanged as we respond to the leadership of Dr. Robert Sloan, our president. We can, and should, anticipate change as we seek to be the best University this side of heaven! Our immediate challenge is completing construction, funding, and occupancy of the Cultural Arts Center — a lot of work is yet to be done and our Board must be involved and leading in every area. I anticipate other initiatives that will require concentrated leadership — I will be there. I aspire to my Bible "life verse," Micah 6:8, "... and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

### What do you wish people knew about HBU? What is your favorite aspect of the University to share with others?

I often hear compliments about the quality academic experience that exists at HBU and the warm and friendly campus environment — I can echo this. I entered engineering school at Texas Tech about the time HBU was founded ... but I got here as soon as I could!

**"WE CAN, AND SHOULD, ANTICIPATE CHANGE AS WE SEEK TO BE THE BEST UNIVERSITY THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN!"**





**“Every time I think of HBU I get emotional. If I hadn’t come here and met the people whom I met who changed my life and inspired me with their generosity, I strongly believe I would not be doing what I’m doing today.”**

**Rev. Paul Ligon BS '92**

## **How One Man’s HBU Education is** *Changing Lives a World Away*

— by Sara Hawkins

This is not just the saga of a young man who received a great college education. Or the story of that man’s journey, filled with the unknown, or even just an account of a life well-lived. It’s a tale of a man who took that great college education and experience to make a difference. And it’s that difference that has changed and shaped the lives of thousands in Sabatia, Kenya.

That young man is the Reverend Paul Ligon BS '92. Born and raised in Kenya, his dream was to come to the United States. After many prayers, he was granted a visa and left Kenya, arriving in Houston with just a small suitcase and \$100 in his pocket. He had no plan, no knowledge of how he was going to finance his education, no where to live, no idea of how he was going to eat.

“When I arrived in Houston I had to decide what university to attend,” said Ligon. “I knew I wanted a Christian environment and I knew I wanted to be involved in some way with the Christian education system in my future. Besides those things I just felt as though God wanted me at HBU.”

Ligon was able to stay in a friend’s garage apartment for free, and another friend gave him a truck for transportation. Yet, he still hadn’t answered the greater question of how he would fund his education. “My first day on campus, I immediately went to the Financial Services office to put the hundred dollars toward my tuition. I was there a number of times to discuss ways I could pay. The only way I knew how was to pay as I could,” said Ligon.

“On my second day of class I was a little discouraged because I did not know how I was going to pay for my tuition, much less the books that I needed to learn the information being taught in class. I was upset, scared, I had no clue as to how I was going to afford everything. All I kept saying over and over was ‘God, I’ve done all I know to do ... I don’t know what to do.’”

That day was difficult for Ligon; it was all so overwhelming. The only thing he knew to do was place his fear and trust in God. “I went out to my truck and wept; I didn’t want anyone to see me. I prayed. I just sat and prayed for God’s direction.”

Direction came by way of a song. “I will never forget that moment. A man drove up and he was listening to the artist David Wilkerson. At that moment we began to talk and he said to me, ‘I’m going to the bookstore, do you need anything?’ I just looked at him blankly. He said ‘if you need anything tell me. I will get you anything you need.’”

The man bought Ligon’s books and gave him \$100. The money went straight toward his tuition bill. The next week while Ligon, still filled with worry, was sitting in class he received a message from Dr. Ray Mayfield, vice president of planned giving. A benefactor had come for Ligon and he was to call him. That benefactor was Karl Kennard, an HBU trustee. Kennard had brought Ligon’s situation to the attention of his church, Memorial Baptist Church. Together they helped to support Ligon throughout his education.

“Paul formed a bond with many people at Memorial and they continued to help him even after he moved back to Kenya,” said Kennard. “I consider Paul to be a special friend and firmly believe that it was the Lord that brought us together. Paul is one of the most resourceful persons I have ever known. The way he has been able to raise support for his work in Kenya never ceases to amaze. It is obvious that the hand of God is in what he is doing.”

Ligon says Christianity professors Dr. David Capes and Dr. A.O. Collins were both instrumental in his development as a student and very encouraging as he grew as an individual. “Determination lives here in the United States, I learned that here,” said Ligon. That was evident when after five years Ligon received his bachelor’s degree in Christianity and social work, as well as his master’s in theology from Southwestern Theological Seminary.

“I wanted to begin my doctoral work, but I had a heavy somber feeling in my heart and spirit.” That heavy heart prompted some heavy prayer. “God told me to return to Kenya; that He had work for me to do.”

As he prepared to return to Kenya to begin a ministry, God’s love was evident in the numerous supplies individuals donated for his purpose. “I had a vision, but I had nothing organized. All I knew was that I trusted



Ligon and workers farm acreage to provide food for villagers.



the Lord and the direction he was leading me,” said Ligon. His initial ministry was to set up medical teams to provide free treatment in outlying villages, present lectures on good hygiene and hold evangelistic rallies in the evenings.

In September 1993 two homes were donated. One was used for Ligon’s family and the other was used as his mission center where guests from the U.S. stayed. This center is where the Work By Faith organization was established in 1994. “We began to help the people that no one wanted to help.”

Work increased steadily over the years. In August 1996, Ligon opened his first church in his home village of Sabatia.

Not long after that Ligon purchased property across the highway from his small church where he built a wood-frame and metal structure which he used for both a church and school. He kept the first building which is now used for a medical/dental clinic.

In the year 2000 he laid the foundation for a three-story building for a permanent school facility.

The school now houses some 400 students, from pre-school to ninth grade, of whom 160 are resident students.

During this time Ligono also enlisted and trained leaders and pastors and established additional churches, including one in the large town of Kakamega. He has brought mission teams from Texas and Georgia to Kenya. After one team from Texas sunk a well at the school, the drilling rig was left and has now helped to drill at least 40 wells which have provided clean water to thousands of households.

In 2005 Ligono was able to purchase a school bus with the help of a church and business in Georgia. In 2006 he received a farm of some 100 acres as a gift. He now farms this acreage in order to sell the produce and feed the students of the school.

“Now look where we are!” exclaims Ligono. “Our school is one out of 349 schools in our large district. We are consistently the top first or second. We have over 400 students and 50 employees working in the school and ministry. We have started seven churches in outlying areas. We have started a medical outreach program in which we go to the people and set up a clinic for four days. On our last trip we saw over 3,000 people.”

“It is important to note that Rev. Ligono has impacted his area economically.” said Dr. Robert Lingle, the first missionary to visit Ligono’s work. “The Lord not only raised up an instrument of His grace but is lifting up a multitude through that instrument. Paul’s dependence on the Lord is evidenced by his oft-repeated refrain ‘we are trusting the Lord for whatever we need.’”

Ligono’s latest project involves another five acres of land on which he hopes to begin another school and church building. “Every time I think of HBU I get emotional. If I hadn’t come here and met the people whom I met who changed my life and inspired me with their generosity, I strongly believe I would not be doing what I’m doing today.”

Ligono says HBU is the reason he was able to learn what he did and realize his calling. “We are currently raising tomorrow’s leaders all across the world by providing a strong education as well as moral Christian principles. Human lives are changing all around ... there is no telling what God will do.”



More than 400 children attend classes in the school Ligono founded.

**“Human lives are changing all around ... there is no telling what God will do.”**

**Rev. Paul Ligono**



Ligono presents a Bible to a new member of his church in Kenya.

**“Paul is one of the most resourceful persons I have ever known. The way he has been able to raise support for his work in Kenya never ceases to amaze.”**

**Karl Kennard  
HBU Trustee**

## Rhodes Named Director of Institutional Research and Assessment

Dr. Phil Rhodes has been named director of Institutional Research and Assessment. Rhodes most recently served as senior research analyst at Baylor University, serving in that position since 1998.



Rhodes holds a PhD in Statistics from Baylor University, with an emphasis in applied and mathematical statistics. He also received both his undergraduate and master's degrees from Baylor. Previously he served as an independent consultant in statistical research and as a lecturer at Baylor. He has authored articles and presentations on data warehousing, SAS software, statistical signal processing, and air quality.

Rhodes and his wife, Cori, have one daughter, Rebecca.

"I am excited about joining the staff of HBU, and I'm excited about the opportunity to work with both faculty and staff to expand the institutional research and assessment programs," said Rhodes.

President Sloan said Rhodes is an outstanding professional who will provide tremendous support for many academic functions, as well as work in the areas of institutional effectiveness, budget and technology.

"Phil's expertise and leadership will also be a huge plus for us in multiple areas including enrollment management and retention."

## Steen Named VP for Enrollment Management

James Steen has joined HBU as vice president for enrollment management. Steen, who began work November 1, will oversee areas including Admissions, Recruitment, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Registrar and Retention.

"James is well respected for his expertise in enrollment planning and research, and I am thrilled to welcome him to Houston Baptist University," said President Sloan. "His talents will be a great asset in developing a comprehensive and dynamic enrollment management model."

Steen previously served as assistant vice president of admission and enrollment services at Baylor University. He has used his experience in recruitment and enrollment in a number of areas during his 13-year career. In addition, Steen serves as a consultant for Noel-Levitz, an enrollment management consulting firm.

"I am very excited about creating an enrollment management team at Houston Baptist University," said Steen. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to once again work with Robert Sloan."

Steen holds both BA and MBA degrees from Baylor University. Most recently he has served as president of the Association of Southern Baptist Admissions Professionals.

He and his wife, Heather, have two children, Harrison and Cannon.



## Hurd appointed VP for Development

Brian L. Hurd joins HBU as vice president for development effective January 1, 2007. Hurd will oversee areas including development, alumni and church relations.

"I am thrilled that Brian Hurd is joining the Houston Baptist University family as vice president for development. His commitment to the Kingdom of God coupled with his extensive professional experience in development, fund raising and leadership position him well for this significant role at HBU," said President Sloan.

"I look forward to working with Brian in ways that will cause our aspirations to flourish and fulfill the mission of the University."

Hurd currently serves as principal and founder of Ministry Consulting Group focusing on fund raising, strategic planning, donor development and organizational management. He has provided consultative expertise to more than 100 non-profit organizations in his development career including Voice of Hope, Covenant School and Watermark Community Church. He previously served as resource development manager/consultant with The Salvation Army-Dallas and senior development officer with Dallas Theological Seminary.

"I am appreciative of the opportunity to join Dr. Robert Sloan in serving a great University in a great city," said Hurd. "There is important work to do and I look forward to building relationships with the alumni, friends, faculty and staff. I am grateful to the Lord for bringing Meredith and me to Houston Baptist University."

Hurd received a bachelor's degree in business management from LeTourneau University. He and his wife, Meredith, have three sons, Colby, Caden and Colin.



## Hodos Named President and First Lady Emeritus

The Board of Trustees has honored Dr. E.D. Hodo and Sadie B. Hodo for 19 years of service and for their numerous contributions to the University students, faculty, staff and alumni along with the greater Houston community by naming them President Emeritus and First Lady Emeritus.



The Hodos now make their home in Boerne.

## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

20  
Junior College Band Festival

25  
MBA Information Session  
Hinton Center, Dillon II,  
6:00 p.m.

25-27  
Credo: The Arts as Expressions  
of Belief - Mabee Theater,  
Jones Hall, South Main Baptist  
Church, and Glasscock Center  
Visit [www.hbu.edu/credo](http://www.hbu.edu/credo) for  
details.

29  
HBU Homecoming Festivities  
Jan. 29 – Feb. 3

### FEBRUARY

5  
Prince-Chavanne Lecture  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Mabee Theater  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Tour  
Chao Professor of Chemistry,  
Professor of Computer Science,  
Professor of Mechanical  
Engineering and Materials  
Science, Rice University  
Topic: The Fruits of Ethical  
Behavior

For more information on HBU events visit  
[www.hbu.edu](http://www.hbu.edu)

9  
Houston Civic  
Symphony Concert  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Location: Christ Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church,  
8300 Katy Freeway  
Brian Runnels BMed '81, Dean,  
College of Arts & Humanities,  
conductor  
Admission: Free

14  
Alumni Networking Luncheon  
Hinton Center, Dillon II,  
11:30 a.m.

24  
Winter Commencement  
Houston's First Baptist Church,  
10:00 a.m.

### APRIL

14  
Husky Revue  
Glasscock Center

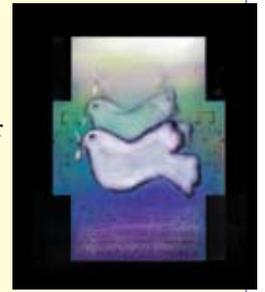
20  
Spring Choral Concert  
Grace Presbyterian Church,  
8:00 p.m.

22  
Spring Choral Concert  
South Main Baptist Church,  
8:00 p.m.

## Credo: The Arts as Expressions of Belief

This January will bring a unique three-day event to campus and the greater Houston community as Credo: The Arts as Expressions of Belief, debuts January 25-27. A two-year planning process shaped this unique expression of faith through the arts. Utilizing traditional art forms, a variety of events are scheduled revolving around "Credo," by Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki.

All events are open to the public, free of charge. For more information, visit [www.hbu.edu/credo](http://www.hbu.edu/credo).



### 25 JANUARY, THURSDAY

Glasscock Center 10 a.m. Marilynne Robinson, Pulitzer Prize Author of *Gilead*  
Mabee Theater 1:00 p.m. Mary McCleary, Artist: *Moving Pictures*  
1:45 p.m. Dr. Robert Sloan, President of  
Houston Baptist University  
2:30 p.m. Dr. Ray Robinson, Musician:  
*Krzysztof Penderecki's Credo: A Major American Commission*  
4:00 p.m. Art Exhibit: *The Talmud in Works of Ben Zion and  
Marc Chagall*, Museum of Printing History, 1324 West Clay

Jones Hall 8:00 p.m. Houston Baptist University Choral Union,  
HSPVA Treble Choir, Soloists, and the Houston Symphony  
in *Credo*

### 26 JANUARY, FRIDAY

Mabee Theater 9:30 a.m. Bill Komodore, Artist: *The Politics of Color*  
10:15 a.m. Dr. Siglind Bruhn, Musician: '*Candor est lucis aeternae*':  
*Olivier Messiaen's Oratorio on the Transfiguration*  
11:00 a.m. Jim Edwards, Artist: *Rocks, Salt & Rust:*  
*Art and Entropy in the Desert Southwest*  
1:00 p.m. Gregory Wolfe, Author and Editor of *Image Journal*  
1:45 p.m. Terrell James, Artist: *Concerning the Spiritual in  
Artist's Statements*  
2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion, Dr. Louis Markos, moderator  
7:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel, South Main Baptist Church

### 27 JANUARY, SATURDAY

Glasscock Center A Symposium on the Sacred Music of Krzysztof Penderecki  
9:30 a.m. Welcome, Dr. Ray Robinson  
10:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Hatten: *Troping of Meaning in  
Penderecki's Credo*  
10:45 a.m. Dr. Cynthia Bylander: *The Mystique of Spiritualism  
in Poland: Penderecki, Górecki, and Kilar*  
11:30 a.m. Dr. Scott Murphy: *In the Beginning of 'Paradise Lost'*  
1:30 p.m. Dr. Teresa Malecka: *The Presence of Russian  
Orthodox Culture in Krzysztof Penderecki's Music*  
2:15 p.m. Dr. Regina Chlopicka: *The Figure of God in  
Penderecki's Works*  
3:00 p.m. Summary Panel, Dr. Robert Hatten, moderator

## A New Look Premieres

Visitors to the University Web site were greeted with a new look November 21 as the University went live with a redesigned site.

The site is designed to be simplified and energized. "Incorporation of the University's integrated marketing campaign, new features for users and implementation of user navigation were important," said Martha Morrow, director of marketing and communications. "We're even more excited that new features and new content will continue to be introduced in coming months."

There is a revised site architecture, improving access to HBU web pages. A user-based navigation features allows visitors to quickly access information of special interest. The admissions section of the site has been revamped to provide easy access to information for prospective students, their families and counselors.

The site also features a new HBU News and Events section, with links to archives of press releases. A calendar of University events offers viewers the option to view all events or to choose events of special interest in the fine arts, athletics, or alumni association.

The branding reflected in the new site incorporates the University logo, theme and graphic elements as integrated throughout all University marketing efforts. Special emphasis was given to increasing student profiles and campus photography.

The Office of Marketing & Communications, under the leadership of Morrow and Alan Presley, webmaster, has directed the effort to implement the University's new Web site content management system (WCMS) and redesign.

Work began on the new site with consultations with the Web site Committee, the Internal Communications Committee, and the Marketing Advisory Committee, along with focus groups of faculty, staff, and students, alumni, frequent outside users and prospective students and their families. Deans and vice presidents also offered their insights into the particular needs of colleges and departments across campus.

Input from these groups helped the web specialists at Stamats, a higher education integrated marketing firm which also designed the University's most recent series of recruiting publications, to create a new site architecture based on both global and user navigation. Stamats worked closely with the



marketing staff to create the new architecture to make it as user-friendly and relevant as possible.

The new database-driven Web site is powered by Education Catalyst, a comprehensive website management system developed by ESX, Inc. Houston-based ESX uses its xCatalyst platform software to deliver high performance web solutions to education, associations and non-profit organizations.

## Trustee News

The Board of Trustees welcomed two members this November – David Brooks, a banker from McGregor, and Houston businessman Howard Lee Jr. who returns to Board service.

The Board would also like to thank those trustees who completed their service during 2006. They include Diane Williams BA '93, C. Pat Ellis BA '68, and David Knight.

Officers for the coming year include Jack D. Carlson, chair; Rick Bailey BA '69, chair-elect; and Lisa Morris Simon BA '76, secretary.

## Paying Tribute to Veterans from Across the Friendship Bridge



HBU hosted a special Veterans Day program and invited residents from University Place, a Memorial Hermann adult living community. University Place veterans were recognized and honored at the event. Pictured are student Courtney LaPrelle; Ron Conn; Robert McElroy, director of instrumental activities and organizer of the event; Edward McMullen; Tom Campion; student Brittany Meyer and student Zachary Lerner who served as guest conductor and is also a veteran.

## Who's Who Recognizes 15 Students



Fifteen HBU students have been selected to appear in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Chosen for scholastic achievement, student organization involvement and service to the campus and community, the students were nominated by various campus officials, including deans, faculty members and department heads.

The directory, published annually since 1934, includes students selected from nearly 2,000 institutions of higher learning in the United States and several foreign nations. The University recognized the students at Founders' Day convocation held in November.

The students selected for *Who's Who* include: (top row) Sandra Mathoslah, Humair Khan, Mon'Sher Spencer, Nayla Raad, David Crow (middle row) Karen Singh, Sidra Qasim, Holly Styron, Regina Arendt (bottom row) Thanh Pham, Neha Chaudhary, Renee McGruder, Cherish Rush and Moyosore Adeyekun (not pictured: Sofia Alonso)

## Mock Trial Scores Big Finishes at Baylor, Yale Tournaments

The HBU Mock Trial Team recently had top finishes at two prestigious tournaments. The team traveled to Waco over the quarter break to compete in the Baylor University Green and Gold Invitational Tournament, where they finished in second place after losing a hard fought final round to the University of Texas at Austin. Other schools represented at the tournament included Baylor, SMU, University of Texas at Dallas and Texas A&M University.

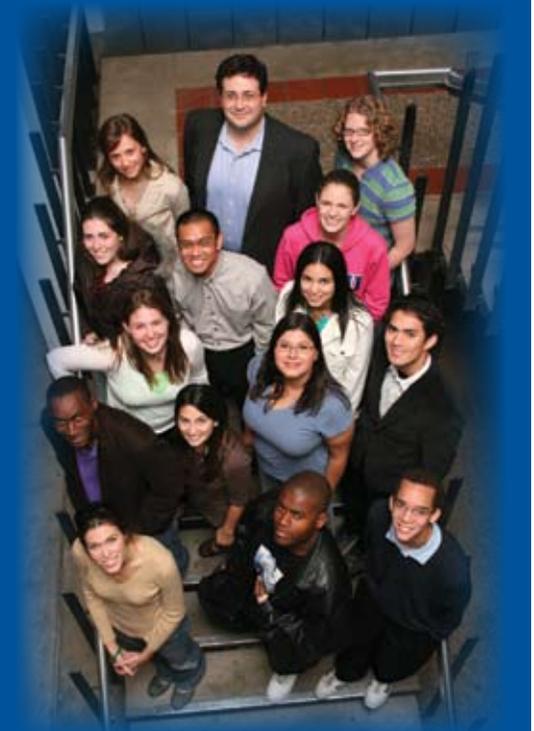
Two students, Obi Obichuku and Edward Batinga, were honorable mention winners for their roles as witnesses. Derrick Owens was named the top attorney at the tournament.

Only two weeks after finishing in second place at the Baylor Mock Trial Tournament, the team traveled to the Yale University Invitational Tournament.

The Yale Invitational Mock Trial Tournament is the largest invitational tournament in the nation with 70 teams competing from schools around the country. The team finished in 10th place at the Yale Tournament with a record of five wins and three losses, defeating teams from Villanova, Penn, and Roger Williams Universities. The tenth place finish placed the HBU team in a ranking above many prestigious universities, including Ivy League schools such as Princeton, Yale, Penn and Brown.

Owens was named as an "Outstanding Attorney" at the tournament, with a ranking that placed him 11th out of 210 students. Batinga was named an "Outstanding Witness," with a ranking that placed him in a three-way tie for first place out of 210 witnesses.

The HBU Mock Trial Team is coached by Dr. Chris Salinas, assistant professor in speech communication and director of forensics and the public policy program.



HBU's Mock Trial Team (from bottom left) Ashley Hankins, Obi Obichuku, Jonathan Rodgers, Derrick Owens, Myra Shaikh, Sofia Alonso, Edgar Gonzalez, Jordan McPhail, Rebekah Cuellar, Laurianne Balkum, Edward Batinga, Julia Hayden, Isida Tushe, Dr. Chris Salinas, Samantha Williams

## Hardy Wins Top Female Vocalist Honor



Chelsea Hardy and Dr. Lynda McKnight

In November students, faculty and accompanists traveled to Waco to the annual Texoma Regional Conference and Student Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Over three days of competition, 18 HBU students competed against students from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico colleges and universities. Four students were chosen as semi-finalists, and one, Chelsea Hardy, a student of Lynda McKnight, assistant professor of music, placed first in the Sophomore Women's division.

Semifinalists included sophomore Natalie Pawelek, sophomore Jeremiah Joseph and senior Erika Zieschang.

More than 700 students compete annually in this highly competitive event, including students from such vocal music powerhouses as University of North Texas, SMU, OU and Baylor. Competition begins with a preliminary round; approximately 25% of competitors from the first round are advanced to semifinals. From the semifinalists, five finalists are chosen, and then audition once more for rank order. Hardy is only the third finalist from HBU in the past decade, and the only HBU student to take top honors in that time.

## Norma Lowder Singers



HBU's first alumni choir, the Norma Lowder Singers, had their first performance of the year on October 27. The group will perform again on January 25 in Jones Hall with the Houston Symphony as part of *Credo: The Arts as Expressions of Belief*. The choir is named for longtime HBU music program supporter, Norma Lowder, pictured here with choir members. For more information on participating in the Norma Lowder Singers contact Dr. John Yarrington, director of the School of Music, at 281-649-3338.

## Bonhoeffer Opera Performed During Houston Symposium

A special performance of the opera, *Bonhoeffer*, composed by Dr. Ann Gebuhr, professor in music, was part of a three-day symposium on Dietrich Bonhoeffer held in Houston in October. *Bonhoeffer Today: Peace, Ecology and Christian Ethics* was co-hosted by The Melanchthon Institute, Christ the King Lutheran Church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church and The Holocaust Museum of Houston.

Gebuhr and librettist, Dr. Robert Hatten, professor of music theory at Indiana University, discovered in the early 1980s as doctoral students at Indiana University that they were both "moved and intrigued" by the title character's life and work. It was at that point the idea for an opera was formed. Written in two acts, the opera is set in Bonhoeffer's prison cell, and a good portion of its lyrics are drawn directly from letters Bonhoeffer wrote to his family while he was imprisoned.

## HBU Brass Quintet

It has been a busy fall for the HBU Brass Quintet, including a special performance at the Wortham Center prior to the curtain of the season "Opening Night" at the Houston Grand Opera. Members of the Quintet, directed by Robert McElroy, assistant professor of music and director of instrumental activities, are Cody Still, trumpet; Steven Winter, horn; Joseph Dittfurth, tuba; Ben Ware, trombone; and Zachary Lerner, trumpet.



# HBU's College of Nursing Hosts

## *International Conference on Spirituality and Health*

Healthcare workers have long understood that a connection exists between spirituality and physical health. This October, the College of Nursing in collaboration with the Department of Christianity and the Spiritual Life program, held a conference on Spirituality and Health exploring the beliefs and traditions of a variety of religions in relation to providing culturally sensitive care to members of a diverse community. The conference was funded through the Margaret Newman nursing speaking endowment, established by Patricia Heard and Donna Vita.

Dr. Carol Quillen, director of the Boniuk Center at Rice University, opened the conference with a presentation on religious tolerance and expectations of peace in a pluralistic society. The keynote speaker, Dr. John Swinton from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, discussed why spirituality matters to those who are reclaiming health.

A panel of experts from various religious traditions shared their perspectives on how spiritual care can be provided when the person receiving care and those providing care have differing beliefs. Dr. Aftab Hashim described aspects of the Islam faith and the approach to health from the Muslim perspective. Dr. Sudha Rajan presented the Hindu beliefs and her approach to general practice in medicine. She explained how she melds scientific medicine with more traditional approaches from the Hindu faith. Rabbi Karff shared narratives of expressions of faith and healing from the Jewish tradition. Reverend Michael Saxton shared how he has applied his Protestant faith to promoting healing while supporting Catholic practices. A question and answer session with the experts followed their presentations and the concurrent sessions. Dr. Vanora Hundley, associate professor in nursing, moderated the panel discussions.

Dr. Jill Carroll, associate director of the Boniuk Center, led a discussion of case studies and protocols relating to spirituality and patient care. Reverend Bill Davis, chaplain of University Place,

conducted an experiential session on meditation and relaxation in therapeutic environments. Rev. Saxton presented on fitting together care providers' spirituality and the patients' faith. Tracy Maddox, assistant professor in nursing, presented the legal aspects of spiritual care and Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, dean of the College of Nursing, presented the integration of spiritual care into the nursing curriculum. The afternoon concluded with a question and answer session with a panel made up of all the speakers.

There were 121 participants in the conference. Comments from the participants indicated that the topic was relevant for today's health care climate and they appreciated the opportunity to openly explore the issues raised in a diverse community.

The Planning Committee for the conference included Yuill, Hundley and Maddox along with Dr. David Capes, chair of the Christianity Department, and Colette Cross, University Chaplain.

## **Nursing Welcomes** *Scottish Nursing Students*

Alison French and Kate Reeve, nursing students from Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, were welcomed by the College of Nursing at a reception in their honor. As part of the exchange program between the two schools, the students observed and toured many of the hospitals in the Houston area and shared their experiences with the Houston Grampian Society which sponsors the exchange program. Pictured are Mary Metz, Houston Grampian Society; Marti McWhirter, Houston Grampian Society; Alison French, RGU student; Kate Reeve, RGU student; and Quin McWhirter, Houston Grampian Society.



## **HBU Spotlited at Regional** *American Chemical Society Meeting*

The American Chemical Society (ACS), the most important national organization for professional chemists, held its Southwest regional meeting in Houston in October with two HBU professors, three students, and one alumna taking major roles.

Dr. Robert Towery, associate professor in chemistry, and his student, Edgar Gonzalez, presented a poster, "TMphP porphyrin reaction with immobilized nucleic acid as detected by a QCM biosensor." This work showcased the results of Gonzalez's undergraduate research project as a departmental Welch Scholar, directed and supervised by Towery.

Dr. Eric VanCaemelbecke, associate professor in chemistry, and two HBU students presented a poster that involved a project that is a collaboration with other faculty and a graduate student from the University of Houston. The two HBU students were Tam Pham and Ayaka Sato. For both of these students, the project was their Welch undergraduate research project with VanCaemelbecke serving as their primary mentor. The poster was called "Synthesis, Characterization and Reactivity of Ru<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>x</sub>(Fap)<sub>4-x</sub>Cl (HFap = 2-Fluoroanilinopyridine, x = 3, 2, or 1)." The students worked closely with Rachel Garcia BS '03, a PhD candidate at the University of Houston.

## HBU Chemist Visits Peer Researchers



Dr. Robert Towery (right), associate professor in chemistry, chats with Dr. Henry Hays and Dr. Paul Millner from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom about Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM) research during Towery's recent visit to their laboratories. The three men met at the World Congress of Biosensors two years ago in Spain and discovered they were doing similar research.

## Germany, Austria, Italy! Join HBU for the Fine Arts Tour of Europe Tentative Dates: June 4-14



Last year's tour group in Lucerne, Switzerland.

For more information, contact  
Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor in music,  
at 281-649-3000, ext. 2306 or  
by e-mail at [rfurr@hbu.edu](mailto:rfurr@hbu.edu).

## The Husky Recruiting Network Reaches Out to Prospective Students

The first two weeks of October were extremely busy for the Admissions Recruiting Staff as Houston area school districts held their annual College Fair Night Programs. The Admissions Staff would like to thank the following alumni who worked side by side with Admissions during the fairs, visiting with prospective students and their families. They include **Angela Stewart** BA '97, **Francis Bui** BS '00, **Katy Bowser Smith** BA '05, **Chris Gary** BA '85 and **Nicole Sweet Bills** BA '03.

To volunteer as part of the Husky Recruiting Network contact **Page Butera** BA '05, admissions representative, at 281-649-3211 or e-mail [pbutera@hbu.edu](mailto:pbutera@hbu.edu).

## Spring Events for Prospective Students

A number of special events are planned for prospective students and their families this spring.

### Husky Hoopla - Saturday, January 20

Become a Husky Fan for the night at one of our basketball games!

### Husky Highlight - Thursday, February 8

Students and their families are invited to attend this special evening open house. The program will begin with a general information session covering financial aid, scholarships, and the admissions process. Prospective students will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty and students from their areas of interest. Husky Highlight is a great way to gain valuable information on the academic programs at HBU.

### Spring Preview - Friday and Saturday, March 23-24

At HBU's Spring Preview, prospective students and their families can get an up-close view of life as a Husky. Student representatives from a variety of organizations and faculty are available to share information and answer questions. Prospective students can also experience a night in the residence colleges, sharing a room with a current student host. Preview Weekend is also a great chance to meet other future students and start making those all-important connections.

For more information contact the admissions staff at 281-649-3211, visit [www.hbu.edu/admissions](http://www.hbu.edu/admissions) or e-mail us at [admissions@hbu.edu](mailto:admissions@hbu.edu). Prospective students may also schedule a personal campus visit and tour any time Monday - Friday.



# PRESIDENT'S DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Dr. Sloan and Bob Beauchamp MS '87



J.D. Glasscock, Dr. Sloan



Sue Sloan, Bob Rule



Jeff Love, Dr. Sloan

HBU Presidential Development Council members joined together to interact with fellow members, administration and Dr. Robert and Sue Sloan, the University's new president and first lady, at the group's October luncheon. Bob Beauchamp MS '87, president and CEO of BMC Software a computing and information systems company, was the guest speaker. Beauchamp addressed the impact of innovation in business and in education. Beauchamp was introduced by Jeff Love, and Bill Flores MBA '85 gave the invocation.

Notable first-time attendees included Ed Jones of the Mabee Foundation, Larry Faulkner, president of Houston Endowment, and the Honorable Yoshihiko Kamo, Consul General of Japan. The event was generously underwritten by the Tom and Pat Powers Foundation. The luncheon series is hosted by the Presidential Leadership Council and is a way to thank businesses for their commitments and to give them an insider's view of developments at the University.



Dr. Sloan and Larry Faulkner of the Houston Endowment



Jerry Finger, Dr. Sloan



Dr. Sloan and Ed Jones of the Mabee Foundation



Luncheon sponsors Tom and Pat Powers with Dr. Sloan

# The Guild

## FALL COFFEE

The Guild Fall Coffee, an annual event, held special significance as more than 125 members and guests were welcomed to the home of Karen and Jack Carlson. The highlight of the event was the introduction of First Lady Sue Sloan and President Robert Sloan. Both the First Lady and President thanked the members for their dedication and commitment to the organization and the University. President-elect Shirley Asel convened the meeting and introduced 20 new members.

John Williams MEd '06, recipient of the Sharon Saunders Endowed Scholarship in Graduate Education, spoke on the mission of teaching and the outstanding faculty in the HBU College of Education.



Jack D. Carlson, Karen Carlson, First Lady Sue Sloan, President Sloan



Mary Kennard, Pat Lassonde, Scholarship Recipient John Williams MEd '06, Sharon Saunders



Coffee Co-chairs Judy Childress and Sharon Corry



Scholarship recipient Andrea Walter and past recipient Dawn LaFleur MEd '05



Luncheon Co-chairs Madeline Collier and Lois Shanks

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

More than 400 Guild members and their guests attended this year's Christmas Luncheon, featuring guest speaker Joanna Weaver, author of the popular book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Guests were entertained by music selections performed by Focus & Refuge and also heard from Fort Bend Bush High School teacher and Guild Endowed Scholarship recipient Andrea Walter who thanked The Guild for their support of her goals.

A special moment at the Luncheon was the announcement of the Robert B. Sloan Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Graduate Education, honoring President Sloan's dedication to Christian higher education.

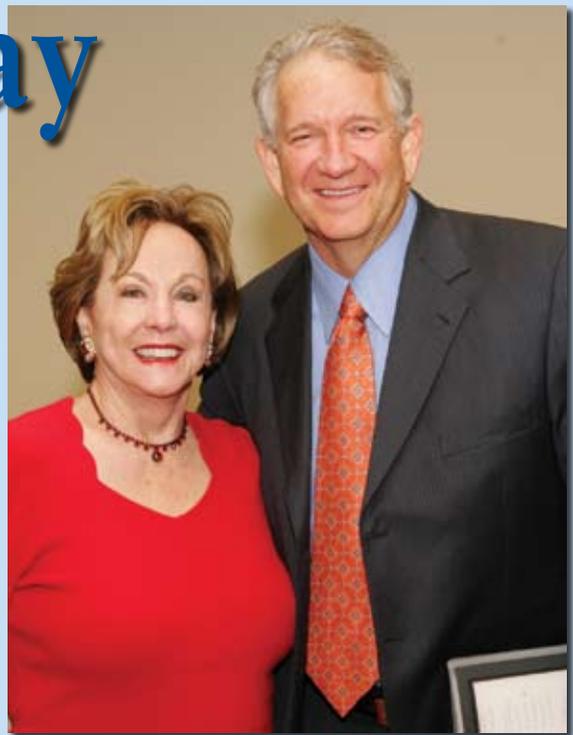


Shirley Asel, Sue Sloan, President Sloan, Joanna Weaver, Ginny Nelson

# Founders' Day

Each year Founders' Day celebrates the foresight and faith of the 25 men who each signed guarantees for \$10,000 so that Rice University would loan funds for the purchase of the original Houston Baptist College campus land.

It is also a day to celebrate the dedication of faculty and staff celebrating service anniversaries. This year, 45 members of the University family were recognized. President Sloan spoke, commending the Founding Fathers for placing a Baptist university in the path of what would become the nation's fourth largest city.



## 30-YEAR HONOREE

Dr. Verna Peterson with President Sloan



## 25-YEAR HONOREES

Dr. John Alexander, Sharon Saunders, Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, Linda Clark BA '87, Dr. Dan Kramlich (not pictured: Margie Coventon)

## 20-YEAR HONOREES

Dr. James Ulmer and Nan Donahoe





## 15-YEAR HONOREES

Mary-Ellen Hall BS '88, Dr. Louis Markos, Dr. Betty Thompson, Patricia Dominguez, Dr. Ann Owen, Jacque Cottrell, Paula Aguirre



## 10-YEAR HONOREES

(top row) Dr. Lucindra Campbell BSN '94, Jean Suchecki, Dr. Randy Wilson, Brenda Woods '07, Dr. Brenda Whaley BS '79  
(bottom row) Carolyn Albritton, Charles Fix, Patricia Varvel  
(not pictured: Jane Bush)



## 5-YEAR HONOREES

(top row) Michael Tims, Kristy Wright, Luis Hernandez, Alberto Careaga, Maximino Flores, Dr. Martin Bressler, Dr. Larry Ruddell, Jennie Hedger MLA '99, Alissa Cunningham, Dr. Tom Kennedy, Dr. Patrick Thornton (bottom row) Dr. Rosemary McCarthy, Dr. Taiya Fabre, Dr. Carol McGaughey (not pictured: Jennifer Brumfield BS '97, Bobbie Kropf, Roxanne McDonald, Charles Miller, Dr. Uche Nwabueze, Dr. Chris Salinas)



## DON ANDERSON BA '68 RETIRES



Don Anderson's roots at HBU run deep. As one of the first classes to graduate from Houston Baptist College in 1968, Anderson had remained close to his alma mater through the years. After a successful career of 28 years with AT&T, Anderson joined HBU as alumni director in 1999 and was later named vice president of development. As 2006 comes to an end, Anderson leaves HBU for more time for "golf and grand kids."

### What will be your lasting memory of HBU?

I met my wife Helen at HBU. We met at freshman orientation and dated four years and married on the weekend of our graduation on May 25, 1968.

### What did you most enjoy about HBU while you were here as a staff member?

The people. I have made lifetime friendships while at HBU that I am most grateful for.

### What annual event do you enjoy the most?

I always enjoy Homecoming. It is a celebratory event where I have the opportunity to see and visit with several of my classmates from HBU and many other alums. The homecoming basketball game is always so exciting.

### The Cultural Arts Center has been a major project during your time as vice president of development. How does it feel to see the project nearing completion?

I feel great to have been part of the vision accomplishment for the Cultural Arts Center. God has worked in a marvelous way in providing the resources for us to be nearing the completion of this long-needed facility. The truly special thing to me as an alumnus and staff member is that we talked about a fine arts building even when I attended HBU in the 60s. In addition we have long hoped for a chapel and now we have one! Praise God!

**Tiffany Alexander**, career counselor in the Enrichment Center, organized an event, Careers in Chemistry, for current HBU students. **Diane Nino** BS '86 was invited to speak about her career path since leaving HBU. She currently works in the research laboratories at Baylor College of Medicine. \*

**Dr. Martin Bressler**, professor of marketing & entrepreneurship and area coordinator in management, presented a paper entitled "A Study of the Development Among Nonprofit Ventures in Houston" at the 32nd annual Association for Small Business & Entrepreneurship Conference. He was also named president-elect and received the ASBE Service Award. \*

**Diane Casebier**, assistant professor in library, had her article, "The University of Texas at Arlington's Virtual Reference Service: an Evaluation by the Reference Staff" published in *Public Services Quarterly*. \*

The HBU **Chemistry Department** including **Dr. Treacy Woods**, professor in chemistry and departmental chair; **Dr. Eric Van Caemelbecke**, associate professor in chemistry; **Dr. Robert Towery**, associate professor in chemistry; **Dr. Taiya Fabre**, assistant professor in chemistry; **Dr. John Ledford**, assistant professor in chemistry; and **Dr. Doris Warren**, professor in chemistry and dean, College of Science and Mathematics; attended the American Chemical Society Southwest Regional meeting in Houston in October. The ACS is the most important national organization for professional chemists. \*

**Dr. Lawrence J. Clark**, assistant professor in English and writing, has published a book, *The Magic of Mechanics*, a collection of poetry, song lyrics and short prose. Many of the poems and stories are based on themes of family relationships and characters Clark has encountered in over 25 years of performing and writing. Song lyrics are selections from his first two CDs, *Beautiful* (2001) and *New Horizon* (2004). \*

**Dr. James Claycomb**, assistant professor in physics, is submitting a grant proposal, "A Study of the Origin and Evolution of Self-Organized Complex Behavior in Electrochemical and Fuel Cell Reactions," to the Research Corporation. This grant involves work with HBU physics majors. He co-authored the papers, "Harmonic Generation by Yeast Cells in Response to Low Frequency Electric Fields" in *Physical Review* and "Geometrical Dynamics in a Transitioning Superconducting Sphere," in *Progress in Physics*. Both were recently published. \*

**Dr. Diane Martin**, associate professor in history, presented a paper entitled "Joan of King: The King's Mother and the Exercise of Authority" at the Texas Medieval Conference at Baylor University in October. \*

**Dr. Marie A. Mater**, associate professor in speech communications, has been invited to be on the Editorial Board of a new journal, *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, which is being published by Taylor-Francis-Routledge. \*

**Rosemary McCarthy**, RN, JD, associate professor in nursing, was awarded the Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award by The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) at TAANA's 25th Annual Educational Conference in October. The Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award recognizes an individual member's leadership role in, and significant contributions to the association. McCarthy co-chaired this year's conference, and has been elected for a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the organization where she serves the Executive Committee as corresponding secretary. \*

**Dr. Connie Michalos**, professor in English, attended an international conference on academic integrity hosted by the Center for Academic Integrity at the University of Colorado - Boulder. \*

The **Office of Publications**, **Nan Donahoe**, graphic designer; **Donna Payne Wingo**, graphic designer; and **Linda Hammack**, director; attended a two-day seminar in October on "How to Design Newsletters, Brochures, Ads, Catalogs and More." The seminar focused on the use of PowerMac G5 Quad 2.5 GHz system with the Creative Suite software, technology incorporated into the Office of Publications in spring 2006. \* **Sharon Saunders**, vice president of marketing, has been named to the Executive Board of the Education Foundation of the Fort Bend Independent School District. She will serve the executive board as vice president for development. \* Members of the **School of Music** faculty including **Dr. Ann Gebuhr**, professor of music; **Dr. Daniel Kramlich**, professor of music; and **Rick Piersall**, assistant professor of music; along with **Dr. Bob Linder**, former director of the School of Music, were guests on "The Front Row," a program on KUHF radio, in October. The group performed the opening prologue to Act Two of Gebuhr's opera "Bonhoeffer." The program host also interviewed Gebuhr about her opera and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The entire opera was performed with orchestra on October 20 as part of the conference "Bonhoeffer Today: Peace, Ecology and Christian Ethics," hosted by the Melanchthon Institute of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Holocaust Museum Houston and St. Paul's Methodist Church. \* **Barbara Walker**, associate vice president for development, was elected president of the Association of Fund raising Professionals (AFP) Greater Houston Chapter at its annual meeting in October. \* **Dr. Yuri Yatsenko**, associate professor in computer information systems, has been selected for inclusion in Marquis's *Who's Who in America - 2007* for his scientific achievements. Yatsenko has been the guest editor-in-chief of two special issues of the *International Journal of Ecology and Development*: "Modeling of Evolving Systems in Ecology and Economics" (Fall 2006) and "Modeling of Evolving Systems in Economics and Life Sciences" (Winter 2007). He currently serves on editorial boards of four international journals. Yatsenko was invited by the Economics Department of Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) to visit this well-known Christian university in November to provide collaborative research and present a lecture at the Workshop Macrodynamics, Technical Change, and the Environment.

## Laszlo G. Nagy, security officer Fall Employee of the Quarter



### What do you enjoy most about your job?

My job has many satisfactions by the nature of it. I deal with people on many occasions, and most of the time these interactions are very pleasant ones. It is nice to know at the end of the day your input and help made a difference in somebody's life or just made that day at work a little easier for them. Our job is to help solve any issues in the best way we can, whether it involves faculty, staff, students, or guests on our campus.

### What is something you cherish about HBU?

Working at HBU has many highlights, but the people are the ones that bring the "spirit" into our life and I feel blessed that I can be part of this community. HBU is also special to me because my daughter, Dalma Boronkai BM '00, graduated from HBU with vocal and music performance degrees.

### Describe how you felt when you learned of this honor.

I never could have imagined that I was actually going to receive this award. I was surprised. We have so many staff members whose commitment to this institution and whose positive input made them worthier for acknowledgement. I feel honored receiving this award, and having it presented by Dr. Sloan as his first such award at HBU made it even more special.

## Welcome New Faculty/Staff Members

**Vanessa Arline** – instructor; Nursing

**Chelsea Townsend** – admissions representative/campus coordinator; Admissions

**Paul Curry** – accountant II, Accounting

**Carla Johnson** – coordinator graduate admissions; Admissions

**Donna Siler** – financial advisor; Financial Services

**Isaiah Ramos** – accounting clerk; Accounting

**Hanh Nguyen** – financial advisor; Financial Services

**Laura Paprotta** – admissions assistant; Admissions

**Consuelo Castillo** – financial advisor; Financial Services

**Fannette Bynam** – office coordinator; Enrichment Center

## HBU Returns to Soccer Field

HBU fielded its first soccer team in 16 years and the Huskies enjoyed a successful first season back.

The Huskies finished the season 10-7-1 and 4-3 in Red River Athletic Conference play. HBU advanced to the RRAC Championship match against Huston-Tillotson University but fell to the Rams 3-2.

HBU, who entered the tournament as the fourth seed, defeated fifth seed College of the Southwest in the quarterfinals. After the score was tied at two after two overtime periods. HBU won the game 4-1 on penalty kicks. The Huskies went on to knock off top-seeded Texas College in overtime of the semifinals on a “golden goal” by George Sangira. HBU became the first No. 4 seed to advance to the RRAC Championship in the tournament’s history.

Brandon Acosta led the Huskies in goals with 10, followed by Sangira with eight. Lone senior Pablo Avila, who finished his basketball eligibility with the Huskies last year, ended his stellar HBU athletic career with the soccer team. He scored seven goals on the season, including the “golden goal” in the second overtime against Northwood University to give the Huskies a 1-0 win.

The Huskies had six players named All-Red River Athletic Conference—Acosta, who also received Newcomer of the Year honors, Sangira, Franck Mpondo, Pedro Zamarripa, Camilo Marin and Michael Bouchahine.

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HBU women’s soccer returned to the field for the first time since 1987. The Huskies made a successful return, posting an 11-6 record and a 3-3 mark in RRAC competition.

HBU, who was the No. 4 seed, advanced to the finals of the RRAC Tournament with a 1-0 win over top-seeded College of the Southwest. The Huskies lost in the finals to defending champion, Texas Wesleyan University, 2-0.

Alicia Noah led the Huskies with 19 goals on the season, while Jenae Perez posted 15 assists. Both Noah and Perez were named All-Conference, along with Sara Faulkner, Tiffany Shetter and Krystal Rogers. Noah and Faulkner went on to garner NAIA All-Region honors.

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



After a successful tenure as an HBU basketball player, Pablo Avila finished his collegiate athletic career on the soccer field.



Alicia Noah led the Huskies in goals on her way to All-Region honors.

## Huskies win second straight Region Championship

### *Return to National Tournament*

The 2006 HBU volleyball team won its second straight NAIA Region Championship, earning the automatic berth to its sixth NAIA National Tournament.

The Huskies, also won the Red River Athletic Conference Championship for the seventh time. HBU swept the RRAC with an 11-0 record and then won the RRAC tournament, giving the Huskies the championship.

Nicole Westerterp became HBU's first four-time All-American in school history. She completes her career as the all-time leader in kills with 1,954, blocks solo with 345 and blocks assisted with 496. Westerterp also was named the RRAC and the NAIA Region VI Player of the Year.

Joining Westerterp on the All-Conference team were Ivana Djordjevic, Natalie Magat, Stephanie Lust, Jamie Sebesta, and two-time All-RRAC honorees Jessica Barrera and Nancy Wataka. Head Coach Kaddie Platt was named RRAC and Region VI Coach of the Year.

Also receiving All-America honors was Djordjevic, who despite battling injuries led the team in kills per game with 3.53. She was second to Westerterp (.405) in kill percentage with .394, on her way to being named the RRAC Newcomer of the Year and All-Region.

Magat had a stellar freshman season, finishing with the third highest single-season assist total in school history at 1,762. In addition to her all-conference honors, she was named All-Region and RRAC Tournament MVP, as well as RRAC Setter of the Year and Region Freshman of the Year. She places fourth on the HBU career assist list after only one season.



In addition to accolades for athletics, two Huskies received national honors for their academics as Wataka and Sebesta each were named to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team.

The Huskies, who posted a record of 37-7 and won a school record 22 straight matches, lose three seniors from the 2006 team —Westerterp, Wataka and Jenae Alexander, a former RRAC Defensive Player of the Year who leaves HBU as the career dig leader with 1,873.

## HBU Hosts Soccer Clinic

The 2006 HBU soccer team didn't waste any time getting involved in the community. The Huskies conducted a clinic for the "Mean Green Soccer Machine," a youth soccer team from Missouri City. The "Mean Green" is part of the Eclipse Soccer Club.



## Basketball roster has many new faces

The HBU Huskies entered the 2006-07 season with eight new faces on the roster after losing seven seniors off last year's 27-6 team. Last season, the Huskies finished ranked eighth in the final NAIA Top 25 poll. This season, HBU will look to win their ninth consecutive Red River Athletic Conference Championship under head coach Ron Cottrell, but it won't be easy with a tougher RRAC looking to strip the Huskies of their title.

The biggest question for the Huskies from a year ago will be size. With the loss of Ben McCain, Pablo Avila and Englebert Cherrington, the Huskies have only one returning post from a year ago.

The loss of four All-RRAC members is hard to miss. McCain, who went on to earn All-America honors, averaged 10.7 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.1 blocked shots per game last season. Rounding out the Huskies receiving All-Conference

honors were Cherrington (8.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg), Corey Thomas (10 ppg, 4.0 apg, Academic All-America), Chad Barnes (11.6 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 2.8 apg) and RRAC Player of the Year Dwight Jones II who returns for the Huskies this year.

Avila, was awarded the NAIA's Champions of Character Award last season. Avila, who averaged 4.8 points and 3.1 rebounds per game last year, finished his basketball eligibility with the Huskies and headed for the soccer field this season as a member of the HBU soccer team.

Also gone from the Huskies eighth RRAC Championship team are Academic All-American Filip



Matt Autenrieth entered the 2006-07 season with 110 career blocks, making him fifth on HBU's all-time list

Vyhnaal and four-year letterman Nick Garner.

Leading a group of five returnees for the Huskies is Jones. He averaged 17.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.8 assists in being named an NAIA All-America, and through six games is leading the Huskies in scoring this season with 20 points per game.

Matt Autenrieth and Bryn Caulkins return for their fourth season. Autenrieth, a 6-9 center, averaged 2.5 points and 2.3 rebounds last season and is the only returning inside player. He is having a good season this year, averaging 9.0 points, 6.8 rebounds and two blocks per game. Caulkins averaged 4.2 points and 78 percent from the free throw line last season and

averages 5.0 points per game this season.

Andy Dillon and Ronald Wells are in their second season with HBU. Wells saw action in 32 games with 14 starts last year. The 6-4 wing finished with 6.6 points and 5.8 rebounds and this year is putting up 8.5 points and a team-leading 8.7 rebounds per game. Dillon played in 16 games last season, but will be a big help this year if he can recover from preseason foot surgery.

Eight new players, including three Division I transfers and a redshirt from a year ago, will look to mesh with the returnees.

Montrel Allen is playing his first year after redshirting last season following knee surgery. He will be counted on to fill the point guard vacancy left by Thomas and is averaging 4.0 points and 4.2 assists through the first six games this year.

Emmanuel Willis, Todd Henry, Jeremiah Pojah, Kevin Amend, Justin Wilson and Tristan Martin joined the Huskies as transfers.

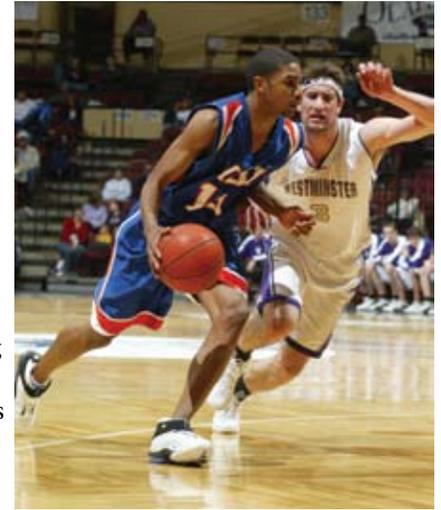
Willis, a 6-8 forward, transferred from Auburn University where he played his sophomore season after playing his freshman year at University of Southern California. He has been described by many basketball publications as possibly the best newcomer in the small college ranks this year. Unfortunately, he suffered a knee injury in the second game of the season and is expected to be out for at least six weeks following surgery.

Henry, a 6-6 forward, transferred from Stephen F. Austin State University and has contributed heavily to the Huskies' early season success, averaging 18 points and 7.2 rebounds per game through the first six games of the year.

After winning a junior college national championship, 6-5 forward Amend transferred from North Lake College. He is averaging 6.0 points per game for the Huskies. Wilson, a 5-7 guard, came to HBU from Texas Southern and is averaging 9.0 points per game this year.

Pojah is a 6-6 forward and transferred from East Texas Baptist University, while Martin, a 6-2 guard transferred from the University of Houston. Both will redshirt this season.

The Huskies will play nine home conference games in the friendly confines of Sharp Gymnasium in January and February as they look for their ninth consecutive title.



Dwight Jones II is a returning All-America and the 2005-06 RRAC Player of the Year

## Women's Basketball begins defense of RRAC Title

The 2006-07 HBU women's basketball team returns seven players from last year's NAIA "Sweet Sixteen" squad, which posted a 28-4 record and ranked No. 6 in the final NAIA Top 25 poll. In their first season under head coach Todd Buchanan, the Huskies swept their seventh straight conference regular season and tournament titles en route to a seventh consecutive appearance in the NAIA National Tournament.

Headlining the group of returnees are two NAIA All-Americans — senior forward Velencia Kuykendall and junior point guard Dominique Thomas.

Kuykendall, a 5-10 post, enjoyed a career year for the Huskies last season, averaging personal bests of 12.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. She is continuing her success this season and averages 13.5 points and 6.5 rebounds through the first eight games of this season. Thomas, a 5-5 sophomore point guard, averaged 11.6 points, 3.1 rebounds, 6.7 assists and 3.6 steals per game last year and is averaging 10.0 points and 7.5 assists in the early season this year.



All-American Velencia Kuykendall ranks fourth on the Huskies' all-time rebounding list

The Huskies also return All-Red River Athletic Conference performer, Jessica Brantley. Brantley, a senior 6-1 forward, was an all-around player in her first HBU season after transferring from the University of the Pacific. Last season, Brantley averaged 7.3 points, 3.9 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game and is averaging 2.5 points this season while battling an early season injury.

Danica King, a senior forward, returns for her final season after averaging 4.7 points and 3.5 rebounds last year.

She has also battled injury

but is expected to make significant contributions when healthy. Ashley Davis, a 5-4 junior guard, will be in her third season with the Huskies. Davis averaged 2.8 points last season and connected on 18 3-pointers. She will be counted on heavily for her outside game and in the early going is averaging 5.3 points while connecting on 46 percent from behind the arc.

The two sophomores making up the final returnees are 5-8 guard Jacqueline Overby and 5-11 forward Whitney Pederson. Overby, averaged 7.0 points per game, while shooting 39 percent from behind the arc in 2005-06 for the Huskies. She has improved on that so far this season and is averaging 9.0 points and shoots 48 percent from the 3-point line. Pederson averaged 7.2 points and 4.6 rebounds in 27 games last season, while shooting a team-best 56 percent from the field. She is averaging 6.5 points this season.



Dominique Thomas is a two-time RRAC Defensive Player of the Year and All-America honoree

The Huskies will have a tough order in filling the void left by two-time NAIA All-Americans Jeré Adams (RRAC Player of the year, 16.7 ppg) and Sherrill Hadrick (13.0 ppg, 8.9 rpg). Trying to do that will be newcomers Jalela Simpson, Kathy Hill, Jasmin Moore, Jasmine Irving and Ashley Elliott.

Making an immediate impact on the Huskies is Irving, a 6-1 post who transferred for her senior season after one year at Tulsa. Irving is leading the team in scoring at 17.3 points per game this year. Hill, a 5-7 junior guard transferred from Odessa College and is averaging 4.9 points per game for the Huskies.

Simpson, a 6-0 junior forward, also joined the Huskies after transferring from Odessa College where she averaged 11 points, seven rebounds and three steals per game. She will redshirt this season along with Moore and Elliott, a 6-1 freshman post player. Moore, a 5-8 junior guard, came to the Huskies after two seasons at the University of Houston where she was a member of an NCAA Tournament team two years ago.

The Huskies have played a very tough non-conference schedule, including contests against Union University, Southern Nazarene University and Oklahoma City University, the three teams who have combined to win the last 13 national championships. The Huskies lost at Union, 81-64, and hosted Southern Nazarene and Oklahoma City at Sharp Gym. HBU lost to OCU, 65-52, but defeated SNU, 83-75.

The difficult non-conference schedule has helped prepare the Huskies as they defend their RRAC title and look to get back to the national tournament.

# 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

**Homer David Wingo Jr.** BA '68 is retired after 33 years as a peace officer for Harris County.

## 1970s

**David Anderson BA** '74 is a training manager for DaySpring. He and wife Michele reside in Gentry, Ark.

**Trudy Turner Weathersby BSN** '74 is a senior instructional designer for ACS Global Learning. She has two daughters, Amy and Valarie. Trudy lives in Irving.

**Pat Jensen Lindsey BSN** '75 resides in Bryan with husband Dan. They have three children: Kyle, Scott and Amy.

## 1980s

**Kourtney Keilstrup Calhoun BA** '80 is director, transportation services for El Paso Corporation in Houston. She and husband Ronnie have two children, Sherri and Hunter.

**Matthew Neil Behal MEd** '81 is a principal for May ISD in north central Texas.

**Karl K. Bilderback BS** '83 is a hand surgeon for The Orthopedic Clinic. He and wife Laura have four children: Robert, Mason, Rachel and Kristofer. They reside in Shreveport, La.

**Cheryl Alane Brown BS** '84 is an accountant. She, husband Terry and daughter Lauren live in Judson.

**April Prichard BS** '82, MS '84 is director of marketing for GMAC-RFC Health Capital in Dallas.

**Roland P. Pizzini BS** '85 recently accepted a position as manager of Epic Technical Services at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in Houston. He, wife Melissa, and daughter Celeste reside in Houston.

**Grace Riley** '85 lives in Plantersville with husband Gracia and their children, Adam and Natalie.

**Mark K. Lunsford BS** '86 is a pilot for Continental Airlines. He and wife Gina have two children, Phillip and Lauren.

**Diane Nino BS** '86 has been promoted to laboratory supervisor and research associate in the Molecular Virology & Microbiology Department at Baylor College of Medicine.

**James Bender BA** '87 is a senior pastor for Southtown Family Church in St. Louis, Mo. He and wife Janice have two children, Micah and Zechariah.



## President Sloan Meets the Alumni Board

President Sloan attended the October Alumni Networking Luncheon where he visited with members of the Alumni Association Board. Shown left to right are **J.D. Humber BA** '04, **Nancy Brownlee BSN** '80, **Steve Braun BS** '80, **Joanne Huffman BS** '92, **Monica Hodges BA** '94 MEd '00, Sloan and **Andy Cherry BA** '80.

Alumni Networking Luncheons are a great way to reconnect with the University and old friends, while learning more about the Houston business community. For more information on Alumni Networking Luncheons visit the web at [www.hbu.edu/networking](http://www.hbu.edu/networking).

**Andrea Laschka** BA '87 has served with the Department of State at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria, for almost 20 years.

**Robert L. Webb** BA '87 is a senior pastor for Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville. He and wife Deborah (Shelton) Webb BA '85 have three children: Nathan, Samuel and Daniel.

**Dustin L. Radabaugh** BA '88 received his master's in May 2006 in practical theology with a worship emphasis from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. Dusty is associate pastor of worship for Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs, N.M. His wife, **Pamela K. Smith-Radabaugh** BM '88 is the coordinator of elementary music for the Hobbs Municipal School District. They have two sons, Joshua and Tyler.

**Lee Ann Chapin Lee** '89 is minister for preschool and children at First Baptist Church Crosby. She and husband David have four children: Jonathon, Brendon, Kailyn and Aaron.

**Henry Overstreet** '89 is president for Overstreet International. He, wife April, and children Cole and Anna reside in The Woodlands.

## 1990s

**Cazandra Campos-MacDonald** BM '90 is a marketing manager for Option Care. Her husband, **Joe Keith MacDonald** BA '93, is music minister for Deming United Methodist Church in Deming, N.M. Cazandra and Joe have two children, Julian and Caeleb.

**Diana Freudensprung** BS '90 MEd '95 was named Lamar Consolidated School District 2006 Secondary Principal of the Year.

**Elizabeth Buckley Rawlings** '90 is a violin and music theory instructor at the Academy of the Arts, First Baptist Church in Smyrna, Tenn., where she lives with her husband, Bill. She has also been appointed as the first director of a new academy sponsored community youth orchestra in Smyrna.

**Beth Claybourn** BA '91 is a controller for Equipment Support Services. She, husband Lane, and children Stephanie, Rebecca and Guy reside in Houston.

**Franklin Douglas Callaway** BA '92 is pastor for Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in Spring. He and wife Barbara have two children, Lloyd and Leigh Anna.

## Bailey Middle School Dedicated

Friends and family joined students, administrators and faculty at the dedication of Spring ISD's new campus, Rickey C. Bailey Middle School. The school is named for Rick Bailey BA '69 (center). Along with his service as a member of HBU's Board of Trustees, Bailey is a former Spring ISD Board of Trustees member who served 15 years on the board beginning in 1982. He continues to volunteer his leadership in the district by serving on the Spring ISD Education Foundation Board and Citizens Advisory Board.



**Darrel Bradbury Fabugais** BM '92 is a computer network analyst for Enterprise Products in Mont Belvieu.

**William H. Longstaff III** BBA '94 is an accountant for Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America in Houston. He has five children: Karyn, Laura, Travis, Elizabeth and Grace.

**Amy Moore** BBA '94 is HRIS senior coordinator for Baker Oil Tools in Houston.

**Scott Williams** BBA '94 is in sales for Republic Beverage. He, wife Simone, and their sons, Jake and Sean, live in Houston.

**Russell Woods** BM '94 is head band director at Tohatchi High School in the Navajo Nation in northwest New Mexico. He and wife Teresa have two children, Austin and Rose.

**Peggy Batson Cowick** BSN '95 is a technical services scientist for Teknova Molecular Biology Laboratories in Hollister, Calif.

**Diana Wick-Hershey** BSN '95 is an RN case manager for Companion Hospice Care in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. Diana recently received the National Hospice and Palliative

Nurses Association Award and The Marion Ryan Award for creativity in end of life nursing care to be awarded in February at the National Joint Clinical Conference of HPNA/AAHPM in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Robert E. Johnson** MBA '96 is the owner of RJMJ Enterprise LLC in The Woodlands. He, wife Monica, and their children, Jorien and Rody, live in Conroe.

**Whitney Burns Robinson** BBA '96 resides in Alpharetta, Ga., with husband Kendall and their children, Ashton and Jordan.

**Bonnie Griffin Siebenaler** MS '96 is a compensation administrator for Harris County. She, husband Steve and son Christopher live in Cypress.

**Leslie E. Tripp** BA '96 recently moved to the ninth largest broadcast market in the country, Atlanta, Ga., where she joined the CBS 46 News team as news assignment editor.

**Debbie Walkowski** BBA '97 is a real estate agent, apartment locator for Find It in Houston.

## Alumni Art Guild Forming

An interested group of HBU alumni recently met to organize an alumni art guild for the purpose of promoting the visual arts with special emphasis placed on academic traditions. The group will benefit its members, the Art Department, the University and the community by contributing to the quality and progress of the visual arts program of Houston Baptist University. For more information contact **Linda Renz** BA '03 at 713-412-0341 or lrenz@hbu.edu.

**Vincent Bryant DiVita** MBA '98 lives in Evergreen, Colo., with wife Rue Ann and their three children: Alexandria, Annabelle and Andrew.

**Eric Edward Dulany** BBA '98 is currently a CPA and a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. His wife, **Andrea Rodriguez Dulany** BS '99, is a special events and development manager with Child Advocates, Inc. They have one daughter, Anastacia.

**Jim Wesley Reynolds** BA '99 is the administrator for Youth-Reach Houston, a ministry dedicated to reaching this generation's troubled youth. Wes and wife Hannah live in Houston with their children: Samuel, Ruth and Sarah.

## 2000

**Angel Johnson** BS '00 is HR generalist for Baker Hughes in Houston. She and daughter Jade reside in Missouri City.

**Jennifer Schaefer Minor** BBA '00 is senior auditor for PRG-Schultz. Jennifer, husband Timothy and daughter Ashley live in Rockwall.

**Anne Brady Grimes Thurwalker** BA '00 is an interior designer/general contractor for Anne Brady Designs in San Antonio.

**Steve Croft** MBA '01 is a UK finance manager for Baker Hughes-Inteq in Scotland. He and wife Julie have two children, Adin and Tanner.

**Laura Shugart Hollis** BS '01 is associate director of recreation for The Woodlands United Methodist Church. She and husband **Lance** BS '01 have one daughter, Lindsay.

**Amanda Haught Kruse** BS '01 is administrative assistant for Esco Products, Inc. Amanda, husband Carl and children David and Allison live in Bellville.

**Anthony Tyler Lopez** BA '01 is student minister for Student Venture.

**Merin Lane Brown Porter** BS '01 is a copywriter for Adcetera. She and husband David reside in Houston.

**Ruben Trejo** '02 is the youth pastor at Greenwood Baptist Church in Spring, where his wife, **Lana Trejo** BS '01, is a stay-at-home mother to their two children, Mercedes and Braelunn.

## Welcome Husky Pups

**Eric Edward Dulany** BBA '98 and wife **Andrea Rodriguez Dulany** BS '99 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Anastacia, on May 17.

**Amanda Haught Kruse** BS '01 and husband Carl are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Allison, on April 7. She was welcomed home by big brother David.

**Karen Reed** BBA '01 and husband James are proud to announce the adoption of Ashley Jane and Michael James.

**Lana Trejo** BS '01 and husband **Ruben** '02 welcomed a little girl, Mercedes, to their home in 2003. On Aug. 25 they were blessed with the gift of the final adoption of Mercedes. On Feb. 19 they welcomed home another blessing, her baby brother Braelunn.

**Christine Phillips Willetts** BA '01 and husband **Pete** BS '01 are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colin James, on Jan. 8.

**Cliff Mayton Jr.** BA '02 and wife Kristina are proud to announce the birth of son, Trey, on April 13.

**Susanna Bussey Kirksey** BA '03 and husband Kenny welcomed a son, Jacob Ross, on April 17.

**Dana Atkinson**, HBU development director, and her husband Bill welcomed a son, Will, on Nov. 11.

**Shirley Taylor**, director of human resources at HBU, and husband George are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Sydney Ariel-Leigh on Feb. 24. She was welcomed home by big brother Gheori.

**Sara Beth Verm**, HBU resident director, Husky Village, and husband Justin are proud to announce the birth of son Andrew on Oct. 3.



Dulany



Kruse



Trejo



Willetts



Mayton



Kirksey



Taylor



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**Peter Willetts** BS '01 is national sales manager for Promaxima Mfg. **Christine Phillips Willetts** BA '01 is an attorney for T. Wade Welch & Associates. Peter, Christine and son Colin live in Richmond.

**Amber Sones Creel** BS '02 is a school psychologist for Jackson County ISD. She and husband Ryan live in Holt, Mich.

**Ivy Reyes** BSN '02 is a registered nurse at Texas Children's Hospital. Ivy celebrated her marriage to Randall McChesney on Aug. 19.

**Kimberly Adams Wienken** BA '02 is a third grade teacher at Brazos Bend Elementary in Fort Bend ISD. She lives in Richmond with husband Charles.

**Rochelle Cave Connell** BA '03, MAP '05 married Michael Connell on April 22 and moved to Kalispell, Mont. Rochelle is currently a homemaker and leads a bi-monthly grief support group.

**Michelle Dinges** BBA '03 is an administrative associate for Bernstein Global Wealth Management in Houston.

**Rachel Garcia** BS '03 is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Houston. She won the graduate student chemistry research award at the National Conference of the Society of Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science meeting in October.

**Angela Hadley** BS '03 is president of Millennium Medical Group, LLC in Manvel.

**Melissa Blanton Matteson** BS '03 is teaching second grade in Cy-Fair ISD. She, husband Robert and daughter reside in Cypress.

**Cherry Onaiwu** BS '03 recently received her Master of Science degree in Physiology from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio.

**Crystal Jean Briones** BA '04 is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alabama.

**Casiano Chi Jr.** MSN, FNP '04 is a cardiovascular advanced nurse practitioner at Memorial Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands. He is commissioned as captain in the US Air Force Reserve, 433rd Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron out of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.



**Amy Dillon** ADN '04 lives in Rosharon with husband Gregory and children: Luchae, Mya and Michai.

**Tim Ganger** BA '04 and **Sarah Wilkinson Ganger** BS '03 have recently moved to Louisville, Ky. Tim is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary working on his master's degree in pastoral studies. Sarah is teaching chemistry at Jeffersontown High School.

**Libby Garza** BS '04 has been admitted to the Ph.D. program at Baylor College of Medicine in the Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Department.

**Michael David Holmquist** BA '04 is a teacher and coach for Spring Branch ISD. He and wife Melissa live in Houston with their daughter, Elizabeth.

**Donald Stubblefield** BA '04 works for WholeHeart Ministries/New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Terronica Monique Wilson** MS '04 is supervisor, diagnostic imaging operations for The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She and husband Cedric reside in Missouri City.

## And They're Off ... *Running to Raise Scholarship Dollars!*

The 6th Annual Husky Hustle 5K Fun Run and Walk was held on a chilly morning in November as 140 participants completed the 3.42 mile course. After the morning run around campus, a post race party featuring food, drinks and prize drawings was held. All proceeds from the event went to HBU Alumni Scholarships.

This year's Husky Hustle sponsors were InSight Advantage, L.P., Don Mafrige Enterprises, Memorial Herman, Trendmaker Homes, Quiznos, Abrahams Oriental Rugs, The Memorial Herman-HBU Wellness Center, CorporateWear USA, The HBU Bookstore, Sodexo, Hair Spa, JoeToga, FedExKinkos, Pepsi.

The Overall Female Open Winner was Dawn Domaschk and the Overall Male Open Winner was Steve Magness. The Overall Female Masters Winner was Bonnie Jo Barron and the Overall Male Masters Winner was Gerardo Mora. Dee Pete and Carol Lavender MBA '92 of Insight Advantage were the Presenting Sponsors.

HBU would like to thank the volunteers who came out to help: Brothers Under Christ, HBU Cheerleaders,



Kiza and Sled Team, the HBU Mascot, REC Team members, Alumni Board, DeBakey High School, Alumni Scholarship recipients and the many staff members who contributed to the success of Husky Hustle!

**Kristopher M. Blackmon** BS '05 and his wife Amy celebrated their one-year anniversary on July 16. Kris is a math teacher and soccer coach at Scarborough High School in Houston ISD.

**Jenel (Newcomb) Capes** BA '05 is assistant to married young adults at Houston's First Baptist Church. Her husband **Daniel Capes** BA '06 is baseline documentation editor for United Space Alliance.

**Rachel V. Rost** BA '05 is an agent for New York Life in San Antonio.

**Crystal Shai Streety** BBA '05 is a personal banker/loan officer for Bank of America.

**Susan Simpson** MEd '05 lives in Stafford with husband Kenneth and their son, Kenneth Jr.

**Gregory Scott Stuart** BBA '05 is in desktop support for the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

**Lauren Burn** BA '06 and **Curt Taylor** BBA '06 were married June 11. They live in Katy

where Lauren teaches fourth grade for Katy ISD. Curt works for Compass Bank and is the children's pastor at Faith West



Church in Katy. Other Huskies in the photo include current students and alumni Beth Taylor, Will Thorn, Jennifer Garner, **Steven Taylor** BBA '06, Marie Taylor, **Kara Conley** BA '06, Tim Brown, Tiffany Brunt, **Ginger Merkle** BA '06 and David Dold.

**Megan Wright Foley** BA '06 married Kevin Foley. They live in Austin where Megan works for Seattle's Best Coffee and sells her artwork at various art shows.

**Gary Horn** BS '06 is a first year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine. He recently received a Region IV Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-med fraternity) scholarship.

**Keren Crosby Jackson** BS '06 and husband Joseph Kyle Jackson have moved to San Marcos. Keren is a substitute teacher for San Marcus ISD and Wimberly ISD.

**Luis Mauricio Ramirez** MBA '06 is a trader/analyst for Merrill Lynch in Houston.

## 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

**James Robert "Bob" Bain** BS '73 passed away August 3.

**William Eldridge** BS '77 passed away November 15 in Marshall. He was a retired insurance salesman.

**Carl William Foshee** BA '74 passed away July 16.

**Jane Traynham Grimes** BS '86 passed away November 20. She worked in Houston ISD and also at HBU in the Registrar's office.

**Barbara J. Kotzur** BSN '78 passed away September 20.

**George Pattison** BS '73 passed away October 17. He served as a minister, Sunday School teacher, Boy Scout leader, and mentor to young people.

### UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

**Moriel Blacklock** passed away May 22. She and her husband, J.V. Blacklock, funded two Endowed Academic Scholarships.

**Rilda Gottlieb**, who helped facilitate the donation of the Theo Redwood Blank Doll Collection to the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, passed away Oct. 11. The first doll in the collection was purchased by Mrs. Blank for her niece, young Rilda, in London in 1936. At the entrance to the Museum is a statue by Houston artist Ann Armstrong of a young girl of the 1930s holding a doll from the collection, which serves as tribute to Mrs. Gottlieb and her role in placing the collection.

**Ruth Kannwischer**, wife of former professor, Dr. A.E. Kannwischer, passed away Oct. 29. She was a longtime supporter of HBU and was a member of the HBU Auxiliary for many years, serving as president. She donated the HBU seal in the center of the Walk of Honor in Dr. Kannwischer's memory. Dr. Kannwischer passed away in 1994.

**Judge Arthur C. Leshner, Jr.** passed away Oct. 23. He was a longtime friend of the University.

**Eddie McWhorter** passed away Oct. 16. He was a longtime friend of HBU. His family includes Thomas McWhorter BS '00 and wife Wendy Layne McWhorter BS '00.

**Dr. Stephen Roddy** passed away Nov. 2. He is survived by his wife, Martha Roddy, a member of The Guild.

**Ernest B. Ross** passed away Oct. 27. He is survived by his wife, Donna Ross, a member of The Guild.

# HOMECOMING 2007 - Orange & Blue HBU

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29

**5:00 pm Student Banner Bash**  
— M.D. Anderson Student Center

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

**6:30 - 7:45 pm Homecoming Quest**  
Student Led - Larry Mayberry  
— Mabee Theater

**8:00 pm Campus Lighting Ceremony**  
— Courtyard outside M.D. Anderson Student Center  
Refreshments Served

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm Homecoming Spirit Luncheon**  
\$5 at the door  
— M.D. Anderson Student Center

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**10:10 am Homecoming Convocation**  
J.D. Humber '05  
— Sharp Gym

**7:00 pm Alumni Awards Evening & Walk of Honor Induction  
Art Exhibit, Music and Dinner**   
— The Great Hall, Cultural Arts Center

**8:00 pm Student Homecoming Dance (Alumni welcome)**  
— Location to be announced

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**6:00 - 8:00 pm Homecoming Registration**  
— M.D. Anderson Student Center

**6:00 pm HBU Retiree Association Dinner**  
\$5 at the door, RSVP @ 281-649-3232  
— Hinton Center, Dillon II

**6:00 pm Chili Cook-Off and  
Orange & Blue Spirit Contest**  
— Courtyard outside M.D. Anderson Student Center

**8:00 pm Coffee House**  
— M.D. Anderson Student Center

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Homecoming Registration Available at Each Event**

**10:30 am Exhibition Soccer Game** - Alumni soccer players  
vs. Husky Soccer Team 

**11:45 am Picnic Lunch**  
— New HBU athletic field

**11:30 am - 1:30 pm Campus Tours**

**1:30 - 2:45 pm President's Open House**  
— President's Home

**3:00 pm Women's Basketball vs. SW Assemblies of God Univ.**  
— Sharp Gym

**4:30 pm Alumni Association Annual Meeting**  
— Mabee Theater

**5:30 pm Homecoming Dinner  
Challenge of the Decades Recognition**  
— Glasscock Center

**7:30 pm Basketball vs. SW Assemblies of God University**  
— Sharp Gym

**Halftime: Homecoming Court Presentation**

**9:30 pm Post Game Celebration**  
— M.D. Anderson Student Center



For updates and registration form  
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**"We must never forget that all of us are here for the sake of the students of the University. The students are the central object of our concern ... the students whose lives we want to see transformed; for whom we have a longing that they have a transformational experience, an experience that helps them define who they are and helps them understand God's calling for their lives. It is for the sake of the students that we are here, to whom we direct all of our energies."**

**Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.**



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