

HBUNews

Fall 2007

Grow ...

Message from the President

What a wonderful time it is to be part of the living, growing family that is HBU! This fall has ushered in a number of historic events on campus. First, we have been blessed with the largest freshman class in the University's history. Thanks to the hard work of many key people at HBU and the support and vision of our Board of Trustees and donors, we have 70 percent more freshmen on campus than last fall!

The newly completed Morris Cultural Arts Center played host to its first Commencement in May and its first Convocation in September. The first wedding, a marriage of two HBU alumni, was held in the beautiful Belin Chapel on July 28th, followed by a reception in stately McNair Hall. Though it has been said before, we simply cannot thank our donors and Dr. Hodo enough for their work in bringing the Morris Center to completion.

The University has also just approved the establishment of a new Honors College. The Honors College will expand our ability to attract highly motivated students. It will enhance the reputation and visibility of the school and meet the needs of academically gifted students who are seeking a distinctively Christian university. I especially appreciate the work and diligence of the faculty committee, chaired by Dr. David Capes, professor in Christianity.

These "firsts" offer just a glimpse of what is to come. Our plan is for HBU to grow. I anticipate that this year's freshman class of more than 450 students will be the smallest class we enroll during the next decade. We have already received more inquiries for 2008-2009 than we received during the entire previous year. Big new student numbers mean we need more facilities for living and learning. Construction of a six-story residential college is well underway, and we have broken ground on the new University Academic Center, which will provide

new classrooms, studios, exhibition space, and offices.

All this new construction is just an outward symbol of the growth we are experiencing. The HBU family and I are also at work on construction of a long-range plan, a blueprint if you will, for the University's future. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni have participated vigorously in a series of envisioning sessions in which they have offered answers to the question, "What should HBU look like in 2020?" The responses and suggestions have been outstanding, and I look forward to hearing from board members and other stakeholders as we consider our goals. I have little doubt that we will be able to build an innovative plan for HBU's future thanks to the creativity and wisdom of our friends and co-workers.

A number of themes have already emerged. Many support the shift to a more traditional residential campus and a return to a strong core that emphasizes primary sources or great books. One of the most gratifying notions to emerge in our envisioning sessions has been that of helping our local community. Our people at HBU want to see this university do great things for the Sharpstown area in terms of economic development, ministry, and social work.

What I have shared here are only a few of examples of the kinds of innovative thinking we have witnessed in our envisioning work. There is an imaginative, entrepreneurial, and servant spirit at work among our faculty, staff, and students.

I want to strongly encourage you to share your own thoughts and dreams for HBU. We will be more successful and will be an ever greater blessing to the city of Houston and to our world if you are involved and helping with the work of this university. We seek your prayers, your help, and your special giftedness



as we go forward. It is our mission to make HBU one of the finest Christian universities in America.

Everything I have learned during my tenure as the president of this institution tells me that we have people with the requisite talents, drive, and good will to go after something wonderful in the kingdom of God.

Thanks to the sacrifices of the donors, staff, faculty, alumni, and presidents of our past, we have a solid foundation upon which to build. HBU has the best accreditation available, a gifted faculty, dedicated staff, prime real estate in one of the largest cities in America, and a founding preamble that holds us tightly on course as we seek to set a new standard in Christian higher education. I'm grateful to be here doing this work with people like you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert B. Sloan, Jr." in a cursive script.

Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

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A sapling grows between the roots of a stately oak on the HBU campus and reminds us of the relationship between old and new.

- Photo by Michael Tims

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We're growing

What a fall quarter it has been! HBU is growing in every sense of the word. This fall's freshman class was the largest on record. The Morris Cultural Arts Center has been the site of numerous celebrations, including a week of dedicatory events, Commencement, Vespers, orchestral performances, and several weddings.

SMITH PIPE ORGAN

A gift from Jim and Sherry Smith has enabled the University to contract for the construction of a magnificent pipe organ to be installed in the Belin Chapel. Planned and built by the Orgues Létourneau Limitée of Quebec, the new instrument will take approximately two years for fabrication and installation. Létourneau will create a three-manual 55-stop, 58 rank pipe organ. The organ is designed to serve both the worship and solo performance needs of the University community. Installation is expected sometime in 2009. The Belin Chapel was designed to accommodate the 2,500 pipes and console for the organ and is acoustically engineered to maximize the beauty of the instrument for all in attendance at Belin Chapel events.



"For 40 years, HBU leaders and supporters have dreamed of a grand pipe organ to grace our chapel and few contributions to the University promise such a rich legacy," Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor in the School of Music, said. "A well-constructed instrument like the one given by the Smiths can provide literally hundreds of years of beautiful music to train musicians, guide worship, and accompany musical performances. By inspiring the praise of God for countless future gatherings of the HBU family, friends and community, untold numbers of lives will be touched by this gracious and generous gift. To God be the glory!"

THE WILLIAMS FOUNTAIN

The recently completed Williams Fountain, given by the Dr. Diane '93 and Stanley Williams family to honor the mission and purpose of Houston Baptist University, graces the space between the Morris Cultural Arts Center and the Hinton Center. Designed to provide a place of beauty and tranquility, it attracts visitors day and night for a moment of reflection and peace.



LAWRENCE PARK

The Lawrence Park project is made possible by a gift from Dr. Tracy and Lee Lawrence. Lawrence Park will encompass the area between the Belin Chapel, Atwood II, the Hinton Center, and the new Cultural Arts Center Boulevard. Construction will take place during the winter months with landscaping to follow in the spring. The Lawrence Park will be a part of the campus master plan and will feature benches, lighting, landscaping, and walks that unite the east campus facilities into an integrated whole. The Park extends the function of the Williams Fountain. A dedication is planned for the spring.



UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CENTER

Ground has been broken at the site of the new University Academic Center, which will house the Department of Art, the Department of Communication, *The Collegian*, and the Honors College. The building includes space for an art gallery for display of student, faculty, and community work; a large lecture hall; two art studios for painting and drawing; three art studios for sculpture, printmaking, and ceramics; a large lecture hall; a student lounge; a computer lab; and additional office and

classroom space. It will be a single story building with an elevated section (similar to that in McNair Hall) which will provide natural light to the expansive exhibition space and art studios.

A walled outdoor courtyard will provide space for ceramics classes and a separate glazing area. The facility will give students and faculty access to both electric and gas-fired kilns.

The new facility is designed to support an apprentice-style teaching environment for members of the art faculty and their students. Each faculty artist will have an office as well as an adjoining personal studio in which he or she can meet with students, create art, demonstrate techniques, and share ideas. Senior students will be assigned personal studios as well.



NEW RESIDENCE COLLEGE

When the day dawns on the first morning of classes next fall, more than 370 students will begin a new era in HBU housing ... living on the lake! Housing options include both apartments and suite-style housing - six floors of community living open to men and women offering unique opportunities for academic, spiritual, and social growth.

The New Residence College will include a variety of amenities, including a devotional chapel, a parlor complete with fireplace, an ice cream/sweet shop, soundproof music practice rooms, rooftop terraces, and more!

Live on the Lake
www.hbu.edu/liveonthelake



Aerial photo of the New Residence College for men and women, taken Nov. 11. Photo courtesy of Tellepsen and Aero Photo.



Rendering of the New Residence College

HBU announces new Honors College

At the Board of Trustees meeting on September 25, the University approved the establishment of an Honors College.

"The Honors College will benefit the entire University and increase our ability to recruit students from all across the United States," President Sloan said.

The Honors College at HBU will provide qualified undergraduate students a unique general education core curriculum in the liberal arts, social sciences, and natural sciences. Students will matriculate in the Honors College as freshmen and follow a special curriculum throughout their four years at the University. They will examine the great texts of human experience and hone their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills through spirited discussion with their peers and distinguished faculty. Some courses will be taught by an interdisciplinary team of faculty so that students can examine the same subject from various scholarly perspectives and recognize that knowledge in all fields is interconnected.

"The Honors College will benefit the entire University and increase our ability to recruit students from all across the United States."

Learning will not be confined to the classroom. Honors College students will engage the wider learning community through study abroad programs, participation in national undergraduate research conferences, exposure to diverse cultural opportunities in Houston, and participation in other activities that integrate faith and learning.

www.hbu.edu/honorscollege

Class of 2011



The class of 2011, the largest freshman class in the University's history, poses in front of the Hinton Center during Welcome Days.

HBU *Celebrate*

Morris Cultural Arts Center

Gala

The University celebrated the opening of the Morris Cultural Arts Center in high style with a black tie gala on Monday, October 8. It was a night of dazzling dresses, fanfares and flourishes, soaring sopranos, and heartfelt thanks.

The evening opened in the University Theater with a welcome from President Sloan. His opening remarks were followed by performances by the University Festival Brass, conducted by Robert McElroy; the Houston Civic Symphony, conducted by Dr. Brian Runnels '81; and the University Choral Union, conducted by Dr. John Yarrington.

Dr. Sloan and President Emeritus Dr. E. D. Hodo then recognized the donors who helped the University realize the completion of the building, including Dr. Bruce and Mary Ann Belin, the Cullen Trust for Higher Education, Linda and Archie Dunham, the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the RSMIS Foundation, and Dr. Stewart and Joella Morris.

As he recognized each donor, Dr. Sloan presented each with a special piece of Stueben glass. He then surprised Dr. Hodo and First Lady Emeritus Sadie with a surprise gift – a porcelain Magnolia, the state flower of Mississippi, created by the famous Boehm Porcelain Studios – in appreciation of their work and dedication to HBU.

Dr. Hodo expressed thanks to Dr. Stewart Morris, Dr. Bruce Belin, Stanley Williams, and Dr. Don Looser for their "support of the Cultural Arts Center project and the vision behind it – exposure to the word of God."

Dr. Sloan concluded the program with a dedicatory prayer in which he offered words of thanksgiving for those who have made it a reality as well as a solemn commitment to dedicate all that shall be presented here to the glory of God.

"Today is like awakening from a dream ... the Lord moves in strange ways his wonders to perform. No longer is HBU a dream. It is real."

– Dr. Stewart Morris



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HBU Celebrate



Dr. Hodo thanks Dr. Stewart and Joella Morris.



Dr. Diane Williams '93 and Dr. Don Looser are recognized for their contributions to the University.



Dr. Hodo thanks Dr. Bruce Belin.



Dr. Sloan thanks Phillip Mark, representing the RSMIS Foundation.



First Lady Emeritus Sadie Hodo and President Emeritus Dr. E.D. Hodo open their gift.



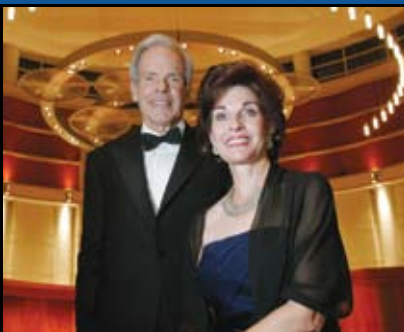
Dr. Hodo presents a gift to Joanie Haley, who represented the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation.



Dr. Brian Runnels '81, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, conducts the Houston Civic Symphony and the School of Music's Choral Union.



Dr. Bruce and Mary Ann Belin



Jim and Sherry Smith



Pat and Wayne Goettsche



Carla '01 and David '82 Stutts with
Brian and Meredith Hurd



Jerry and Lisa '76 Simon, Joella and
Dr. Stewart Morris



Bob and Judy Elleson with
Yolande Frazier



Dr. Robert and Sue Sloan



Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox '81 and
Dr. Avin Brownlee



Jack and Karen Carlson



J.D. Glasscock and
Sheila Swift Hurst '04



Dr. John Yarrington, Dr. Brian Runnels '81, and
Robert McElroy



Bob '76 and Linda '77 Powell with
Lynn Kiesewetter '81 and
Kent Kiesewetter

Jeannette Clift George *“Connecting the Bridges”*

Longtime friend and former HBU professor Dr. Jeannette Clift George and three veterans of the A.D. Players graced the stage of the Belin Chapel with a memorable performance, “Connecting the Bridges,” on the second evening of the week of celebrations surrounding the opening of the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

The After Dinner Players, as the group was originally named, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. The group performs plays and skits which illustrate God’s word in contemporary settings.

The evening’s prayer was offered by Greg Belin, son of Dr. Bruce and Mary Ann Belin, for whom the Chapel is named.



Dr. E.D. Hodo, Dr. Bruce Belin, and President Sloan



“I actually believe God has cleared a time for the believer artist to speak as the believer artist has never spoken before. It excites me that not only is that believer artist coming into the position of presentation but is going to be trained and schooled – because the art must be trained and schooled. You with the foresight of this place have established a position where the believer artist of the future can learn and grow – and that is awesome.”

— Dr. Jeannette Clift George



Dr. Bruce and Mary Ann Belin, Blair and Greg Belin, and Laurie Mahlmann



Dr. Sloan presents Dr. Jeannette Clift George with a leaf from a 1611 King James Bible.

Celebratory Worship held in Belin Chapel

Faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University gathered in the Belin Chapel on Wednesday, October 10, to celebrate the opening of the University's first chapel. Worship music was provided by the HBU Brass Quintet and Schola Cantorum, led by Dr. John Yarrington, director, school of music and choral activities.

"The Church is not a building, but people, the community, the followers of Christ."

Colette Cross, University chaplain, opened the service with a call to worship and provided the invocation. New freshmen Mark Jones and Lindsey Davis read passages from Psalms 118 and 127, and Isis Martin, director of student organizations, shared a reading from Colossians 2:1-2.

Dr. Sloan dedicated the Belin Chapel and reminded everyone of the importance of fellowship in worship. "The Church is not a building," Sloan said, "but people, the community, the followers of Christ." The Belin Chapel should always "be a place of worship," he preached, "yet we can never forget that ... there is a mystery of communion among ourselves that enables us, in love for one another, to know the one true and living God who has revealed himself through Jesus Christ." Dr. Sloan prayed that the Belin Chapel "be a place where that mystery is explored, proclaimed, understood, and experienced with the mind and the heart as we love one another."

Dr. Randy Hatchett, professor of Christianity, led everyone in a Season of Prayer, and University chaplain Colette Cross provided the closing prayer.



Colette Cross



Lindsey Davis and Mark Jones



Dr. Randy Hatchett



Schola Cantorum and Dr. John Yarrington

Ron Stone Jr. revisits Houston landmarks

Native Houstonian Ron Stone Jr., speaking at Convocation on October 11, took the audience on a trip back in time to illustrate that “history is worth something – we ought to save it.” Stone shared the stories of four important places, some of them surprising.

The first stop on his “tour” was the Randalls grocery store at the corner of Hwy. 3 and El Dorado Boulevard. It was 1989, and Boris Yeltsin, then mayor of Moscow, was in town for a tour of NASA and the Johnson Space Center (JSC). Ironically, it was his stop at Randalls, not the JSC, that helped to change history. After seeing the amazing variety and abundance on display at a typical American grocery store, Yeltsin wrote, “for the first time I felt quite frankly sick with despair.” Stone explained that this visit changed Yeltsin’s life: “Armed with that knowledge,” Stone said, Yeltsin “decided to abandon [Communism’s] hard-line stance and another piece of the puzzle of Communism fell to the wayside.”

Stone traveled farther back in time for his “second stop.” It was 1930, and Sam Houston High School had hired a young, new speech teacher and debate coach. The new faculty member led the school’s debate team to new highs – the team won its first district championship, its first city championship, and lost the state championship by only one point. Who was this miracle worker? Future President Lyndon Baines Johnson. This important distinction “is not to be found anywhere on the school’s website,” Stone said. The fact that “a president of the United States taught school in Houston [is] memorable ... that little bit of history apparently doesn’t mean much in the here and now,” Stone said.

The third stop took the audience to the 1940s to 2809 Erastus Street, home of the Bronze Peacock, a little nightclub that, according to Stone, “attracted some of the greatest performances of R&B ever seen in this country.” The club’s owner, Don Robey, started Peacock Records and went on to become “the very first African American in this country to own and run a successful recording company.” Robey “showed the way for other African Americans to follow,” Stone explained. “Pioneers were working in Houston, Texas, in the 1940s and 50s,” but few people today would know that. The home of the Bronze Peacock is now Charity Baptist Church, and no plaque or sign exists to signify the importance of the site’s original occupant.

“Our last stop doesn’t exist anymore,” noted Stone, “but in 1949 it was one of the biggest stories ever to hit Houston ... and landed Glen McCarthy and Houston, Texas, on the cover of *Time*. Stone was speaking of the Shamrock Hotel, which McCarthy, a successful wildcatter,



Ron Stone Jr. speaks at Convocation.

“My goodness! It’s only 40 years old and already you are saying it’s disposable? What does that say about Houston? Why can’t we hold on to a piece of history?”

built at Holcombe Boulevard and Main Street. The hotel, which opened on St. Patrick’s Day, 1949, was demolished on June 1, 1987. Friends of the hotel held an “old-fashioned Irish wake” to commemorate its destruction and asked, “My goodness! It’s only 40 years old and already you are saying it’s disposable? What does that say about Houston? Why can’t we hold onto a piece of history?” Today, Stone added, “you can drive down Holcombe Boulevard and see what’s left of the Shamrock Hotel. It’s a parking garage – that’s progress and, unfortunately, in many ways, it’s Houston.”

Stone concluded his talk with a charge for his audience. “I hope that you will look at this building [the Morris Cultural Arts Center] not just as something to enjoy and utilize in the here and now but as something to celebrate in your mind – to remember – to tell people about in generations to come – to ensure that this place has lasting value for history. Great things will happen here.”

Ron Stone Jr.’s speech reminded us all of the importance of memory and the transitory nature of physical objects. Long after the present buildings on campus are gone, the school and its mission will live on in the memories and lives of those who worked and attended school here. And that, Stone said, “counts for something.”

-LKA

Dan Cathy shares experiences, values at Prince-Chavanne Lecture



Dan T. Cathy, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A, spoke to a standing room only crowd at this year's Prince-Chavanne Lecture, held in the Belin Chapel on October 11.

You may be familiar with Chick-fil-A's food, but Dan Cathy also wants you to be familiar with the good news of Jesus Christ. He encourages his employees and all he meets to "go the second mile." He held the audience rapt with a presentation that mixed good business practices with Christian witness.

Chick-fil-A catered the evening's reception and distributed coupons for free chicken sandwiches and milk shakes as well as stuffed versions of the company's signature cows to everyone in attendance. Guests also received a copy of Cathy's personal story, *The Burning Bush*.



David Chavanne, Claire Turner, Dan Cathy, and Oscar Turner



President and Mrs. Sloan with Dan Cathy



(Back row) Rita Tauer, David Ott, Chick-fil-A cow, Dr. Sloan, Anthony Obodoechina, Chick-fil-A cow, Nathan Yap, Jessica Lam, Mark Mathews, Fatima Vaid (Center row) Stephanie Obodoechina, Alexandra Velez, Jennifer Davis, Kellye Brooks (Kneeling) Megan Yarrington, Brad Horswell, Rachel Relton



Dr. Rusty Brooks and Dan Cathy

School of Music, University Theater wow audience



Dr. Ann Gebuhr and
Karen Slotter '96



Randall Reid '96 and Dr. Robert Reid



Lynda Keith McKnight, Rick Piersall, and
Melissa Givens



Dr. John Yarrington

The Friday night program during Dedication Week for the Morris Cultural Arts Center featured the School of Music's University Singers and Orchestra, the Choral Union, Schola Cantorum, and faculty members Rick Piersall, Melissa Givens, and Lynda Keith McKnight. Conducted by Director of the School of Music, Dr. John Yarrington, the program exploited the full range of the University Theater's acoustical capabilities.

The responsive audience heard masterworks from the pens of Handel, Brahms, Haydn, and Vaughan Williams as well as an original composition by faculty member Dr. Ann Gebuhr. Dr. Yarrington organized the first complement of an Alumni Festival Chorus for the evening, which also presented works featuring alumni soloists Breanna Richardson, Russ Clark, and Matthew Parker. The evening closed with the audience and choirs joining the orchestra for the singing of Vaughan Williams' *The Old One Hundredth Psalm Tune*.

This program brought to a close a week of festive music, drama, worship, and social events and provided additional evidence of the extraordinary performing spaces represented by the Belin Chapel and the University Theater. The acoustics, the size, and the capability of both venues for hosting a variety of events make the new Morris Cultural Arts Center a new treasure for the city of Houston.

-DL



Members of the Festival Chorus

HBU hosts Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

“HBU enjoys a rich history carried in the hearts and minds of many godly men and women who sit in your pews and labor in your ministries as partners on mission for the Kingdom of Christ. For more than four decades, HBU has benefited from a remarkable relationship with area churches and the leadership of Houston’s dedicated faith community.”

- Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.

September 11 is a day which will remain forever etched on the hearts and minds of Americans. This year, the Houston community of faith leadership chose that day to gather on the HBU campus to fellowship, count its many blessings, and share a meal.

Salem Communications radio station KKHT, Comerica Bank, and Houston Baptist University hosted three hundred guests in the magnificent new Morris Cultural Arts Center, which houses the University’s first chapel, Belin Chapel, as well as the University Theater and University Museums.

Dr. Sloan delivered a warm welcome. Dr. Jack Graham, Senior Pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church and founder of PowerPoint Ministries, provided an inspirational message to the group, and HBU’s Focus and Refuge sang.

Three HBU board members, Dr. James Clark, Park Place Baptist Church; Rev. Garry Blackmon, Crossway Christian Fellowship Church; and Dr. Ed Seay, First Baptist Church-Magnolia; joined members of the HBU Executive Council and the HBU Church and Community Relations staff at the event. Dr. Graham presented each pastor with an autographed 2007 study guide edition of *A Man of God*, a book dedicated to his grandfather, A.J. Sims.

As a remembrance of the day, Dr. Sloan presented Dr. Graham with a framed 1611 King James Bible leaf that included Zachariah 4, the text of his inspirational sermon.

“This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit’, says the LORD Almighty.” Zachariah 4:6

-RO



Paul Baker, KKHT radio



Dr. James Clark, pastor, Park Place Baptist Church, and Dr. Jack Graham



Dr. Graham was presented with a framed Bible leaf.

HBU Celebrate

The Guild

Fall Coffee

Gina Saour opened her home to Guild members and friends for the annual Fall Coffee, held on October 23. Molly Hale, recipient of the Sharon Saunders Endowed Scholarship in Graduate Education, thanked The Guild for the opportunities her scholarship had provided, and Dr. and Mrs. Sloan spoke about the excitement and joy of watching HBU grow over the past year.



Shirley Asel, Dr. Sloan, Gina Saour



Karen White and Terry Edwards



Gene Morrison, Bonnie Meine, Peggy Boyd



Sue Sloan, Anne Pouns, Jan Rule



Shirley Ballard, Jean Crisp, Rita Kinnamon, Morna Wall, Carolyn Patterson



Sharon Saunders, vice president for University relations; and Molly Hale, scholarship recipient



Guild Orientation

The Guild held its New Member Orientation in September in the Green Room of the Morris Cultural Arts Center. Judy Childress and Kay Haines served as chairs for the event.



Sharon Saunders, Judy Childress, Sue Sloan, Kay Haines, and Shirley Asel, Guild president



New members Dana Grigsby, Terry Edwards, Geri Tease, and Gelea Clem



First wedding ceremony **celebrated in Belin Chapel**

With all their firsts at HBU, Ryan Yarrington '05 and Alyssa Johns Yarrington '07 were destined to be the first couple married in the Belin Chapel.

Ryan and Alyssa first met at a Husky Preview in the spring of 2002. Then, in the fall of 2003, when Alyssa was moving into the dorms, she spotted Ryan again. She remembers leaning over to her mom, Cathy Johns, and saying to her, "I'm going to marry that boy!"

After a first date during Welcome Days, a first "I love you" soon followed on the stage of Holcombe Mall. The couple announced their engagement on June 16, 2006.

They had initially planned to wed in a church in the spring of this year as the Morris Cultural Arts Center and Belin Chapel were still under construction. When the option to wed on campus was presented to them, Ryan, Alyssa, and their parents took a leap of faith and booked their wedding and reception for the weekend of July 28.

"We really wanted to have our wedding in a place that meant something to both of us," said Alyssa.

Once the venue was determined, the planning to create a "fairy tale" wedding began. Starting in mid-May, e-mails and phone calls between the bride, her mother, and the Office of University Events and Conferences became a daily ritual. "I know that most people hire someone to plan their wedding, but it made it so much more special to me that my mom took the time to work with the University to plan every detail of our wedding," said Alyssa.

As July drew to an end, the big day arrived. Like most brides, the moments just before with her parents and the walk down the aisle were among the most memorable for Alyssa. For Ryan, "there was one simple reason for being there; everything else is somewhat of a blur. All the people who came were there for me, Alyssa, or us. I was there to marry her."

The University allows up to two weddings per month, and the calendar is booked through August 2008. If you are interested in scheduling your special day, please contact the Office of University Events and Conferences at 281-649-3047.

- CD

Photo courtesy of Studio 56

Welcome Days: *a freshman reports*

Freshmen arrived at Welcome Days with high expectations and were not disappointed. On Tuesday, August 28, they moved quickly through the registration process before dropping their possessions off at their rooms and bidding their parents goodbye. In the Morris Cultural Arts Center, the 412 new Huskies were placed in Husky Packs.

On Wednesday, the Class of 2011 met in the University Theater and was welcomed by Dr. Sloan before participating in a devotional session. After, the students moved to Holcombe Mall for an unusual icebreaker. Everyone formed two large circles, one inside the other. Students in the outer circle rotated, enabling everyone to meet someone new to HBU.



Photo by Regina Arendt

Afterwards, the freshmen filed solemnly into the Glasscock Center for the Beanie Ceremony. They listened intently as members of the HBU REC Team recited the history of the University. Each student vowed to uphold the legacy of HBU before being presented with his or her beanie. The event established a feeling of tradition and community, a feeling reinforced by the taking of a historic class photo in front of Hinton Center (see p.6).



New and old Huskies cheer on the volleyball team

The fun continued throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Students enjoyed lunch and an ice cream social with President and First Lady Sloan and members of the Alumni

Association before heading off to paint their faces orange and blue, pull on their Pack Attack t-shirts, and design their own signs in preparation for the evening's volleyball game.

On Thursday, the new Huskies enjoyed a Caribbean-themed luncheon and took part in a variety of activities, including Wild 'n Crazy games in which team members

had to make human hot dogs, cover themselves in shaving cream, bob for a circus peanut in peanut butter, and slide down a slip 'n slide to complete an obstacle course! Freshman Nicole Noel enjoyed the community aspect of this event. "We got to act like ourselves and through the game found out more about everyone," she said.

After they had a chance to shower and change clothes, students were off to one last activity. Freshmen traveled by bus to a local bowling alley, where they bowled, hung out with friends, and watched music videos. The event's laid-back feeling made it a favorite among students. Angela Petry "liked the social part of Welcome Days and being together as a class."

- Story courtesy of *Ornogah* staff writer Noelle Marchand

SOAR: *taking HBU to new heights*

By the end of the spring quarter, it had become clear that this fall's group would be the largest freshman class in the University's history, so the HBU family began preparing early for its newest members. SOAR, Summer Orientation and Registration, was one of the programs developed to ensure a smooth start for the new Huskies.

SOAR was a team effort, "the result of a brainstorming session of the admissions counselors," Sarah Bible, HBU's director of recruitment, said. The Office of Admissions planned and organized the sessions and coordinated efforts with the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Academic Advising. The program was designed to "get freshmen on campus and help them get their business taken care of in a quick, fun way and to meet other freshmen," commented Admissions Representative Page Butera '05.

By the end of the summer, 455 freshmen and 139 transfers had enrolled for one of six SOAR sessions. Attendance was high, ranging from 94.1 percent to 98.9 percent.

J.J. Cole was impressed by his SOAR session. "Everything was ready to go when I got there and I got everything I needed," he said.

SOAR was a big success, and the Office of Admissions hopes it will just get bigger and better with every passing year.

- Story courtesy of *Ornogah* staff writers Matthew Crawford and Sandra Mathoslah

Ornogah earns 17 awards

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) awarded 17 Awards for Excellence to the 2005-2006 staff of HBU's *Ornogah*. The 2006-2007 issue of *Ornogah*, published in June, has been selected as a *Yearbook Yearbook* semi-finalist by Taylor Publishing. Taylor

Publishing recognizes only the top five percent of yearbook staffs for outstanding yearbook achievement.

Leigh Ann Smith, *Ornogah* adviser, was thrilled. "It is great to see the staff's hard work recognized in this way," she said.

O-R-N-O-G-A-H members: Ideen Zeinali, managing editor; Paddy Meda, photo editor; Diem Nguyen, staff writer/photographer; Caleb Feese, staff writer/photographer; Colin Fahey, staff writer/photographer; Farah Mithani, staff writer/photographer; Regina Arendt, editor-in-chief; Leslie Berry, co-editor; Beth Zapach, staff writer/photographer; Lindley Murphy, staff writer/photographer; Sandra Mathoslah, managing editor.



Collegian awarded seventh All-American rating, brings home honors from Baptist Press

The *Collegian*, HBU's student newspaper, has received an All-American rating from the Associated College Press for 2006-2007. This is the seventh time *The Collegian* has received this award. The awarding judge gave the paper marks of distinction in writing and editing; photos, art, and graphics; layout and design; and leadership. "You justifiably can be proud of *The Collegian*," the judge wrote. "You have crafted a solidly professional newspaper in content and appearance."

The Collegian staffers also brought home seven Baptist Press Excellence in Journalism Awards from the 2007

Baptist Press Collegiate Journalism Conference, held in October in Nashville, Tenn. The students won three first place awards, two second place awards, and two third place awards.

"I am very proud of my students. These awards bring national recognition to the University and our department," Dr. Alice Rowlands, *The Collegian* adviser and professor of mass communications, said.



Ashley Marchand, editor and Lindsay Brehm pose with Brehm's first place award from the Baptist Press.



(l-r) Dr. Alice Rowlands, Lindsay Brehm, Ashley Marchand, Jeanne Kleinworth, Will Taylor, Mauricio Guerrero, Jason Saenz, Nathan Cadis

Focus and Refuge members selected

HBU's music groups *Refuge* and *Focus*, led by Director Michael Tims, perform in a variety of venues. Members sing, witness, and recruit new students.



Rebeca Pineda,
Sarah Taylor,
Clay Carnes,
Mon'Sher Spencer,
Megan Yarrington

Jonathan Brink,
Toni Davis,
Wes Gant,
Ryan Beasley,
Meredith Ishee,
J.J. Cole,
Lucy Girgaw



Student Foundation named

The Student Foundation focuses on student activities and University special events in order to build school spirit and to encourage development of lasting relationships and connections with HBU. Student Foundation members are the primary fundraisers for the Student Foundation Scholarships and assist in major University promotional activities. The underlying philosophy recognizes that students who are actively involved in the life of the University will be more connected and continue to serve and support HBU as loyal, dedicated alumni long after graduation.

The 2007-08 HBU Student Foundation members were named during Honors Convocation in May. Members are Ashley Hatchett, Mon'Sher Spencer, Ashley Nunes, Natasha Desa, Megan Yarrington, Tiffany-Anne Everett, Jeanique LaCour, Maria Zelaya, Holly Havard, Adam Richardson, Larry Mayberry, Rishi Kumar, Jonathan Tran, Moyosore Adeyekun, and Cheri Wood.

REC Team ministers to youth

The 2007-08 REC Team members spent nine weeks over the course of the summer ministering to youth camps across Texas and various surrounding states. Team members are selected by application, recommendation, and grade point eligibility. The 2007-08 members include:

ORANGE TEAM:
Meridith Haynes
Jeanique LaCour
Naythan Murrell
Jessica Reyes
Keith Riley
Rachel O'Shields

BLUE TEAM:
Jonathan Brink
Jarrett Buffington
Susan Clark
Nina Harrison
Kenise Philbert
Leah Rigsby



HBU students travel to Kenya to minister to those in need

In May, Jason Shaffer, coordinator of ACTS Office, and eight students traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, as part of a mission learning opportunity. The following excerpt from Shaffer's journal previously appeared in HBU's *Points of Interest* and reminds us all how blessed we are.

From May 20 to June 2 eight students and I traveled to Nairobi, Kenya. This was an incredible trip.

The streets of Nairobi are lined with hundreds of shanty-like structures that are home to the local markets. It seems like everyone has something to sell. Someone selling produce will have two to three different kinds of fruits or vegetables displayed in medium-sized baskets. This way of

life seems to facilitate community. I wondered what kind of a devastating impact a large store like Wal-Mart could have on the community life there.

Another observation involves the classes/bedrooms for the children at the orphanage, which has no electricity. When we first passed one of the rooms I looked in and didn't see anything. Then, I looked down and noticed two little boys sitting in the doorway. Quickly my eyes rescanned the room and I saw 35-40 children packed in on a cement floor. This was their classroom: no desks, no books, nothing to write with. There were three of these rooms, which doubled as bedrooms at night.

Students volunteer all around Houston

All-Campus Service Day

In October more than 115 students, including seven Freshman Year Experience (FYE) classes, participated in the All-Campus Service Day to serve 11 organizations in the Houston area:

- Collaborative for Children
- East Ft. Bend Human Needs Ministry
- Forge for Families
- Generation One
- Gracewood
- Harbor Light Salvation Army
- Medical Bridges
- Piney Point Elementary
- Open Door Mission
- Sutton Elementary
- YMCA Apartment Outreach at Oaks on Bissonnet



More than 20 HBU students worked to put on a carnival for the children at the Oaks on Bissonnet apartment complex. A few days later, they received this picture.

Service Learning Internships

Students spend 30 hours over two quarters serving with an organization in the community. In the fall quarter, 35 students participated in internships at 13 different organizations:

- University Place Nursing Home
- Humble Area Assistance Ministry
- Ronald McDonald House
- Women's Pregnancy Center
- Katy YMCA
- St. Thomas Food Pantry
- Children's Miracle Network
- Bethel's Heavenly Hands
- Star of Hope
- Aid Sudan Foundation
- Avondale House
- Special Olympics
- YMCA Apartment Outreach at Oaks on Bissonnet

Service Leadership Council Teams

Each week, seven student team leaders lead other students to different organizations in the community:

- Bethel's Heavenly Hands
- YMCA Apartment Outreach
- The Beacon, Forge for Families
- Sheltering Arms, Orphanage Ministry
- Bonham Elementary

MLA students study in England

Dr. Constantina Michalos, professor of English, and students from the MLA program traveled to England in June. They enjoyed the sights but also devoted time to more academic pursuits. "We seamlessly integrated reading and discussion into our daily activities," Michalos said. The group took in two plays, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Othello*, at the Globe; visited the British Library, where they saw the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays; discussed Shakespeare's plays while traveling by boat down the Thames from Windsor Castle to Hampton Court; and toured Canterbury Cathedral while reading Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.

"I approach any literary text from the perspective of the cultural moment in which it was composed. ... This trip provided a literal and literary context for students to study texts that have shaped western civilization. What better way to learn?" Michalos said.



(Back) William Brown, Dr. Constantina Michalos, Anne Matzelle, Binka Bone (Front) Germann Alfonso, Gale Richardson, Bonnie Harlan, Jennie Hedger MLA '99 (Kneeling) Al Alfonso pose at Oxford.

Undergrads tour Europe

In June, HBU undergraduates toured Germany and Italy with Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor of music. The group visited a medieval castle in Heidelberg, toured Munich, visited Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, watched glass blowers create their art in Venice, took an evening walking tour of Rome, and wondered at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel before exploring the ruins of the Roman Forum and Colosseum.



(Back row l-r) Sally Tawfik, Dr. Rhonda Furr, Erika Zieshang, Courtney LaPrelle, Rhea Hernandez, Mike Hernandez (Front row) Faith Adams, Joseph Dittforth, Kari Hernandez, Lauren Hernandez

Scottish exchange students welcomed



Julie Stewart, Dr. Nancy Yuill BSN '72, Deborah Moir, Mary Metz, HGA liaison

Houston Baptist University welcomed two Scottish nursing students, Julie Stewart and Deborah Moir, as part of a student exchange program sponsored by the Houston Grampian Society. The women attend Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Husky fitness center, Corner Pawket debut

The newly remodeled Husky Fitness Center and Sports Lounge, located on the second floor of the Baugh Center, offers students a great place to socialize and work-out at hours convenient to their busy schedules. The facility, open 24 hours Monday through Friday, features Internet access; the Corner Pawket, a smoothie and espresso bar; five flat panel televisions; two pool tables; and comfortable, diner-style booths.



Glasscock Student Lounge opens

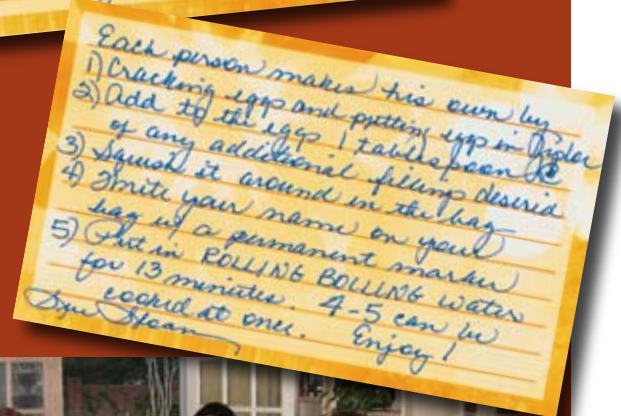
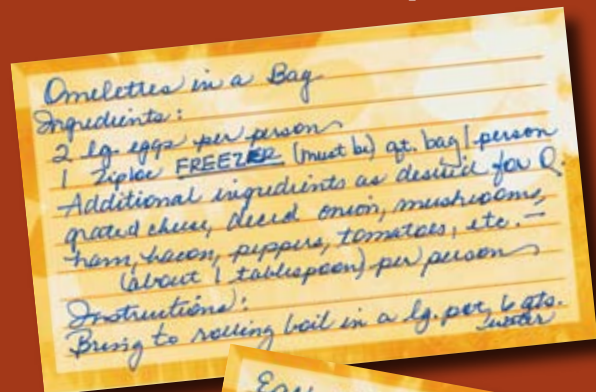
Over the summer, the lobby of Glasscock Center was transformed into a bright, fun lounge for students. Students can hang out, play Wii, surf the Net, and check their e-mail. They can also check out sports equipment and play games in the gym.



Sloans serve up food, fun



The Sloans enjoy entertaining students in their home. Everyone loved making Mrs. Sloan's "omelettes in a bag," so we asked her to share her recipe!



HBU basketball *begins Division I run*

Houston Baptist University basketball is in its first year of provisional membership in NCAA Division I after 16 successful seasons in NAIA Division I.

HBU, who became a perennial power in the NAIA, will endure seasons of growing pains while making the leap back to the NCAA. The Huskies, who last competed in NCAA Division I in the 1988-89 season, leave the NAIA and the Red River Athletic Conference at the top of their game. HBU won nine RRAC basketball championships in the conference's nine-year history and competed in 10 consecutive NAIA National Tournaments.

The schedule for the Huskies in their first year of transition back to the NCAA Division I ranks will be a mixture of NCAA and NAIA opponents and will feature 10 Division I contests. However, only eight home games are scheduled in the friendly confines of Sharp Gymnasium, a home court that has been especially kind to the Huskies over the past decade, including a phenomenal 60-game home winning streak from January 2000 to December 2003.

In addition to a new affiliation, the Huskies will also have a new look roster, as 10 new faces join the lineup this year. Only four players return from last year's gutsy 22-7 club that won their ninth consecutive RRAC title in its final NAIA season.

"Not only are we making the jump from NAIA to NCAA Division I," head coach Ron Cottrell said, "but we are doing it with practically a whole new team. We lost a lot of firepower off last year's championship team, losing two all-Americans (Dwight Jones II, 20.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg and Todd Henry 15.9 ppg, 7.8 rpg), and two more (Matt Autenrieth, 9.8 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 2.2 blocks and Ronald Wells, 8.6 ppg, 6.9 rpg) who were named all-conference. We're counting on our newcomers to mesh quickly with our few returners and make a statement immediately."

There are three senior returners for the Huskies: Kevin Amend, Montrel Allen and Justin Wilson.

Amend, a 6-5 senior forward who earned All-RRAC honors a year ago, averaged 8.9 points and 3.8 rebounds per game last year in his first season with the Huskies. Allen and Wilson return in the backcourt but their status this season is questionable as each underwent off-season knee surgery.



Also returning for the Huskies is junior Andy Dillon who has been saddled by injuries his first two seasons with HBU. If healthy, he will offer some much needed perimeter shooting for the Huskies.

Emanuel Willis and Jeremiah Pojah redshirted last season. Willis, a 6-8 junior forward who came to HBU from Auburn, started the first two games for the Huskies last season but sat out

the remainder of the year after injuring his knee. Pojah, a 6-7 forward, came to HBU from East Texas Baptist University.

The Huskies fill out the roster with seven transfers and three freshmen.

Timir Patel is the lone senior transfer, as the 6-9 forward comes home after spending last year at Nebraska-Omaha. Two junior transfers, 5-11 guard Sean Morris (Colorado State) and 6-4 guard Jimmy Sanders (US Merchant Marine), rejoin their former teammate Patel, as the three played together at Cinco Ranch High School.

Other junior transfers include St. Pius X alum Joe Atang, a 5-11 guard who spent two seasons at Cabrillo College in California; Demetrus Judge, a 6-6 forward, who transfers from Moberly Area Community College; Baron Sauls, a 6-2 junior guard, transfers in from Texas-Arlington; and Andrew Puzyk, a 6-4 guard, comes to HBU after two seasons at Blinn College where he led NJCAA Region XIV in three-point shooting.

The three true freshmen are Fred Hinnenkamp (Westside), Jeremy Havard (CHSA) and Ricky Simon (La Marque).

"It's going to be really different for us to only play eight home games and to have such a long time after our first game before we return to Sharp," said Cottrell. "Our fans are the best, and we rely on them to give us a true home-court advantage. We'll have a lot of growing pains on the road and hopefully be well-seasoned when we return home."

HBU Athletics introduces new website

Announces TSRN partnership

HBU Athletics is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. Along with the transition back to NCAA Division I, HBU has joined with *athleticsite.com* in a hosting partnership to provide the highest quality internet access.

"We are excited about our new partnership with *athleticsite.com*," said associate director of athletic media relations Steven Key. "We have always strived to provide HBU fans with the best and timeliest information about the Huskies. This move will be a tremendous benefit to all of our loyal fans."

There are many outstanding features with the new website, including enhanced graphics, photography and easy-access links. The move to the new site also brings about the advent of an internet broadcasting partnership with Texas Sports Radio Network.

TSRN will cover HBU men's and women's basketball, as well as baseball and softball during the 2007-08 academic year. All games can be heard live through the website and will also be archived for later listening.

While there are some areas of the web that are still "under construction," the main focus of bringing the latest scores, stats and stories in an expedient manner will continue.

HBU Women *tip off with eight newcomers*

HBU women's basketball began its transition to NCAA Division I with eight newcomers on the 15-player roster. The Huskies, who won seven RRAC titles and competed in eight consecutive NAIA National Tournaments, including two Final Four appearances, began their season with an exhibition game against Rice University and will play a 25-game schedule which includes two Division I opponents — Prairie View A&M and Texas-Pan American.

The Huskies return four players from last year's squad that finished 27-7. Returning for the Huskies are seniors Kathy Hill and Ashley Davis. Hill averaged 6.6 points and 2.2 rebounds from the point last season while Davis lit it up from three-point range, hitting 41 threes on the season.

Also returning are two juniors—Jacqueline Overby and Whitney Pederson. Overby returns for her third season after averaging nine points a game last year. She connected on 83 three-pointers last year, hitting .405 from the arc and moving into fourth place all-time in triples, while Pederson averaged 7.6 points and 4.3 rebounds per game last season, leading the Huskies in field goal percentage at a .578 clip.

Juniors Jasmin Moore and Jeleda Simpson will take the floor after redshirting last season, as will freshman Ashley Elliott.

HBU has six junior transfers this season--Misty Gordon comes to HBU from Tyler Junior College after playing scholastically at Westside; Megan Morris, a 6-2 forward, is from Brownsville's Hanna High and played at Texas Tech. She joined the basketball team as soon as the volleyball campaign was over, where she averaged 1.68 kills as a middle blocker; Sharde Little joins the Huskies from Taft Junior College; and Fallon Thomas transfers from South Plains Junior College.



The final two transfers are both from Cameroon. Carole Bapoo transferred from Howard College and Nadine Lissouck came to HBU after a season at St. Petersburg Community College. Both Bapoo and Lissouck competed in the FIBA-African Championships in September. They helped Cameroon advance to the quarterfinals in the tournament to name the Olympic qualifier from the African continent in 2008, the farthest Cameroon had advanced in the nation's history.

Rounding out the Huskies' roster are freshmen Creshun White (Crosby) and Courtney Wilson (Lumberton).

The Huskies will play 11 home games this season and will compete in two classics — one at Oklahoma Baptist University before Thanksgiving and one after Christmas in Las Vegas.

Harriers run well in inaugural season

Houston Baptist University participated in its first cross-country season since 1989 with both the men's and women's teams having successful seasons.

The season kicked off with a fourth place finish for both the men and women at the Rice Invitational. The men followed that first meet with an 11th place performance at the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islander Splash where the women finished 10th.



Newmeyer



Pantoja

Photos by Lance Phegley/RaceShots.net.

The Huskies then hosted their first-ever meet on campus on October 12. The HBU/Puma Cross Country Classic offered HBU fans the opportunity to experience cross country at home with runners following a course that took them all over campus. A high school meet also was held, allowing area high school students to experience the campus first-hand.

The home turf was good to the Huskies as the men won the 5,000-meter race and the women finished second over 4,000-meters, behind cross-town foe Rice. HBU harriers won the individual honors in both races with Joshua Pantoja winning the men's race and Gus Newmeyer coming in first for the women.

"We wanted to put on a first-class event in our debut on campus," said head coach Theresa Fuqua. "It went well all around, and we were very happy to have the top collegiate finisher in both races. It was also great to have so many high schoolers on campus enjoying their experience."

The Huskies concluded their season with each team placing third at the NCAA Division I Independent Championships.

Volleyball completes successful season



HBU volleyball ended its first season back in NCAA Division I with a 26-3 record. The Huskies were led by standout seniors Jamie Sebesta, Stephanie Lust and Monica Simiyu. Lust broke the HBU record for digs this year, while Simiyu led the team in blocks and Sebesta recorded her 1,000 career kill in the final match of the season. HBU tied the school record for the least losses in a season, matching the 2002 team that finished as the NAIA Championship runner-up.



The Huskies, who posed for this photo after an autograph session, were supported at the Husky Classic by the Rickey C. Bailey Middle School volleyball team from Spring. Bailey Middle School is named for HBU Trustee Rick Bailey '69.

Coach Kaddie Platt '94, MEd '01, pictured here in a win over former RRAC foe Huston-Tillotson, picked up her 400th career victory in an early season win at the Hawaiian Style Classic.



Golf returns to HBU

Shuster leads program's return to NCAA



Shuster

HBU has returned to the links as the Huskies are fielding a women's golf team for the first time since 1986.

The Huskies competed in women's golf at the NCAA Division I level until 1986 and in men's golf until 1989. The women's team is in the midst of their schedule while HBU will reinstate their men's golf program in the fall of 2008.

"The past success of HBU's golf program is well recognized so we are particularly pleased for its return," said President Robert Sloan. We look forward to the significant impact this addition will have on our University athletic program as well as the added value to our student life programs."

The Huskies' rich golf tradition includes many who went on to professional golf careers. Some of those alumni include LPGA professionals Stephanie Farwig and Caroline Pierce and PGA professionals Tim Thelen and most notably Colin Montgomerie, among others.

David Shuster is leading the Huskies new NCAA Division I golf program. Shuster came to HBU after more than 20 years of experience as a successful Texas high school golf coach, including leading Aledo High School to the 2007 4A Boys State Championship. After that boys championship and a third place finish by his girls team, Shuster was named the Texas High School Golf Coach of the Year. The Fort Stockton native played golf at Temple Junior College and San Angelo State University before entering the coaching profession.

"The golf position at HBU is the chance to take my career to the next level and the opportunity to start a program at the ground level," said Shuster. "HBU offers a great atmosphere for kids both athletically and academically, as well as in a Christian environment."



Members of the 2007-08 women's golf team are junior transfers Laci Humphrey and Andrea Zwartynski, sophomore transfer Katie Sudduth and true freshmen Tiffany Houck, Jaclyn Kline and Kelsey Rogers.

"We are very excited that intercollegiate golf is back at HBU," said director of athletics Ron Cottrell. "We have a great tradition to build upon, and we are looking forward to working with the Houston golf community as we grow our program into a top contender. We are happy to have David on our staff, and his relationship with the high school coaches in the state of Texas will be an asset as he recruits for a whole new program. The young ladies are representing us well in the early stages of their season."

The team has competed in four fall tournaments and will continue their inaugural season with four more tournaments in the spring.

Soccer ends seasons

Both men's and women's soccer teams experienced good first seasons in their return to NCAA Division I. Playing on campus for the first time in 17 years, the Huskies enjoyed great fan support which led to a true home field advantage. The men posted a 9-0 home record while the women finished 10-1 at Husky Field. Overall, the men finished 10-3-1 and the ladies completed an 11-5-3 season.



Faculty, students shine on local and international art scene

The future is bright for HBU's outstanding art faculty and their talented students. This summer, HBU undergraduate Lauren McClusky was awarded a Project Row House residency. Only seven students were selected from 17 area universities, so this was indeed an honor. McClusky's final installation included paintings, works on paper, and a soap sculptural installation. Project Row house is producing a film about this special program and its artists.



Lauren McClusky

We have one of the finest departments of art in the entire country. Our professors are exhibited all over the world and they draw students to HBU specifically for art.

– President Sloan

In September, Virgil Grotfeldt, artist in residence; Michael Collins, artist in residence; Marie Wiechman, adjunct professor; and HBU alumni Yousef Balat '99 were invited to participate in a major curated international art exhibition, *Amistad*. The exhibition, held at the Museo de la Nación in Lima, Peru, represented the best in Texas contemporary art. Both Collins and Balat attended the opening ceremonies and participated in a variety of discussion panels and lectures in and around Lima. A color catalogue is being produced by the museum.

A third exhibit of work by HBU art faculty, alumni, and faculty select (artists from the community who have visited the University to serve as guest lecturers or student art exhibition judges) will be on display in McNair Hall from December 12-21. A color catalogue of work from all three exhibitions is currently in production.



Faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University enjoyed a diverse exhibit of faculty and alumni art at the Annual Fall Faculty Art Exhibition, displayed from September 5-19 in McNair Hall. The new Alumni Art Guild exhibited selected works from November 4-10.



(Front) Yousef Balat '99, Terry Suprean '03, Marcus Gafford, Brent Kramlich '05 (Back) Zoanna Maney, Lauren McClusky '08, Patricia Muñoz '03, Jeanna Morales '06, Sheila Swift Hurst '04, Linda Joyce Renz '03, Melissa Klotz '07, Jennifer Barton '07

MICHAEL ROQUE COLLINS

artist in residence



Michael Roque Collins is a passionate man on a mission – to recreate a Renaissance style of teaching within the art department at HBU.

“Renaissance style,” Collins explained, is “the new story. Students apprentice and are given the opportunity, through faculty studios, to engage current faculty artists while they work.” The studios in the new University Academic Center will give students this opportunity.

Memory and the past are recurring motifs in Collins’ work. “I’m a young painter, but I come from good stock,” Collins said. “I come out of a family of very serious image makers.” His father, Lowell Collins, was a renowned artist and sculptor. His art and his memory hold a special place in Collins’ studio and are reflected in his paintings.

of a series titled *Sojourn in the Shadowland*. One work was especially striking: a photograph of railroad tracks entering a concentration camp in Germany had been deliberately altered with paint, the pigments partially obliterating the image in the same way in which the public’s memories of the victims of those places are being diluted by time.

A prolific artist, Collins has had many solo exhibitions over the years. This year alone, he has held four solo exhibitions and participated in a group exhibition, *Amistad: Texas Art in Peru*. He is represented exclusively by LewAllen Contemporary Gallery.

- LKA

“Renaissance style is the new story.”

The artist recently completed a pair of enormous canvases dedicated to horses from the Han burial grounds in China. Completed in hazy blues, grays, and greens, the horses are primitive yet beautiful.

Jade Gabriel, a painting from Collins’ current series, *Memory Gardens*, evokes T.S. Eliot’s *The Waste Land* and Ezra Pound’s *The Hollow Men*. Works in this series, says Collins, are based on “things I remember from my childhood and sacred, invented landscapes I dream about.”

Collins is also at work on a series of altered photographs which he took while in residence at Die Mondchskirche in Salzwedel, Germany. They are part



Jade Gabriel

VIRGIL GROTFELDT artist in residence

Teaching, for Virgil Grotfeldt, is an opportunity to pay it forward. "My own success is relevant to the investment of my teachers," Grotfeldt said. "Therefore, I give as much as I can to my students."

Grotfeldt was first called to HBU in 2001 when Michael Collins asked him to participate in the *Vessels of the Soul* exhibition. Collins called upon Grotfeldt again a few months later to juror the Annual Student Art Exhibition. Then Michael Collins called to offer him a job. In 2002, Grotfeldt joined the faculty as an associate professor of painting and was named Artist in Residence in November.

Grotfeldt draws upon his many years of experience to guide and inspire his students; he also provides them access to a vast network of other artists and art professionals. These efforts have helped to establish a community committed to the success of the group.

Grotfeldt places particular importance upon rejecting the Darwinian notion of self-preservation. He embraces a new prototype for the 21st Century modeled after the

"Everyone has the potential to be equally interesting."



Grotfeldt poses in the HBU art barn

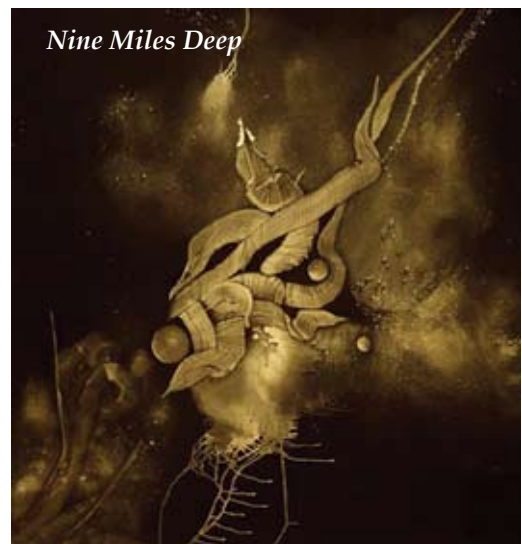
Free International University World Art Collection, which is designed to break down the hierarchical levels present in art history. The new system Grotfeldt is advocating is similar to artist Joseph Beuys's cry for art as a means for social healing. Both artists focus on the concept of working together for the collective good of the community. Beuys calls it "inclusion"; Grotfeldt prefers the term "networking." As he sees it, "Everyone has the potential to be equally interesting."

Grotfeldt's art is on exhibition all over the world, from New York City to Amsterdam to China. His résumé reads like the canon for artistic achievement and success, including gallery representation at Jason McCoy (the nephew of Jackson Pollock) on New York's famous W. 57th Street and acquisitions by The Menil Collection, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, Fritz Becht in Amsterdam, and the Upriver Gallery Collection in Chengdu, China.

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Grotfeldt in his studio.



JAMES BUSBY

artist in residence

James Busby, a Texas native, dearly loves the American southwest. His work reflects his travels and experiences and is filled with images of Texas rivers, New Mexico skies, fields of wild flowers and oak trees, and Native Americans. Many of the experiences of his youth are ingrained into his sensibility and his memory, and he works to “make life into art.”

What one first notices about Busby’s art is his sensuous presentation of color. His vibrant canvases make use of a multi-hued palette, and his thick brush strokes give to his paintings a look and feel of sensual abandon as he attempts to make his paintings resonate from the eye and the heart.

**“There is something about nature that
enthalls and captivates me.”**

Busby’s work also conveys a sense of purpose and connectivity. The bronze-masked shamans who grace his most recent canvases establish a strong link to his Cherokee heritage. This series of work draws upon the deep spiritual ties Busby feels toward his people and their struggles.

One of Busby’s sculptures, *Descending Dove* (see p. 4), adorns the Ann Morgan Prayer Garden, located between Belin Chapel and the Hinton Center. His art is on display across Texas and the southwest.

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Wovoka's Vision



Busby visits with students at the opening reception of the Annual Fall Faculty Art Exhibition.



Adobe Church, Golden New Mexico

MARIE WEICHMAN

adjunct professor in art

Marie Weichman works in multiples; as a twin, (half of a whole yet simultaneously an entire whole) she embraces connectedness. This summer she had the opportunity to connect with artists across the world in Jindazhen, China, where she spent two months creating art and interacting with the Chinese people and the environment.

"Travel is about the people," Weichman says. "And what amazing people! Jindazhen is the porcelain capital of the world. It's in their blood. They have been in the tradition for 1500 years."

It is easy to imagine Weichman at work in China when you watch her at work on a project here in Houston. She works the soft clay (good for large vessels, she says) on the wheel, rhythmically pushing and pulling, leaning, flexing, working water and sponge as the glistening clay walls arise.



Marie loves working with the students at HBU and offers these tips for aspiring artists: "exercise personal discipline, work hard all the time, stay in touch with your network and connect with others!"

Marie has an impressive line-up of exhibitions scheduled for the next year from coast-to-coast.

- LJR



"My graphic arts degree is rooted in clay; my bloodline runs with earth and feldspar."



Self Portrait in Reverse

MELANIE WADE LESLIE

associate professor in art

Soul-freshening Santa Fe summers suffuse Melanie Leslie's dreamlike metaphorically rich paintings and prints. A talented painter and printmaker, Melanie describes herself as a "poetic layerist." Some of her most intriguing pieces are collages of different fibrous materials, all of which "relate in terms of form and texture." Collage represents the many layers of life, Leslie said. "We define our lives in layers and it is that layering that forms the substance of who we are and what our reality is."

Most of Leslie's work embraces the essence of horses in some way, so it is not surprising to learn that "horse" was one of her first words. She sees her art as "a poetic metaphor of the human spirit embodied in the image of the horse" and in her work she "knits together the essence of the historical equine icon with its mystical energy through layers of texture and color."

Leslie speaks especially highly of her students at HBU. "We have high caliber students with immense potential," she said. "It's exciting for me as a teacher to see a student moving past the rote task of painting into the realm of self-expression that gives them worth."



"A friend once asked me what three things were most important to me, what I could not live without. My response: I need to be able to write stories, ride horses, and paint pictures."



Leslie reviews a print with a student at the Museum of Printing History.

Summer of 2008 will find her in Hilmsen, Germany, where she has been awarded a residency in printmaking sponsored by internationally known artist and curator Hans Molzberger. Experiences like this allow artists the type of focus necessary to hone the visual voice and feed their souls as they provide that important breath of fresh air and a renewal of inner peace. "To emulate God is miraculous, a life-calling," Leslie said. "To glimpse His creativity in this way is awesome."

Leslie's work is on display across Texas and the southwest.

- LJR

Piper professor nominees named

Five professors have been selected to represent their colleges as Piper Professor nominees for the 2006-2007 academic year. The program is administered by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. Each year, the program awards \$5,000 to 15 exceptional college professors at private and public colleges and universities in Texas. To be eligible, candidates must be nominated through the Office of the President at their institution.



Lisette Barton MSN '03
assistant professor of nursing



Dr. Linda Brupbacher BA '69
professor of education



Dr. Christopher Hammons
associate professor of political science,
director of the Master of Liberal Arts program



Dr. Robert Towery
assistant professor in chemistry



Dr. Yuri Yatsenko
professor in computer information systems management

Horn receives advising award



The National Academic Advising Association has awarded Dr. Jacqueline Peltier Horn, professor in biology, College of Science and Math, its Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit.

NACADA was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1979 to promote quality academic advising and professional development of its membership to ensure the educational development of students. The organization is the representative and advocate of academic advising and those providing that service to higher education.

Estrada lauded for outstanding course

In September, the College Board recognized Dr. Miguel Estrada, assistant professor in Spanish, for his outstanding work in the field of world language instruction. His course, SPAN 3314, Introduction to Spanish Literature, was designated a "best practice course." "Your course is among the very best in the nation in Spanish Literature," wrote Dr. David T. Conley, chief executive officer of the Educational Policy Improvement Center.



Dr. Estrada was also invited to join the AP Spanish Literature Redesign Commission; he will attend his first meeting with the College Board in December in Atlanta, Ga.

Congratulations!



*Summer
Employee of the
Quarter*
Jean Suchecki



*Fall
Employee of the
Quarter*
Edith Gabbard

University receives Title III grant

Houston Baptist University has received a five year grant of Title III No Child Left Behind (NCLB) scholarship funds to train undergraduate and graduate students to become bilingual or ESL teachers. The U.S. Department of Education has approved a total of \$1,499,000 to be awarded over a five-year period.

Federal funding for the first year of the grant will total \$299,800. The U.S. Department of Education is recommending that the amount for each of the four ensuing years also be \$299,800. The University will contribute all normal program costs—an estimated \$159,190 the first year and up to \$180,692 per year in subsequent years.

Undergraduate scholarship students will earn a bachelor's degree with certification to teach in bilingual classrooms of Texas public schools in grades pre-K through 4. Applicants for the scholarships must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Priority will be given to applicants who have completed most of their basic college requirements (45 semester hours or more) with a 3.2 or better grade-point average. The undergraduate scholarships will fund full-time enrollment for students who can attend classes during the day.

The graduate-level scholarships will allow certified Texas teachers to pursue the MED in Bilingual Education. The program includes courses for supplemental certifications in bilingual education and ESL. The program is designed for dedicated classroom teachers who wish to improve their skills in curriculum planning, teaching, and instructional leadership. These scholarship students will be preparing to better serve the needs of English language learners in the public-school classroom setting. The MED students will take courses part-time during after-school

hours in the fall through spring quarters, and they will take summer classes. Applicants must be fluent Spanish-English bilinguals who meet all requirements for graduate admission.

Dr. Lilita Olano, project director, estimates that, over the five-year grant period, the program will train 44-58 teachers to serve the needs of English language learners.



Dr. Sally Phillips, professor of bilingual education and director of bilingual and ESL teacher training, and Dr. Lilita Olano, professor of bilingual education

Summer Academy nominated for award

The HBU Summer Academy was nominated for the Texas Higher Education Star Award. This award was established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to recognize institutions, organizations, groups, and individuals for their exceptional contributions toward one or more of the goals of the "Closing the Gaps by 2015" plan adopted by the Coordinating Board in October 2000. Dr. Carol McGaughey, associate professor of education, is the director of the Summer Academy.



Dr. Don Looser, vice president emeritus, congratulates Jane Long Middle School Assistant Principal Kendal Bailey (l) and Principal Diana de la Rosa.

HBU welcomes new *faculty*

Dr. Anne Davis

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs
Associate Professor of Management
College of Business & Economics

Dr. Lila Carden

Assistant Professor of Management
College of Business & Economics

Dr. Leslie Haugen

Associate Professor of Management
College of Business & Economics

Ron Homann

Visiting Professor in Sociology
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Tuon-Vi Ho

Associate Professor of Nursing
College of Nursing

Pamela Landin

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Dr. Alice Ledford

Chair, Department of Education & Kinesiology
Associate Professor of Education
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Norene Lowery

Assistant Professor of Education
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Vanessa Monroe

Visiting Professor in Nursing
College of Nursing



HBU bids farewell



Carolyn Albritton, who worked in the Registrar's Office for eleven years, retired from the University in November. She began as a transcript evaluator and was promoted to registrar in 2002.

Dick Parker accepted a position with Tatum Partners in September. Parker served as chief financial officer for 13-plus years.



HBU welcomes new *staff*

Gregg Stapleton MBA '06 has been appointed vice president for financial services. Stapleton comes to HBU from Marathon Oil, where he served for 27 years in a variety of financial and IT management positions around the world.

Jim Hutchinson has accepted the position of director of the Academic Success and Advising Center.

Promotions and appointments

Brian L. Hurd has been named vice president of advancement; the Office of Advancement now encompasses both Marketing and Development.

Sharon Saunders has been named vice president of University relations.

Sherry Hibbert has been appointed vice president and general counsel.

Mark Miller has been named assistant vice president for operations.

Dr. Nancy Yuill '72, dean of the College of Nursing, has been named interim vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Debra Berry '89 has been named interim dean of the College of Nursing.

Ann Noble has been named interim director of University libraries.

Daisy McCloud MA '02 has been named assistant director of the academic success and advising center.

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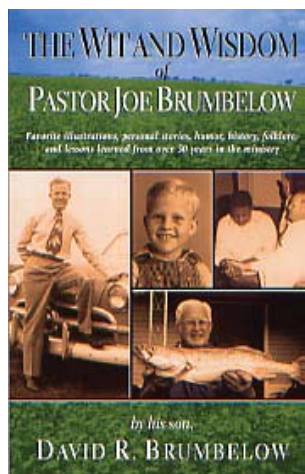
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Send your news and photos to alumagram@hbu.edu or mail them to
HBU News, 7502 Fondren, Houston, TX 77074-3298.

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

1970's

David R. Brumbelow '76 is pastor at Northside Baptist Church in Highlands, Texas. His book about his dad, *The Wit and Wisdom of Pastor Joe Brumbelow*, includes favorite illustrations, personal stories, humor, history, folklore, and lessons learned from over 50 years in the ministry. The book has been given to all 205 HBU ministerial students. The book is endorsed by Ed Young, Jimmy Draper, Paige Patterson, and Adrian Rogers. It is published by hannibalbooks.com.



Richard Walters '77 is pastor at Oak Forest Baptist Church in Houston. He and wife Delsie have four children: Brooke, Lauren, Jessica, and Victoria.

Lee Balinas '78 ran for state representative, 76th district of Louisiana in November. Lee owns Balinas & Associates, which conducts life insurance and investment

transactions based in Slidell, La. He is president of the Hospice Foundation of the South and director of the Slidell Symphony Society.

1980s

Terri Stanford Howard '80 is a fourth-grade teacher for Katy ISD. She and husband Mark have two children,

Jeremy and Melissa. They are proud to announce the birth of a new grandson, Colton, born June 26. He joins sister Katie.

Jon Kemp '80 is service delivery manager NAM/SAM for WesternGeco. He and wife Dottie have two children, Kristen and Katy.

Ferguson completes journey of a lifetime

Sam Ferguson '67 finished hiking the Appalachian Trail on July 17, after 17 years as a section hiker during vacations of one to five weeks. An Eagle Scout and former scout leader, Sam thoroughly enjoyed his challenging but wonderful journey of approximately 2,170 miles through 14 states. Along the trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine, he saw gorgeous forests; breathtaking mountain and valley vistas; remnants of hurricanes; small-town main streets; hostels; and assorted wildlife, including eagles, bears, mice, and snakes. From a mountain ridge near New York City, he also saw the twin towers of the World Trade Center in June of 2001. Now that he has hiked from Georgia to Maine, he plans to revisit some of his favorite parts of the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina and Virginia. Sam is employed as a research scientist at Nalco Chemical Company in Sugar Land.



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Susie Edworthy '82 and husband **Steven Mark Edworthy '83** are missionaries in Krakow, Poland. Susie will be mentoring the women who will be working in Krakow. She is home schooling their two children, Jacob and Eva. Mark will be the strategy associate for the Baltic Field (Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland). He is looking forward to having more opportunities to mentor the new personnel and be more in touch with the missionaries in the field.

Debbie Irvin Stone '83 and husband **Thomas Stone '82** are currently living in Cheraw, S.C. Thomas has been serving as youth pastor at First Baptist Church, Cheraw. Debbie is working as a wound care nurse for a local hospital. Their son Ryan is attending Western Kentucky University. Their daughter Shelly will graduate from high school in 2008.

Randall O. Sorrels '84 was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in Texas by *Texas Super Lawyer Magazine*. He has also been named Super Lawyer for 2007 by *Texas Monthly*. He continues to practice in the areas of personal injury and business litigation.

Jose Amador MBA'86 is director for Scotia Waterous in Houston. He and wife Josefa have two children, Maria and Antonio.

Ben C. Canlas '86 works as an industry operations investigator and program manager with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and

Explosives with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He and wife Rose reside in Woodbridge, Va. with son Ross and daughter Robyn. Ross graduated this year from Potomac Senior High School's University of Cambridge Math and Science program as valedictorian. Ross is attending Duke University.

Donna Ireland Kimbler '86 is in marketing at Audimation Services Inc. in Houston. She and husband Patrick have three children: Cody, Abbey, and Blaine.

Marty Brack MS '87 is a human resources manager for Meadowcraft Inc. in Birmingham, Ala. He and wife Debbie have two children, Logan and Reagan.

Lourie Itliong Moore '87 has returned from Korea and is now assigned to the 341st Medical Group, Malmstrom AFB, MT, as the chief nurse, medical operations deputy squadron commander, and group and education training officer. She and husband Richard have two children, Marissa and Scott.

1990s

Dorothy McLeod McInerney MLA '90, recently published *Blue Bell Ice Cream: A Century at the Little Creamery in Brenham, Texas, 1907-2007*.

Felix B. Jones Jr. '91 is a CPA for Knight, Till, & Jones. He and wife Holly reside in Katy.

Christinia Hurst MS '92 is a human resources generalist for Long Term Care Authority in Oklahoma.

Beth Slot Martinez '92 is director of organizational development for Fort Bend ISD. She and husband Jeff have two children, Taylor and Haley.

Cheryl Campbell McKenna '93 and husband Jerry are starting their ninth year as owners of H & S Meat Market and Deer Processing in Conroe. Their daughter Tiffany is an English teacher at Caney Creek High School in Conroe ISD. Their son currently attending the University of Texas at Austin.

Veeraramesh Rao '93 will be joining a private practice radiology group in Richmond, Va. He and wife Sirisha are enjoying their two-year-old son.

Aman A. Nasser '94 is vice president for Asurion in Nashville, Tenn.

Paul Matthew Stephenson MBA '95 works in strategic projects for Halliburton.

Tony DiCamillo '95 is vice president of operations at Extremetix Inc.

Alison DiCamillo '95 is a full-time mother to daughter Shelby. They reside in Katy.

Bobby Darrell Hopper '96 is pastor for Fillmore Christian Church in Fillmore, Ind. His new book, *Win, Build and Send*, came out in November 2006. He resides in Indiana with his wife Cami and their children, Tyler and Lauren.

Gabriela Costello Gardner '97 is a teacher for Alief ISD. She and husband John have two children, Zayne and John III.

Lisa Bowlin Hobbs '97 was recently named in Texas Rising Stars-Super Lawyers, a listing of the top young lawyers in Texas published in *Texas Monthly*. Only 2.5% of the lawyers in Texas are listed in Rising Stars. Lisa is presently the chief counsel of the Texas Supreme Court in Austin. Lisa and husband Jeff have one daughter, Lillian Grace.



Angela Stewart '97 is a renewal specialist for BMC Software. She was recently awarded the FY'07 MVP Award and previously received the FY'07 Employee of the Quarter Award.

Russell Sylvester MBA '97 is an ERP team lead-finance for Evergreen Packaging Inc. in Memphis, Tenn.

Troy Holiman '98 is in outside sales for Southwestern Packaging in Houston. He and wife **Stacey '99** have two children, Austin and Abbey.

Shaundra Webb '98 recently completed an associate's degree in fashion merchandising at Houston Community College and received a study-abroad scholarship from Bardoli Global to study journalism and communication in Dublin, Ireland. She completed her degree with honors and co-directed HCC's 25th Annual Fashion Show at the end of the year.

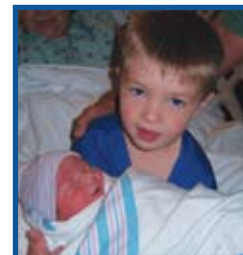
Julissa Guerrero '99 wed Kevin Chappell on June 2 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. The reception was held in their new home near HBU. The week following the wedding the couple welcomed two doberman rescues, "Bonnie" and "Clyde," to the family.



Welcome Husky Pups



Jeff Spears '92 and wife Shae are proud to announce the birth of son Jesse Ronald on August 8. He was welcomed home by big brother Ryan.



Spears

Melanie Roy Lindstrom '95, MBA '99 and husband Scott are proud to announce the birth of son Craig Roy on May 24.



Lindstrom

Dana Lyons Marquart '96, MEd '99 and husband Bryan are proud to announce the March 21 birth of triplet girls, Avery Grace, Rylie Hope, and Korynne Faith.



Marquart

Heather Parrie '01 and husband Tony are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Hannah Faith, on Sept. 15, 2006. Proud aunt is **Suzanne Horbal '07**.

Dr. and Mrs. Sloan are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Robert Bryan Sloan IV, born on Aug. 19. Proud parents are Robert Bryan Sloan III and wife Amy.

Sarah Bible, director of recruitment, and husband Jason are proud to announce the birth of son Cameron Paul on June 29.



Parrie

Tara Tims, senior accountant, and husband **Michael Tims**, director of Focus & Refuge, are proud to announce the birth of twins, Andrew Michael and Kaylie Grace, born on July 30.

Steven Key '96, assistant men's basketball coach, and wife **Sherry '95** are proud to announce the birth of Eiley Rowan Key on Oct. 15. She joins big sister Emma.



Bible

Ben Weber '06, MATS '06, and wife Christian announce the birth of a daughter Chloe Page on July 23, 2006. Ben is the youth pastor at Sugar Land Vineyard in Stafford and is the son of **Mary Weber**, administrative assistant to the vice president for advancement.



Weber



Key



Tims

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Rachel Larrison Yarabeck, '99 is the administrator at The Lexington Center Assisted Living Facility in Huntsville. Her husband, **John M. Yarabeck**, served as associate vice president of student affairs at HBU from 1997-2001. John is the dean of students at Sam Houston State University. They were married March 17.



2000s

Luke Dahn '00 is a new full-time faculty member of Northwestern College. He joins the music department as an assistant professor. He is a composer of several commissioned pieces and is currently developing a large ensemble work for Studio New Music of the Moscow Conservatory.

Frank Daniel Spinale Jr. MBA '01 is director of finance for Anixter Pentacon in Chatsworth, Calif. He and wife Stacey reside in Camarillo, Calif.

Amy Weathersby Zodin '01 is an RN for Texas Children's Hospital. She and husband Jon reside in The Woodlands.

Kristen Stevens Hailey '02 is director of youth ministries at First United Methodist Church in Missouri City.

Joey Washington MEd '02 is an assistant principal for College Station ISD.

Larissa Noelle Huebner '03 is a first grade teacher for Norman Binkley Elementary School in Nashville, Tenn.

Nathan Joseph Rodgers '03, MSHA '05 and **Melanie Stein** '04 wed in Antigua, Guatemala, on June 25, 2005. Nathan is currently a third year medical student at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico. He plans to do an internship at New York Medical College upon graduation before he enters his residency. Melanie is taking post-baccalaurate classes at the University of Houston in preparation for a master's degree in psychology.

Derek Carter '04 is the new pastor of Rosen Heights Baptist Church, one of Fort Worth's oldest churches. Derek is the youngest to ever pastor the century-old church. He previously pastored Wilcrest Baptist Church in Houston.

Brittney L. Jacobson '04 is a rector's assistant for St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Christopher Watts '04 recently took over a new non-governmental organization (NGO) called American Friends of Guinea. He is working on bringing the gospel to West Africa through solving the most severe health problems. The first plan of action is to drill 40 water wells in the Republic of Guinea.

Suyapa Mariely Mejia '05 is a first grade teacher for Corpus Christi Catholic School in Houston. She wed Mauro Gomez in November.

Nicole Pekarek Robbins '05 is working towards her doctorate in optometry at the University of Houston. She married **Robert James Robbins Jr.** '04 on May 25. He is currently employed at American National Insurance Co. in Galveston as a programmer analyst.

Philippa Day MEd '07 is a communication applications and video tech teacher and varsity cheerleading coach at John Foster Dulles High School in Fort Bend ISD. She just won the Houston Counseling Association Scholarship.

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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

Phillip Warren Hines '71 passed away June 11.

Leslie Lynn Limberger '06 passed away July 5.

Richard Henry Bruner '68 passed away July 12.

David G. Hall '84 passed away July 17.

Sara Beth Nagle Rueter MLA '94 passed away July 24.

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Levi (Le) Alvin Stark Jr. passed away June 21. He taught piano at HBU from 1969-1971. He established a preparatory division to allow piano students of the school the opportunity to teach young students with faculty guidance.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

McGinnis Clark passed away Jan. 5. He established three endowed scholarships at HBU.

Pamela Jorgensen Brown passed away April 26. She is survived by her husband Tom Brown, a board member of the Hamill Foundation, a generous partner of the University, and their children, **Amy Brown Brandt** '96 and Michael Brown.

Dr. Don Chapman passed away on May 3. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Chapman, who is a lifetime board member of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Phillip Warren Hines '71 passed away June 11.

Norman Hackerman passed away June 16. Dr. Hackerman was chair of the scientific advisory board for the Welch Foundation for many years. He was president of UT Austin from 1967-70 and served as the fourth president of Rice University from 1970-1985. The Welch Foundation has made consistent generous grants to the HBU College of Science and Mathematics since 1989. The chemistry lab, SCI 204, has been named in memory of Dr. Hackerman for his contributions and support of science at HBU.

Claydene Kornegay Turner passed away on Aug. 6. She was dedicated to HBU from its inception. A lifetime member of The Guild, she worked to raise funds for teacher and endowed academic scholarships to the University. She also donated funds for a room in the Hinton Center for seminars and study groups. She is honored on the Walk of Honor at the University. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Turner, the father of the EAS program at HBU and an original member of the President's Development Council.

Merle Williams, advisory trustee, passed away Aug. 17. He was the father of **Robert Williams** '78 and **Dorothy Elford** '75. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Williams, who was controller of HBU from 1963-1994.

Wenzel Austin Gandy passed away Aug. 24. He is survived by his wife, Grace, who is a member of the American Museum Society and a lifetime member of The Guild.

Eula Mae Tharp Baugh passed away on Aug. 29. She and husband John F. Baugh funded two endowed academic scholarships. The Baugh Center was built through a donation from their family and dedicated in March 1998. The late John Baugh was a founding trustee of HBU, serving from 1960 through 1967. Mrs. Baugh was active in the Guild, Auxiliary, and President's Advisors affinity group from 1994 through 2001.

Eugene "Gene" Shadburn, a friend and supporter of the University, passed away Sept. 1. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Faye E. Shadburn.

Mary Frances Robertson Cole passed away on Sept. 8. She was a lifetime member of The Guild and a former member of the American Museum Society. She was preceded in death by her husband R.C. Robbie Robertson, a trustee of HBU who served from 1984 to 1993. He was also a lifetime member of the PDC and established two endowed academic scholarships.

Grace Bradshaw Kenter passed away Sept. 8. She was a member of The Guild.

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Brenda Whaley '79

Alumni are elected to the Board of Directors for rotating three-year terms. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Vivian Camacho at vcamacho@hbu.edu.

Alumni Luncheon

More than 80 HBU alumni gathered for the first of a series of Alumni Envisioning Focus Group meetings on October 11. Dr. Sloan spoke to the group about the future of Christian higher education, noting "the marketplace in American higher education cries desperately for institutions of higher education which are affirming of the kinds of questions that human beings ask."

When he finished his remarks, Dr. Sloan asked, "What would you like HBU to look like in the year 2020?" Many alumni shared their hopes and dreams for the future, including new buildings, new programs, a new basketball arena, and an environmentally friendly campus.

A second Alumni Envisioning Focus Group meeting was held on October 29. This meeting focused on the Smith College/liberal arts curriculum.

These alumni meetings were part of a larger series of meetings that included faculty, staff, and students in the envisioning process the University began in October to develop its vision for the future.

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Vivian Camacho '91 and Doug Parker '92



Candace Desrosiers '94, Steve Braun '80, Page Butera '05



Dr. Leslie Kennedy Adams '86, MLA '87 and Carolyn Swan '91



Jennifer Barton '07, Alexis Knapp MS '00, Ritamarie Tauer MS '85

We all scream for ice cream!



HBU alumni hand out Blue Bell ice cream treats at Welcome Days.

(l-r) Sharon Saunders, honorary alumna; Shaundra Webb '98, Jennie Hedger MLA '99; Dr. Leslie Kennedy Adams '86, MLA '87; Dr. Linda Brupbacher '69; Candace Desrosiers '94; Anthony Martin, honorary alumnus; Phuc Luu '94, Sherry Hibbert; Eileen Crowell MS-HRM '04; Ken Rogers, honorary alumnus; Don Anderson '86, and Rick Ogden '99



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Allison Van Bergen
Dr. Doris Warren
Shaundra Webb '98
Dr. Brenda Whaley '79
Dr. Dawn Wilson MEd '99
Dr. Nancy Yuill '72

**Go to www.hbu.edu/homecoming
for event and registration information.**



A FATHER'S LEGACY

Artist-in-Residence Michael Roque Collins holds a jade angel carved by his father, artist Lowell Collins.

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