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A MESSAGE FROM DR. SLOAN



Dear friends,

While we have much to celebrate at HBU as the new fall semester approaches, we have not been without challenges over the past year. Just as everyone was recovering from Hurricane Ike, a new storm hit – an economic storm that brought with it new concerns and new opportunities to think strategically about our future. Despite the economic upheaval of recent months, however, God continues to bless the University through the efforts of our many constituents.

I am especially proud of the way our Board of Trustees, led by chair Bob Powell, our executive team, and our faculty and staff have worked together this year to ensure that our students' needs were met. Although we have faced budget cuts, we have remained focused on providing our students with the best university experience possible. That's the strength of having a vision such as *The Ten Pillars* in place – it gives direction and purpose to every decision we make.

The University has seen some major changes during the last several years, changes that represent strong progress toward our *Ten Pillars* vision. The most obvious are that we have added three major structures: the Morris Cultural Arts Center, the Lake House and the University Academic Center. These new buildings have substantially improved our ability to live and work together on campus and to bring in others from the community. Thanks to the Morris Center, for example, we have hosted some of the finest arts, history and public policy programming available in the city of Houston. Without all three of these buildings, I am not sure how we would have weathered the destructive impact of Ike.

We have done more than build edifices. We have built our student body. The last two freshman classes represented a significant increase over those of previous years. At the same time, we have improved our student retention rate. Despite the economic downturn, we forecast another strong class this year.

We have also worked hard to make productive changes to our academic programs. The move from the quarter calendar to the semester system and from required double majors to single majors has brought us into line with best practices at other universities, has made it easier for our students to participate in exchange programs, and has provided our faculty with the opportunity to strengthen our majors and make them competitive on a national level. Finally, we began our Honors College, which is already

a jewel, thanks to the hard work of the founding faculty, the founding interim dean, David Capes, and our excellent first class of students. I look forward to seeing the Honors College grow under its new dean, Robert Stacey, who is joining the HBU family this summer.

As we continue to work toward the fulfillment of our long-range goals, we are thankful for the dedication and support of our faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and University friends. In this issue of the *HBU News*, you will learn about the generosity of scholarship donors Glenn and Billie Brown, who, like so many before them, are making opportunities available to students who wish to pursue a Christian education at our University. You will read about the experiences of some of our alumni, faculty and students. You will also learn about some of the exciting events we have seen in the last few months on campus – from the amazing *Lee & Grant* exhibit currently on display in the Museum of Southern History, to alumnus Bob Beauchamp's receiving an honorary degree at our May commencement, to longtime friend Joella Morris' being honored as our Woman of the Year.

As you will see, there are also wonderful events and developments coming this fall. In June we welcomed hundreds of new freshmen to our campus to register for fall, and we look forward to their joining us as Huskies. In addition, Dr. Rhonda Furr and the students in our School of Music are eagerly anticipating the dedication of the new Smith Organ in Belin Chapel on September 26. Finally, the Alumni Association is preparing to "Embrace Tradition" during the annual Homecoming festivities this November, a series of events I know you will not want to miss.

Few universities are privileged to enjoy the commitment that HBU and its people have toward a quality college education based on Christian convictions. We are making a difference in this world.

As always, we are thankful for your support and your prayers.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Sloan, Jr.".

Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

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On The Cover

This summer, members of the fall 2009 freshman class are preparing to take the leap into college life. Incoming students (from left) Shawnee Sprenger, Rickey Turman, Ariane Failla, Nelma Sumbe and Matthew Warren celebrate the fact that they are “Accepted!” during Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) in June.

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Leading from the Heart

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Rick Staley '95, MLA '00 whips up a recipe for entrepreneurial success.



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Robert M. “Bob” Powell

HBU alumnus lets his heart lead the way

His passion for the vision of Houston Baptist University is matched by few. Now, after more than thirty years of partnership with the University, Bob Powell is greeting both our noteworthy successes and challenges head on.

Chair of the Board of Trustees Robert M. “Bob” Powell has deep roots at HBU. A 1976 graduate of the University, he and wife Linda ’77 have two children who are HBU graduates: Christi Powell Vaughan ’02 and Jonathan ’08. Christi is married to Josh Vaughan ’03, whose parents are Kelly ’76 and Chris ’76 Vaughan. Jonathan’s wife Emily (Baylor ’08) and the Powells’ grandsons, Zakary and Caleb Vaughan, are Huskies-by-choice!

What is your favorite memory as a student?

I have so many special memories at HBU, but at the top of the list is seeing this pretty young lady named Linda Foster for the first time across Holcombe Mall. The story has many details, but the bottom line is that we fell in love at HBU as students, married during my junior year, and raised a family together. The graduations of Christi and Jonathan were also very special. Knowing that the three people I love most have walked on the same campus makes a lifetime memory. Linda and I are so very proud of our family and their academic accomplishments at HBU.

Was there one faculty or staff member who had a lasting influence on your life?

First and foremost was the late Dr. A.O. Collins. He was a great teacher of the Bible and really helped me understand its truths. He introduced to me the idea that teachers do care for their students, even in prayer.

He had a great sense of humor, too. Dr. Collins once wrote on the corner of my test paper that if I gave the prophets and apostles as much attention as I gave Linda Foster, I would be a theological scholar. Well, I never became a theological scholar, but I did marry Linda! Dr. Collins made a special point to always make me feel important in God’s Kingdom work. He was truly a great man of God.

You’ve been an avid recruiter for HBU over the years. What do you share with today’s students, knowing how different their experiences will be from yours?

Anyone that knows me knows I am pushy about giving children a look at HBU, an on-campus visit. I love the idea that the HBU community offers such a rich Christian heritage along with a first-class college education. Instead of taking Christ out of education as the world seems to be doing, HBU puts Him up front. That’s the influence I received, and I believe my children did as well. A solid college education holding hands with Christian influence; what more needs to be said?

Because of your experiences as a student here, what does it mean to you to serve the University as chair of the Board of Trustees?

HBU is still young. While our programs and academic reputation are still growing and developing, we still have the great influence of a “Founding Father,” Dr. Stewart Morris, as a trustee. He was here

when the University started in 1958, and he has such wonderful experience to share with our community and the Board of Trustees. I have an undying gratitude for professors with a love for education, for administrators with a passion for a Christian education, for founding fathers who had a vision and the guts to hold on to it and promote it, and for Board members with a passion to see HBU grow.

The long range plan for HBU, *The Ten Pillars*, so brilliantly outlines our growth path for the years to come. I love that I personally have such great memories on Fondren Road, and that I get to serve with these incredible brothers and sisters in Christ. I love HBU!!!

The past year has not been without challenges for the University. What has been your most important priority this year as chair?

Challenging it has been, but the rewards far outnumber the challenges, and that is what I will remember. My priority has been to lead the Board of Trustees in a manner pleasing to the Lord, to support and encourage the faculty and staff, and to remind everyone that God did not make one season; He made four. This year could be considered our winter, so spring is just around the corner. Everyone knows that spring means growth, and I look forward to growth at HBU.

VP for Financial Operations: Sandy Mooney

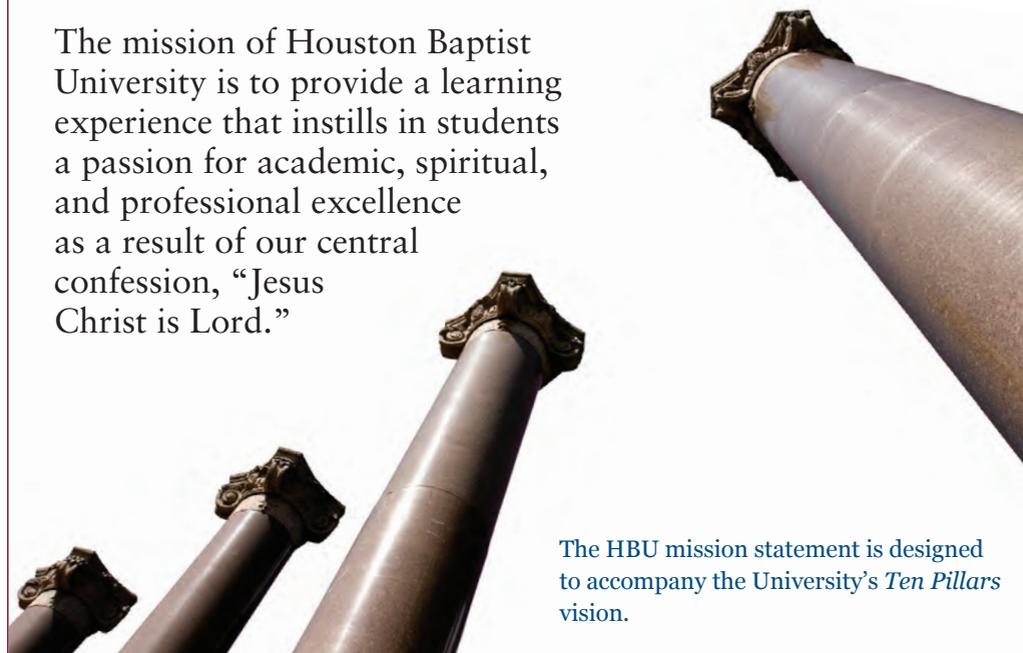
Sandy Mooney, CPA, joined the HBU Executive Council as vice president for financial operations this spring. Mooney, who received her bachelor of business administration in accounting from Texas A&M University, previously served as vice president for financial affairs at Texas Chiropractic College. She has also served on site review teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.



A renewed commitment

Board of Trustees approves new mission statement

The mission of Houston Baptist University is to provide a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence as a result of our central confession, “Jesus Christ is Lord.”



The HBU mission statement is designed to accompany the University's Ten Pillars vision.

HBU recognizes Bob Beauchamp

BMC Software CEO receives honorary doctorate

During its spring commencement ceremony in May, HBU awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Bob Beauchamp MS '87, chairman and chief executive officer of BMC Software. Beauchamp and BMC Software were instrumental in helping HBU restore its communications infrastructure in the

aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Students in HBU's television production courses have also benefited from the generosity of Beauchamp and BMC Software, through the donation of studio equipment and a recent agreement to allow students access to BMC's production facilities.

On a personal level, Beauchamp and

his wife Laura have participated in several of HBU's Spirit of Excellence Galas and served as gala chairs for the 2005 event. Beauchamp has been a speaker in HBU's Brown Distinguished Lecture Series. In addition to his visionary leadership of BMC, Beauchamp serves in a spiritual leadership position at Second Baptist Church in Houston. He is an active community advocate for the greater Houston area, and was recently appointed chairman of the 2011 Houston NCAA Final Four Local Organizing Committee.



Dr. Sloan presents Bob Beauchamp with the citation announcing his honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree following spring commencement. From left to right are George, Laura, Jim, and Bob Beauchamp; Dr. Sloan; Beauchamp's mother, Paula; and Mary Lou Low, Beauchamp's aunt.



Gifts of Music & Light

The Smith Organ

The more than 3,200 pipes comprising the new 57-stop, 58-rank Sherry and Jim Smith Organ for the Belin Chapel arrived on the HBU campus in June. Built by Orgues Létourneau Limitée of Quebec, the Smith Organ will enhance worship and music performance in the chapel and allow HBU to better serve and train current and future church musicians.

The Smiths' generous commitment to fund a concert pipe organ for the Belin Chapel continues their remarkable legacy at HBU. Jim Smith's father, Orrien Smith, was the first chair of the University's President's Council in 1964. A successful real estate developer, Jim currently serves in an advisory role to the Board of Trustees, having previously served as a member of the HBU Board from 1990 to 1999. Sherry Smith is a lifetime member of The Guild.

As fulfillment of a University dream for the Belin Chapel, the Smith Organ will encourage and uplift generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni and University friends with its magnificent sound and its beautiful façade.

The Belin and Hamill Chancel Window

Serving as a beautiful backdrop for the Smith Organ is the newly installed stained glass Chancel Window, a generous gift from HBU Trustee Dr. Bruce Belin and his wife, Mary Ann, along with the Hamill Foundation.

The phenomenon of light, and its role in the opening lines to the Book of Genesis, served as the inspiration for the design of the Chancel Window in Belin Chapel. The design, by Willet Hauser Architectural Glass, allows the colors to actively pulsate when light streams through the window, reminding celebrants in the Chapel that from light comes all life, beauty and art.

The Chancel Window will serve as a timeless vehicle for spiritual reflection and a tangible representation of HBU's commitment to higher education with a truly Christian distinctive.



Top Left: With the ongoing installation of the Chancel Window and Smith Organ, HBU's dream for the Belin Chapel is coming to realization.

Top Middle: Faculty and staff volunteered to unload thousands of pieces prior to installation.

Top Right: With more than 3,200 pipes, the Smith Organ will fill Belin Chapel with majestic sound.

Bottom: Dr. Sloan with Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor in music, and Jim Smith.

Inaugural Concert & Smith Organ Dedication featuring guest organist Dr. Joby Bell

Saturday, September 26, 2009

8 p.m. / Belin Chapel

Black-Tie Optional / Reservations Required

For details: 281.649.3338

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Academic realignment

HBU renames departments and colleges

In an effort to better align the academic experience with *The Ten Pillars* vision, several organizational changes took effect in the academic areas at HBU on June 1, bringing with them changes in college and departmental nomenclature.

These changes – such as the re-categorization of Business, Education and Nursing as “Schools” rather than “Colleges” – are designed to better express the status of these academic areas as professional schools. The new nomenclature follows best practices in higher education and sharpens the distinction between the professional schools and the broader areas of knowledge that make up the content of our increasingly rigorous liberal arts core.

Since they remain colleges in the traditional sense, the names of the College of Arts and Humanities, which now includes the Department of Behavioral Sciences; the College of Science and Mathematics; the Honors College and the College of Continuing Studies have not changed.

what was...

is now...

■ College of Business and Economics	School of Business
■ College of Education and Behavioral Sciences	School of Education
■ College of Nursing	School of Nursing and Allied Health
■ Department of Art	School of Art
■ Department of Christianity and Philosophy	School of Theology
	Department of Philosophy
■ Department of History and Political Science	Department of History
	Department of Government
■ Department of Communications	Department of Communication and Rhetoric

Academic leadership

President and Provost announce new appointments



Dr. Hunter Baker, Associate Provost

Dr. Baker, who joined the Executive Council in 2007, also serves the University as the director of strategic planning and as a contributing editor of *The City*. He teaches courses in American government, constitutional law, public policy, political thought and law and religion.



Dr. Robert Stacey, Dean, Honors College

Dr. Stacey, a political theorist, most recently served at Regent University as a faculty member in the Robertson School of Government. Prior to that, he served as the founding chairman of the Department of Government at Patrick Henry College.

College of Arts and Humanities



Dr. Diane Lovell Martin, Dean

Dr. Martin, who joined the faculty in 2005, is also an associate professor in history, specializing in the Middle Ages.



Dr. Randy Wilson, Associate Dean

Dr. Wilson, who joined the faculty in 1996, is also a professor in sociology, specializing in the study of sociology in religion.



Dr. Louis Markos, Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities and Scholar-in-Residence

Dr. Markos, who joined the faculty in 1991, is also a professor in English, perhaps best known for his scholarly papers and speeches on topics related to C. S. Lewis.



Dr. Marie Mater, Chair, Department of Communication and Rhetoric

Dr. Mater, who joined the faculty in 2000, is also an associate professor in speech communications, specializing in communication theory.



Dr. Ron Rexilius, Chair, Department of History and Department of Government

Dr. Rexilius, who joined the faculty in 2002, is also an associate professor in history, with research interests including U.S. foreign policy and the Vietnam War.

School of Business



Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla, Dean

Dr. Kuruvilla, who joined the faculty in 1997, is also an associate professor in accounting, with a focus on financial and international accounting, auditing and corporate governance.



Dr. Rusty Brooks, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Chair, Department of Marketing and Business

Dr. Brooks, who joined the faculty in 1987, is also a professor in marketing, specializing in consumer behavior and strategic marketing planning.



Dr. Michael Bourke, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Dr. Bourke, who joined the faculty in 1989, is also a professor in management information systems, with a teaching focus that ranges from SAP to technology management and business strategy.



Dr. Melissa Wiseman, Chair, Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance

Dr. Wiseman, who joined the faculty in 1999, is also an associate professor in economics, with a special interest in statistics.



Dr. Lila Carden, Interim Chair, Department of Management and Management Information Systems

Dr. Carden, who joined the faculty in 2007, is also an assistant professor in management, specializing in human resources.

Dunham Bible Museum Lectures



How the English Bible Shaped American Culture

Dr. Daniel L. Dreisbach

Professor of Justice, Law and Society
School of Public Affairs, American
University

Thursday, September 17, 2009

7 p.m.

Belin Chapel

Bach's Bible

Dr. Thomas D. Rossin

Composer, Church Musician
Founder and Conductor, Exultate

Sunday, September 27, 2009

3 p.m.

Dunham Theater

Dr. Rossin's lecture will include an analysis of the marginal notations made by Johann Sebastian Bach in his personal Bible, known as the Calov Bible. "Bach's Bible," will be on display in the Dunham Bible Museum this fall, in conjunction with a larger exhibit on Bach and his music.

The Bible as a Literary Classic

Dr. Leland Ryken

Professor of English
Wheaton College

Thursday, October 1, 2009

7 p.m.

Belin Chapel

For more information:

281.649.3287

www.hbu.edu/biblemuseum

Dunham Theater

Naming recognizes couple's generosity

The naming of the Linda and Archie Dunham Theater in the Morris Cultural Arts Center was announced during the Houston Symphony's *Bach vs. Vivaldi Experience* in March. The Dunham Theater, which seats 1,200, has received rave reviews for its acoustical performance since it opened in 2007.

As longtime University friends and benefactors, the Dunhams have touched the campus through their generosity in a variety of ways. They are charter members of HBU's Covenant Society. In 2001, they demonstrated their support for students with the establishment of an endowed leadership scholarship in honor of their son, Cary, a 1993 graduate.

Upon Dunham's retirement as chairman of ConocoPhillips in 2004, the corporation's board donated

\$1 million to name the Dunham Bible Museum in recognition of his service to the corporation and the community. In 2008, the couple made a significant gift to the University to help secure a permanent collection of rare Bibles for the Dunham Bible Museum. In recognition of Archie's outstanding leadership and service, HBU presented him with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 2003.

Linda Dunham is an active member of The Guild. She also serves on the board of the Oldham Little Church Foundation, which distributes funds to small churches throughout the United States in need of financial support, and is an active member of the CEO Spouse Forum, a group of Christian CEO spouses.



Archie and Linda Dunham in the theater that bears their name.



Lee & Grant

A MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY EXHIBIT

Lee & Grant, a major national touring exhibit organized by the Virginia Historical Society, is on display in the Museum of Southern History. The exhibit, the first to present the two men together, provides a comprehensive reassessment of the lives, careers and historical impact of Civil War generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant.

The presentation of the exhibit in Houston is sponsored by the Joella and Stewart Morris Foundation, which also provided funding for the exhibition catalog, a 352-page illustrated volume co-authored by the exhibit's curator, Dr. William M.S. Rasmussen of the Virginia Historical Society, and Dr. Robert S. Tilton, head of the English Department at the University of Connecticut.

The Museum of Southern History is one of five sites on the exhibit's national tour. The *Lee & Grant* exhibit will remain on display at HBU until September. For information on museum hours and admission, please visit the website at the bottom of this page or call 281.649.3997.



Cutting the ribbon to open the exhibit are President Sloan, Dr. William Rasmussen, Joella and Stewart Morris, and Provost Paul Bonicelli.

Woman of the Year

HBU honors longtime friend, Joella Morris

In celebration of the annual Woman's Day Convocation this spring, President Sloan announced Joella Morris as HBU's 2009 Woman of the Year. Sloan praised Morris for giving tirelessly of her time and talents throughout HBU's first 50 years, a milestone it will celebrate in 2010. In keeping with the theme of the day, Morris, the wife of HBU Founding Father Dr. Stewart Morris, was also recognized for her love of family, including her three children: Carlotta Morris Barker '68, Stewart Morris Jr. and Lisa Morris Simon '76.

Sloan thanked Morris for her efforts to move the Museum of Southern History into its new home in the Morris Cultural Arts Center in 2008 and to bring the *Lee & Grant* special exhibit to the museum. Sloan also mentioned the role of the Morris family in placing on campus the ten granite columns, known as the Morris Columns, that served as the inspiration for HBU's vision, *The Ten Pillars*.



Joella Morris, with granddaughter Grace Morris, has many passions, including history, her family and the mission of HBU.

Leadership and loyalty

Alumnae leave their imprint on nursing program

“When are you going to go to graduate school?”

It is a question that Dr. Nancy Yuill '72, professor emeritus and dean of the College of Nursing (now known as the School of Nursing and Allied Health), asked frequently of HBU nursing student Debra Berry '89.

Yuill knew talent when she saw it, and from the day that the two first met, she knew that Berry would one day teach at HBU.

More than 20 years later, Yuill's ultimately successful efforts to push Berry forward in her education are just one of many fond, and often laughter-inducing, memories the two share as they reflect on what has developed into both a strong professional relationship and a personal friendship. Others include Berry's refusal

to stop teaching and evacuate the building during a bomb threat and Yuill's premature tackling of the quarterback during a game of flag football, which almost got her ejected from the game.

Much as the late Dr. Glendola Nash, former faculty member and dean, served as a mentor to her, Yuill helped Berry, associate professor in nursing, grow and develop into a respected member of the nursing faculty. Yuill was there to cheer at Berry's RN pinning ceremony, and she taught alongside Berry on numerous occasions, including in HBU's critical care nursing courses.

“As a mentor and a friend, Nancy has given me, and my fellow nursing faculty, so many gifts, but chief among them were the opportunity and the freedom to pursue

our unique dreams for the program and the students,” Berry said. “Under her leadership as dean, we were never held back in the classroom or when developing special programs for which we recognized a genuine need.”

When Yuill was selected to serve as interim vice president for academic affairs during the 2007-2008 academic year, Berry had the privilege of following in her mentor's footsteps, filling the role of dean of the nursing program for one year.

“Deb has always been a problem-solver,” Yuill said. “Whenever she identifies a critical need, she immediately goes after it, usually having the issue addressed before anyone else even knows that there is a problem.”

The influence that Dr. Yuill and Deb Berry had on their students extends far beyond just the borders of campus or the few years that students spend pursuing a nursing education.



So connected are the legacies of Yuill and Berry, both of whom have announced their retirements for this summer, that it seems difficult to discuss the accomplishments and contributions of one without mentioning the other. Through the years, they have worked together closely to build and maintain the standard of excellence that has come to define the School of Nursing at HBU.

“The nursing program is what it is today because of Dr. Yuill and Deb Berry, some of the finest women that I know,” said Cathy Pittsford Goodman ’82, school nurse at Settlers Way Elementary School in Fort Bend ISD. “These incredible educators have truly been a blessing to all who have studied nursing at HBU under their leadership.”

Along with the other members of the nursing faculty, Yuill and Berry have fostered an environment in which nursing students are challenged to perform at a higher level.

And perform they have. HBU has a proud tradition of producing classes of nursing students who achieve a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

“I have advanced in my career as a professional nurse faster than many of my colleagues, and I truly believe this is because of the education I received at HBU, and the significant influence of Dr. Yuill and Deb Berry,” said Pablo Vásquez ’02, director of nursing for inpatient orthopedics at The Methodist Hospital.

The influence that Yuill and Berry had on their students extends far beyond just the borders of campus or the few years that students spend pursuing a nursing education. Alumni of the School of Nursing are applying the lessons they learned from Yuill and Berry in a variety of settings, from school nurses’ offices to the region’s most respected hospitals.

“The nurses who have been educated by Dr. Yuill and Deb Berry are fortunate to have had these women in their educational lives,” said Rhonda Davis ’83, director of the 10 CDE Medical Unit at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. “The patients these nurses serve will unknowingly benefit from their expertise and passion for nursing for many years to come.”

Even as they prepare to move into the next phases of their professional lives, Yuill and Berry remain focused on what lies ahead for the nursing program at HBU. Having put down deep roots in the program, both women believe that the School of Nursing is in the best position it has ever been – in terms of accreditation, faculty, curriculum and scholarships – to grow and support the University’s vision for the future.

“As the school’s new name suggests, I envision a nursing program offering expanded programs, including graduate degrees, that appeal to students interested in both nursing and the allied health

professions,” Yuill said. “I also believe there are many unique opportunities for a nursing program like the one at HBU to integrate lessons from the arts within the discipline of nursing, and my desire would be for the future leadership of the School of Nursing to successfully do just that while maintaining the rigorous nursing curriculum that makes our graduates so highly sought.”

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“I hope the students, including members of the Nursing Students’ Association, and faculty in the School of Nursing will continue to receive the statewide and national recognition they deserve for all of their hard work,” Berry said. “Long term, my wish for the program is that the School of Nursing will one day be named through an endowment and be housed in a facility that allows entering cohorts of at least 75 students each year.”

The retirements of Yuill and Berry mean that, much as it was 20 years ago, the School of Nursing is looking for new talent, which begs the question, “When are you going to go to graduate school?”

– Justin Lacey



◀ Dr. Nancy Yuill, left, and Deb Berry, right, are proud of HBU's nursing program and its graduates.



Castle Ministries

A JOINT STOCK VENTURE

When HBU students Jacob Stock '01 and Melissa Morgan '02 volunteered for the REC Team, they expected to devote a summer or two to recreational, recruiting and ministry activities geared to middle and high school campers.

Little did Jacob and Melissa know at the time, but their experiences with the REC Team would ultimately serve as an encouragement, and give them the confidence they would need, to lead their own discipleship ministry after graduation.

Now married and the parents of two young daughters, Ashtyn and Bella Grace, the Stocks are the founders of Castle Ministries (www.castleministries.org), which they designed to further educate and disciple Christians by providing a place for study and solitude atop a mountain in eastern Tennessee.

Situated on 40 acres outside of Knoxville, the Castle Ministries property includes a renovated "castle" – complete with a tower – and 10-room Tudor Lodge, which allow the Stocks to host marriage retreats, to minister to college students and youth groups, and to extend an open door policy to the families of visiting pastors and missionaries. They hope that the castle theme draws attention to the kingship of Christ while providing a simple, yet beautiful, environment conducive to spiritual growth.

"In our experiences with the REC Team and other summer camps, Melissa and I saw many kids and adults who would keep rededicating themselves to the Lord," Jacob said. "Recognizing a need, we wanted to develop a ministry that would offer young people and couples the training and discipleship that they need to grow stronger in their commitment to and relationship with the 'King of kings.'"

The opportunity to connect with and minister to college students, many of whom come from nearby Carson-Newman College, has been one of the most rewarding aspects of the ministry.

"Jacob and I know how pivotal the college years can be," Melissa said. "College students are full of passion and the potential to be cultural change agents. Through our discipleship programs, we want to challenge them to think differently and to go deeper in their walk with the Lord."

Castle Ministries is a family venture, and watching their family grow and mature as they work side-by-side to grow the ministry is a blessing that Jacob and Melissa cherish.

"Our girls love the freedom of living in a country setting," Melissa said. "And Jacob and I value the chance that we have to model for them simple, deliberate Christian living. Even at their young age, we can see the girls growing in their understanding of what it means to be hospitable."

Along the way, the Stocks, as sole proprietors, have discovered that ministry has both a spiritual and an entrepreneurial side.

"I have learned that I have to be ready and willing to do everything: prepare and deliver lessons, keep the books, and mow the lawn or perform other types of manual labor," Jacob said. "Looking back, I can see how God was gifting us – through our participation in the REC Team, through my business and Christianity courses – to do something, and filling the various roles required to create a ministry from scratch has allowed Melissa and me numerous opportunities to exercise our unique gifts."

Just as their time spent serving students at summer camps prepared them for a future they may not have foreseen, the Stocks hope that the time that guests spend at Castle Ministries will have far-reaching benefits.

"Experiencing real spiritual change and growth produces exponential fruit," Melissa said. "When young people, and especially couples, renew their commitment to each other and to the Lord, they are making a decision that will positively impact not only themselves, but also their children, their grandchildren, and possibly even generations to come."

CITY HALL

★ FELLOWS ★

Three recent graduates – Rachel O’Shields ’09, Meredith Spencer ’08, and Elisabeth Wilkins ’09 – are among 38 students in the nation selected to serve in the first two classes of the City Hall Fellows public policy fellowship. Currently offered in both Houston and San Francisco, the program introduces fellows to the inner workings of local government, brings their talent and energy to bear in addressing city challenges, and exposes them to meaningful careers in public service.



O'Shields and Wilkins, who will begin their appointments as members of Houston's second City Hall Fellows class in August, sat down recently with Spencer, a member of the inaugural Houston class finishing her appointment this summer, to discuss their involvement in the program.

Elisabeth Wilkins (EW): Why were you interested in participating in the City Hall Fellows program?

Meredith Spencer (MS): I had planned on attending law school right after graduating from HBU. That plan changed when Dr. Ron Homann, my sociology professor, introduced me to the program and encouraged me to apply. I decided law school could wait and this opportunity was one I could not pass up. I have never regretted that decision!

EW: What were some of your initial expectations when you first began the fellowship?

MS: Honestly, I didn't know what to expect. Because this was the program's inaugural year, I had no one to talk to or any material to read on which to base my expectations. I came in very open-minded, ready for a great experience. I have not been disappointed!

Rachel O'Shields (RO): What kinds of projects have you been assigned within your department?

MS: My placement is in the Mayor's Office of Government Affairs & Policy Planning, reporting to the Mayor's Deputy Director for Policy Planning. My "main" assignment for the duration of the fellowship year was to compile a history and case study of Mayor Bill White's Houston HOPE program. Houston HOPE involves many city departments, community development corporations, builders and other private, non-profit and governmental entities with a common goal of revitalizing several historic neighborhoods.

In addition to Houston HOPE, I worked with the Mayor's Director for Government Affairs during the 81st session of the Texas Legislature to track bills that the city opposed or supported and prepare updates for Mayor White, council members and department directors.

This summer, the Mayor's Deputy Director for Policy Planning and I are supervising 19 interns working on a

genealogical project focused on an historic cemetery located in the Fourth Ward. After years of abandonment, the College Memorial Park Cemetery is currently being rehabilitated by church members, the city and other volunteers, and I am teaching the interns to conduct the genealogical research necessary to compile a list of ancestors and living descendants.

RO: What does a typical day entail for you?

MS: I wouldn't necessarily say I have a "typical" day. Most days involve a lot of reading and research and attending meetings.

One of the coolest things about my position in the Mayor's Office is my correspondence with Mayor White. I attend bi-monthly Houston HOPE meetings, which are run by the Mayor and include many of the city's department directors. At these meetings, I summarize the main issues discussed and actions taken, collect handouts, and compile items for meeting documentation.

EW: What service opportunities were you able to participate in as a part of the fellowship?

MS: Five weeks after our fellowship year began, Hurricane Ike hit. After Ike, we had the opportunity to engage in a number of service opportunities that ranged from volunteering at the George R. Brown Convention Center, to handing out meals, ice and water at the point of distribution (POD) sites, to loading trucks and vehicles with supplies to be delivered to senior citizen facilities and nursing homes.

EW: How would you explain the Civic Leadership Development Program (CLDP) that is a part of the fellowship and its importance to learning more about city government and service?

MS: The CLDP gives us the opportunity to hear notable experts from a variety of fields and backgrounds – education, planning and development, law, non-profits – discuss what it is they do and how it impacts the city. Reading about government for a class is quite different from actually experiencing government and its effect on the daily lives of citizens. College teaches us the theory behind government; CLDP sessions have exposed me to the practice of government and the impact of government decisions.

Our weekly CLDP session also includes a "pop-off," which we modeled after sessions held by Houston City Council. In a "pop-off," council members have the opportunity to update their peers on what is going on in their district. During our City Hall Fellows "pop-off," we each discuss what is going on in our placements, what we're working on, and something going on in our personal lives. Since we are a very close-knit group, we all very much look forward to our CLDP sessions.

EW: What has been the most rewarding part of your experience as a City Hall Fellow?

MS: Getting to know and interact with the other fellows. We have built very strong bonds and friendships; I know they are people who will be doing great things in our city, state and nation years from now, and I will be able to call on them.

RO: How do you feel that the fellowship has prepared you for your career?

MS: My experience with City Hall Fellows has been amazing. I feel as though my experience working for the city of Houston has equipped and prepared me very well for my future plans to work as an attorney. This fellowship was an excellent networking opportunity. I have met leaders around the city I would have otherwise never met.

EW: How do you foresee the City Hall Fellows program growing and changing from the inaugural class of which you are a part?

MS: I really see City Hall Fellows growing and expanding to other cities in the nation. With time and exposure, City Hall Fellows will leave its mark as a very prominent public policy fellowship program that attracts only the best and brightest of recent college graduates from around the country.

RO: What is the most important piece of advice that you would give an incoming fellow?

MS: Be open and flexible and have fun! You guys are bringing a new, creative perspective to city government. Use your knowledge and talents and bring your positive energy into your departments.

I SCREAM YOU SCREAM WE ALL SCREAM FOR ITALIANICE!



Rick Staley '95, MLA '00 digs through a large glass jar of colorful plastic spoons searching for a blue one. He has a bowl of orange Italian ice in front of him, and only a blue spoon will do.

"HBU colors," Staley says proudly, before sticking the spoon into the bowl and handing it across the counter.

For Staley, the proprietor of Ricky's Italian Ice in Houston and owner of 24 Quiznos franchises throughout Texas, HBU is more than just the school from which he earned his two degrees. It is the organization that gave him a chance when others would not.

Fresh out of high school, Staley attended Southwest Texas State University. However, he left the school just a few credits short of graduation.

After several years working at various jobs, including multiple management positions

at Kroger, Staley saw a message on the HBU marquee along the Southwest Freeway advertising degree completion opportunities. He decided to pay the campus a visit, where he wound up sharing his story with Dr. Don Looser, vice president for academic affairs at the time.

Although Staley's academic record at Southwest Texas caused his application to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee, Looser and that committee recognized Staley's potential.

"Dr. Looser definitely stuck his neck out on my behalf," Staley said.

He started his first quarter on academic probation, but his performance that first quarter validated Looser's faith in him. Despite the fact that Staley was still working at Kroger full-time while taking courses all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, he stayed focused



on his academic goals.

Although balancing work and the completion of a degree was not always easy, Staley decided to listen to the advice of Dr. Newell Boyd, then director of the Master of Liberal Arts program, when he encouraged him to keep going and pursue a graduate degree.

"The professors at HBU push you to be your best," Staley said. "I have no doubt that I would have been a better student from the beginning if only I had started school at a place like HBU – where smaller classes allow professors to be more involved in the lives of their students – rather than a larger public university."

That "push" he received from his professors helped prepare Staley for the world of franchising – a world in which he has proven quite successful, as reflected in



his selection for the inaugural Quiznos Hall of Fame Award in 2007.

“Dr. Tucker [Brooke Tucker, retired chair of the history department] squeezed everything she could out of me in my capstone course, including forcing me out of my comfort zone and requiring me to speak in front of my classmates,” Staley said. “I am grateful for that, because public speaking is a skill I now use frequently in my business.”

Staley’s love for HBU, much like the cool refreshment of the Italian ice treats he serves at Ricky’s, is infectious, and he is always looking for ways to give back to the University that he feels gave so much to him. He currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors and has recently turned his attention to the opportunities for alumni involvement that HBU’s athletic programs represent.

“Alumni are looking for a reason to return

to HBU,” Staley said, “and sporting events bring people to campus.”

Staley, who played football while at Southwest Texas, supports HBU’s vision for new and improved sports venues and envisions fun halftime activities at basketball games and other athletic competitions that will enhance the experience for Husky fans.

That desire – to see others having fun – likely makes perfect sense to any who have met Staley. While he admits that he did plenty of growing up during his time at HBU and in the years since, he still seems to enjoy the lighthearted moments in life.

As he finishes his strawberry Italian ice, instead of his usual black cherry, Staley realizes he should have had blue raspberry instead.

“It would have given me blue teeth for the photo.”

– Justin Lacey

Rick Staley in front of the Italian Ice parlor that bears his name.



SCHOOL of *Music*

COMING EVENTS:

ALYCE, AN OPERA
BY SENIOR MUSIC
COMPOSITION MAJOR
JEREMIAH JOSEPH

Friday, September 18, 2009
8 p.m.
Dunham Theater

HBU SYMPHONIC
BAND CONCERT

Thursday, October 15, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Dunham Theater

HBU FALL CHORAL
CONCERT

Friday, October 23, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Belin Chapel



The HBU Financial Services team, led by **Barrett Bell**, executive director for financial services, was featured in a recent issue of *TG Connection*, a publication of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation. The article focused on the lessons learned by the staff during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, and how HBU responded to keep student financial services online.

Anthony Martin, director of the University Bookstore, was recognized in the March-April 2009 issue of *University Store*, the official publication of the National Association of College Stores. The feature article, *Ready for Anything*, focused on emergency activities and crisis plans at universities across the country. The HBU Faculty Assembly also recognized Martin and his team with the Hero of the University Award for continuing to provide exemplary service to faculty and students at temporary locations around campus, despite damage sustained by the original home of the University Bookstore during Hurricane Ike.



Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend: *Tea and Fashion Show*



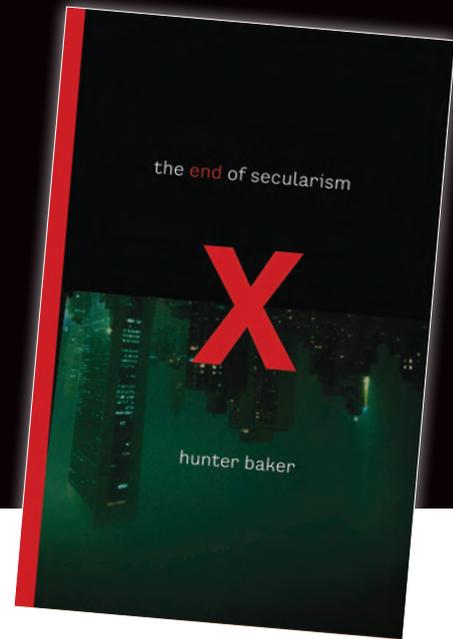
The College of Continuing Studies is preparing for its first College fundraiser, the Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend: Tea and Fashion Show on September 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Morris Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$50 and tables are \$500. The models are all friends of the University – real women, real clothes. For information and registration go to www.HBUforLIFE.org/Tea, or call 281.649.3700.



the end of secularism

Dr. Hunter Baker, associate provost and director of strategic planning, has authored a new book, *The End of Secularism* (Crossway Books, August 2009). In the book, Baker makes the provocative assertion that secularism is of little value as a public philosophy and should be discarded as a failed experiment. *The End of Secularism* upholds the value of a public square that welcomes all comers, religious and otherwise, into the marketplace of ideas.

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FROM RUINS TO
RESURRECTION
[SACRED LANDSCAPES]
MICHAEL ROQUE COLLINS



FROM RUINS TO RESURRECTION/SACRED LANDSCAPES MICHAEL ROQUE COLLINS

The first hardbound book focused solely on the work of HBU Artist-in-Residence Michael Roque Collins, *From Ruins To Resurrection/Sacred Landscapes* (Halcyon Press, October 2009), will be released this fall. The book will include contributions by Ken Marvel, director of LewAllen Galleries in Santa Fe; Jim Edwards, director of the HBU Art Gallery; Edward Lucie-Smith, a renowned art critic from Oxford; and Bill Komodore, professor of art at Southern Methodist University.

HBU students and staff traveled to Nicaragua for a spring break mission trip, drilling a water well for the city of Telica in cooperation with Living Water International.



CONTINUING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

MOCK TRIAL TEAM FINISHES IN TOP 12 AT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL, QUALIFIES FOR OPENING ROUND OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

During the 21st annual National Invitational Open held at Loras College in January, the HBU Mock Trial team scored six wins and finished in 12th place out of 68 teams. The performance earned the team two Honorable Mention awards. They also finished in a three-way tie for the Reynolds Civility Award, which is given to teams that exhibit the highest levels of professionalism, ethics and spirit of competition interacting with their opponents.

In February, the HBU Mock Trial team placed seventh at the two-day Great Southern Regional Tournament held at the Harris County Civil Courthouse. During the two-day tournament, HBU successfully competed against schools including The University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor University and the University of St. Thomas. The seventh place finish qualified the HBU Mock Trial team for the opening round of the National Championship Tournament, hosted by Rhodes College in March, where HBU student Jonathan Rodgers earned an All-National Attorney Award.

SIFE TEAM WARRANTS SPOT AT NATIONALS

Members of the HBU chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), an international organization that develops community outreach programs, were awarded first place for their presentation at regionals in April. The SIFE team demonstrated how their 12 projects, including development of the University's on-campus recycling program, had an impact on campus and in the community throughout the year. The first place finish – the team's first in three years of competition – allowed the eight HBU students who participated in regionals to advance to the 2009 SIFE USA National Exposition in May.

NURSING STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT TEXAS NURSING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

For the second consecutive year, the HBU Nursing Students' Association (NSA) received the Chapter of the Year award at the Texas Nursing Students' Association (TNSA) annual state convention. HBU's NSA chapter also brought home the Political Involvement Award, and HBU nursing student Rachel Garza was named TNSA Student of the Year, the second consecutive HBU student to win the award. The HBU NSA received the Political Involvement Award for its participation in the 2008 TNSA Council of Schools, where Consuela Harrison-Riley, the president of the HBU chapter, was elected to govern the other presidents at the state convention. The NSA members who attended the TNSA Council of Schools returned to HBU to teach the chapter about the political issues facing nurses in the future.

HONORS CONVOCATION RECOGNIZES TOP STUDENTS

HBU recognized a number of outstanding students at its annual Honors Convocation in April. Jonathan Tran '08 and Rachel O'Shields '09 were named Mr. and Miss HBU for epitomizing the ideal HBU student in character, service, leadership and scholarship.

Nineteen seniors received the President's Award based on their scholarship and contributions to the University: Kevin Amend '09, Rebekah Cuellar '09, Erik David '08, Natasha deSa '08, Sandra Florez '09, Lucy Girgawy '09, Winston Hottman '08, Samuel Jones '08, Krista Kaufman '09, Chad Legare '09, Kris Lyle '09, Ashley Marchand '09, Angela Merkle '09, John Messarra '08, Rachel O'Shields '09, David Ott '09, Leah Rigsby '09, Cynthia Rouhana '09, and Jonathan Tran '08.

ADAM SELECTED TO CONDUCT PHYSICS RESEARCH AT HARVARD

HBU student Suhare Adam, a physics and chemistry major, is participating in the Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Harvard University this summer. Adam, whose father attended Harvard, will focus her research on colloidal clusters. Last summer, Adam was one of 30 students to participate in the REU program at Cornell University, where she worked with a group of graduate students in the chemical engineering department.

COLLEGIAN WINS LONE STAR AWARD, 27 TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

HBU's *the Collegian* student newspaper took top honors at the Houston Press Club's 2009 Lone Star Awards as the Best Student Newspaper in the state.

The Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) also awarded the staff 27 awards. In their first year of eligibility in the category, *the Collegian* staff received a first place award for Online General Excellence. The staff also received a first place award in the Special Section/Edition category for their "Ike Strikes" issue. *The Collegian* placed second in the Overall Excellence category. Two students received first place awards: Lindsay Brehm '09 for Editorial Cartoon and Ashley Marchand '09 in the In-Depth Reporting and News Story categories for her work on the "Ike Strikes" issue.

VARUGHESE RECEIVES UNIVERSITY'S FIFTH JAMP AWARD

Blessy Varughese, a biology and biochemistry-molecular biology major, became the fifth HBU student to be accepted into the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) sponsored by the state of Texas. As a recipient, Varughese receives a partial medical school scholarship, a stipend for summer internship opportunities, and guaranteed entry into medical school upon graduation provided that she meets program requirements. She was one of just 96 students – 10 percent of the total number of students attending medical school in Texas – accepted into JAMP this year.

FACULTY AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Dr. Martin Bressler, professor in entrepreneurship and marketing
Received the Distinguished Research Award at the Academy of Educational Leadership Conference.

Melissa Givens, assistant professor in music
Honored as a Conversationalist at the UH Friends of Women's Studies 2009 Table Talk, which honors 60 Houston women who are leaders in the city's civic, business and arts life.

Dr. Christopher Hammons, associate professor in government and director of the MLA program
Nominated for the 2009 J. David Greenstone Award, given by the Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association for his book, *The Constitutionalism of American States*.

Dr. Alice Ledford, associate professor in education
Named chair of the Texas School Counseling Association Committee for Counselor Advocacy and School Counselor Issues.

Dr. Melissa Marse and Melissa Givens, assistant professors in music
Perform with Austin-based professional ensemble Conspirare, whose 2008 recording *Tarik O'Regan: Threshold of Night* was nominated for 2009 Grammy Awards for Best Classical Album and Best Choral Performance.

Dr. Robert Sloan, president
Selected to receive the George Washington Distinguished Service Award from the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Dr. Melissa Wiseman, associate professor in economics
Honored by the El Paso YWCA as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in the Y's History. She previously served as vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of the El Paso YWCA, the nation's largest.

PROMOTIONS

The Office of the President and the Board of Trustees at HBU announced the following faculty promotions for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Vanessa Arline, School of Nursing and Allied Health, assistant professor in nursing

Dr. Gardo Blado, College of Science and Mathematics, professor in physics

Dr. James Claycomb, College of Science and Mathematics, associate professor in physics

Dr. Miguel Estrada, College of Arts and Humanities, associate professor in Spanish

Dr. Taiya Fabre, College of Science and Mathematics, associate professor in chemistry

Dr. Sharon Lewis, School of Education, associate professor in education

Dean Riley, Moody Library, professor in library science

In light of the fifth pillar – Increase Our Cultural Impact Through Our Faculty – of HBU’s Ten Pillars vision, our outstanding faculty are sharing their knowledge and research far beyond their classrooms on the HBU campus. For example...

COMPOSITIONS & EXHIBITIONS

Dr. Ann Gebuhr, professor in music
Composed *Frieden Kantate*, a 30-minute cantata in seven movements, to be performed by amici musicae, a Leipzig professional ensemble, for the dedication of the “Friedenfenster” (peace window) in St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, in October.

Dr. Daniel Kramlich, professor in music
Premiered *Nature Hides: Three Light Songs*, a composition featuring poems written by his daughter Dawn, at a concert of the Houston Composers Alliance.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications:

Dr. Hunter Baker, associate provost and director of strategic planning
Quoted in article on the *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* in *Christianity Today*

Dr. J. Matthew Boyleston, assistant professor in languages
“Longing,” a poem, in *Puerto del Sol*; and “Wild Boar in these Woods: the Influence of the Poetry of Seamus Heaney on the Poetry of Ron Rash,” an essay, in *The South Carolina Review*

Dr. Martin Bressler, professor in marketing and entrepreneurship
“The Impact of Crime on Business: A model for Prevention, Detection, and Remedy,” an article, in *Journal of Management and Marketing Research*

Dr. Linda Brupbacher ’69, professor in education, and **Dr. Dawn Wilson MED ’99**, associate professor in instructional technology
“When TEASing is a Good Thing: Real Potential for Multimedia in the Classroom,” an article, in *TechEdge*, a publication of the Texas Computer Education Association

Dr. Lawrence J. Clark, associate professor in English and writing
“The Pony-Tailed Guy Goes to School,” a story, in *Moments of Grace: True Stories of Those Touched by God’s Grace*

Dr. Rebecca Dowden MLA ’89, assistant professor in English
“What Could Have Been,” an article, in *Heartlight Magazine*

Dr. Louis Markos, professor in English
“And the Two Shall Be One: The Incarnational Marriage of the Sexes,” an essay, in *The Saint Austin Review*

Dr. James Ulmer, professor in English
The Secret Life, a book of short stories

Presentations:

Dr. Linda Brupbacher ’69, professor in education, and **Dr. Dawn Wilson MED ’99**, associate professor in instructional technology
“Developing TPACK (Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge) in Teacher Preparation Programs and Motivation through Technology Enhanced Anticipatory Set (TEASes)” presentations at the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) national conference and the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education’s 20th International Conference

Dr. James R. Claycomb, associate professor in physics
“Harmonic Analysis of Nerve Fibers: Measurements and Modeling” and “Physical Mechanisms of Biological Rotary Motors” at The Houston Society for Engineering in Medicine and Biology (HSEMB) 26th Annual Conference on Biomedical Engineering Research

Dr. Levon Hayrapetyan, professor in management information systems
“Your Team is In! A Collaborative Assessment and Learning Tool” at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines (IABPAD) Conference

Dr. Marie A. Mater, associate professor in speech communication
Member of competitively selected panel “A Roundtable Discussion about the Greening of ICA” at the International Communication Association Conference

Dr. Lilita Olano MED ’87, professor in bilingual education
“Writing, An Inner Journey: Bilingual Teachers as Writers” at the National Conference for Bilingual Education (NABE)

RETIREES

Dr. Doug Fitzgerald, associate professor in psychology

Lynn Miller ’77, director
Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts

Danny Sessums, executive director
Museum of Southern History



Advisor of the Year

Dr. Susan Cook
Professor in Biology

Dr. Cook has been named 2009 HBU Advisor of the Year. As director of the Health Professions Program, she advises students concerning careers in the health professions and functions as a bridge to professional schools. She serves as sponsor of the award-winning HBU chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-med honor society, and also received the HBU Advisor of the Year award in 1996.



Goolsby Teaching Award

Dr. Melissa Wiseman
Associate Professor in Economics

“It is a privilege to be a part of the lives of HBU students for the few years they are here and to have an opportunity to influence them in ways beyond the academics. Our call is much greater than just teaching content.”

Dr. Ron Homann
Assistant Professor in Sociology

“Receiving this award only makes me want to get better and work harder as a teacher to live up to the standard of the recipients who have come before me.”



Mayfield Staff Award

Debora Burnett
Financial Services

“I have been and continue to be truly blessed to have a job in which I help students, and especially those who thought that it was impossible, to realize their dream of achieving a higher education.”

Isaac Simpson
Media Services

“I had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Mayfield, who was quite a man. That relationship makes receiving this award especially meaningful for me. I am truly honored to have my name associated with his legacy.”

Piper nominees named

Five professors were chosen to represent their academic area as Piper Professor nominees for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Piper Professor Award, given by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, is one of the state’s most prestigious awards in higher education, honoring well-rounded professionals who excel in teaching, scholarship and service. Collins was selected as the University’s representative in the state competition.

Not pictured:
Dr. Patrick Thornton
School of Business



Dr. Avin Brownlee

College of Science and Mathematics

Sandra McNeely

School of Nursing and Allied Health

Dr. Carol McGaughey

School of Education

Michael Collins

College of Arts and Humanities

The Silver Tea

The Guild's Silver Tea was held in McNair Hall on the HBU campus in April. Chairs Jan Benjamin, Marsha Eckermann '68 and Cathy Wheatley (pictured bottom right), transformed McNair Hall to exude southern hospitality.

The beautiful art of Carlotta Morris Barker '68 (top right with her sister Lisa Morris Simon '76 and mother Joella Morris), which also appeared on the invitation, was on display and set the theme for the day.

Tea services of select Guild members graced McNair Hall, along with the beautiful music of Rob Landes. The carriage from *Gone with the Wind*, generously loaned by Stewart and Joella Morris, awaited guests outside McNair Hall. Each of the University Museums – the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, the Dunham Bible Museum, and the Museum of Southern History – welcomed all to see the outstanding collections housed within.

The Silver Tea provides graduate-level scholarships for career classroom teachers. Since 1995, more than 130 students have received scholarship support through The Guild, and 19 students have been awarded one of The Guild's five endowed scholarships: the E.D. "Doug" Hodo Scholarship, The Guild Scholarship, the Sharon Elaine Saunders Scholarship, The Guild Presidents Scholarship and the Robert B. Sloan Jr. Scholarship.



Installation Coffee

The May Installation Coffee was held at the home of Gina Saour, Guild President for 2008-2009. Following the announcement and installation of The Guild's officers and directors for 2009-2010 (pictured at left), Nina Hendee presented each with a Bible to help guide them in their leadership role. Three gifts, totaling \$86,000, were made to the University and presented to Dr. Sloan. The Guild will be led in the coming year by Kandy Brittain.

Dazzling Divine Design

In May, the women of The Guild met at Gracewood, the home of Cindy and Randy '76, MBA '83 Garbs, for the Dazzling Divine Design event. This event featured indoor and outdoor presentations from eight professional designers, who generously gave of their time and expertise. Proceeds from the event, including 10 percent of all purchases, were donated to The Guild Scholarship Fund.

Mary Armstrong, Ruth Alford and Shelley Villalpando of M.R.S. Studio presented wonderful examples and ideas in custom faux finishing, decorative painting, murals and painted furniture.

Kathryn Edwards of Savannah House used her specialty in lighting consultation to provide knowledge and examples of custom lamps, lamp shades and antique fixtures for both residential and commercial design.

William Egerton and Denise Schneider of Egerton Schneider Designs showed the women how signature pillows are the "jewelry" for upholstery, with beautiful custom pillows and design ideas for home or commercial properties.

Bill Stubbs of William W. Stubbs and Associates set the stage for the day, talking about good design and creating luxury on any budget. Stubbs has authored two books, *I Hate Red, You're Fired!* and *A Moment of Luxury, Enjoying the Beauty Around You*.

Carol Young of Carol Designs, who specializes in permanent botanical floral arrangements, swags and wreaths, and European garden baskets with live plants, brought the art of arranging to life.



Top: Dazzling Divine Designers (from the top): Kathryn Edwards, Denise Schneider, Ruth Alford, William Egerton, Carol Young, Shelley Villalpando and Mary Armstrong. **Bottom:** Dazzling Divine Design creator and hostess Cindy Garbs with Bill Stubbs.

Difference in the making

Glenn & Billie Brown honor father and daughter with endowment



The Brown Endowed Scholarship was formally announced in April at the Endowed Scholarship Banquet. From left to right are Billie Brown, Daniel Hansen, Glenn Brown, Lauryn Hansen '84, Lynlea Hansen and Travis Hansen.

Since I was in junior high, my parents stressed that the only way I would be able to go to college was to get a scholarship, so the exciting part of my journey to college was receiving the scholarship letter, not the acceptance letter. When it came in the mail, my mother drove it up to my school. She, my principal, my best friend and I stood in the hallway as I tore the envelope open and scanned for the “congratulations” part. When I got there, we cheered, and my mother burst into tears. We already knew I was in at HBU, but now...I could actually go.

Leah Rigsby '09
Endowed Academic Scholarship Recipient

Like many high school seniors, Lauryn Brown had a plan for her college years. Lauryn, the last of six children and the only girl, would attend the University of Texas in Austin and live in the Scottish Rite Dormitory.

Before she could follow through with that plan, though, she had the distinct feeling that the Lord had something else in mind for her. Although the Brown family had no previous connection to the University, Lauryn's mother Billie encouraged her to consider HBU. Not only did she consider it, she decided to enroll at HBU and graduated with a bachelor of arts in management and marketing.

Although Glenn and Billie Brown were impressed with the education that HBU provided for their daughter, they did not immediately become active in the life of HBU following Lauryn's graduation. It was Mrs. Brown's cousin, Blanche Largent, and mutual friends who eventually got Billie involved in the charitable activities of the University. Billie is a member of several civic and social organizations in Houston, including The Guild and the American Museum Society at HBU.

Through her more than 15 years of participation in The Guild, which has a long-standing history of providing scholarship support for graduate students in the HBU School of Education, Billie Brown heard the testimonies of numerous scholarship recipients and witnessed the difference that scholarship money could make in the lives of students.

Mrs. Brown recognized that a Christian education could influence a student's life in ways that secular education could not. When she and her husband decided to make significant charitable gifts to various causes that were close to their hearts, she began considering the idea of doing something to make the benefits of an HBU education available to deserving students with financial need.

Mrs. Brown and her husband Glenn made a gift to HBU in December of 2008 to establish the Glenn and Billie Brown Endowed Scholarship, in memory of Mrs. Brown's father, William R. Bradford, and in honor of their daughter, Lauryn Grace Brown Hansen '84. Reflecting on their pride in their daughter and all that she has accomplished since graduating from HBU, the Browns wanted to invest their resources in a way that will allow many more mothers and fathers the opportunity to beam with that same pride as their sons and daughters graduate from HBU and go on to accomplish great things.

The Brown Endowed Scholarship is one of more than 250 endowed scholarships funded through the endowed scholarship program at HBU. Begun in 1971 with the establishment of endowed academic scholarships to help assure the recruitment of top academic students, the program has since been expanded to award need-based endowed scholarships as well.

— Justin Lacey

If you have questions about the endowed scholarship program or are interested in learning more about how you can make a sound investment in the future of Christian higher education through the establishment of an endowed scholarship at HBU, please contact Peggy Powell, director of constituent services, at 281.649.3407.



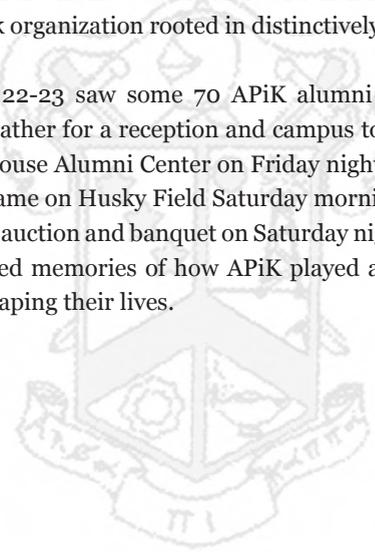
Brotherhood lives on

Alpha Pi Kappa 40th anniversary celebration

In 1969, 11 young men at Houston Baptist College had the inspiration to form the college's first Greek organization, Alpha Pi Kappa (APiK).

Forty years later, five of those "founding fathers" returned to the campus of what is now Houston Baptist University to celebrate the founding of their fraternity with the men who have carried forward their inspiration of a Greek organization rooted in distinctively Christian values.

May 22-23 saw some 70 APiK alumni and their families gather for a reception and campus tours in the Hinton House Alumni Center on Friday night, to play a softball game on Husky Field Saturday morning, and to attend an auction and banquet on Saturday night, where they shared memories of how APiK played an integral part in shaping their lives.



Alpha Pi Kappa founding fathers were on hand for the weekend celebration. From left to right are Aaron "Jeff" Jefferson '71, Michael Wood '70, HBU Trustee Terry Johnson '71, Doug Henry '71 and HBU Trustee Ed Seay '73.



Ken '88 and Karen Culp '89 Harris visit with Jo May Wood '70 in the backyard of the Hinton House.



- 1** Beth Bottom performs in the Rex Fleming Players performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- 2** Mingo joins students in a project for the Zondervan "Bible Across America" tour, which allowed more than 30,000 to contribute hand-written verses for a special America's Bible.
- 3** The Robbie Seay Band & Charlie Hall brought the Dunham Theater stage to life during a concert for current and prospective students.
- 4** World-renowned Houston Symphony Music Director Hans Graf conducts the *Bach vs. Vivaldi Experience* in the Morris Cultural Arts Center.
- 5** Dr. Ronald White, Lincoln biographer, lectures on "Lincoln and the Bible" at the invitation of the Dunham Bible Museum to mark the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.
- 6** Cambodian refugee survivor and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Sichan Siv, shares his experiences with students.
- 7** Dr. John Latschar of Gettysburg National Military Park discusses "Texas & Gettysburg" during an event sponsored by the Museum of Southern History.
- 8** Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright speaks on genocide and world peace during an event sponsored by the Houston Holocaust Museum.
- 9** Radio talk hosts Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved and Mike Gallagher provide remarks during KNTH's *Obama: The First 100 Days* tour. Dr. Chris Hammons, associate professor in government, moderated the evening.



New roles announced for Cottrell, Moniaci

Ron Cottrell, HBU's head basketball coach and athletic director, has moved into a new role as associate athletic director, allowing him to focus more time on his role as head basketball coach. Steve Moniaci, associate athletic director, is now serving as interim athletic director.

According to President Sloan, the move aligns with the University's return to NCAA Division I athletics. "For three years, Ron and I together planned for HBU's entrance into NCAA Division I. As both athletic director and head men's basketball coach, he has given exceptional leadership in the initiation of this process and the completion of the first major step. He and I have often discussed the fact that he would eventually serve as either athletic director or head men's basketball coach, given the huge responsibility of NCAA membership, and now our membership in the Division I Great West Conference.

"Ron has done an amazing job in carrying both responsibilities, and the entire HBU family owes him a huge debt of gratitude. But Ron's first love is still coaching, and his nation-wide success as an NAIA coach and the success he will have in the NCAA bear witness to that fact."

Sloan also remarked on the importance of the experiences Moniaci brings to the University in making the transition possible. "We are fortunate to have had Steve Moniaci as associate athletic director for more than two years. Steve has been an integral partner with Ron during HBU's transition to the NCAA, and he brings great

experience to the role of athletic director. These two colleagues will continue to play a significant role as HBU moves toward full membership in NCAA Division I."

Moniaci joined HBU after 26 years of service in the athletic department at Rice University. He began his tenure at Rice as the executive director of the Owl Club and director of athletic promotions. He was named assistant athletic director in charge of operations in 1985, associate athletic director in 1997, and in 2001 he was named senior associate athletic director, a position he held until 2006.

Cottrell is beginning his 19th season as head basketball coach for the Huskies, with a career record of 379-208. After years as a perennial NAIA Division I power, the Huskies played their first NCAA Division I schedule during the 2008-2009 season as they joined the Great West Conference. Cottrell had served as athletic director for 15 years.

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Dr. Sloan expresses his appreciation to Ron Cottrell for his 15 years of service as athletic director.

Steve Moniaci describes the challenges facing athletic directors in NCAA Division I.

Huskies receive Academic Honors

The Great West Conference has announced Academic All-Conference honors for the 2008-2009 school year. HBU had 25 athletes recognized.

- **Kinsie Arnst**, soccer
- **Jay Ambrosy**, soccer
- **Ryan Bargas**, baseball
- **Jessica Barrera**, volleyball
- **Isla Camaron**, soccer
- **Erica Clark**, track & field, cross country
- **Brittany Connally**, volleyball
- **Leo Delgado**, baseball
- **Ivana Djordjevic**, volleyball
- **Sarah Fisher**, cross country
- **Sara Faulkner**, soccer
- **Jaymie Heibel**, softball
- **Fred Hinnenkamp**, basketball
- **Nick Homan**, baseball
- **Laci Humphrey**, golf
- **Megan Klimitchek**, volleyball, softball
- **Lorin Leatherwood**, softball
- **Johnathan LeJeune**, cross country
- **Eric Schiro**, baseball
- **Kaitlin Southerland**, softball
- **Jonathan Staples**, track & field
- **Andrew Taccolini**, baseball
- **Raquel Tidwell**, cross country
- **Beau Warren**, baseball
- **Jammie Weidert**, softball
- **Melissa Wright**, softball



Women's Volleyball

The volleyball team posted a record of 24-7 this past season against a full NCAA Division I schedule. The Huskies closed out the season by winning the National Transitions Challenge with a 3-0 record.

Senior Jessica Barrera moved into second place on the all-time kills list (1,447), second on the service aces list (219), and fourth in digs (1,402). Junior setter Natalie Magat currently stands at 3,997 assists, just 569 shy of the all-time assists record.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Cross country, in its second year at HBU, had a strong season and saw the Huskies crown their first Great West Conference (GWC) champion.

Junior Daniel Martinez finished the 8,000 meter race in 25:54 to win the championship and help the men to a third-place finish.

The women placed fifth at the GWC Championship with sophomore Raquel Tidwell placing 25th with a time of 25:23 in the 6,000 meter event.

Women's Soccer

HBU women's soccer finished its third season with a record of 9-7-1.

The Huskies opened the season with five wins in their first six matches, including a 2-1 victory over cross-town rival University of Houston.

Junior Ana Viscariello led the Huskies with 30 points, including a team-best 11 goals. Junior Isla Cameron was second on the team with 23 points and dished out a team-high nine assists.

Junior Michelle Rich played in 15 games between the pipes, starting 13. She recorded a 1.91 goals-against average while posting one solo shutout and taking part in three team shutouts.

Men's Soccer

The HBU men's soccer team posted a 10-6-1 record, winning 10 games for the third consecutive season.

HBU finished its first season as a member of the Atlantic Soccer Conference with a 3-1 record in conference play.

Senior George Sangira led the Huskies with 10 goals and six assists for 26 points. Fellow senior Ruzhdi Halili was right behind Sangira in both categories, finishing with nine goals and five assists.

In goal, sophomore Chris Dodd posted a 0.89 goals against average with a save percentage of 0.826. He recorded six shutouts and closed the season with a record of 7-5-1.

Dodd and Sangira were both First Team All-ASC selections, while Halili, junior Joelle Daniel and senior Dao Vu were named to the Second Team.

Women's Basketball

In year two of transition to the NCAA, the women's basketball team finished with a record of 8-21.

Senior Fallon Thomas was named the Independent Defensive Player of the Year after finishing the season with 121 steals and 31 blocks, leading the team in both categories. She also scored 8.3 points per game and pulled down 4.2 rebounds while dishing out 91 assists.

Seniors Megan Morris and Jelela Simpson were both Honorable Mention All-Independent selections, after both averaged at least 10 points per game.

Men's Basketball

HBU men's basketball played a very difficult schedule in its first year against a full Division I slate, including games against five NCAA tournament teams. In addition to the NCAA tournament qualifiers, the Huskies played four other teams that qualified for postseason tournaments. HBU finished the season 5-25.

Gordon Watt was named First Team All-Independent after averaging 17.2 points per game and 8.8 rebounds to lead the Huskies in both categories. The senior shot 44.6 percent from the floor and finished the year with 51 assists, 47 steals and 17 blocked shots. Senior Baron Sauls was an Honorable Mention All-Independent selection, scoring 15.2 points per game and leading the team with 116 assists and 53 steals.

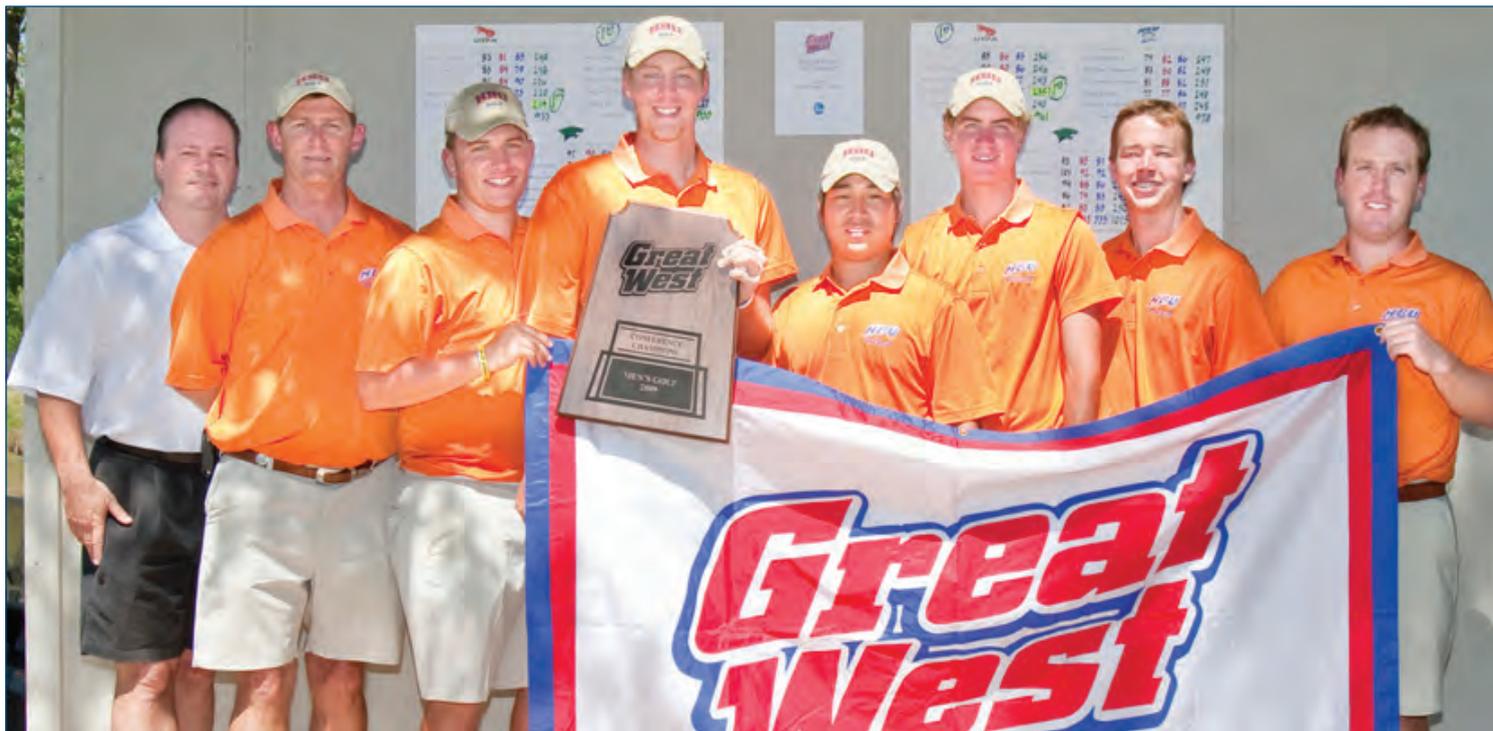
Track and Field

Both the men's and women's track and field teams placed fifth at the GWC Indoor Championships. Freshman Brittanee Gaines was named Great West Newcomer of the Year after winning the 60-meter dash. Other individual titles at the meet for the Huskies were sophomore Jacques Robinson (60-meter dash) and Daniel Martinez (mile).

In the outdoor season, freshman Joslyn Cooper was named the Great West Newcomer of the Year after winning the 100 meters and the 200 meters at the GWC Outdoor Championships. The men placed third and the women took fourth at the outdoor meet.

Men take inaugural conference championship

Golf teams finish first year strong



GWC Commissioner Ed Grom, Head Coach David Shuster, Mark Slater, Jordan Jeffers, Sumin Yu, Andrew Rollins, Ian Armstrong, Assistant Coach Chris Hill

Men's Golf

The men's golf team, in their first year of play since re-starting the program, won the inaugural GWC Championship by 33 strokes. Sophomore Jordan Jeffers tied for the individual lead through three rounds with a three-over-par 219 but then lost on the first playoff hole. Jeffers was named Newcomer of the Year, and head coach David Shuster received Coach of the Year honors.

HBU closed out its season with two consecutive team titles, winning the South Carolina State Bulldog Classic two weeks prior to the GWC Championship.

Baseball

The Husky baseball team concluded a tough season with a record of 11-40. HBU finished 6-5 at Husky Field to record its 16th consecutive winning season at home.

Senior Andrew Taccolini concluded his career at the top of multiple all-time HBU record lists. He is now first in home runs, hits, runs batted in, and at bats, as well as second in doubles. Senior Keith Brunson moved up in multiple categories as well. He is the all-time leader in appearances, is second in saves, is tied for fifth in wins, is fifth in innings pitched, and is seventh in strikeouts.

Women's Golf

The HBU women's golf team placed second at the first GWC Championship, with freshman Paige Gibson tying for runner-up honors. Gibson shot a 240 over three rounds, finishing five strokes out of first. The Huskies had four players earn First or Second Team All-Conference recognition.

In its second year of existence, the women's golf program placed sixth or better six times out of 10 tournaments. HBU opened the fall season with a third place finish at the North Texas Women's Classic.

Softball

The HBU softball team finished the season with a record of 18-23. The Huskies placed third at the Division I Independent Championship held in Greeley, Colo. The Huskies posted a 2-2 record at the tournament and had three players named to the All-Tournament team.

Casie Campanello, a sophomore, led the Huskies in hitting with a .328 batting average along with seven triples. HBU finished with a 7-7 mark at home and was 5-5 in neutral-site games. Campanello was an Honorable Mention All-Independent honoree.

Teaching young dogs new tricks

Former Huskies battle current Huskies in annual Alumni Soccer Game



Carlos Gil '89 keeps the ball away from current Husky Michael Saryee during the Alumni Soccer Game on April 25. Gil and more than 20 other former Huskies, pictured above, took advantage of the opportunity to engage in a little friendly competition with the current men's soccer team. ▶



Celebrating new alumni

Alumni Association's annual cookout

The HBU Alumni Association honored graduates from the 2008-2009 school year at the 11th annual Graduation Cookout in the backyard of the Hinton House Alumni Center. Graduates, alumni, faculty, staff and friends all joined together for congratulations, celebration and a warm welcome into the Alumni Association.

Top: Tom Fanning '85, chair-elect of the Alumni Board of Directors, takes a turn at the grill.

Bottom: From left to right are Shaundra Webb '98, treasurer of the Alumni Board of Directors; Sue Sloan '08, HBU First Lady; Rachel O'Shields '09; Vivian Camacho '91, director of Alumni Relations; and Carol Lavender MBA '92, Alumni Board member.

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HBU Accounting Alumni Society
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These online communities provide an opportunity for HBU alumni to stay connected to HBU and to reconnect with each other. If you are interested in joining one or more of these communities, simply search for the community by name on either Facebook or LinkedIn. Should you have any questions, contact Vivian Camacho, Director of Alumni Relations, at 281.649.3413 or vcamacho@hbu.edu.

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CLASS OF 1960 - 1969

Kenneth E. McNutt '68 retired in 1998 as executive minister at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla. He served as chaplain with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office in Pagosa Springs, Colo., until moving to St. George, Utah, in 2007.

CLASS OF 1970 - 1979

Marless Hughes Owen '71 has been the accompanist for Livingston High School/Junior High for 15 years. She and husband Tom have five children: Tim, Tamara, Matthew, Mark and Naomi. They also have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joel Berry '72 and his wife Linda celebrated their 40th anniversary on Nov. 16, 2008, with a trip to Paris and London.

Pamela Kay Moore '74, MBA '81 is the president of Moore & Associates, LLP in Houston.

David Weigle '76 is assistant dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Austin, where he and wife Mace reside.

Katherine Haveriah Kolkhorst '78 and husband Gary have three children: Jenny, Chris and Mandy.

Blythe Barrier Fries '79 is a theatre director for L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. She just received an Award of Excellence for the Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD and an award from the state of Texas for being a mentor teacher. She even worked with a former Husky, **Sean Sims '92**, the gymnastics coach. She has three children: son Zander and boy/girl twins, Parker and Kylee.

Suzanne Collins Juneau '79 is an RN for the Woman's Hospital of Texas. She and husband Gary have two children, Erin and Evan.

Susan Haveman Raven '79 is an ER nurse for Trinity Healthcare Network in Spring. She and husband Mark have two children, Stephen and Steward.



1968 Chapel announcement in song by "country boys" Jim Hannaford and Bob Hatfield.

CLASS OF 1980 - 1989

Jim Denison '80 has resigned as senior teaching pastor at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas to become founding president of the Center for Informed Faith and theologian-in-residence with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Denison will provide theological resources for Texas Baptists through church conferences and seminars, BaptistWay Press publications, annual meeting workshops, and the Internet. He also will be available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates. Denison had been pastor of Park Cities Baptist since June 1998.

Robert Albert Knapick '80 has been working in emergency rooms for the past 10 years dealing with psychiatric emergencies. For the past three years, he has been working on a weekly television show called *Scuba Bob's Ocean Quest*, which is on Channel 55 KTBU on Wednesday mornings at 7:30. The program, which he produces, focuses on the promotion of ocean conservation. He has been diving for 30 years and has more than 6,000 dives. He is an instructor trainer for SSI and PSAI. He, wife Susan and children, Ryan and Mary, reside in Cypress.

Cynthia Hamilton Story '80 is a senior geosciences specialist for OXY USA. She and husband Rick reside in Houston.

Susie Guttenberger Edworthy '82 and husband **Mark Edworthy '83** have been with the International Mission Board since 1990. They are currently living in Krakow, Poland, but will be moving to Prague, Czech Republic, in June, as Mark will be accepting a new position as Affinity Global Strategist for European Peoples. They have five children: Stephen, Celeste, Meredith, Jacob and Eva.

Ida Elizabeth Geschke '82 is a behavior specialist for Alvin ISD.

Anita Givens '82 has been named associate commissioner of standards and programs at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by Education Commissioner Robert Scott. Givens has served as acting associate commissioner of standards and programs since the fall, and has been instrumental in efforts to update science and Career and Technical Education curriculum standards. She also served TEA as deputy associate commissioner for standards and alignment and as senior director of instructional materials and educational technology. Givens will also be one of the 22 members of the newly created Commissioner's Task Force on Federal Stimulus and Stabilization, which will oversee work at TEA related to the federal economic stimulus bill.

Eileen K. Heath Stansbery '82 is director, astromaterials research & exploration, for NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. She and husband Eugene reside in Friendswood.

Fredy Besich '83 is a credit solution manager at Scotiabank Peru SAA in Arequipa, Peru, South America. He and wife Ana Maria Adrian have three children: Nicolas, Ana Lucia and Antonio.

Tracy Frey David '83 is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Houston ISD. She and husband John have two sons, Steven and Daniel and daughter-in-law Jennifer.

Vince Elder '83 is a commercial real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Commercial Realtors in Houston. He and wife Julie have four children: Justin '08, Amy, Caitlin and Lizzy.

Ronald Gundermann '84, MBA '93 is senior IT analyst for Reliant Energy in Houston. He and wife Molly have two children, Christine and James.

Joseph Riccardo '84 is a senior software engineer for Northstar Technologies Inc. in New York. He and wife Diane have two children, Jonathon and Jessica.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE '87

Colin Montgomerie will be captain for Team Europe at the 2010 Ryder Cup, to be held at The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, South Wales. Montgomerie, who played golf for the Huskies from 1983-1987, made the first of his eight Ryder Cup appearances in 1991, and he was on the winning European Team in 1995, 1997, 2002, 2004 and 2006. In 2004, Montgomerie sank the deciding putt in the classic duel, a match-play team tournament featuring one-on-one play and foursome matches between Team USA and Team Europe.

William H. Flores MBA '85 is president and CEO of Phoenix Exploration Company in Houston, and currently serves on the HBU Board of Trustees. He and wife Gina have two children, Will and John.

Oluwole Ojeikere '85 is the CEO for Rebbi Consulting Group Inc. in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Richard W. Shoemaker MBA '85 is currently president and CEO of Hawkeye-Pipe, and is retired from the Kohler Company. He began his career in the machine tool industry with Sundstrand Corp. managing the first direct numerical control machining systems (Omnicontrol). An SME member since 1976, he is a founding member of SME's Manufacturing Enterprise Council (MEC),

and is a past chair of the MEC Technology Watch Subcommittee. He was elected an SME Fellow in 2004.

Rudy Dominguez '86 is a regional field service technician for Rackable Systems in Houston.

Jacqueline Quinn Jeter '86 is RNC-labor and delivery at Kingwood Medical Center. She resides in Spring.

Karen Murphy '86 won the Women's City Amateur at Memorial Park Golf Course in September.

Keith Newman '86 joined Indiana Wesleyan University on July 1 as vice president for University Relations. He had held the same position at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio since January 2003. Before joining Mount Vernon Nazarene, Dr. Newman was a pastor for 18 years in the Nazarene Church. He served as the senior pastor of large Nazarene churches in Arkansas, Texas and California.

Twila Marie Knowles Walker '86 is an independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. She and husband Mark have two daughters, Crystal and Amber. They reside in New Johnsonville, Tenn.

Susan Higgins MED '87 has been named the principal at the new Jodie Smith Middle School in Cy-Fair ISD. Higgins has worked in education for 20 years. She served in Alief ISD as a middle school assistant principal for four years before coming to Cy-Fair ISD in 1993 as an assistant principal at Cypress Falls High School. Higgins held that position for seven years, and then worked in a one-year administrative internship. In 2001, she took over as principal at Arnold Middle School.

William J. Hunt MS '87 has been named executive vice president/chief operating officer in a dual role by Catholic Healthcare West, the eighth largest hospital system in the nation. Hunt has more than 35

years experience in health care as a practicing physician assistant, educator and administrator. He has served in several leadership roles at CHW since 1996. Since 2003, he has served as president of group operations, overseeing the operations of 15 hospitals throughout northern California and Reno, Nev. He also served as the president/chief executive officer of the CHW medical foundation.

Kelly S. Karnes '87 is lower school principal, K-8, for Temecula Preparatory School in Winchester, Calif.

Alice Cheng Lee '87 is one of five Houstonians named as "Local Hero" in the annual Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, which recognizes organizations, local heroes and student leaders who are helping their neighborhoods achieve excellence. A \$5,000 grant from Bank of America was given to Lee's charity of choice, the Chinese Community Center, a United Way agency. Alice and her husband Mark live in Houston with their children, Eric and Katherine. Alice's brothers, **Andrew Cheng '90** and **Dr. Danny Cheng '91** are also proud HBU alumni.

Dr. Afreen Pappa '87 has launched an annual fee-based medical practice in which patients can get appointments whenever they need them and will have 24/7 access to their doctor. Pappa's Patient First was the second practice of its kind to open in Sugar Land. Typically termed concierge, retainer, boutique or personal physician medicine, the concept got its start more than a decade ago in Seattle.

David Lee Winney '87 is executive director for Shepherding Strategic Solutions in San Antonio.

Ronnie Chu '88 is a board-certified family practice physician and opened his own private clinic in Demopolis, Ala., last November.

Robert Dildy '88 works for Dildy Enterprises Inc. He and wife Jennifer, who reside in Spring, have seven children: Tabitha, Alexis, Michael, Hunter, Paxton, Becca and River.

Kimberly Muesse '88, senior account manager of Lockton Companies, LLC in Houston, was awarded the 2008 National Accredited Customer Service Representative (ACSR) of the Year Award by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA) at the annual Houston Big "I" Day on Feb. 19. She was previously recognized as the 2008 Texas ACSR of the Year in June 2008. With more than 25 years

of experience, she was selected based on contributions to her agency and the industry.

Karen Martin Cupstid '89 is a senior revenue accountant for Goodrich Petroleum Corporation in Houston.

Troy Womack '89 is a teacher for Katy ISD. He and wife Shannon have three children: Brandon, Jonathan and Matthew.

Joe Zimmerman MBA '89 is a partner for Beyer Infrastructure in Houston. He and wife Nancy have one daughter, Allison Paige.

CLASS OF 1990 - 1999

Lori Rogers Baker '90 recently joined M.D. Anderson Cancer Center as the program manager for Research and Education Communication in the Department of Internal Communication. She, husband Michael, and children, Claire and Trent, reside in Friendswood.

Jonathan A. Berg MS '90 is a nuclear medicine/PET coordinator at Austin Radiological Association. He, wife Melissa and son Christopher reside in Cedar Park.

Rosa Laura Cruz '90 is an assistant principal for Lanier Middle School in Houston ISD.

Jimmie Diane Reece Esigbone '90 is a clinical resource specialist for Memorial Hermann TMC. She is currently teaching new nursing graduates to become operating room nurses and is assisting in ongoing education of established nurses.

Keith Mathison '90 published his sixth book, *From Age to Age: the Unfolding of Biblical Eschatology* (P&R Publishing Company).

Todd Migliore MS '90 is human resources director for Parker Drilling in Houston. He and wife Claudia have two children, Salvatore and Gabriella.

Rosario Rosas Scorgie '90 is fashion director for Jewels by Park Lane in Sachse, Texas. She and husband Christopher have three children, Daniel, Victoria and Krista.

Jack John Varcados '90 is president of Jack John Varcados Shell Inc. in Houston. He and wife Maria have three sons, John, George and Nicholas.

Miriam Elizabeth Garcia '92 is a reading interventionist for Alief ISD.

Joana Camacho '93 is the principal for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City. She and husband Bruce have two children, Luisa and Michael.

Chad Michel '93 is a vice president for Medicine Chest. He, wife Jennifer and daughter Taegan Faith reside in Hideaway, Texas.

Richard M. Folsie '93 lived and worked in Houston until 2000, when he moved to Mill Valley, Calif. He obtained a graduate degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He was married in 2005 and recently received his MBA from St. Mary's College of California. Richard is a manager, AVP for Safe Credit Union in Lincoln, Calif. He and wife Andrea reside in Citrus Heights, Calif.

Chris Layne '93 is in sales at Fagioli Inc. He and wife Angela have been married for 12 years, and they have one son, Noah. The Laynes reside in Crosby. He would like to hear from the old friends in ATO.

Randy Wuensche '93 has completed his second book, *Into Worlds Unknown*. His first book was titled *The Final Cause*.

Treschelle Leah Brown '94 is an EOC representative for the Harris County Hospital District in Houston.

James Kingsmill '94, MEd '02 was recently published in the book *Ike: Stories of the Storm*. The book, published by *The Galveston Daily News*, chronicles the story of Hurricane Ike. Kingsmill's contribution, *Bolivar Light will still shine*, appears in Chapter 3, entitled *Devastation*. He is a regular guest columnist for *The Baytown Sun*. He, wife **Deborah Thompson**

Kingsmill '92, MEd '03 and son Jacob reside in Baytown.



FRIENDS FOR LIFE: "THE THREE M'S"

It isn't every day that you meet your best friend for life, but for three HBU students in 1986, that was exactly what happened. **Maria Jordan '90, Maricha de la Cruz (Tuason) '91** and **Michelle Alexander '90** met their freshman year and soon discovered that they were "kindred spirits," forging a bond of friendship that continues today.

"HBU and its cores values wove a strong friendship," says Jordan. "The Three M's" became part of a dorm suite fondly known as the "International Suite," where the girls shared their lives and dreams with dorm mates Linh Huynh '90, Sangita Rangala '91, Ginger Elder and their dorm mother, Mrs. Davis. Their fondest memories include their work on *the Collegian*, Convocation, mission trips, Husky Bonfire, Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), International Friends, or simply a trip to Bellaire for "the best Vietnamese sandwich ever" with Tam Dong '91. In other words, campus life!

Fast forward 18 years, and the friendship between The Three M's endures. They have kept in touch over the years but decided to make their 40th birthdays last year something special by reuniting in Mexico. "As we reminisced along the sandy beaches, we heard the echoes of our youth with each crashing of the waves," said Jordan. "It was a feeling truly too deep for words."

Today Maria Jordan is a family physician in practice in Tomball. Michelle followed the passion for social work she discovered on a mission trip while an HBU student and is a program director at Star of Hope. Maricha is an ICU clinical manager at Memorial Hospital West in Pembroke Pines, Fla.. She is married to Arscemar Tuason, and they have three children: Celiese, Haylee and A.J.

"Our kinship was born of the values we hold dear – faith, family and friendship," says Jordan. "We are intimately connected to HBU, not only for paving the way to our chosen professions, but also for giving us an unforgettable college experience – some of the best years of our lives."

Joan Veselack Gennarini '95 started her own therapeutic massage business five years ago and is president of Rekindled Spirits Inc. in Bear, Del.

Bryan M. Long '95 is the CFO for Deepwater Corrosion Services Inc. in Houston.

Shea Lyn Cage '96 is a Spanish teacher for Katy ISD. She resides in Richmond with her three children: Gabriel, Riley and Samantha.

Danielle Durocher '99 is a global corporate services marketing director for CB Richard Ellis in Houston.

Bea Garner '99 graduated from Indiana University with a performer's diploma in May 2003. She is currently working on a master's degree in counseling. She is currently living in Dallas doing contract work for a local counseling ministry and is the first soprano section leader at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Anne Grimes Thurwalker '00 is a marketing director for South Texans' Property Rights Association. She and husband Sam reside in Alice, Texas.

Jon Lineberger '01 is assistant vice president/director of DBU Frisco for Dallas Baptist University. He earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Jon and his wife Gina were also blessed with their third child, Luke Christian.

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Stephanie Maria Kuypers Crane '96 was accepted to graduate school at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and will start in the fall. She is obtaining an M.S.Ed degree with an emphasis in history. She hopes to teach at the college level upon completion. Stephanie and husband Robert reside in Covington, Pa., with their three children: Adam, Ashley and Aryn.

Shadi Sidarous '96 works for Floors 'N More in Sugar Land. She and husband Rasha have two children, Samuel and Lucy.

George M. Thomas '96 received his doctor of ministry at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in May.

Jeffrey Dowdy '98 graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2008 with his doctor of ministry degree. His specialization is leadership and administration, and his project was named "Equipping a Selected Group of Members of Stetson Baptist Church to Lead Short-term Mission Trips." He is a minister to students at Stetson Baptist Church in DeLand, Fla. He and wife **Melody McCain Dowdy '00** have two children, Keaton and Gentry.

Shawna Walker Escobar '98 is president of Showcase Accounting Services, LLC in Houston.

Ryan Thomas '98 is a sales manager for INX in Houston.

Michael Wood MS '98 is director of human resources for GDF SUEZ Energy North America in Houston. He and wife Kim have three children: Ashley, Austin and Andrew.

Jamila Myers '99 has been an auditor for the state of Texas for the past nine years. Currently, she has become an audit trainer and did a two-week tour of Israel with Sagemont Church.

Sharon Nelson '99 is an education coordinator for The Methodist Hospital.

Christopher Jason Roberts '99 has pursued a career in tech support and is an HBA Tier 1 CPU agent for Apple Inc. He resides in Austin.

Scott Vanpelt '99 is a business manager/IT director for Salem Communications in Houston. He, wife Caresse and son Cristopher reside in Katy.

CLASS OF 2000 - 2009

Cheryl Lynn Davis '00 is the after school program director for Westbury Christian School in Houston.

Jennifer Leigh Harger '00 is a seventh grade English teacher at Regents School of Austin.

Wynter Matheny Lee '00 is a mass tort coordinator for Watts Law Firm, LLP in Corpus Christi. She and husband Aaron Lee reside in Portland, Texas.

Jessica Rogers '00, MEd '02 opened her own tutoring service company called TutorVille in Houston.

Jamie Phillips Spikerman '00 is a first grade bilingual teacher in Conroe ISD. She and husband Josh reside in Montgomery, with their children, John and Sydney.

Margaret Noecker MEd '01 joined the staff of The Parish School in 1983, and has had numerous positions at the school, including teacher, mentor teacher and academic coordinator. Noecker was named head of school in 2004. She was honored for her 25 years of service and dedication to the school last October. Noecker served on the board of directors of The School of the Woods, and is an active member of the Houston Area Independent Schools Coalition. She also serves on the advisory board of the Houston branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

Tommy Philips '01, MS '03 married Rosily Alexander on Jan. 17. He is a project manager for ExxonMobil in Houston.

Jamie Varughese '01 is presently a fellow in adolescent pediatrics with Baylor College of Medicine.

Jerry S. Cox MATS '02 was recognized for his lifetime achievement as a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets during a Corps Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Feb. 7. He is currently president and chairman of Cox & Perkins Exploration Inc. in Houston.

Robert Lowerre '02 is a securities analyst for Johnson, Bender & Co. in Houston.

Paul Lytle '02, MLA '07 recently published a book, *One Power in the Verse: Finding God in Firefly and Serenity*. It examines the television show *Firefly* from a Christian point-of-view. It is already available on LuLu.com and will be available soon on amazon.com.

Marcus Ray Anderson '03 is a radiology resident for SLU Radiology Department in St. Louis.

Christy Aroopala '03 graduated from the Rice University Department of Political Science with her Ph.D. in May. She moved to New Haven, Conn., in July to begin a one-year post-doc fellowship at Yale.

Nicole Dees Hays '03 is a minister for Monument Baptist Church. She and husband Ryan reside in Pasadena.

Nicholas Paul Jones '03 is the associate pastor for First Baptist Church in Weymouth, Mass. He and wife Amanda have two daughters, Susannah and Elisabeth.

Preet Dilipkumar Joshi '03 just graduated from medical school and will be going into residency for sports medicine at the University of Southern Illinois.

Wayne Maydwell '03 is a paralegal for Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford & Brucculeri in Houston. He and wife Kim have four children: Ashley, Chad, Tori and Luke.

Dianne Martinez Pereira '03 is a solvents CSR for SCNA in Houston. She married George Pereira on Jan. 3.

Roy Varughese '03 is currently a resident in internal medicine with Baylor College of Medicine.

Candace Bush '04 is a speech and journalism teacher for Travis High School in Fort Bend ISD.

Amanda Dean Fletcher '04 is an internal corporate trainer for Reynolds and Reynolds. She married Russell Fletcher on Oct. 11, 2008.

Jincy Kunnacherry Jose '04 is a communications manager for the Salvation Army in Houston.

Karen Hare Mason '04 is a technical consultant for Hewlett Packard in Fort Collins, Colo. She and husband Zebulun reside in Greeley, Colo.

Kelly Hunter Morris '04 is currently residing in Tucson, Ariz. She is a product manager for Colorbok Inc., a consumer products company. She is in charge of the Value Stationery product line. She works with the company's overseas office in China and its factories to produce products and is also in charge of all costing and financials for the product line.

Ashley Frank Northrup '04 is a reserves analyst for Marathon Oil Corporation. She, husband Marcus and son Marcus Jr. reside in Sugar Land.

Bich-Tram Truong Vu '04 married **Quynh Vu MBA '04** on Aug. 31, 2008. They currently live in Pearland. Quynh is a controls engineer for Rohm & Haas, and Bich-Tram is a technical author for Petrofac Training.

Shaun Michael Bradshaw '05 graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth this May with an advanced master of divinity degree. He works as a full-time minister to youth at First Baptist Church of Perrin, Texas.



Annielia J. (Kissoon) Campbell '03 married Roosevelt Campbell II on May 18, 2008. Annielia is a flight attendant for Continental Airlines and co-owner of a film/production company with her husband. They reside in Pearland.

Vic Gilmore '05 is assistant men's basketball coach at HBU.

Jessica Lynn Smith '05 is vice president of the Middle East for Logistical Solutions International in Houston.

Brian Steffek '06 is a contracts administrator for Fluor Corporation in Sugar Land.

Crystal Shai Streety '05 is an accountant for Baker Hughes in Houston. She is also Houston Branch president for Mocha Sisters Organization Inc.

Michael Bui MBA '06 is a senior consultant for corporate finance for FTI Consulting Inc. in Houston.

Heather Davis '06 is owner of Couture Weddings & Events, LLC in Pearland.

Naomi Green '06 is a care counselor for Optum Health in Houston.

Amber Haque '06 just graduated from law school at the SMU Dedman School of Law this May.

Tamera Commander Fuller Steffen MEd '06 is a teacher/team leader for Cy-Fair ISD. She and husband David have five children, Christopher, Zachery, Daniel, Meredith and Laura.

Mona Lugay Tolbert MBA '06 was recently appointed district communications specialist for the Varnett Public School in Houston.

Xavier Montoya '07 is associate minister of recreation for First Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas. He and wife Nicole have three children, Elijah, Lydia and Benjamin.

Carrie Redmon Singletary '07 is a human resources training coordinator for Mustang Engineering, LP in Houston. She and husband Stephen reside in Katy.

Amanda Tubbs Tietjen '07 is an assistant band director for Alice Johnson Junior High in Channelview ISD. She and husband Chad reside in Houston.

Nicole Lee English '08 married **Timothy Warner Brown '07** on Sept. 6, 2008, in Houston. Nicole currently holds her real estate license with Keller Williams Realty and plans to pursue a career in business. Timothy currently works as a regional sales manager for Technical Laboratory Systems. They reside in Katy.

Kari Fisk '08 is director of youth ministries at First United Methodist Church in Port Neches.

Rebecca Whitmire Peterson '08 is an administrative assistant at Living Water International. She and husband Derek reside in Richmond.

Bethany Eubanks Smith '08 is a mental health associate for The Menninger Clinic in Houston. She married Josh Smith on Nov. 17, 2007. They have one daughter, Anabella Marie.

Mon'Sher Spencer '08 is an admissions counselor/outreach coordinator for HBU. She is also in charge of FOCUS & Refuge, the REC Team, and Quest. She resides in Tomball.

In Memoriam

Current Students

John Vay, a senior majoring in biology, biochemistry and molecular biology, passed away on March 25. Vay was awarded a posthumous degree in May.

Former Students

John Edward Burrell '92 passed away on Nov. 25, 2008. Rev. Burrell pastored Progressive Baptist Church, Morning Star Baptist Church and New St. John Community Church. He was founder and president emeritus of Brazos Valley Pastors and Ministers Alliance; founder and CEO of Loving Tender Care Day Care; and founding pastor of New St. John Community Church.

Jackson Martin Connaughton, III '83 passed away on June 12. Connaughton was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. His sister, **Gayla Ware '85**, is also an HBU graduate.

Terry Michelle Hudson '82 passed away on May 25. She was the daughter of Anne Hudson '80, MAP '83 and a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Carolyn Welch Johnston '85 passed away Feb. 1.

Geraldine W. Miles MLA '88 passed away March 25. She was a retired Houston ISD teacher.

Faculty/Staff

Virgil Grotfeldt, assistant professor in art, passed away Feb. 23. Grotfeldt had premiered a solo exhibit, *274296*, in the University Academic Center Gallery only weeks before his death. The exhibit was composed of 16 oil paintings done on MRI scans from Grotfeldt's long battle with cancer. The exhibit's title, *274296*, was his patient number at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Norma Newton Simmons passed away Nov. 2, 2008. She was a former faculty member and taught opera in the School of Music. One of the premier artists and teachers in her field, Norma trained more than 50 singers who have gone on to have major careers. During her operatic and concert career, she performed with New York City Opera, Dallas Civic Opera, Chicago Grant Park and Houston Symphony, as well as with the late Beverly Sills.

Haden J. Upchurch passed away Dec. 11, 2008. He was an adjunct professor in political science.

University Friends

Betty Breitkreuz passed away Oct. 13, 2008. She was a member of The Guild.

Jimmy Elizabeth Dowell passed away on June 14. Dowell, who taught Sunday School at Park Place Baptist Church for 60 years, was a member of HBU's Museum of Southern History.

Bert Edwin Evans Jr. passed away Jan. 23. He is survived by his wife, Elzine Evans, a member of The Guild since 1995.

Dr. Paul H. Fan passed away Nov. 29, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Joyce Wang Fan, HBU's founding science and mathematics department chair, for whom an endowed scholarship is named. Their son, **Dr. Lawrence Fan '78**, is an HBU alumnus.

Virginia M. Marshall passed away June 7. Marshall was a member of the E.P. West Sunday School class at Second Baptist Church, a class taught by HBU's first president, William Hinton. She was a longtime supporter of HBU, having established through a provision in her will a scholarship for students in church vocations in 1979. A member of the Covenant Society, Marshall was the recipient of the Spirit of Excellence Award in 1997.

Bob Mesec passed away in January. He is survived by his wife, Rita Mesec, a member of The Guild.

Wilhelmina Daisy Cullen Robertson Smith passed away on Jan. 26. The Cullen Trust for Higher Education has made numerous gifts to HBU since 1983. The Cullen Science Building and Cullen Parlor stand in recognition of the Cullen legacy. The most recent gift from The Cullen Trust for Higher Education was designated for Belin Chapel in honor of HBU Trustee Bruce Belin. A portrait of Mrs. Smith's parents, Hugh Roy Cullen and Lillie Cranz, can be seen at the entrance to Cullen Parlor.

Remembrances

Virgil Grotfeldt came to HBU as an artist and teacher in 2002, eager to contribute his love of art to the discourse of learning. Over the years, he grew into the fabric of our offerings and was an example of professional commitment to all. Virgil was a team player who always supported the common good. His door was always open, and students grew familiar with the idea that he would help anyone, anytime with advice when needed. He demonstrated the power of living faith, and we in the School of Art realize his passing represents a deep loss as his humor, intelligence and creative voice will be missed, though not forgotten. His faith in Christ sustained him, and us, through his troubling fight with cancer, and it is this faith that will sustain us in his absence.



*In Loving Memory,
The HBU Art Family*



Landmesser



Wolens



Imperial



Scheel



Mitchell



Vaughan



Jose



Smith

Lara Berry Landmesser '93 and husband David are proud to announce the birth of Jack Madden on March 9. He was welcomed by his brother, Luke, and grandparents Joel '72 and Linda Berry.

Devyn Wolens '94 and husband Jeffrey are proud to announce the birth of daughter, Leighton, on Feb. 6.

Eva Garcia Imperial '96 and husband **Sidney Imperial** '96 welcomed twin girls, Olivia Isabella and Mía Felicity, on Feb. 3.

Meggins Landrum Scheel '98 and husband Richard are proud to announce the birth of twins, Lena and Dylan. The twins join siblings Caitlyn, Luke and Annabella. Meggins is a homemaker and active in the North Houston Area Parents of Multiples.

Jessica Sharp Mitchell '00 and husband Shannon are proud to announce the arrival of their fourth child, Katherine Elizabeth, on Jan. 15. She was welcomed home by her big brothers, Nathan, Stephen and Jonathan.

Steve Straughter '01 and wife Kim are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie, on Oct. 30, 2008.

Christi Powell Vaughan '02 and husband **Josh Vaughan** '03 are proud to announce the birth of son Caleb Braden on Jan. 8. He was welcomed home by big brother Zakary Michael. Proud grandparents are HBU Trustee Bob '76 and Linda '77 Powell and Kelly '76 and Chris '76 Vaughan. Also welcoming the newest Husky to the family are aunt Christina Campos Vaughan '00 and uncles Kel Vaughan '99 and Jonathan Powell '08.

Jincy Kunnacherry Jose '04 and husband Cyril are proud to announce the birth of their son, Vince Jose, on Oct. 7, 2008.

Bethany Eubanks Smith '08 and husband Joshua are proud to announce the birth of daughter Anabella (Bella) on Nov. 17, 2008.

There is one common element that defies the boundaries of industry, country and orthodoxy. We find it in the hearts and minds of poets, artists, theorists and revolutionaries – but only those who seek will find it. For it cannot be told, only **discovered.**



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