

FALL 2010

# HBU NEWS



Looking back on  
**50** years

The people, the events  
and the traditions

**KIZA II**

The new dawg in town  
makes her debut

# HOMECOMING

## TUESDAY 11/2

Women's Basketball  
vs. Henderson State

## WEDNESDAY 11/3

Convocation:  
Homecoming Pep Rally

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Women's Soccer:  
Great West Tournament

Spirit of HBU Alumni  
Awards Dinner

Bonfire

Homecoming Dance

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Husky Hustle

Chili Cook-off & Husky  
Fair

Pre-Game BBQ Dinner

Men's Basketball  
vs. McMurray

HONORING CLASSES '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05

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# WINING 2010

NOVEMBER 2-6



HOMECOMING BONFIRE, 1968

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of *HBU News* is especially important because it highlights the University's 50th anniversary celebration. Fifty years ago this fall, Houston Baptist College (HBC) was chartered under the visionary leadership of its Founding Fathers. In September of 1963, HBC opened its doors to a group of pioneering students, faculty and staff, who brought to life the hopes and dreams of the Founding Fathers for a Christian institution of higher education in the growing city of Houston.

HBC celebrated its birth – and its promise – later that fall by bringing Dr. Billy Graham to the campus for a special convocation on October 30. Thousands gathered in the atrium of the Brown Administrative Complex to hear Dr. Graham express his thankfulness for an institution with a Christian mission in an increasingly secular society. Dr. Graham prayed that HBC would remain true to its mission, and, as we observe HBU's 50th anniversary and look ahead to the next 50 years, we give thanks that the institution has indeed remained true to its calling.

Today we have much to celebrate as we welcome HBU's 48th class of entering freshmen. Under the leadership of Provost Paul Bonicelli, work continues on our new liberal arts core curriculum, which is designed to integrate faith and learning and, in many ways, reflect HBC's original core curriculum. Our science and math programs, led by Dean Doris Warren, continue to attract bright and talented students, and our Honors College, now beginning its third year, is experiencing growth under the leadership of Dean Robert Stacey. The Graduate School also is a growth area for the University. Just recently, we learned that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has approved our proposed Master of Fine Arts program, scheduled to be implemented next spring. Another source of pride is that HBU remains on track as a candidate for full NCAA Division I status, thanks to the work of Ritamarie Tauer, who chairs our NCAA Compliance Committee, Director of Athletics Steve Moniaci, and many others. All of these areas of growth and change reflect progress toward our 12-year vision, *The Ten Pillars: Faith and Reason in a Great City* ([www.hbu.edu/vision](http://www.hbu.edu/vision)), and I am truly grateful for the dedicated Christian faculty, staff and administrators who are working so diligently to implement the University's goals.

As we remember the past and look toward the future, we are especially honored that President George W. Bush has agreed to serve as the keynote speaker at our Spirit of Excellence Gala coming up on November 16. We all look forward to this memorable

highlight of HBU's 50th anniversary celebration. Many University friends and supporters have already made plans to join us on this wonderful occasion, and we hope that others of you will plan to attend.

Another highlight of our anniversary celebration this fall will be the much-anticipated publication of the University's history – spanning the 50 years from HBC's chartering on November 16, 1960, to HBU's Spirit of Excellence Gala on November 16, 2010. Dr. Don Looser, vice president emeritus, was the perfect choice to write this history, having served 44 years in a variety of positions as both a faculty member and an administrator. No one else could bring the same degree of insider knowledge and expertise to the task. Appropriately titled *An Act of Providence*, this wonderful volume acknowledges the people who labored tirelessly to fund the University, the professors who made a lasting impression on their students, the leaders of campus life who formed the substance of programs and traditions, and our outstanding alumni.

When members of HBC's Founding Classes gathered at HBU this summer, those who have remained active in campus life were joined by alumni returning after an absence of many years, even decades. Some of the latter expected to find parking lots and open fields where buildings now stand; they were amazed at the growth of the campus. The Lake House, the Mest Wing of the Women's Residence College, the Hinton Center, the Morris Cultural Arts Center and the University Academic Center had all changed the landscape as they expected to find it. One thing had not changed, however, and that was our mission as celebrated by Dr. Graham on that momentous October day in 1963.

My prayer is that, under God's providence, the University will remain faithful to its calling as a Christian institution during the next 50 years. Through the *Ten Pillars* vision, I am committed to moving HBU to the next level – as a comprehensive, national university where learning and faith – Athens and Jerusalem – truly come together. I know that, because of the support of many University friends and alumni and the persevering efforts of our trustees, faculty, staff and administration, the next half century at HBU will prove worthy of the years that went before it.

Blessings,



Robert B. Sloan, Jr.





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## Engaging Truth

Seventh pillar seeks to engage wisdom of the world with wisdom of the Word

## Work of Art

Van Dyck masterpiece brings joy to celebrants in Belin Chapel

## Top Dawg

Alumni family helps rescued husky find new home at HBU

## A Beautiful Story

Vice President Emeritus Don Looser dedicates three years to HBU history project

## Texas Proud

Bill Flores MBA '85 hopes to make American dream a reality for next generation Texans



## On The Cover

Each fall, the incoming freshmen, wearing their traditional orange and blue beanies, face off against the upperclassmen in a contest of strength and willpower, the tug-of-war. Year after year, the stakes remain the same. Upperclassmen seek to reinforce their supremacy, while the freshmen battle for bragging rights and permission to remove their beanies.

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## New Academic Appointments

The President and Provost announce appointments as of the fall semester



**Dr. Robert Stacey**  
Associate Provost,  
Faculty and Curricula  
Development



**Ritamarie Tauer**  
Associate Provost,  
Academic Operations



**Dr. Margie Ugalde**  
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and Allied Health



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of Arts and Humanities



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Interim Director, Master  
of Liberal Arts Program



**Dr. Jeffrey Green**  
Chair, Department  
of Philosophy



**Dani Wilde**  
Director of Graduate  
Admissions

## Trustees gather to celebrate University's history, future

President and Mrs. Sloan invited past and present members of the HBU Board of Trustees and their spouses to campus for a dinner given in their honor in May.

Dr. Sloan presented an historical overview, "From Our Founding to the Future," for the more than 130 guests in attendance. In addition, the event featured

the debut of a video featuring alumni, faculty and trustees showcasing HBU's *Ten Pillars* vision.

The evening marked a special opportunity for the University's past and present leadership to celebrate both HBU's 50th year and its vision for the future.

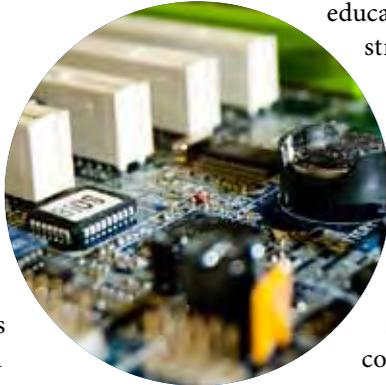
## A \$1.5 Million Gift

Cullen Trust grant to help fund IT, communication infrastructure upgrades

HBU has been granted \$1.5 million from The Cullen Trust for Higher Education to help the University protect its existing information assets while expanding the capacity and reach of its technological infrastructure.

The grant, payable over three years, will allow HBU to implement a new fault-tolerant topology that utilizes two of its newest facilities – the Morris Cultural Arts Center and the Lake House residence college – as hubs for its campus communications infrastructure. HBU will also install equipment that meets the newest wireless standard across campus and migrate all campus telephones to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system that runs on the computer network's fiber cables.

The resulting state-of-the-art computer



networks and communications systems will have a direct impact on the ability of faculty and staff to educate and serve the growing student body. Improved network reliability and enhanced wireless access will help ensure that HBU students have access to the latest web-based

educational resources that streamline the delivery of educational content and allow teaching and learning to extend beyond the four walls of the classroom.

With its latest gift, The Cullen Trust for Higher Education continues its long history of supporting some of HBU's most strategic capital projects at pivotal moments in the University's history, including facilities benefiting programs in the sciences, nursing, business, education and the performing arts.

## Wescott named Professor Emeritus

At its spring 2010 commencement ceremony, HBU appointed **Dr. Shari H. Wescott**, retiring professor in accounting, to the rank of professor emeritus in recognition of her leadership and her commitment to the accounting profession and to Christian higher education.

Her contributions to HBU include coordination of the five-year Master of Accountancy program from its inception in 2003, as well as her service as faculty sponsor of the Accounting Society, which provides opportunities for accounting alumni to return to campus and share their experiences with undergraduate students.

During her 20 years of service to HBU, Wescott received numerous recognitions, including the Robert Griswold Outstanding Faculty in the School of Business in 1993, the Outstanding Adviser in 2002, the Outstanding Faculty in Graduate Business Programs in 2006, and the HBU Alumni Association's Hallmark Award in 2009. From 1994 to 1996, she also held the Prince-Chavanne Chair in Christian Business Ethics.



## Piper Professor Nominees

Each year, HBU's colleges and schools nominate their top professors for the Piper Professor Award, given by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation to recognize superior teaching at the college level. From these outstanding faculty, a single

candidate is selected to represent HBU in the annual statewide competition and to receive the University's Dr. Larry D. Smith Award for Teaching Excellence. The 2009-2010 HBU Piper Professor nominee was Dr. Rhonda Furr.



### Left to right:

Dr. Kiara Spooner, School of Nursing and Allied Health; Dr. Melissa Wiseman, School of Business; Dr. Rhonda Furr, College of Arts and Humanities; Dr. Ernest Pyle, College of Science and Mathematics; Dr. Valerie Bussell, College of Arts and Humanities; Dr. Sharon Lewis, School of Education

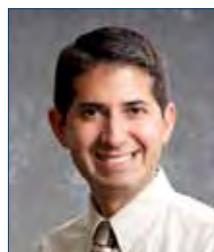
## ADVISER OF THE YEAR:

Dr. Rachel Hopp, associate professor in biology and faculty adviser for HBU's Pre-Dental Society, was named 2010 Adviser of the Year. In addition to freshman-level biology courses, she teaches upper-level courses in physiology and neuroscience. Hopp, who joined the HBU faculty in 1999, is a member of the National Association of Biology Teachers and the American Physiological Society.



## Faculty and Staff Awards

### Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching Award



TREVINO

Dr. Saul Trevino, assistant professor in chemistry, received the Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching Award, named to honor the legendary founding faculty member, for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Trevino, who joined the HBU faculty in 2008, considers himself blessed to have been nominated for the award by his students: "I really care about our HBU students and their education, and to be nominated by them is an honor. I love being able to share the history and wonders of chemistry with them in a Christian environment, and I love having the opportunity to help them develop a love for lifelong learning."

### Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award



EVANS

HBU presented the 2010 Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award to Patricia Evans, assistant director of human resources, and Clay Porter, director of instructional television.

Evans, who first joined the HBU staff in 2000, was surprised, but extremely honored, by the award: "Even though I really love my job and enjoy helping all the wonderful employees of HBU on a daily basis, it is always a great morale booster to be shown such appreciation from my colleagues for my efforts," she said. "I hope to be able to serve our HBU family for a long time to come."



PORTER

Porter, who joined the HBU staff in 1985, sees special meaning in the timing of the honor: "It is very special for me to receive the Mayfield Award as HBU celebrates its 50th year and I celebrate my 25th," he said. "I grew up down the street and literally watched the University rise up from the ground. We have a solid, dedicated faculty, staff and administration, and I'm proud to have two sons attending HBU under their leadership."

## Mock trial makes history

HBU hosts regional tournament, sends two teams to opening round

For the first time in University history, both of HBU's mock trial teams qualified to compete in the Opening Round Championship hosted by the American Mock Trial Association. The University's orange and blue teams advanced after placing in the top eight at the 2010 Houston Regional Tournament, held for the first time on the HBU campus in February.

Twenty-four teams representing universities from throughout the region vied for the top eight spots at the regional tournament. The University of Texas at Austin was the only other school

in the tournament to place two teams in the Opening Round Championship.

HBU's teams recorded wins against teams from Baylor University, Collin College, Rice University, Tulane University and the University of Texas at Dallas on their way to the history-making finish. In the individual award categories, Laurianne Balkum '10, co-captain of the orange team, received an Outstanding Attorney Award, and Dillon Smith, a member of the blue team, was named an Outstanding Witness.

# HBU welcomes new faculty

**Rosario Alvarado**  
Visiting Assistant  
Professor in Nursing



ALVARADO

**Dr. Ellen R. Clardy**  
Visiting Assistant  
Professor in Economics



CLARDY

**Donna E. Cox**  
Visiting Assistant  
Professor in Nursing



COX

**Dr. David J. Davis**  
Assistant Professor  
in History



DAVIS

**Dr. Stephanie K. Ellis**  
Assistant Professor in  
Psychology



ELLIS

**Charles A. Gremillion**  
Visiting Instructor in  
Kinesiology



GREMILLION

**Tommye Holliday**  
Assistant Professor in  
Nursing



HOLLIDAY

**Dr. Steven L. Jones**  
Assistant Professor in  
Classics



JONES

**Dr. Micah W. Mattix**  
Assistant Professor in  
Literature



MATTIX

**Dr. John M. McAteer**  
Assistant Professor in  
Philosophy



McATEER

**Hans Molzberger**  
Visiting Instructor in Art



MOLZBERGER

**Brenda Moore**  
Instructor in Nursing



MOORE

**Dr. Karen Morton-King**  
Assistant Professor in  
Management



MORTON-KING

**Dr. Beverly J. Rowe**  
Associate Professor in  
Accounting



ROWE

**Susan Schneider**  
Instructor in Nursing



SCHNEIDER

## Living the dream

College of Science and  
Mathematics graduate  
pursues Ph.D. at Harvard

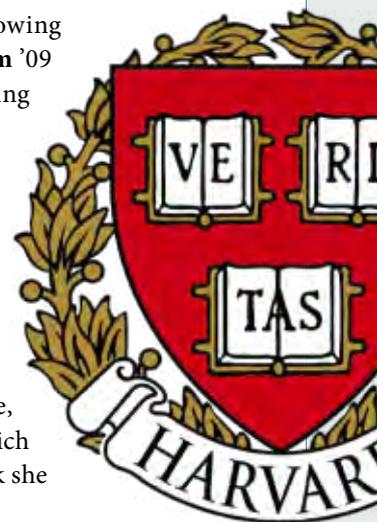
As she was growing up, **Suhare Adam '09** remembers hearing her father talk about his days as a student at Harvard University. She considered it a place for only the most intelligent people, a category to which she did not think she belonged.

Today, though, Adam finds herself living a dream she never actually imagined would come true.

The physics and chemistry graduate received a full-tuition Graduate Prize Fellowship to the Ph.D. program in the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, where she began coursework in materials science this fall.

Adam participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates at Cornell University and Harvard in the summers of 2008 and 2009, respectively, and worked in the Advanced Characterization Department for ExxonMobil Chemical before applying to graduate school. She gives credit for her success to a willingness to work hard and the encouragement of Dr. Gardo Blado, professor in physics, and several other HBU professors.

"My first upper-level physics course with Dr. Blado was probably the most difficult course I have ever taken," Adam said. "Despite the fact that I did terribly on the first test, Dr. Blado was confident that I was going to do well. He pushed me to work harder and taught me that, if you're motivated enough, anything is possible."



## BAYLOR BOUND

Although an attorney himself, David Balkum '84, MATS '07 spent years somewhat jokingly discouraging his daughter from pursuing a career in law.

"Unfortunately, his passion for debate seems to be genetic," said Laurianne Balkum '10.



As a member of HBU's mock trial team, Laurianne, who began attending Baylor Law School this fall on the Dean's Academic Excellence Full-Tuition Scholarship, found she enjoyed the challenges associated with preparing arguments and presenting a case.

"I loved being in the courtroom, even if they were, for the most part, fictional ones," Laurianne said.

She was surprised to learn that Baylor's program, which focuses on teaching prospective attorneys to think, speak and write when representing clients, seems tailored for someone with her specific background.

"I can't think of any better undergraduate majors than the ones I had to prepare myself for law school," Laurianne said. "My courses and professors in English, speech and psychology taught me how to analyze, interpret and communicate."

With what seems for now to be a daunting three years ahead of her, Laurianne understands the importance of maintaining a proper balance as a student.

"I would encourage every student to get involved in campus life," Laurianne said. "It's the relationships you build with your peers – through a sorority or fraternity, regular Bible study groups, or membership in a campus organization like the mock trial team – that will provide the foundation God can use to give you motivation and encouragement to endure."



Brandon Porter, Lauren Schoenemann, Justin Schneewind, Dr. Alice J. Rowlands, Nathan Cadis

## Collegian takes home 21

Newspaper wins Texas Intercollegiate Press Association awards

"Easily the best newspaper we read today."

With that sentiment in mind, the judges of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association awarded *The Collegian*, HBU's student newspaper, first place in the Overall Excellence category at its annual convention in March.

"It was great to see all of the effort the staff puts into producing the paper rewarded by being named best overall paper," said Justin Schneewind, *The Collegian's* current editor-in-chief. "Hearing the results of the awards was my proudest day since I arrived at the University."

The award for overall excellence was one of eight first place awards – and 21 awards total – received by the paper and its student journalists. *The Collegian* staff was also

recognized with a first place award for an editorial titled "Campus must drop suitcase image." Other first place awards were given for the paper's feature and sports page designs, information graphics, headlines and news photos.

*"Easily the best newspaper we read today."*

"I wish this newspaper was distributed more frequently," said one of the judges, "as I'm sure the student body at this school also laments, because this is a high-quality newspaper that makes a strong impact with the time and space it does have available to its readers."



First HBU Collegian Staff, 1963

# Hamill Foundation grant to fund Nursing, Student Life initiatives

HBU has received a grant of \$100,000 from The Hamill Foundation to support key initiatives in the School of Nursing and Allied Health and the student life program.

The majority of the grant will help HBU update its nursing skills lab through

renovations and the purchase of new state-of-the-art equipment. The remainder of the grant was used to fund completion of an intramural field where HBU students can play various sports at the recreational level.

The grant is the latest of many charitable

contributions from the The Hamill Foundation, which also supported the completion of the Belin Chapel in the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

## Huskies go to Washington

Internship, seminar provide unique perspectives on public policy

This past summer, three HBU students interested in public policy had the opportunity to broaden their horizons in Washington, D.C.

**David Toney**, a senior majoring in public policy and speech communication, worked for six weeks as an intern for the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, where he conducted research and attended briefings to support the work of the Washington office's director Dr. Barrett Duke. He also represented the organization at a week-long Student Leadership University conference, where Christian congressmen and business leaders shared their leadership techniques and principles with high school students.

"The experience was more than I ever expected to get out of an internship," Toney said. "I wanted a conservative perspective, and ideally a Christian one, on the culture and the policy in Washington, and this opportunity provided that, and so much more."

In July, **Lucy Girgawy**, a 2009 political science and international business graduate now interning with the office of

U.S. Representative John Culberson, and **Wesley Gant**, a senior majoring in government and communication and rhetoric, attended "Liberty and Leviathan: Policy from the Libertarian Perspective," a week-long seminar hosted by the Institute for Humane Studies on the campus of Washington's Trinity University. The HBU students joined about 60 students from around the world to discover how to analyze current policy issues from a libertarian perspective.

"The seminar was an excellent opportunity for me to gain a new perspective by learning more about a political philosophy that was unfamiliar to me and meeting students from so many different countries and backgrounds," Girgawy said. "I now understand that my political ideology does not have to be just one thing or fit within a specific mold."

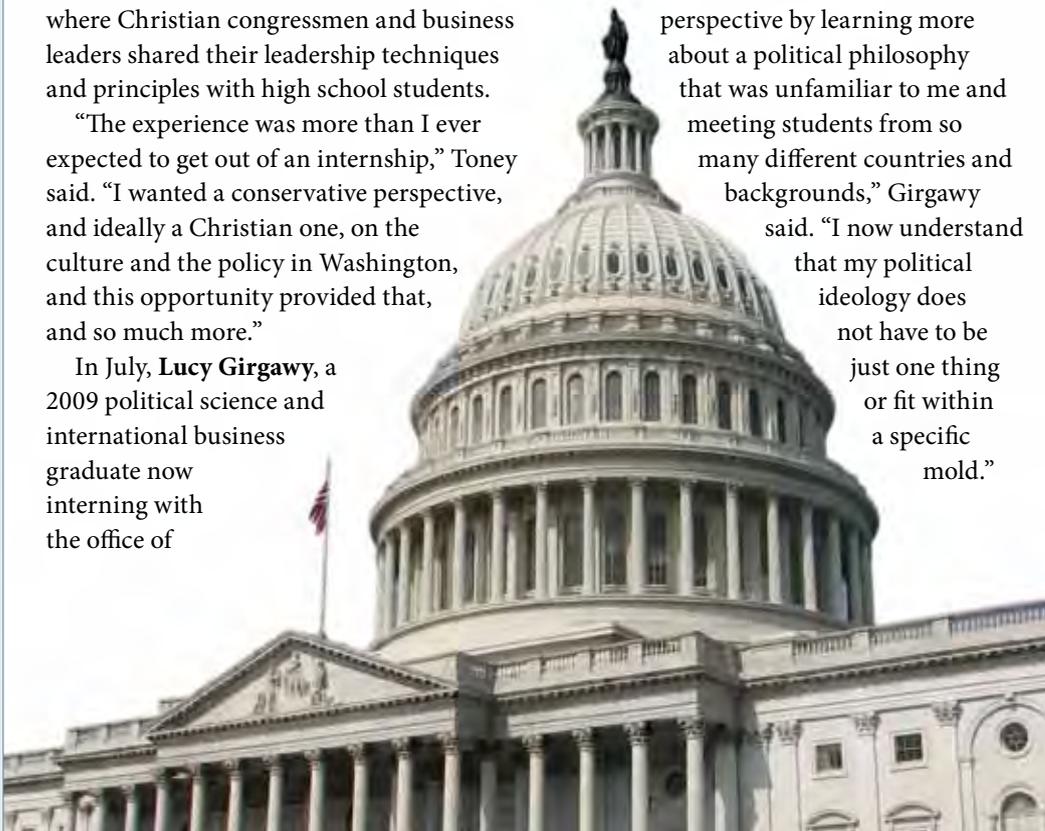
## Accreditation of Nursing, Education programs reaffirmed

School of Nursing and Allied Health

The Board of Commissioners of the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) has granted continuing accreditation to the nursing programs of the School of Nursing and Allied Health for eight years. HBU's programs were compliant on all six NLNAC standards – Mission and Administrative Capacity; Faculty and Staff; Students; Curriculum; Resources; and Outcomes – and continue to meet the highest national standards of quality in nursing education.

School of Education

The Texas Education Agency's Division of Educator Standards has reaffirmed the accreditation of the School of Education's undergraduate teacher preparation program. HBU's program was commended for its comprehensive course syllabi, its development of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills charts to help program candidates identify appropriate coursework needed to qualify to teach specific topics, and its benchmarks that create a clear road map for candidates to follow toward certification.



# HUSKY PROUD

## 2010-2011 SEASON HOME GAMES

### MEN

Nov 6	McMurry (Homecoming)
Nov 20	UT Arlington
Dec 4	Texas State
Dec 14	Louisiana Tech
Dec 31	Wyoming
Jan 8	Duquesne
Jan 22	UT-Pan American
Feb 3	Chicago State
Feb 5	Utah Valley
Feb 13	East Texas Baptist
Feb 17	NJIT
Feb 22	Middle Tennessee
Mar 3	North Dakota
Mar 5	South Dakota

### WOMEN

Nov 2	Henderson State
Nov 26	UMKC
Nov 27	Portland
Nov 30	Wiley
Dec 21	Rice
Dec 30	UH
Jan 22	UT-Pan American
Feb 3	Chicago State
Feb 5	Utah Valley
Feb 17	NJIT
Mar 5	South Dakota

## A disciplined approach

Texas Business Hall of Fame recognizes MBA student's entrepreneurial drive

By day, **Michelle Copeland**, who enrolled in the HBU MBA program in 2008, works as a transactional lawyer for Fluor Corporation in Sugar Land, where she is also a member of the Executive Management Team.

When not negotiating domestic and international engineering and construction contracts, she and husband Greg own and manage Texas Trace, a working ranch and gundog breeding kennel in Waller County, where they breed Brangus cattle and Boykin Spaniels.

Maintaining a busy schedule, made easier by the flexibility of HBU's MBA program and the convenience of its southwest Houston campus, is nothing new for Copeland. A first-generation college student, she worked almost full time while completing her secondary education at Portland State University, where she graduated with honors. She then continued her education by obtaining a Doctor of Jurisprudence from George Washington University Law School.

"Discipline is probably the single biggest factor to my personal success," Copeland said. "I have a strong sense of responsibility for myself and for others, and I believe in following through on my commitments."

In recognition of her achievements and hard work, Copeland has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the Texas Business Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization directed by business leaders from cities throughout the state that annually recognizes outstanding graduate business students who exhibit entrepreneurial drive and leadership spirit.

"When I started my college career, neither my parents nor I had any knowledge of how to apply for college or for financial assistance," Copeland said. "Although these difficulties, and the need to work full time to pay for my secondary education, delayed my progress initially, I have learned that if one maintains personal integrity despite fatigue and temptation, academic, professional and personal success will follow."



### School of Business honors program pioneer

At its annual Celebration of Graduate Business Programs dinner in May, the HBU School of Business recognized **Dr. Carter Franklin II**, founder of the University's first graduate program, the Master of Business Administration.

Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla, dean of the School of Business, thought it appropriate to honor the tenure of Franklin, who retired from HBU in 2001, during the celebration of the University's 50th anniversary.

"I have always admired Dr. Franklin for dedicating the better part of his life to establishing and running the MBA program," Kuruvilla said. "His work to pave the way in graduate business education, both at the University and within the city of Houston, is one of the major landmarks in the history of the School of Business."

In addition to current School of Business students and faculty, alumni from some of the earliest MBA classes in the late 1970s and early 1980s were on hand to thank Franklin for making their success possible.

Initiated in 1977, the HBU MBA program grew under Franklin's leadership to become one of the pre-eminent entrepreneurial programs in Houston, enhancing the University's reputation and standing in the city. Considered one of the most effective program directors in HBU history, Franklin developed and maintained the high academic standards for program admission and instruction that continue to define the program today.

Pictured above: President Sloan, Dr. Carter Franklin and Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla



Michelle Copeland with Jaeger Meister, the first Boykin Spaniel to earn the American Kennel Club's Grand Champion title at the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows held in July.



# ATHENS &

**The Mediterranean Sea**, and more than 780 miles, physically separate Athens and Jerusalem.

Philosophically, however, the distance between Athens, a symbol for the academy, and Jerusalem, a symbol for the church, can often seem immeasurable.

As defined in its vision for the future – *The Ten Pillars: Faith and Reason in a Great City* – HBU seeks to eliminate the perceived disparity between the two while growing into a truly influential, national university that can be a leader for Christian higher education in America.

The vision's seventh pillar – Bring Athens and Jerusalem Together – is a metaphor for engaging the wisdom of the world with the wisdom of the Word.

“We cannot compartmentalize ourselves,” said Dr. Paul J. Bonicelli, HBU provost. “The world’s wisdom has great relevance to us, because when it’s valid and true, it’s God’s truth.”

While educating students in an environment that embraces faith and reason remains the University’s central mission, the

seventh pillar also emphasizes the role HBU can play as a cultural center and a place for invitation and engagement within the city of Houston.

With the completion in recent years of new facilities for lectures and the performing and visual arts in the Morris Center and the University Academic Center, the HBU campus is increasingly drawing crowds to hear, see and experience an array of cultural events and educational programs.

for advancement. “We can no longer be ‘Houston’s best-kept secret.’ The time has come for us to reach out and engage the community on a number of different levels.”

From the Holocaust Museum Houston to the Houston Symphony, some of the city’s most recognized civic and arts organizations have chosen HBU’s first-class facilities as the setting for public events.

Presentations from leaders of Washington-based think tanks The Heritage Foundation

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“By bringing scholars, policymakers, authors and others to campus to share their insight, we are becoming more and more relevant to the conversation in Houston,” said Charles Bacarisse, vice president

and the American Enterprise Institute suggest HBU also is becoming known on a national level as a place for debate and discussion.

“I think it is remarkable that we would





How **a vision** to reconcile the cities of man and God is making HBU a hub of cultural dialogue

# JERUSALEM

**Left to Right:** Governor Rick Perry, Michael Medved, Archbishop Chaput, Bill Bennett, Karl Rove

have two of the prime think tanks in the country come to our campus in one calendar year's time," Bacarisse said. "That speaks very well to what Dr. Sloan, Dr. Bonicelli and the faculty are building academically."

That such efforts are enhancing the educational experience and the academic reputation of the University among current and potential students, as well as members of the community who might not have been familiar with HBU before, is no mistake.

"The kind of students who love knowledge and love learning for its own sake are looking for a place like HBU that consistently offers them things directly related to the way they live their lives spiritually and academically," Bonicelli said. "They know the way they think about the world is being elevated and celebrated here when we do that."

Through a partnership with Salem Communications Houston, which manages radio stations KKHT, KNTH and KTEK, the HBU campus has also witnessed several town hall-style meetings featuring nationally syndicated talk radio hosts, such as Hugh Hewitt and Dennis Prager, and recognized

names in political commentary, such as Karl Rove and William Bennett. Last spring, Texas Governor Rick Perry made an appearance to moderate a discussion between Michael Reagan, son of former President Ronald Reagan, and radio personality Michael Medved.

"We call ourselves intelligent talk radio, and where better to prove that than on the campus of a university, where learning and education are prime," said Chuck Jewell, general manager of Salem Communications Houston. "As a Christian broadcasting company, it is also very important that we invite our listeners to a Christian university to engage with and be informed by the people they listen to all the time on our stations."

In the spring, evangelicals and Catholics came together on the HBU campus to hear the Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, archbishop of Denver, deliver a speech titled "The Vocation of Christians in American Public Life." Video of the archbishop's remarks received thousands of hits on YouTube and sparked debate that continues to reverberate

through the country many months later.

"We were intrigued to learn that some Baptists in Houston had expressed an interest in Archbishop Chaput because of his courageous stands on issues of common concern," said Dr. John Hittinger, director of the Pope John Paul II Forum for the Church in the Modern World at the University of St. Thomas. "I have received numerous comments from people all over the country expressing how delighted they were to see the archbishop speaking at a Baptist university in mutual good will and understanding."

An opportunity for dialogue between evangelicals and the city's largest Jewish organization concerning what they have in common, where they differ, and what they are striving for together is also on the horizon.

"There's no shortage of things we can do that attract attention," Bonicelli said. "I think events like these banish the notion of an isolated religious university that doesn't really care about anything except its own little interests. Everything is our interest."

# St. John the Baptist in the Wilderness

A MASTERPIECE BY  
SIR ANTHONY VAN DYCK

“IT IS OUR DEEPEST WISH THAT THIS PAINTING WILL TOUCH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO SEE IT AND PROMOTE MORE MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD. IF ITS PRESENCE HERE ON CAMPUS BRINGS HBU STUDENTS TO A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST, THAT WOULD GIVE US THE MOST JOY WE COULD EVER HOPE FOR.”

- SHARON MORRIS



In pursuit of the goals outlined in the eighth pillar – Expand Our Commitment to the Creative Arts – of its *Ten Pillars* vision, HBU unveiled “Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness,” the 17th century masterpiece by Sir Anthony Van Dyck, in the Belin Chapel in June. The painting, a generous donation from the collection of University friends William and Sharon Morris, is the latest in a series of recent enhancements to the chapel, including the installation of the Sherry and Jim Smith Organ and a stained glass chancel window.

“We are honored that William and Sharon, whose pursuit of truth and beauty is reflected in their passion for fine art, have entrusted the University with this very special gift,” President Sloan said. “In this magnificent work, we witness a painting whose inspiring rendering of the human capacity for sacrifice and hope is a testament to the Morrisses and their faith, as well as the faith that underpins our mission and work at HBU.”

As a reminder of the University’s deep appreciation for their generosity, Sloan presented the Morrisses with a framed folio of Malachi 3

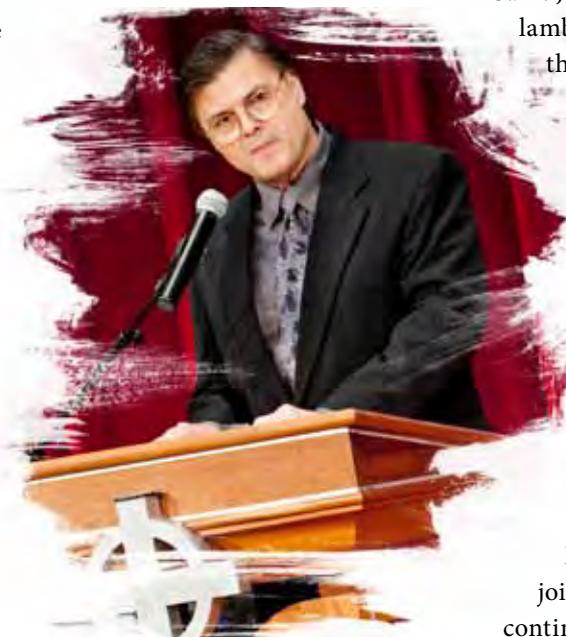


– the passage to which Jesus referred when he spoke to the crowds about John the Baptist's being the messenger preparing the way before him – from a 1610 Geneva Bible.

The celebration of great works of art like “Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness” is inherent in, and vital to, the mission of HBU. As it seeks to proclaim truth, goodness and beauty in all things, the University invites students, and the community as a whole, to share its academic and emotional admiration for the arts – visual, musical and literary – and to be part of the creative tradition.

### THE PAINTING

Van Dyck's depiction of “Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness” reveals his skill in rendering the human form while providing his painting with a sense of the sublime. Just as in his depictions of King Charles I of England and Scotland and his family and court, for which he is most famous,



MICHAEL COLLINS  
DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF ART

Van Dyck's religious subjects possess a relaxed elegance and a warm human quality, aided by exquisite flesh tones and beautifully painted fabric. The strong diagonal form of “Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness” – from the lamb in the lower left corner of the composition, to the small wooden cross resting on the lap of St. John, to the Evangelist lost in thought as he looks down upon his reading of the Scriptures – is an unusual compositional device in Baroque painting.

### THE ARTIST

Sir Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641) was a Flemish Baroque artist whose outstanding facility as a masterful draftsman was to be a dominant influence on English portrait painting for 150 years. Many of Van Dyck's early religious paintings portrayed Old and New Testament subjects for Jesuit and Dominican churches in Antwerp, Belgium. He joined the Guild of St. Luke as a Master in 1618 and continued his study of religious painting in the Italian cities of Genoa, Rome and Venice.

## *Silver Tea*

During the annual Silver Tea in March, more than 250 Guild members and their guests gathered in the River Oaks home of Sue Nan and Rod Cutsinger to honor Grace Gandy, former Guild president and founder of the Silver Tea. Thanks to the generosity of many members and friends, The Guild raised more than \$90,000 to fund graduate scholarships. Along with many committee members, co-chairs Jane Caldwell and Anne Roper worked tirelessly to make it a glorious day.



## *Book Swap*

In April, co-chairs Brenda Hederhorst and Marilyn Mogas treated Guild members and their guests to a fun and entertaining Book Swap Luncheon, celebrating special books and special friends. Featured speaker and special guest author Jeannette Clift George delighted the audience by sharing, in her unique and humorous style, the blessings we enjoy through dear friendships. More than 80 friends enjoyed lunch at elaborately decorated "Favorite Book" theme tables designed by fellow Guild members.



# *The Guild*

## *Installation Coffee*

The Guild marked the end of an era – its 35th anniversary – and the beginning of a new one in May with an Installation Coffee, hosted by chair Pam Lucas, at the home of Judy Craig. More than 70 officers, members and guests witnessed a lovely installation celebration, in which

Lu Frazier recognized incoming Guild President Sharon Corry and her officers and committee chairs. President Sloan delivered special thanks to outgoing President Kandy Brittain for her exceptional service.



## *2010 Christmas Luncheon*

On December 3, HBU First Lady Sue Sloan will help The Guild celebrate the 50th anniversary of HBU as guest speaker for the annual Christmas Luncheon. For ticket information, e-mail [TheGuild@hbu.edu](mailto:TheGuild@hbu.edu).

**Top Left:** Sue Nan Cutsinger, Grace Gandy, Rod Cutsinger  
**Bottom Left:** Brenda Hederhorst, Sue Sloan, Jeannette Clift George, Kandy Brittain  
**Above:** Sharon Corry, seated front row left, with members of the Guild Board and committee chairs

# AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY

## The Romantic Side of Sam Houston

In February, the American Museum Society celebrated its annual Museum Day Luncheon at the Junior League of Houston with a presentation by Gene Pipes, curator of education for the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The program, chaired by Ginny Nelson, chronicled the eventful and tumultuous love life of Texas hero Sam Houston, who was married three times between 1829 and 1840.

## Pride and Prejudice in Reverse: The Bissett Love Letters 1811-1828

Romance was again the focus at the AMS March event, chaired by Sharon Corry and held in the home of Ollie Kensinger. Dr. Diane Lovell, dean of the HBU College of Arts and Humanities, made a presentation on the Bissett letters, a series of more than 150 love letters written by a vicar to the daughter of an affluent English earl. Lovell discovered the letters, which were written almost 200 years ago using language and vocabulary similar to that used by the well-known English novelist Jane Austen, in a cottage in the English countryside village of Sherborne, Gloucestershire, in the summer of 2008.

## A Day in the Country

The women of the AMS toured historic La Grange, Texas, in April. Points of interest included the Fayette County Courthouse, built in 1891, and Fayette County Jail, built in 1893; the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center; and the Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historical Site. They also enjoyed lunch at Las Brisas Farm during their trip, which was chaired by Linda Higginbotham.

## Officer Installation

HBU First Lady Sue Sloan presided over the installation of new AMS officers at the home of Mattie Stevenson in May. Marsha Eckermann '68 is serving as president of the AMS for 2010-2011.

The AMS, which promotes interest in the development of the cultural and educational aspects of the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts at HBU, has many wonderful and exciting programs planned for the year ahead. For more information, please call 281-649-3997.



**Top:** Museum Day Luncheon Chairwoman Ginny Nelson  
**Middle:** Mattie Stevenson, Grace Gandy  
**Bottom:** Annette Duggan, Pat Ingram, Becky Greer '87, Judy Elleson, Sondra Ives, Allene Lucas, Marsha Eckermann '68, Sue Sloan



Kiza is HBU's **seventh** live mascot since students voted to adopt "Huskies" as the official mascot in 1965

**MASCOT HISTORY:**

**TOBY**

HBU's first live mascot, an Alaskan Malamute, became a campus resident in 1966.

**BUTTONS**

A 10-year-old Samoyed was acquired by the Coreons, a men's fraternity, in 1968.

**MINGO**

A new Samoyed greeted the spring season in 1969. Initially cared for by the Coreons, Mingo was later lovingly attended by University staff member Virginia Crosno for 11 years. After his passing in June 1982, Mingo was buried in the courtyard of the Sharp Gym, where a memorial marks his grave.

**MINGO II**

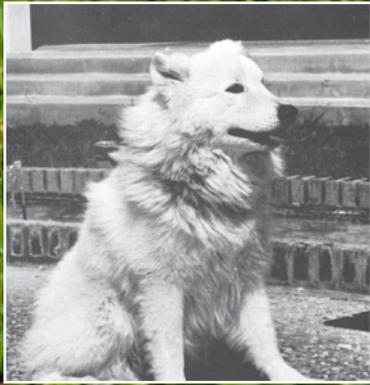
A third Samoyed mascot was secured for the campus in 1995 and was cared for by the student organization K-9 Corps.

**BUTCH**

A Samoyed selected to replace the noise-averse Mingo II was housed near the campus police during the week and with his trainers on the weekends.

# KIZA II

## READY FOR THE SPOTLIGHT



TOBY



MINGO

One of the new faces among the hundreds of freshmen attending Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) this summer wasn't like the others.

HBU's new live mascot, a Siberian husky puppy named Kiza, made her first official appearance during the first of four annual SOAR luncheons for incoming freshmen in June. She was introduced by Head Musher Rob Wisner, who leads the group of student volunteers – known as the Sled Team – that care for Kiza and accompany her at organizational rallies, athletic games and student body functions.

HBU adopted Kiza from Houston's Husky Haven, a non-profit organization made up of individual volunteers dedicated to rescuing and helping Siberian huskies. She was born one of four puppies in a litter in January.

The Williams Family Foundation – Stanley and Diane '93 Williams, their son and daughter-in-law Jay and Dena Williams,

and their son-in-law and daughter Clay MBA '96 and Dawn Trozzo – made the adoption of Kiza possible by generously agreeing to provide ongoing support of the live mascot program in honor of Stanley and Diane's four grandchildren.



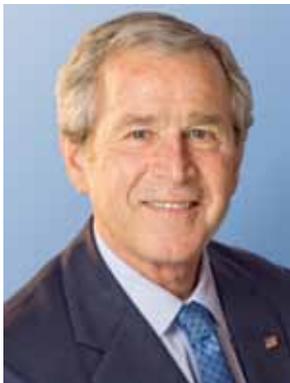
Diane Williams, center, joins her daughter-in-law Dena Williams, left, her daughter Dawn Trozzo, right, and her four grandchildren in welcoming Kiza to the HBU family. Diane has previously served as chair of the HBU Board of Trustees, presently serves on the Board, and chaired the Presidential Search Committee that recommended hiring President Sloan. Stanley played a key role in the development and construction of the Morris Cultural Arts Center. In addition to their support of the live mascot program, they have gifted the University with the creation of the Williams Fountain outside the Morris Center and have established an endowed academic scholarship that honors their children and extended family.

## WAKIZA

In the fall of 1999, Sherry '04 and Billy '03 Thomas gifted the campus with a new mascot – its first actual Husky. Kiza, as she was known, was handled by Kerry Nolen '99, Director of Student Programming, for many years. Except for a two-year absence from campus between 2003 and 2005, Kiza faithfully supported the Huskies on the athletic field and in the classroom until her passing in February.



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# An Act of Providence

DR. DON LOOSER CHRONICLES OUR FIRST 50 YEARS

After more than a day of drilling, excavators strike something solid 27 feet underground. For a moment, visions of a buried brass cannon filled with diamonds, pearls and gold dance in their heads. Then, quicksand. It begins to fill the hole, erasing the dream of the treasure hunters inch by inch. The dramatic climax of the latest best-selling novel or the next Hollywood blockbuster? No, it was just another day in the early life of Houston Baptist College.

For Vice President Emeritus Dr. Don Looser, it is also one of the more memorable stories to come from the three years he spent reviewing minutes and records of meetings; student and university publications; letters and correspondence; newspaper and magazine reports; and personal recollections for his upcoming book, *An Act of Providence*, a history of HBU's first 50 years.

His detailed narrative, scheduled for publication this fall, traces the history of the University from its inception and chronicles the compelling story of God's continuous blessing on institutional development by documenting the significant personal contributions of individual trustees, donors, faculty and staff, students and families, and the community-at-large toward the realization of the dream of the college founders.

"I firmly believe you can see God's hand in everything that has been accomplished in the University's first 50 years," Looser said. "There were times it seemed like such an insurmountable task that it really couldn't be explained in human terms. Yes, there have been a lot of human contributions, but we couldn't have done it with just our own resources."

Looser, who came to HBU as one of its youngest faculty members in 1964 and rose to the position of vice president for academic affairs during his 44 years of service, hopes to leave with readers a sense of perspective made possible by bringing the past into the context of the present.

"I remember the times I was terrified, despondent and worried, and now to look back on those same times makes me realize, in terms of things overall, they were not so bad," Looser said. "I think one thing a history like this does is to give you documented record that the things you were concerned about and for which you didn't see a solution worked out in the past, so there is hope for the future too. These things have a way of working themselves out."

He remembers the day the new college awaited word of its accreditation as one of those moments that seemed so terribly desperate at the time.

"It was a make-or-break day," Looser said. "We had worked and worked and worked,

and there was so much at risk. We knew we were good, but this was the first objective acknowledgement."

Reminders of the faith he witnessed in his many colleagues and friends, several of whom

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"Schools like ours tend to attract people who want to feel, in whatever way they were involved, they made their own contribution."

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served as his first mentors, were some of the project's greatest rewards.

"By far I had the most joy and delight in remembering," Looser said. "Part of the sentiment is remembering those who have passed on for whom there would be a lot of joy

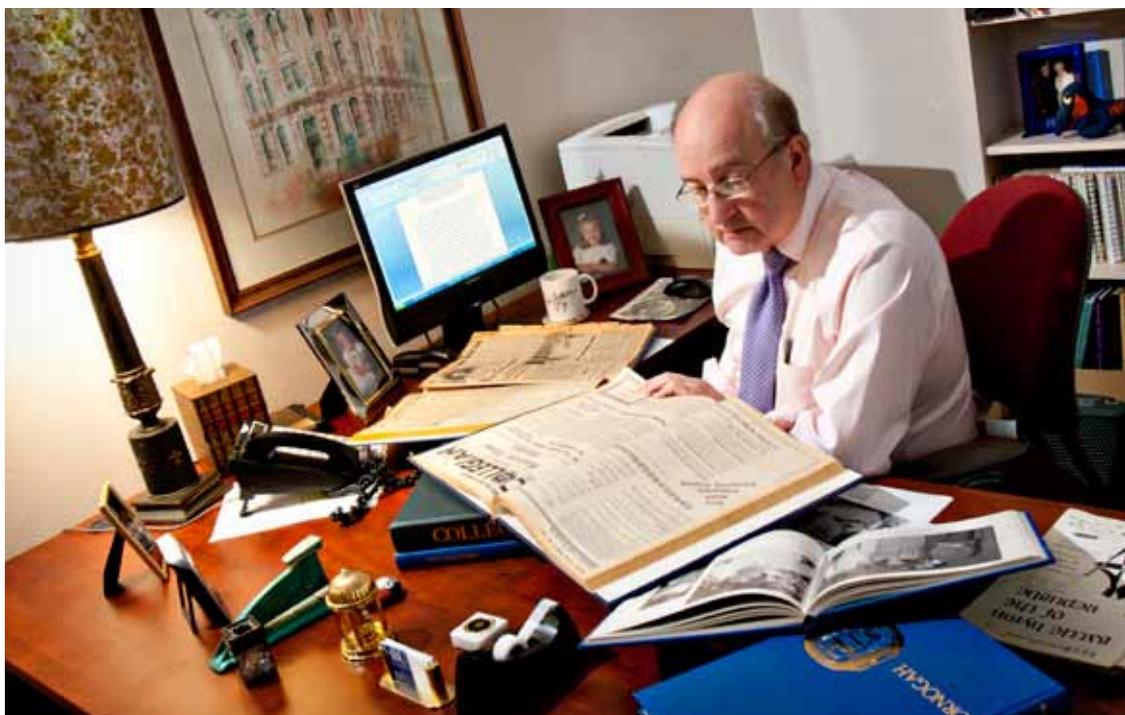
it has thrived as a significant motivator in the lives of its trustees, faculty, staff and students.

"I think there was, and continues to be, a service component for many of those who chose to associate themselves with HBU – whether professionally or as a student," Looser said. "Schools like ours tend to attract people who want to feel, in whatever way they were involved, they made their own contribution."

The completion of a comprehensive history of the University at this point in his career also presented Looser with opportunities to reflect back on his own contributions.

"I think we all go through periods when we question whether or not we made the right decisions along the way, and I was no different," Looser said. "But I'm pleased with my commitment to Christian higher education and the choices I made. I would do it all over again exactly the same way."

While the excavation teams hoping to find buried treasure near the Men's Residence College that fateful day in the fall of 1965



in seeing what has happened here."

And in an age when technology seems to bring more impersonality to the exchange of common experience than perhaps was true in the past, he sees the relationships on which the University was founded and through which

may have been forced to give up, the men and women Dr. Looser introduces to readers in *An Act of Providence* demonstrated great perseverance – and a refusal to sink – despite the challenges facing a university founded in the 1960s.

# Billy Graham

*"Thank God for institutions that have purpose and meaning. Where there is belief in God. Where whatever course you are taking is taught within the Christian framework. This is an institution that stands without any apology for the Christ who is the redeemer and reconciler of the world. This institution is dedicated not only to training the mind but to converting the character and building splendid men and women who will go out with purpose and meaning in their lives."*



## JUST A GLIMPSE

**1973:** HBC becomes HBU after rigorous university accreditation process



**1976:** Memorial Hospital begins construction on 45 acres of campus land purchased in 1971



1960

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1980

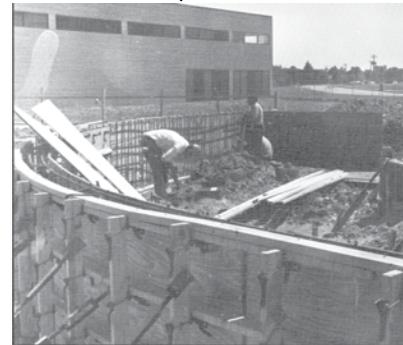
**1965:** Diggers search for lost cannon, rumored to be buried on campus



**1967:** Future 41st president of the United States, George H.W. Bush, campaigns for Congress in Sharp Gym



**1977:** Mabee Theater and the Cullen Science Center are added to campus



# visits Founding Class in '63

Those words – delivered by the Reverend Billy Graham to more than 5,000 guests in the Houston Baptist College academic quadrangle during Religious Emphasis Week in October of 1963 – have served as an inspiration and challenge to the University’s leadership throughout its first 50 years.

Graham, who was known for his passion and commitment to ministry in major urban settings around the globe, understood the important role that the newly opened college would play in the continued growth and development of the Houston metropolitan area.

“I am delighted at this tremendous enterprise here in Houston,” Graham said. “It is a great privilege to participate at the beginning of a great new Christian institution in the city of Houston.”

In addition to the college’s first freshman class and members of its faculty, the audience that day included several thousand local high school seniors invited for a first look at the new campus.

One of them, Malcolm Morris, nephew of HBU Founding Father Stewart Morris, served as Graham’s chauffeur. Upon arriving at the campus, Morris remembers Graham taking

a moment to speak to workers who were completing the campus landscaping.

“He knelt and thanked them,” Morris said. “He told them what they were doing would be attracting the students that would one day be leading America.”

Almost 50 years later, the desire to provide a learning experience that instills in students a sense of purpose and meaning continues to drive the thoughts and actions of every individual, from the maintenance crew to members of the administrative team, working to make HBU a leader for Christian higher education in America.



**1983:** Rickie Thompson clears 7.5 feet, and becomes NCAA National Champion

**1998:** Jacob Stock appears on the popular game show Wheel of Fortune



**1999:** Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gives "fireside chat" at Spirit of Excellence gala



**2006:** Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. succeeds Dr. E. D. Hodo as HBU's third president

1990

2000

2010



**1989:** Men's gymnastics team is ranked number one in the nation in NCAA competition



**1997:** Hinton Center is constructed behind the Morris columns



**2007-2008:** HBU expands campus footprint with Morris Center, Lake House and University Academic Center

# FOUNDING CLASSES REUNION 2010



“The freshman class of 1963 was a remarkable group of students. They had wide-ranging choices of other colleges to attend. Their decision to enroll at Houston Baptist College was an act of faith. As each considered a college choice, there was no visible campus. There were no upperclassmen. There was neither faculty nor curriculum. There was no accreditation and only the prediction of specific programs of study. Yet from these dedicated students came the establishment of every ‘first’ organization, event, and tradition in emerging institutional history. Nearly 50 years after their freshman year, these first students remain among the University’s most active alumni.”

As Dr. Looser has noted in *An Act of Providence*, the history of HBU’s first 50 years, we, as members of the Founding Classes of HBC (1967-1970), are a very unique group, which includes the freshman class of 1963. We share a special bond with one another and the University. Although we have seen many changes in our lives, the wonderful friendships we formed on the campus of HBC remain constant.

Because of those ties, the 2010 Founding Classes Reunion Committee established the Founding Classes scholarship in recognition of these classes. At the 2010 Reunion, we raised \$3,600 through the generosity of our classmates. We plan to continue raising funds for the scholarship each time we formally reunite, and we are looking forward to that next gathering.

**Don Anderson '68 and Jane Jester Marmion '68**  
2010 Founding Classes Reunion Co-Chairs



The College Singers alumni, who last held a concert during the Founding Classes 40th Reunion in 2008, gave an encore performance during this year's reunion, and it was a delight to hear them sing again the songs they once performed on our campus and all around the world.

“I had a blast, and came back musically and spiritually refreshed!”

– Lloyd McDonald '69



“Even if it never happens again, the memories are both dear and everlasting.”

– Tucker Bonner '69



“This year was even sweeter than the time before. Even the minor chaos and unruly behavior of the rehearsals were an index of the friendship and pent up desire to be close.”

– Dr. Don Looser, Vice President Emeritus



“I had such a wonderful time, and I am still thinking about it.”

– Bonnie Fowler '67



“There were so many things that went right. Most important perhaps was that we had a great time singing together, remembering founding director R. Paul, and honoring the legacy of our Alma Mater.”

– Dr. Bill Roberts '70



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Bill Flores

# In 1725, a young Spaniard named Gill Flores landed in Nacogdoches.

Nine generations later, the Flores family continues to call Texas home.



Being able to trace his family's roots back to the state's earliest days is just one of many things in which Bill Flores MBA '85, a former oil and gas industry executive and current candidate for Congress, takes pride.

"I have gotten to live the American dream," Flores said. "I grew up poor. I learned the value of hard work at an early age. I learned the value of education and studying hard. I learned the value of working hard in a career."

Having risen from humble beginnings to find himself helping create jobs and helping grow private sector businesses as CEO of an independent oil and gas company, Flores and his high school sweetheart Gina have a passion for ensuring that higher education opportunities are available to all, and especially first-generation students from underrepresented groups.

"That's where life change happens," Flores said.

“When a first-generation student from south Texas, for instance, gets a degree in education from a school like HBU and returns to her community to teach, she has a positive influence on her siblings, on her extended family, and on the young kids in her classroom.”

This passion for education is evident in many facets of Bill’s and Gina’s lives. In addition to their support of several K-12 schools and college-level scholarship programs across the state, the couple is serving as chairs of HBU’s 2010 Spirit of Excellence Gala. Bill is also a current member of the HBU Board of Trustees, where he is committed to helping President Sloan and his fellow trustees take the University in the direction set out in the *Ten Pillars* vision.

“As a private Christian university inside one of the major cities in the country, HBU fills a unique role,” Flores said. “It is kind of a neighborhood of light in a large city. Sometimes cities need some light. They can be dark places.”

It was a desire to be light in an area where he fears it is lacking that led Flores to leave his successful career in the private sector to pursue public service.

“The last thing I would have ever thought I would be doing in life is running for public office,” Flores said. “But in recent years, I developed this gnawing feeling in my gut that today’s young people are not going to be able to live the same dreams that I was able to live, and that bothered me a lot.”

“My educational experience, and specifically my time in the MBA program at HBU, gave me a level of confidence that allowed me to do a better job and, ultimately, to migrate from one position to another throughout my career,” Flores said. “I believe that students today who study and work hard, invent a new product, or come up with a great idea should be able to have that same confidence in their opportunity for success.”

The decision to help restore America’s promise, prosperity and security for future generations has brought with it many pressures and great responsibility.

“Although I have always considered myself a hard worker, this is probably the hardest

I’ve had to work in the last 10 years,” Flores said. “When I stand in front of a room full of people who are worried about the future and are looking for new leadership, I get a lot of motivation from that. I draw strength from their comments and challenges.”

As people of faith, Bill and Gina are most dependent, however, on the power of prayer.

“We are greatly appreciative of those who volunteer and provide financial support, but the first thing Bill always asks for is prayer,” Gina said. “It girds us. It lifts us up. That’s what keeps us going.”

“I don’t see how we could do this without it,” Bill said. He keeps a prayer list on his Blackberry® and considers his morning prayer for the individuals and items on that list one of the most important parts of his day.

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campaign trail, Flores finds himself praying more and more that God will lay His wisdom on the hearts and minds of all who assume positions of leadership.

“Our nation is going through some terrible



“That just sort of helps keep me grounded. I have this sense of calm and ease most of the time, but the days when I miss it sometimes don’t go as well.”

With his thoughts on the 10th and 11th generations of the Flores family – sons Will and John, daughter-in-law Aimee, and their first grandchild due in the spring – and the families of the other Texans he has met on the

upheavals, and we don’t know how it’s going to turn out,” Flores said. “But I don’t think God is done with this country yet. America is at a crossroads, and I pray that we will see a period of reawakening and renewal through which we can become the country that I think God intends for us to be.”

## Princeton coach joins team

Mary Gleason takes helm in women's basketball

"I love a challenge," Mary Gleason, new head women's basketball coach, says with a laugh. "I always have, and I always will."

HBU named Gleason the fourth women's basketball coach in University history in June. A Houston area native who played basketball for St. Agnes Academy, she comes to HBU after seven years as an assistant coach in the Ivy League.

"I'm ecstatic to be coming home to be a part of a new chapter in HBU women's basketball," Gleason said. "The excitement of building a new tradition on a Division I level is what really attracted me. That's not something everyone gets the opportunity to do."

Taking advantage of unique opportunities is nothing new for Gleason, though. She helped guide three Ivy League championship-winning teams during previous assistant coaching stints at Dartmouth, which won back-to-back championships in 2008 and 2009, and Princeton, which won one Ivy League title and set a program record for most wins in both a single season and in conference play in 2006.

Gleason also coached numerous All-Ivy honorees at Dartmouth and Princeton, including the 2009 Ivy Player of the Year and the Ivy Rookies of the Year in 2005 and 2008, and she has the same high standards

for her Huskies.

"I want student-athletes who are excited about learning – both on the court and in the classroom – and who absolutely care about finishing their academics strong to pursue better things," Gleason said. "Their time at HBU should be an avenue to progress and develop as full human beings."

She learned first-hand about the rigor and discipline required of a Division I student-athlete at SMU, where she set the school record for most career three-pointers and helped lead the Mustangs to their first appearances in the NCAA tournament, including the first tournament win in program history in 1995.

"Because you see the best and worst of each other in all elements, your team is your family," Gleason said. "As a student-athlete, you experience highs and lows, so it's nice to have the comfort of a family to help you really meet, and hopefully exceed, your potential."

That sense of family is something Gleason hopes will be evident to, and shared by, everyone who supports the women's basketball team.

"I want the fans, when they look at our team, to say, 'That team works hard. They care about each other. I wish I was on that team.'"



## HBU receives first Great West Sportsmanship Award

In July, HBU was honored by its fellow conference institutions with the first Great West Conference Sportsmanship Award, which is given to the institution that is judged by its peers to be the best in the league in living up to the ideals of sportsmanship. Areas for evaluation include student-athlete conduct, staff/administrator

conduct, coaches' conduct and event management.

"HBU is very humbled to receive this award," said Athletic Director Steve Moniaci. "I personally am very proud of our coaches for their contributions in mentoring our student-athletes, who are the reason that HBU has achieved this honor."



# Women's Golf finishes first, sweeps major awards at Great West Championship

*Individual Title and Player of  
the Year:* Gaia Olcese

*Coach of the Year:*  
David Shuster

*Newcomer of the Year:*  
Balbina Guajardo



# HBU ADDS EIGHT ASSISTANT COACHES

## BASEBALL

**Xavier Hernandez '01**, a former major league relief pitcher, returns to HBU, where he was an assistant coach from 1999 to 2001, after four years as pitching coach with the AAA International League Durham Bulls, where he led the team to four consecutive division titles.

With the Bulls, Hernandez was responsible for implementing the organizational pitching program and overseeing development. He also identified and evaluated potential major league pitching prospects, and he won the Player Development Man of the Year award in 2008.

From 1986 to 1999, Hernandez saw action in 463 games with the Houston Astros, Texas Rangers, Cincinnati Reds, New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays.

**Russell Stockton**, a former four-year letterwinner for the University of Houston, comes to HBU following his second stint on the coaching staff at UH, where he first served as an assistant coach under his father, Bragg, who coached the Cougars from 1986 to 1994.

For 10 seasons, Stockton was head coach at Texas A&M-Kingsville, where he was the program's all-time winningest coach. Under his leadership, the Javelinas posted four consecutive 30-plus win campaigns from 2003 to 2006. His final victory, against top-seeded and nationally ranked Abilene Christian in the 2008 Lone Star Conference Tournament, sent the team to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

**Jeremy Clevenger**, a former assistant at Baylor and Central Missouri, will be responsible primarily for coaching goalkeepers and coordinating recruiting. Before his stint at Baylor, Clevenger was an assistant for both the men and women at Ottawa University in Kansas, where he helped guide the women's team to a runner-up spot in the league. At Central Missouri, he helped the Jennies to a first-round NCAA Division II berth in 2006 and a spot in the second round the following season, when the team won the MIAA conference crown and ranked as high as fifth in the nation.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Justin Kinne** comes to HBU after three seasons coaching and recruiting potential Division I scholarship players as associate head coach at Central Arizona College. Kinne began his coaching career as a student assistant at Albion College in Michigan under Mike Turner, who won 527 games to rank among Division III's all-time leaders. He was then head coach for two years at Marygrove College in Detroit, where he coached four All-Americans. He also spent a season assisting former National Coach of the Year Rob Evans at Arizona State University and a season at Centenary College in Louisiana, where he helped the nation's smallest Division I school double its win total.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Donna Finnie** comes to HBU after 10 seasons as a coach with the Scotland National Team. She was the first Scottish female head coach to win a FIBA tournament, and the first head coach at any level to win two consecutive FIBA tournaments, in 2005 and 2006.

**Katrina Robinson**, a 2007 University of Texas alumna, was a four-year letterwinner for the Longhorn basketball team. During the summer of 2006 and spring of 2007, she was coach for the AAU Austin Lady Magic.

## GOLF

**Ryan Blagg** recorded multiple top-five finishes while playing professionally for six years. A graduate of the University of Arkansas, he started his collegiate career at Tyler Junior College, where he led the team to the 1998 NJCAA National Championship.



An unidentified member of the 1965 baseball team reaches for the catch

# TEXAS RANGERS DRAFT HBU CATCHER

HBU catcher **Johnathan Moore** was selected by the Texas Rangers during the 45th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in June. During his senior year Moore, who is the son of Rangers bench coach Jackie Moore, was second in batting for the Huskies, with a .355 batting average. He finished the 2010 season with 51 RBIs and six home runs.

In his start for the Arizona League Rangers, the Texas Rangers rookie-level team, on June 26, Moore picked up his first hit, first run, first RBI and first stolen base.

Moore is the first HBU player to be drafted since 2003, when Kyle Smith was taken in the 18th round by the Cincinnati Reds.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ON TRACK FOR FULL NCAA MEMBERSHIP IN 2011

In the fall of 2009, HBU announced that a Steering Committee, chaired by Associate Provost Ritamarie Tauer MAcct '85, and four subcommittees would begin a nine-month NCAA Division I certification self-study. The self-study was a comprehensive review to ensure HBU's athletics programs are serving student-athletes and the University while remaining carefully aligned to the University's *Ten Pillars* vision.

In an effort to secure broad-based involvement, the committee members included current students, student-athletes, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and President Sloan. A careful analysis was completed in the areas of Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance, Academic Integrity, Gender and Diversity, and Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Although the campus is well versed in self-studies for regional and college-specific accreditations, the NCAA Division I self-study was a first for HBU. The entire campus answered interviews, supplied data, prepared reports, and documented policies and procedures. While there were formal monthly meetings with updates and additional



questions, the NCAA was also a frequent topic of discussion in smaller circles across campus. The staff of the HBU Athletics Department welcomed inquires and responded in a timely fashion with the professionalism expected.

Everyone involved is aware of the value this prestigious membership will afford the University, its students, its Athletic Department and the community. Hard work has been done by many, and now the anticipation is building. The self-study report was submitted in April 2010, and the NCAA Athletics Certification Committee returned an analysis report in August. HBU was pleased with the analysis report and has filed the appropriate response.

During the peer review visitation this fall, reviewers will verify the certification self-study report. The expectation is that HBU will be notified of the certification status in early spring 2011. If HBU fulfills all remaining requirements, it expects to compete with full NCAA membership privileges for the 2011-2012 academic year. For Tauer and everyone else involved in the process, this next step for HBU and its Athletics Department is both exciting and invigorating.



Kolby Arnst helps Huskies defeat Chicago State in May 2010

### DID YOU KNOW?

Last spring, Sorrels Field hosted a Major League Soccer preseason exhibition match between the Houston Dynamo and the Chicago Fire, as well as the only North American tryouts for GolTV's "Soccer Aces" reality TV series.

# Alumagrams

what's new with you?

## 60s

**Lynda DeLoach** '67 is a teacher for Montgomery ISD. She and husband **Philip Ruthstrom** '67 have three children: John, Chris and Cori.

**Bonnie Fowler** '67 has retired from public education and has moved to Temple, Texas.

**Mary Prichard** '67 is a teacher and math team coach at Advent Episcopal School in Birmingham, Ala. She has two children, Daniel and Amanda.

**Elizabeth Price Turner** '67 is a vocal music and fine arts teacher for the Torrance Unified School District in Torrance, Calif. She and husband Paul have two children, Kathryn and Patricia, and two grandchildren, Brianna and Linus.

**Helen Ludtke Anderson** '68 retired from teaching at Atascocita High School in May 2009. She and husband **Donald Anderson** '68 have three children: Gregory, Tamara and Julie.

**Timothy Austin** '68 is a multimedia developer for the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Okla. He and wife Cherie have four children: Liesela, John, Katherine and George.

**Carlotta Morris Barker** '68 works as a professional watercolorist from a studio in her Galveston home. She and husband David have three children – Vanessa, Danielle and Joellan – and five grandchildren.

**Dr. Carol Ann Halliday Bonds** '68 was named the 2010 Superintendent of the Year for Texas' Region XV and is in the running for the statewide honor. She is superintendent of San Angelo ISD and a member of the HBU Board of Trustees.

**Randy Fowler** '68 earned a Ph.D. in psychology and Christian counseling from Louisiana Baptist University in May.

**Billy Hardin** '68 has retired from Lamar Consolidated ISD following 40 years of teaching. He and wife Eileen have three children: Jana, Travis and Elizabeth.

**Christine Coates** '69 is a lawyer who provides alternative dispute resolution services. She also teaches at the University of Colorado School of Law and directs her church choir. She and husband Howard Gordon reside in Boulder, Colo., and have a son, Scorpio.

## 70s

**Renee Fransee Griffin** '70 is pianist and orchestra director for First Baptist Church in Kerrville, Texas. She and husband James have two sons, Jeremiah and David.

**Hal Yarbrough** '70 is a flight instructor with Flight Safety International. He and wife Judith reside in Enterprise, Ala., and have three children: Trenton, Leslie and Davis.

**Rosalyn Beavers Fabianke** '71 was nominated by Alabama Governor Bob Riley in July to be the newest member of the state's Physical Fitness Commission, representing the 4th Congressional District in north Alabama.

**Ken Merritt** '71 is vice president of D's Designs. He and wife Dana reside in Georgia and have two children, Jody and Judson.

**Dorothy Elford** '75, MBA '81 is president and owner of DJE Healthcare Solutions in Dallas. She has a son, Michael.

**Dr. David Fray** '76 is chief of the Developmental Disabilities Division of the State Department of Health in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Maricia Magee** '76 is a case manager and continuing education coordinator for Pineywoods Home Health in Lufkin, Texas. She has two children, Heather and Summer, and two grandchildren, Jessica and Tyress.

**Dr. Timothy Oesch** '76 had his first novel, *The Poisoned Planet*, published in January. The book incorporates scientific and medical data within a fictional plot evolved from the factual experiences of those who strove to bring the insidious consequences of inhaling airborne cyanide to the public's attention.

**Mary Beth Morgan Covey** '77 is vice president of sales and marketing for AeroCare Holdings Inc. She and husband Norm reside in Magnolia and have two children, Ben and Carol.

**Hatem Saqr** '77 received a Ph.D. in public health from The University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston in May. He is CEO of ITA Resources, a respiratory therapy company he founded.

**Robert Higgason** '79 has been practicing law, primarily in civil appeals, for the last 18 years. This fall, he is teaching an introduction to philosophy course at HBU. From 2005 to 2008, he taught a senior seminar in media law at the University as an adjunct faculty member.

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# 80s

**Dr. David Diehl** '80 is director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence at Houston Community College. He also serves as an adjunct professor in the Teacher Education Program. He has two children, Laura and Nathan, and a granddaughter, Fiona.

**Carolyn Kennedy Penna** '80 is director of compensation and HR technology for the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System.

**Bethann Adams** '81 led the First Colony Middle School band to superior marks at UIL competition in March for the 20th consecutive year. The band also won the 2010 Sweepstakes Trophy. She has been at First Colony Middle School since it opened 25 years ago.

**Dr. Mark Denison** '82 was named senior pastor of First Baptist Church Conroe in February. He also serves on the HBU Board of Trustees.

**Dr. Mark Edworthy** '83 is an affinity global strategist for the International Mission Board's European Affinity. He and wife **Susie Guttenberger Edworthy** '82 reside in Prague, Czech Republic, and have five children: Stephen, Celeste, Meredith, and twins Jacob and Eva.

**Mary Banks** MS '84 is CEO of W.O.W. Consulting Group, which focuses on leadership development and life and career coaching for business and human resources professionals.

**Randy Sorrels** '84 was awarded the Judge Sam Williams Award by the State Bar of Texas at its annual meeting in June. The prestigious award is given to the lawyer who has shown outstanding commitment to community service and to fostering and maintaining relationships between local bar associations and the State Bar of Texas.

**Kimberly Benson Barker** '85 was presented the Silver Antelope Award by the Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at the BSA National Meeting in May. The regional distinguished service award recognizes volunteers who have provided noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within one of the four regions of the BSA.

**Chris Nabinger** MS '85 is the senior vice president of Service Bureau Operations for TeleCommunication Systems Inc.

**Steve Person** MBA '87 is president, CEO and a member of the board of Cibolo Creek Partners LLC, a commercial real estate investment company based in Midland, Texas.

**Bryan Stanley** '87 is CEO of COAPetrol. He has a child, Morgan.

**Michael Wester** '87 is a paramedic in Cleveland, Texas. He has a daughter, Sandra.

**Sharee Cantrell** '88 was named the 2010 Spring Branch ISD Elementary Principal of the Year in April. She is the director of The Lion Lane School for Early Learning.

**Ruben Gonzalez** '88 made history during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver by competing in his fourth Winter Olympics in four decades. In addition to Vancouver, where he was one of six athletes representing his native Argentina, he has competed in the luge in the Calgary (1988), Albertville (1992) and Salt Lake City (2002) games.

**Amir Jafri** '88 was named chief operating officer of the West Wireless Health Institute in San Diego in March. The nonprofit West Wireless Health Institute is a medical research organization that supports the exploration and application of wireless technologies to advance human health and well-being.

**Laura Lyons** '88 has been named the executive director of elementary schools for Lamar Consolidated ISD, where she will lead the district's 21 elementary campuses.

**Setsuko Takamatsu** MEd '88 took students from Urawa University in Japan to Hilo, Hawaii, in February for a social welfare seminar.

**Annette Aughtry Bielinski** '89 owns 26-MUSIC in Austin, where she resides with husband John and the couple's daughter, Alexis.

**John Honeycutt** MS '89 is senior director of marketplace development for Key Energy Services. He and wife Jennifer reside in Houston and have two children, Danielle and James.

**Deanne Schustereit-Cummings** '89 is the author of *Knights of Warsaw*, a novel that powerfully depicts the horrors and hopes of the Jews who were contained by the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto.

**Frankie Velez** '89 was named head volleyball coach at Lon Morris College in January.

**Calbert Wright** '89 is a chemist for Bayer Corporation in Baytown. He and wife Jacqueline reside in Katy and have three children: Devon, Allison and Desmond.

# 90s

**Abukar Arman** '90 was appointed the Somali U.S. special envoy in February. He is the first Somali diplomat assigned to the United States in two decades.

**Deborah Turner Barkley** '90 is a librarian for Killeen ISD. She and husband Michael reside in Belton, Texas, and have a daughter, Elizabeth.

**Priscilla Jones** '90 is program manager for small business legislative and regulatory affairs at the Boeing Company while pursuing a law degree at Seattle University. She and son Isaiah reside in Federal Way, Wash.

**Jimmy Adams** MBA '92 was appointed associate vice president for Continuing Education and Institutional Relations at Prairie View A&M University in January.

**Carol Wade Fetters** '92 completed a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in reading education at Louisiana State University in the summer of 2010. She and husband Jimmy reside in Beaumont, Texas.

**Carlton Thompson** '92 is the new executive editor of MLB.com in New York City. He is a former sports editor for the *Houston Chronicle*.

**Kevin Glasser** MAP '93 owns Innovations Counseling and Consulting in west Houston. He is married to **Cheryl Durand Glasser** MEd '94, who is a school administrator for Cy-Fair ISD. The couple has three children: Michael, Rachel and Abby.

**Dr. Lucindra Campbell-Law** '94 was honored as one of 18 Houston-area "Stars in Education" by the Ivy League Educational & Charities Foundation at its 2nd Annual Educators' Ball in March. She is a professor in nursing in HBU's School of Nursing and Allied Health.

**Russell Woods** '94 is band and choir director for the Raton Public Schools in Raton, N.M., and participated in the 2010 New Mexico Ambassadors of Music European Tour. He has two children, Rose and Austin.

**Dr. Christian Arbelaez** '96 did two weeks of medical mission work with Partners in Health in the Haitian port city of Saint-Marc following the devastating earthquake in January.

**Marie Cortes** '96 is CEO and director of Kids Write to Know Inc., a club that helps students improve their communication skills by learning special topics, such as environmental awareness, financial literacy, culture, history, art and music. She has also designed an interactive web site that allows students to communicate and share their stories. She has two children, Alexis and Mark.

**Jon Gundry** MEd '96 has been appointed Los Angeles County interim superintendent of schools by the County Board of Supervisors. He also serves as the interim chief executive officer of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the largest educational agency of its kind in the nation, with a staff of nearly 4,000 and an annual budget close to \$1 billion.

**Dr. Gaurav Aggarwala** '97 is a physician with Utah Cardiology in Salt Lake City, where he resides with wife Aditi and the couple's two children, Kabeer and Gia.

**Diane Rawlings** '97 is a charge nurse for the Woman's Hospital of Texas.

**Maya Krishnamurthi Thukral** '97, MS '99 is a sales account manager for Genoptix Laboratory. She and husband **Nandish Thukral** '96, who has completed his fellowship training in interventional cardiology, reside in San Antonio.

**Alisa Justice Van-Dyck** '97 is a child support officer with the Dallas office of the Texas attorney general. She has two children, Trayveon and Ryan.

**Dr. Nikesh Jasani** '98 is a general oncologist with the M. D. Anderson Clinical Care Center in Katy. He is also an assistant professor in the Department of General Oncology.

**Pratik Ray** MBA '98 is a technical adviser with Halliburton.

**Saurin Shah** '98 produces cutting-edge social games for Facebook and iPhone as vice president of the Social Games Studio at Digital Chocolate Inc. in San Mateo, Calif. He and wife Jalvi reside in Fremont, Calif., with their daughter, Simone.

**Stephanie Audas** '99 is a sales manager with RTM Media. She resides in Katy with her daughter, Kaileigh.

**Daniel Brown** MBA '99 is director of human resources for Dynegey Inc. He and wife Anita have a daughter, Lauren.

**LuAnn Park** MEd '99 is serving as the first preschool director of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Sugar Land.

**David Scarr** MS '99 is human resources manager for Dresser-Rand. He and wife Barbara reside in Lewisburg, Pa., and have four children: Jonathan, Merissa, Madison and Meredith.

## 00s

**Dr. Randy Birken** MLA '00 had his third book, *Women Only: The Gynecologist Is In: Real Life Stories*, published in February.

**Francis Bui** '00 is a clinical systems analyst for Texas Children's Hospital.

**Patricia Burton-Porter** '00 is executive director of Renewed Innovations Inc., a non-profit organization she and husband Keith started in 2001 to provide free clothing and job skills to the homeless. Renewed Innovations has grown to include three homeless shelters and a resale shop/donation center.

**Stephen Ranson** '00 is vice president for Royal International Pipe & Supply Inc. He and wife Brittany reside in Sugar Land.

**Kathryn Spies** '00, MEd '07 is a history teacher and softball coach at Burton High School in Burton, Texas.

**Veronica Valdez Tovar** '00 is a teacher for Galena Park ISD. She and husband Abdiaz have a daughter, Victoria.

**Mark Boutros** '01 owns Boutros Construction in Houston.

**Shane Lakey** '01 is the student pastor for Southview Baptist Church in Hope Mills, N.C., where he resides with wife **Rebecca Voholetz Lakey** '06.

**Dr. Jon Lineberger** '01 was named the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce in Frisco, Texas.

**Kevin Tumlinson** '01, MEd '05 recently released his first novel, *Citadel: First Colony*, and completed two non-fiction books for an e-book series. He is teaching two writing courses at Lone Star College.

**Sue Conkright** MBA '02 has opened A Beautiful Life Inc., an image and career consulting business in Houston's Galleria area. She is an active member of the Association of Image Consultants International.

**Dara Morris Haddad** MEd '02 received a 2010 Crystal Award, sponsored by the Spring Branch Education Foundation. She is a teacher at Holy Spirit Episcopal School.

**Holly Morris-Kuentz** MEd '02 is the director of educational support services for Lake Travis ISD.

**Pablo Vasquez** '02 is a director of nursing for The Methodist Hospital.

**Henry Almaguer** MEd '03 is a computer science teacher for Harlandale ISD in San Antonio. He and wife Herlinda have two children, Steven and Christina, and two grandchildren, Nathan and Miranda.

**Angela Chang** '03 is a practicing veterinarian in Houston.

**Jason George** MBA '03 works in the strategic planning group with Devon Energy in Oklahoma City. He and wife Jennifer have three children, including a 3-year-old adopted from Thailand.

# WUSTARS



Williams

**Jamie Beakley Ivey '02** and **Aaron Ivey '03** recently adopted two children from Haiti. Story, age 2, joined the Ivey family on Oct. 23, 2009. Amos, age 5, came home on humanitarian parole after the earthquake on Jan. 23, 2010. The Iveys have two other children, Cayden and Deacon.

**Kelly Callahan Williams '00** and **Christopher Williams '98** are proud to announce the birth of twins, Emerson and Cole, on Oct. 27, 2009. They were welcomed by big brother Benjamin.



Sloan

**Bich-Tram Truong Vu '04** and **Quynh Vu MBA '04** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Quynh Anh, on Jan. 10, 2010.

**President Robert and Sue Sloan** are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson, Michael Collier Sloan Jr., on March 9, 2010. Collier is the son of Michael and Ali Sloan.



Brown

Linda and **Joel Berry '72** are proud to announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Georgia Katherine Berry, on May 14, 2010. She is the daughter of Jay and Kristin Berry and niece of David and **Lara Berry Landmesser '93**.

**Tara Wright Brown '02** and husband Travis are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Lee Brown, on June 15, 2010. He is the first grandchild for Kristy Wright, administrative assistant in the College of Arts and Humanities.

**President Robert and Sue Sloan** are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Sue Larson, on Aug. 6, 2010. The Sloans' seventh grandchild, she is the daughter of Eraina and Bryan Larson and baby sister of Lucy.



Larson

**Christina Garcia Hollensbe '03** had her book, *Relentless Love*, published in January. The book is a love story that speaks of God's extraordinary love, forgiveness, mercy and grace. She is married to **John Hollensbe '04**.

**Jake Kurian '03** was ordained to the Holy Order of Deacon (M'shamshono) by Alexios Mar Eusebius, metropolitan of the Diocese of South-West America, in April at St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Stafford.

**Mary Ellen Edge MEd '03** is the new principal of Fort Bend ISD's Austin High School.

**Dara Richardson MEd '03** is the new principal of T.H. Johnson Elementary in Taylor, Texas.

**Monique Crandon '04** was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in higher education. She is a substitute instructor at Houston Community College, where she teaches literacy to GED-certified students.

**Adrian Davieson MLA '04** is president of Management Consultants of America. He and wife Joy reside in Sugar Land and have three children: Adriana, Diana and Brett.

**Tatianna King Ellsworth '04** is a registered nurse serving in the U.S. Navy. In May, she returned from caring for troops in Afghanistan. She and husband Leland reside in San Diego, Calif.

**Samantha Kennedy '04** was recently promoted to branch manager at Link Staffing Services. She is currently enrolled in HBU's Master of Science in Human Resources Management program and has three children: Tage, Max and Gracie.

**Jamie Locklin '04** is the pastor of Mosaic Lake Houston, a church he planted near Humble and Kingwood in March. He has a son, Beau.

**Jose Pineda '04** is an assistant principal at Reading Junior High in Lamar Consolidated ISD.

**Michael Fairchild '05** is a senior tax accountant with Deloitte Tax LLP.

**Kimberly Hatton** '05 is associate director of intellectual capital for UBS Financial Services Inc. in New York City. She has a daughter, Mia.

**Breanna Richardson** '05 sings soprano with the choral group CANTARE Houston. She is an office manager for Advanced Graphics and teaches private voice lessons.

**Seth Wright** '05 is a Windows/Exchange administrator for James Madison University.

**Hadassah Guerra Broscova** '06 is editor-in-chief of *Carpe Articulum Literary Review*, an international, cross-genre literary magazine translated into seven languages and distributed in more than 25 countries. She resides in Beaverton, Ore.

**Angela Chan** MBA '06 is a vice president with MetroBank, N.A. She and husband Wayne have two children, Jonathan and Victoria.

**Mina Madani** '06 is an associate attorney with Teir & Associates in Houston.

**Kelly Griffith Panfilli** '06 is university events coordinator for the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She and husband **Archie Panfilli** '06 reside in La Marque.

**John Montgomery** '07 is a recruiter with Houston ISD. He and wife **Carolina Cardenas Montgomery** '07 reside in Katy.

**Alison Norman** '07 is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at Texas Children's Hospital.

**Marvyn Sylvester** '07 is a data analyst for StarTex Power.

**Shantel Brown Williams** '07 owns The Bookkeeping Solutions in Stafford, where she resides with husband Dominick and the couple's two children, Dominick III and Madison.

**Amy Crook Arnold** '08 was named one of three elementary Rookie Teachers of the Year by Fort Bend ISD in February. In addition to the district-wide recognition, she was also named the Rookie Teacher of the Year at her school, Cornerstone Elementary.

## In Memoriam

### Founding Father



**Jake Kamin** passed away on Aug. 14, 2010. A visionary businessman and philanthropist, he served as a member of the College Property Committee and the first

Board of Trustees, appointed in November 1960. He was one of 25 men, known as the College's founding fathers, to sign a personal note for \$10,000 to help secure the purchase of the southwest Houston property on which the University was to be built. He was one of five trustees to assist with the setting of the cornerstone on Sept. 8, 1963. In 2003, he received the Spirit of Excellence Award, HBU's highest tribute, in recognition of his contributions as a founding father.

*"I spent many interesting days during the early years of the college with Jake Kamin, a great man who I once had the privilege of introducing to the student body as 'Mr. Integrity.'" – HBU Founding Father and Advisory Trustee Dr. Stewart Morris*

### Faculty/Staff

**George Hine** passed away on Jan. 23, 2010. An assistant to President Hinton for seven years, he received many awards in public relations, sports information and community service and served at several Texas Baptist institutions during his illustrious career.

*"George had a special passion for life, and, in his own unassuming way, he also shared a great deal of wisdom. I had the pleasure of learning from a master who made a significant impact on the public relations efforts of HBU." – Sharon Saunders, vice president for University Relations*

**Dr. Robert Reid** passed away on July 20, 2010. He was a professor in the HBU School of Music from 1980 to 2000. During these years, he developed a solid church music program, conducted a university choir, served as interim band director, and supervised student teachers. As founding director of the University Handbell Choir, he was instrumental in gaining the donation of the University's fine set of handbells. Reid is survived by his wife Carolyn Smith

Reid MEd '84 and two sons, Chuck '93 and Randy '96.

*"At a school where high academic standards were the norm, where faculty were expected to share themselves as whole persons, beyond the classroom, and where the authentic Christian commitment of academic role models was strongly encouraged, Robert's calling was easily and naturally expressed." – Dr. Robert M. Newell, former dean of Religious Affairs*

### Former Students

**Laurie Elizabeth Craven Sanders** '92 passed away on Feb. 10, 2010. A member of the Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society while at HBU, she worked as a registered nurse in Houston.

**Helen Bates Sherman** '73 passed away on Aug. 4, 2010. As a student, she played for the HBU Band. Following graduation, she remained active at HBU through memberships in the Auxiliary, the President's Development Council, and The Guild. Best known for playing sacred music for churches on the flute, she also played the piccolo, piano, organ and ukulele.

**Joshua Gibb '08** is an office assistant for the Houston campus of Dallas Theological Seminary.

**Justin Hyde '08** taught a pastoral theology class at Kenya Baptist Theological College in Limuru and preached at several churches in Kibera, Kenya, in June. He is the lead pastor at Christ Church in Brenham, Texas.

**Renee McGruder '08** is communications coordinator for Money Management International.

**Jean Kleinworth Swinney '08** married Gavin Swinney on July 24. She is a fourth grade teacher at HISD's Janowski Elementary.

**Michael James '09** received the Secondary Glenda Dawson First-Year Teacher of the Year award from Pearland ISD. He teaches science at Pearland's Dawson High School.

**Ashley LeJeune MAcct '09** is a member of the audit staff at Hein & Associates in Houston.

**Rachel O'Shields '09** is a staff assistant in the Houston office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn.

**Chelsea Townsend Purifoy MBA '09** is director of business development and social media for U.S. Imaging.

**Gabriel Tellez MEd '09** was named assistant principal at Vines Early Childhood/Pre-Kindergarten Center in Aldine ISD in July.

**Ruth Lopez Miller '10** married current HBU student Andrew Miller on May 22. She is a second grade English teacher at Amigos Por Vida Charter School.



**Mary Constance "Connie" McNutt Stone '81** passed away on July 19, 2010. She taught middle school in Richmond for Lamar Consolidated ISD and Calvary Episcopal School and pitched for several co-recreational champion softball teams.

## University Friends

**David Prince Chavanne** passed away on July 25, 2010. The son of the late HBU benefactors Harry and Hazel Chavanne, he served on the HBU Board of Trustees in 1998-1999. His sister Claire Turner is a current member of The Guild and a former member of the HBU Board of Trustees and the President's Development Council. His sister Jeanie McGann is a former assistant to the dean in the School of Business. His sister Mary Chavanne Martin is the wife of Dick Martin '68.

**Wayne Duddleston** passed away on May 20, 2010. A real estate broker and manager, he helped develop for Houston Baptist College the Fondren I retail property on 15 acres at the corner of Fondren Road and the Southwest Freeway. At the time, Dr. Hinton, former president, referred to Duddleston's help in arranging pre-payment for the lease,

the first large income-producing project to be built on college land, as one of the most important developments in the then early history of the young college.

**Margaret Langham Hinkle** passed away on June 27, 2010. She was a member of The Guild and the American Museum Society. She is survived by her daughter Ann Bussey, who serves as treasurer of The Guild and is also a member of the American Museum Society.

**W.Y. "Bill" Pond Jr.** passed away on May 4, 2010. He served as a trustee of Houston Baptist College from 1969 to 1972.



**Emma Claire Key** passed away on May 15, 2010, after a tragic automobile accident. She was the 8-year-old daughter of HBU assistant basketball coach Steven Key '96 and former HBU softball player and Alpha Chi Omega member Sherry Blakely Key '95. She is survived by her parents and sister, Eiley.

*Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."*

# A COMMON HUSKY HERITAGE

