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in *ACTION*

HSU Prepares Students to
Transform the World

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



While there are many phrases which might describe the desired outcome of our cumulative institutional engagement with students, perhaps none is more relevant for our 21st century context than that of developing innovators.

Innovation is that which bridges history with the future by stretching the imagination of individuals and groups to envision and create new ideas, products, services, and solutions. For some, innovation is a lucrative endeavor, resulting in both physical and financial reward. For others, innovation plays a critical role in nurturing the spirit and mind, offering an altruistic contribution to the corpus of global human thought, reason, and faith.

Regardless of motivation, innovation forms the foundation for progress.

Institutions which incubate a culture of innovation are in high demand as they provide energy for the transformation of people and places from what has been to what will be. It is my belief that Hardin-Simmons University is such an institution.

Critical to the HSU2020 Strategic Plan is a primary goal of “developing a culture of innovation, diversity, and openness to change.” This issue of the *Range Rider* addresses how a culture of innovation already permeates HSU alumni, students, faculty, and donors. From a local business to the ends of the earth, the HSU community is connected by an ethos which encourages, prompts, and prepares its members to change the world...one frontier at a time.

During this year’s celebration of HSU’s 125th Anniversary, I can think of no better way to honor the past and celebrate the future than to explore these inspiring stories of Innovation in Action.

On February 18, the university community came together for a special quasiquicentennial celebration – the Hardin Simmons University 125th Convocation.

On February 18, 1891, the founders of this Christian educational institution gathered to sign the charter for their new school. The future was before the founders as they put pen to paper to sign the necessary documents. Now, 125 years later, HSU students, faculty, staff and special friends gathered to thank God for the foresight, the vision, and the dedicated venture of all those who played a role in developing HSU. The Convocation, streamed live via the internet, was a time of worship, hymn singing and remembrance. Jay Moore (B.B.S., 1982 and M.A., 1996) delivered the Convocation address. The Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Wayne Dorothy, provided extraordinary music. Others assisted in leading prayers, music, reading scripture and offering greetings. It was a day to remember, complete with 125th Anniversary cupcakes and punch, provided by ARAMARK.

The Convocation marked my last time to preside at such an event. Carol and I have invested almost 19 years of our lives here as I have served as president or chancellor. What incredible blessings we have enjoyed. I thank the Lord for giving us exceptional experiences over all these years. We will always love the “Forty Acres” – the university that gave us our start in the mid-sixties and that allowed us to lead this beloved institution during two different periods of service.

Our prayers will always include special gratitude for this place and a plea to the Father to continue to bless this “noble cause” we call HSU!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lanny Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Lanny Hall

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HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES MAY RETIREMENT



Dr. Lanny Hall, 15th president of Hardin-Simmons University, announced his retirement in a letter to HSU’s Board of Trustees dated July 1.



“After much prayer and consideration, I have reached the conclusion that I would like to retire on May 31, 2016,” said Hall. “It has been – and continues to be – a very high honor to serve as president of this university I love.”

Hall was elected as HSU’s president for the second time in 2009 after previous service as HSU’s 13th president from 1991 to 2001. Hall also served as HSU’s chancellor from 2001 to 2003.

“I firmly believe that Dr. Hall has been an outstanding president, and we want to thank him for all of his positive contributions to the University during his tenure,” said Jerry Sawyer, Chairman of HSU’s Board of Trustees. “I am confident that in years to come, we will continue to see many great things at HSU which are a direct result of his faithful leadership.”

Hall’s announcement provides the university eleven months for leadership transition - ample time for which Sawyer and the HSU Board are appreciative.

“Lanny has proven himself an effective leader time and time again. His shoes will be hard to fill,” said Sawyer.

During his 45-year career, Hall has enjoyed varied leadership roles in higher education and government, including service as a congressional aide; public school teacher; three-term state representative from Tarrant County; state agency executive; and university professor, vice president, president, and chancellor.

After earning his Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Texas in Austin in 1985, Hall’s commitment to Baptist higher education has allowed him the unique distinction of serving three Texas Baptist-partnering universities as president during the last twenty-six years of his career: Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, TX), Howard Payne University (Brownwood, TX), and Wayland Baptist University (Plainview, TX).

Of all his experiences, Hall counts his 18-plus years at HSU as a particularly rich blessing.

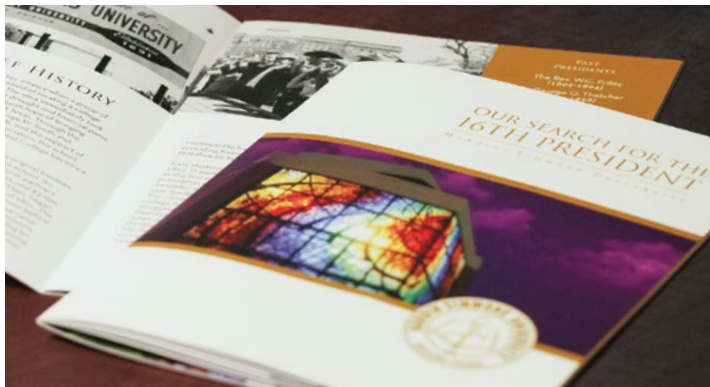
“Carol and I treasure all the years we have been here,” said Hall in a letter announcing his retirement to faculty and staff. “We all pray for the promising and bright future of HSU.”

Presidential Search Committee Hard at Work

Members of Hardin-Simmons University's Presidential Search Committee include representatives from HSU's Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and student body. The committee has been busy since their first meeting in early September 2015 when a national search firm was selected.

"I would ask that all of the university community join together in making the search for our next HSU president a matter of prayer," said Mr. Jerry D. Sawyer, 2015 Chair of HSU's Board of Trustees who appointed the committee.

The committee was formed less than a month after HSU's 15th President, Dr. Lanny Hall, announced his retirement effective June 1, 2016. Hall was elected as HSU's president for the second time in 2009 after previous service as HSU's 13th president from 1991 to 2001. Hall also served as HSU's chancellor from 2001 to 2003.



Current Trustee and BOT Chair-Elect (2016) Dr. Michael Waters was named Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Waters, who also serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Board's Governance Committee, is the retired Chief Executive Officer of Hendrick Health System in Abilene.

"I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Waters' leadership abilities," said Sawyer. "He will serve us well as we proceed through this extremely important process. We will consult with the various constituencies of the University in this process, and will seek, with their help and God's leadership, to find the right person to lead Hardin-Simmons into its very bright future."

The Presidential Search Committee will play a critical role in not only seeking and vetting candidate finalists for presentation to the Board, but also in soliciting feedback from a wide variety of campus constituents, formulating a candidate profile, and selecting a national search firm. HSU's Board of Trustees will ultimately make the final decision regarding the University's next President.

"I am excited about the future for the University," said Sawyer about the search.

"I look forward to working with our Board of Trustees as we begin the process of entering into this new era. I am convinced our Lord will continue to richly bless Hardin-Simmons."

Stay updated at:
www.hsutx.edu/presidential-search

A full listing of HSU's Presidential Search Committee members includes:

- Dr. Michael Waters (LL.D. '91), Chair, Trustee, Retired CEO of Hendrick Health System, Dallas
- Dr. Jud Powell (B.S. '76, M.Ed. '78, LL.D. '11), Vice-Chair, Trustee, Financial Consultant, Abilene
- Mrs. Melinda (Offner) Stricklin ('83), Trustee, Businesswoman, Colleyville
- Mr. Joe Sharp (B.A. '58), Trustee, Retired Businessman, McKinney
- Dr. George Newman, Trustee, Rancher, Retired Taylor County Judge and HSU Professor, Abilene
- Dr. Lynn Craft, Trustee (LL.D. '04), Trustee, Retired President and CEO, Baptist Foundation of Texas, Dallas
- Dr. Richard Darden (D.Min. '15), Trustee, Pastor, Abilene
- Mr. Jerry Phillips ('67), Trustee, Businessman, Lubbock
- Mrs. Louise (McIntire) Jones ('62), Trustee, Retired Educator, San Angelo
- Mr. Jerry Sawyer, Trustee, Director of Administration, ScottHulse, El Paso
- Dr. Rene Collins (M.Ed. '89), Faculty, Associate Professor of Education, Head of the Department of Educational Studies
- Mr. Larry Wheeler, Faculty, Associate Professor of Theater, Head of the Theater Department
- Mrs. Britt (Yates) Jones ('84), Staff, Assistant Vice-President for Advancement, Director of Alumni Relations
- Mrs. Candy (Thweatt) Noble ('83), Alumna, Community Volunteer, Lucas
- Ms. Alexa Rae Gist, Current Student, HSU Student Body President

Parenthetical references used for individuals with degrees from HSU.

University Leaders Awarded Honorary Doctorates



Hardin-Simmons University conferred Honorary Doctorate degrees upon Richard and Deann Styles at the Winter Commencement ceremony held December 12, 2015. Richard Styles received a Doctor of Laws and Deann Styles received a Doctor of Humanities.

President Dr. Lanny Hall presented the degrees, the highest recognition that the University bestows on outstanding individuals who have made a difference at Hardin-Simmons, to the highly regarded couple.

Richard M. Styles' distinguished career has included service to his nation, farming, college teaching, public relations and university administration.

A Texas native born on a farm outside of Lubbock, Styles is a graduate of New Deal High School. Following graduation, he entered Texas Tech University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish. From Texas Tech, he served in the United States Army. After farming for two years, he entered graduate school at the University of New Mexico, earning a master's degree in Latin American Studies.

He began his profession in higher education as an instructor of Spanish at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia. Following his teaching experience, he accepted the position of director of public relations and development at the institution. Continuing his work in public relations and development, he soon joined the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, serving under the leadership of Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher.

He would join Dr. Fletcher once again in Abilene, Texas, as he served as vice president for university relations and development at Hardin-Simmons University. From 1978 to 1998 he led the development and advancement functions of HSU. During these years, he was highly effective in directing fundraising initiatives for HSU.

Deann Buske Styles has enjoyed an impressive career as a school teacher, principal, therapist, university administrator, adjunct professor and consultant. A native of Friona, in the Texas Panhandle, she has volunteered at numerous non-profit causes and served in leadership positions through her church and community in several different settings in Virginia and Texas.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education, Styles earned a Master of Education degree in Counseling and Human Development from Hardin-Simmons University. In addition, she has done post-graduate work at Texas Tech University, the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia and HSU. Along the way, this busy multi-tasking mother of three has made a difference in the lives of countless others. For six years she served as a therapist for Ministry of Counseling and Enrichment at First Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas.

During her two decades of service with HSU, she served as director of religious activities, consultant for the gifted and talented program, assistant director of continuing education, office coordinator for the "Forging the Future" campaign and as an adjunct professor in family psychology. During this time, she also traveled throughout the United States helping to garner resources for HSU.

Distinguished Alumnus President of Texas Baptists

René Maciel was elected President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) during its 2015 Annual Meeting in November. Prior to his election as President, he served as First Vice President (2015) and Second Vice President (2014) of the Convention.

Maciel, who serves as President of Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio, earned his Bachelor of Behavioral Science in 1981 from HSU and his Master of Science in Education from Baylor University. He later returned to HSU serving first as a recruiter and admissions counselor, then later as Director of Admissions.



Prior to joining Baptist University of the Americas, Maciel served as Chief Administrator of the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico, and in several key positions at Baylor University's Truett Seminary.

Maciel has received Distinguished Alumni Awards from both Hardin-Simmons University and HSU's Logsdon School of Theology. An active student leader at HSU, Maciel was in Tau Alpha Phi, played varsity basketball, and lettered in varsity golf. René and his wife Sabrina (Dunham '84) live in Castroville and have two grown children, Briana & Carmen.

U.S. News and World Report Ranks HSU Among Best Regional Universities

HSU has again earned a top tier ranking among regional universities in the West by U.S. News and World Report's 2016 Best Colleges and Universities guide.

The nationally-recognized rankings, made available Wednesday, placed HSU as #34 among the more than 120 best regional universities in the West. HSU ranked #35 last year and #37 in 2013, in the same category.

"We are humbled and gratified to again be considered as one of the best regional universities in the West by U.S. News and World Report," said HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall. "I believe this ranking reflects our continued commitment to quality, affordable Christian education which strives to prepare students for both their career and life."

According to the guide, the rankings evaluate colleges and universities based on up to 16 indicators of academic excellence including: peer assessment scores, freshmen retention, graduation rates, class size, student-to-faculty ratio, SAT and ACT entrance scores, acceptance rates, and percentage of freshman from the top 25% of their high school class.

As a part of their rankings, U.S. News and World Reports considered more than 1,600 accredited four-year schools nationwide. HSU's ranking was considered alongside many other larger schools in the Regional Universities category which includes institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate and master's programs with a few doctoral programs.

Hardin-Simmons Ranked Among Most Beautiful Christian College Campuses

Hardin-Simmons University has been ranked as #32 in Christian Universities Online's 2016 list of the "50 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges and Universities in the US."

The ranking mentions HSU's "classic brick architecture" and its signature copper, dome-topped Linebery Clock Tower. The website also cites the tree-lined campus and the school's well-designed layout. Other landmark features at HSU include the gazebo, Reflection Pond, Legett Unity Bridge, and fountain.

Many campus-wide beautification and building projects are underway and planned as part of HSU's Transformation 2020 program. These include new buildings such as the new Wilkins Wellness Center and a new special events center, updating of existing facilities, and new pedestrian walkways.

Hardin-Simmons was founded in 1891 and the entire campus encompasses more than 200 acres. The main campus sits on 96 acres.

The ranking includes schools that are members or member eligible of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. Each school was evaluated and scored on continuity of campus, architectural style, signature buildings, and natural setting. The total score from the criteria was used to rank the schools.

Christian Universities Online is an independent online resource for students and families researching Christian higher education. The site publishes rankings and reviews of the best Christian colleges and universities, information about Christian scholarships and financial aid, and many other resources for finding, getting into, and paying for a Christian education.





Food and Prayer Garden

HSU will soon have its own Community Food and Prayer Garden (CFPG) thanks to the work of the HSU Sustainability Committee and with support from the university administration. The Hardin-Simmons University CFPG will create a shared space where students will learn the integrated values of environmental sustainability, social recreation, and civic engagement. The food garden will provide a learning lab for various science and other academic related disciplines.

The prayer garden will be designed to provide a place for personal prayer and reflection. Together, the food and prayer garden will provide a place for students to learn principles and practices of sustainable food production along with the integration of this knowledge within a biblically-based concept of stewardship of our God-given resources.

Vegetables and fruits grown in the garden will be donated to the local community either through the Food Bank of West Central Texas or directly to residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the HSU Campus. In fact, plans are in the works for a collaboration between the CFPG and the North Park Friendship House located just north of the HSU campus.

The CFPG receives no direct funds from HSU. Donations to help grow the garden can be made by going to the Hardin-Simmons webpage at: www.hsutx.edu/FundHSU

International Lunch Brings Culture to Campus

Students experienced a melding of international culture this fall during HSU's inaugural International Lunch.

The event was the result of collaboration between HSU's Office of Student Life, the International Student Committee, the International Student Fellowship, and ARAMARK Dining Services. Carolle Ranaivoarivelo, HSU's International Student Coordinator, played a key role in making the event possible.

"One of the fundamental goals of my position is to enhance international diversity awareness on campus," said Ranaivoarivelo, adding this event was "a glimpse of our diverse cultures on campus. We hope to create and stimulate ideas in the future along the same lines."

Students submitted dish suggestions to her that forwarded to Kathy Diamond, Director of HSU's ARAMARK Dining Services.

"We loved being a part of this event," said Diamond. Six different cultures including Chinese, French, Korean, Madagasikara (Madagascar), Malaysian, and Kiwi (New Zealand) were represented through ten different dishes including both main dishes and desserts.





Career Services Prepares Students for Future Success

Preparing students for success beyond the classroom is one of the goals of the University's Career Services Office. A full slate of events during the fall and spring semesters has given students the opportunity to begin planning for their future careers.

The office offers a variety of methods to help students discover their talents and skills useful for current and future employment.

"We want to set students up for success," said Wendy Smith, Director of Career Services. According to Smith, the events benefit the students by helping them determine and develop their sense of calling.

In the fall, Career Services held "Strengths Quest" sessions helping students discover talents and skills. In the spring semester, the department held "Strengths Week," which included workshops on discovering, sharing, and growing students' strengths.

Career Services also sponsored "What's In a Major?" sessions in the fall, giving students an in-depth look at all various majors at the University.

Job fairs organized by Career Services connect students with potential employment opportunities. The Career Services webpage also added a new Job Board feature allowing students to look at upcoming events and search jobs and internships.

Career Services has offered other interactive and informative events including an introduction for students to LinkedIn, an Etiquette Dinner, and a Job and Internship Search Strategies session.

Fall Breakers Travel to San Francisco

A new program this semester allows students living in Hunter Hall the chance to be a part of the Hunters, Gatherers and Travelers program have the opportunity to have unique travel experiences along with leadership and service opportunities. This fall break students traveled to California to visit some of San Francisco's major attractions.

Louise Faison, sophomore biology major, said, "This program betters HSU because it sets us apart from other schools, it gives students a chance to experience new things and broaden our views of the world. Living in a small community where I get to serve my school, having the opportunities to travel, and see God's creation is something that I have only dreamed of."

Students explored sites such as the Golden Gate Bridge and infamous Alcatraz during their brief weekend trip.

Audrey Barlowe, sophomore biology major, said, "It is always amazing to walk back in time at a historical site. To do so with tourists from all corners of the globe and with great friends makes it that much more incredible. The preservation of such an iconic prison and its proximity to such a beautiful city were surreal to experience. It was awesome."

For more information about Hunters, Gatherers and Travelers visit:
www.hsutx.edu/offices/residence-life/halls/hunter

Students Engage Interfaith Movement at the Parliament of World Religions

Twelve current and former Hardin-Simmons University graduate and undergraduate students from Logsdon Seminary and School of Theology programs attended the Parliament of World Religions during an international gathering in Salt Lake City attended by more than 10,000 people from 80 nations and 50 faiths. Attendees were on hand to learn, educate, and interact in an interfaith environment.

“The entire weekend was an incredibly memorable experience,” said Sarah Dannemiller, Master of Arts in Religion student from Greenwood, IN, who was particularly impacted by the women’s plenary session. “I felt I was in the midst of a great and global mobilization of people . . . privileged to be in a room with thousands of other people who did not seek to simply empathize with women around the world, but stand in solidarity with them.”

Dr. Rob Sellers, Professor of Theology and Connally Professor of Missions at Hardin-Simmons University’s Logsdon Seminary, said he hoped students would be impacted in a life-changing way by attending the Parliament.

“I hoped that my students would be introduced to the breadth and depth of the interfaith movement through this international event, and from it be inspired to commit themselves, their energies, time, and creative efforts in the future working with persons of other faiths for the betterment of all,” said Sellers, who also attended the Parliament and was introduced as the new Chair-elect of the Board of Trustees.

“I further hoped that they [students] would gain a sense of what it means both to love their own Christian faith tradition but at the same time to be generous, open, respectful, and compassionate toward those who follow other paths.”

Many of the students are currently enrolled in Sellers’ Christian Approaches to Other Faiths seminary course.

As part of their attendance at the Parliament, each student was required to interview three other participants - of a different faith - and write a summary of their encounter. In addition, each student was tasked to write a theological reflection paper based on their experience at three different sessions.

“Sister Maureen Goodman and her focus on social justice and sacred activism really impacted my time at the Parliament,” said Leila Lovett, Master of Divinity student from Mountain Home,



ID, who noted Goodman’s talk keyed on her concern for people who don’t focus sufficiently on the self.

“Her question, ‘how much time do we spend on our own sustainability?’ got me thinking about the importance of taking care of myself; if I don’t do that, I can’t focus on other people.”

Students had an opportunity to choose from nearly 1,200 breakout sessions in addition to the plenary sessions, which were attended by thousands.

“The plenaries were almost overwhelming at times,” said Emily Foster, Master of Divinity student from Cross Plains, Texas. “[There were] all of these moments . . . when I was able to look around the room and see the most beautiful picture I have ever seen - the amount of unity and harmony shared by such a diverse group of people.”

Scott Appleton, Master of Arts in Family Ministry/Clinical Counseling & Marriage Family Therapy student from Coppell, Texas, said he came away from the Parliament feeling “hopeful.”

“During this week I experienced what the world can look like if we abolish this ‘us vs. them’ mentality that is present in all walks of life,” Appleton said. “Whether it is church or politics, having an ‘us vs. them’ mentality will always be a roadblock to compassion.”

As the Chair-elect of the Parliament, Sellers said he looks forward to the next gathering - scheduled for 2017.

LOGSDON DEANS SHARE MEMORIES AND HOPES

Celebrating Logsdon, 20 years of Seminary Programs

The three living deans of Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology and Seminary shared their memories of the Seminary program's 20-year journey at a celebratory dinner culminating the two-day event *Celebrating Logsdon: 20 Years of Seminary Programs*.

Dr. Donald Williford (current dean), Dr. Thomas Brisco (immediate past dean), and Dr. Vernon Davis (past dean) shared stories about the beginnings of the vision that would ultimately become Logsdon Seminary - from the start of classes leading to the Master of Divinity degree to accreditation, and on to the current role of Logsdon Seminary as a leader in theological education which prepares students for ministry at six locations across Texas.

Davis, who served as the Dean of Logsdon from 1998 until 2003, praised the vision started by Logsdon's first Dean, Dr. H.K. Neely, who passed away in 2013.

"Dr. Neely's role was so important in generating what we see today. I am sorry he is not able to be with us to celebrate this milestone, but I believe he is pleased with where we are today," said Davis.

Davis likened the journey of starting seminary programs, gathering resources for a theological library, and opening a center in Corpus Christi a "relay race".

"None of us knew what was before us down the road, but we had this sense that God wanted to do something significant in this place," said Davis. "I am most pleased ... with the legacy of this place, and the legacy of this faculty. I am most grateful for what was begun, what has been accomplished, and for those who carried - and are carrying - it out. Logsdon is in very good hands."

Brisco, who currently serves as HSU's Provost and Chief Academic Officer, also served as Logsdon's dean from 2003 until 2011. Brisco shared memories of his leadership at Logsdon, during which the school earned accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

"Achieving accreditation was definitely a milestone, and we achieved it together," said Brisco. "I have always been grateful for my years as dean at Logsdon; it's been a joy to be a part of it."

In addition to accreditation, Brisco led the opening of Logsdon campuses in Lubbock and San Antonio.

As Logsdon's current dean, Williford, recalled the blessing of being able to follow in the footsteps of previous deans.

"One of my greatest blessings has been to stand on the shoulders of three predecessors who've done such a fine job," said Williford. "H.K. Neely was a master administrator, Vernon Davis is a master preacher, and Tommy Brisco was the man with all the answers for ATS accreditation."

During Williford's tenure, Logsdon has opened extension campuses in Dallas-Fort Worth and McAllen, and launched the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program at the San Antonio campus.

"God has his hand on Logsdon Seminary, and I believe He is empowering us for future work," said Williford. "The future calls for a lofty vision from current faculty and leadership, and if we listen to the Spirit and keep our eyes on the Son of Man, the impact of this institution - still yet so young - is more than any of us in this room can dare imagine. It will be His empowering, our faithfulness, and our daring to step out that will make the difference. As much as we love this seminary, God loves it more."



LITTLE STEPS TOWARDS A BIG IMPACT

2015 Fletcher Lectures

The 2015 Fletcher Lectures speaker was Dr. David Hales (B.S. '66), recipient of HSU's 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award. Hales' lectures allowed students opportunity to hear about current issues related to climate change.

Dylan Price, senior history major from Forney, Texas, attended Hales' lunch lecture and said Dr. Hales demonstrated a wealth of knowledge about climate change.

"It is important that not only as those who take part of faith, any faith, but as humans, that we take care of our planet. It is absolutely vital for continued living on Earth," said Price.

While Hales recognized that humans may be attributing to the problem, he also asserted that humans can be part of the solution.

Hales' evening lecture centered on the ever-increasing crisis of global warming, and the role people play in a rapidly changing world.

"The opportunity to make a difference is equal to the responsibility to make a difference," Hales said. "We have been given the opportunity to write the future of the face of the planet."

Hales presented data from research supporting his theories on population growth and its ultimate impact on the environment. Despite the frightening scenarios he presented, Hales encouraged the audience about shared responsibility and the opportunity for people of faith to make a difference.

"Start with love," Hales advised. "Facts don't change people until they are connected to a story."

As the first American to chair the World Heritage Convention, Hales has been honored for his vision and contributions by the U.S. Departments of State and Interior. He has participated in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Settlements, and the Commission on Sustainable Development.



Faculty News



HSU Names New Dean

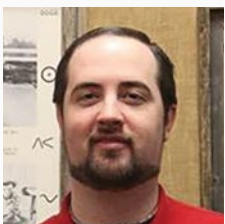
Hardin-Simmons own is announced as new dean of libraries.

After a national search, Hardin-Simmons University is pleased to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, professor and associate director for public services at the Rupert and Pauline Richardson Library, has been selected as the new dean of libraries for HSU.

Worley brings significant library experience to her new position, having served for 20 years in various roles in the HSU library. Prior to her arrival at HSU, Worley served as a librarian at Oklahoma Baptist University.

A two-time graduate of Hardin-Simmons, Worley earned her Bachelor of Education in 1989 and Master of Education in 2001. She is the current faculty vice president and has served on 18 separate Hardin-Simmons committees.

Worley assumed her official duties as the new dean on July 1, 2015.



Maynard Joins Library Faculty

On November 1, Mr. Jeremy Maynard joined the HSU faculty as the User Services Librarian- Assistant Professor. Maynard previously served as the Special

Collections Manager of the Richardson Library's Research Center of the Southwest.

Maynard earned his Bachelor of Behavioral Science with a double major in history and psychology and post-graduate teacher certification from Hardin-Simmons University in 2008, and his Master of Library and Information Science degree from Wayne State University in 2012.

In his new role, Maynard will serve as the liaison librarian with HSU's Irvin School of Education, as well as the Honors program and Communication, English, and Foreign Language departments. Maynard and his wife Shannon have a daughter, Shelby, and a son, Marcus.

New Banking Major Announced

Hardin-Simmons University will be launching a new major this fall, one in Banking & Financial Services. "It's a mix of accounting and finance courses tailored to the needs of the financial services industry," said Mike Monhollon, dean of HSU's business school. "There's even a course in personal selling thrown in."

The financial services industry is large, encompassing not just banks, but insurance companies, asset managers, personal advisors, brokerage houses, and mutual fund companies. With regulatory reform ongoing, there are increasing opportunities at a myriad of regulatory agencies as well: the comptroller of the currency, the state banking commission, the Federal Reserve, and the FDIC.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, half the jobs in the financial services industry will keep pace with or outstrip the economy as a whole in the next 10 years. The baby-boom generation has begun to retire, driving demand for retirement and estate planning. To serve its needs, the number of personal financial advisors is expected to increase 30%, making it one of the fastest growing occupations in the country, one with a median pay of just over \$81,000.

The new major at Hardin-Simmons University will be one of only two or three banking programs in the state of Texas. "It's part of our commitment to prepare our students for the workplace," Monhollon said. "College is a big investment. We want to be sure it pays off."



Dr. Myles Werntz Begins Role as T.B. Maston Chair of Christian Ethics

Dr. Myles Werntz, the new T.B. Maston Chair of Christian Ethics at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary, started his new position in January 2016.

The Shreveport, Louisiana-native was drawn to the T.B. Maston Chair of Christian Ethics role because of his love of working in a seminary context and a desire to serve the Texas Baptist community.

"I wanted to be in a position where I could really contribute," he said. "To help Baptists think faithfully about ethics and theology was really attractive to me."

Werntz fills the Maston Chair previously held by Dr. Bill Tillman.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Werntz is responsible for planning and directing the annual T.B. Maston Lectures in Christian Ethics. He also oversees the "The Window", a semi-annual publication that provides ministers with information to aid them in sermon preparation, research and ministry to the local church.

Werntz earned his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 2000; his Master of Divinity from Truett Seminary at Baylor University in 2003; and his Doctor of Philosophy in Religion from Baylor University in 2011.

He served as a Temporary Lecturer in Theology at Truett Seminary from 2011 to 2012 then served as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Truett from 2012 to 2014. In 2014, Werntz moved to a teaching position at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he served as an Assistant Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at the School of Ministry.

This semester, Werntz is teaching a doctorate level ministry seminar on Church and Culture, an Introduction to Christian Ethics for Masters of Divinity students, and a New Testament survey class for undergraduates at HSU. In the fall semester, he plans to teach a Foundations in Biblical Ethics course, among others.

Werntz said he's glad to be reaching students at such a formative time in their lives.

"I think in particular confessional universities have an opportunity to be formative in a really powerful way," he said. "I've always been attracted to working in those environments."

While Werntz began his education in English Literature, he had a change of heart while visiting a theology class at Baylor before

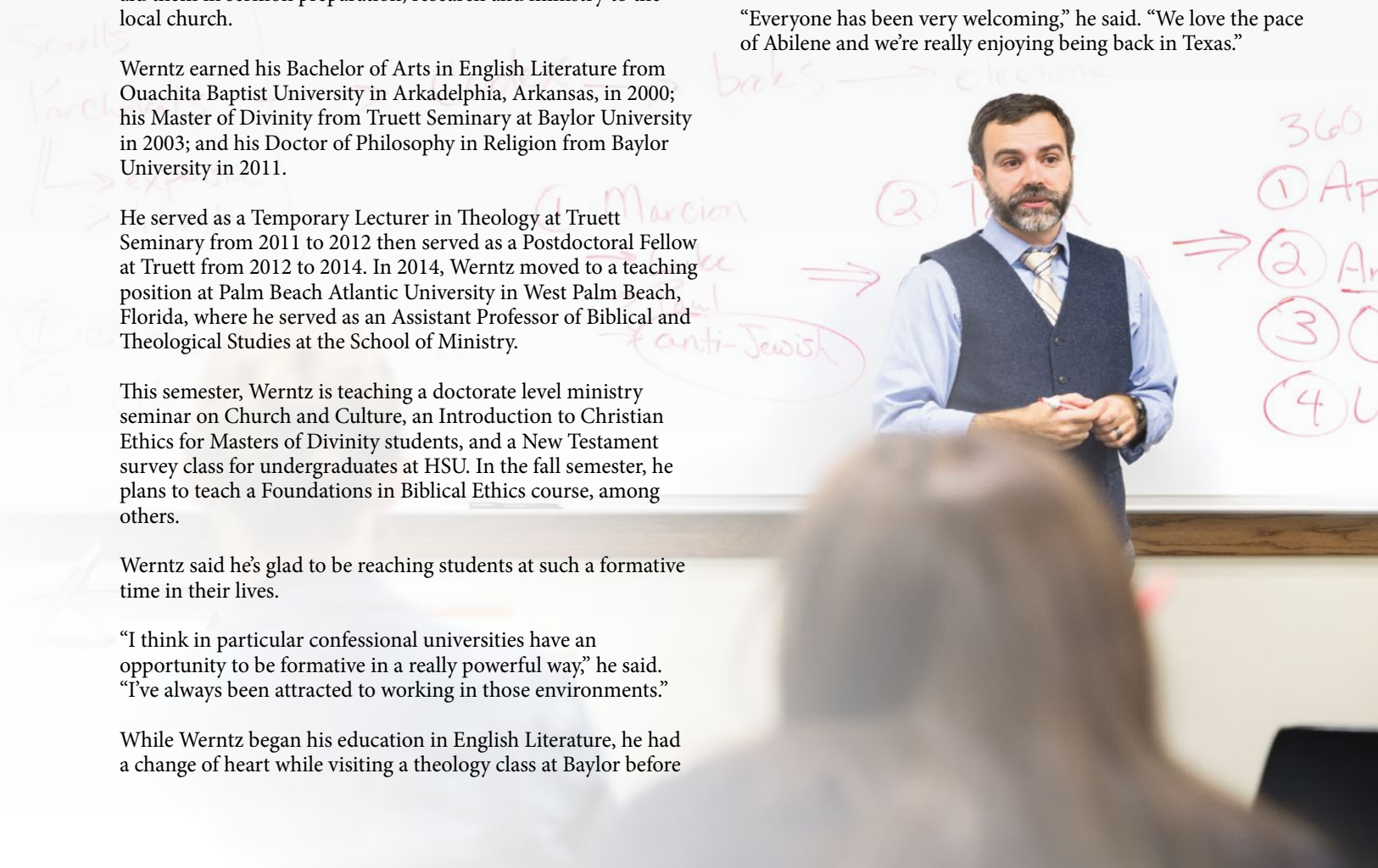
entering graduate school. He realized the big picture questions that he gravitated to in literature were taking place at a deeper level in theology.

"Theology is really where you are addressing these things more openly and directly," he said. "So that for me was the a-ha moment."

Werntz is the author of "Bodies of Peace: Nonviolence, Ecclesiology, and Witness," published in 2014. He is also working on a new book exploring theological and ethical issues. Werntz has written several other chapters and articles on ecclesiology, war and peace, and Christian witness.

The position has brought Werntz closer to his family. His sister lives in Austin and his parents live in Shreveport, Louisiana. He and his wife, Sarah Martin-Werntz, also welcome a slower pace after living in West Palm Beach, Florida. The couple has a nearly 2-year-old son, Eliot.

"Everyone has been very welcoming," he said. "We love the pace of Abilene and we're really enjoying being back in Texas."



Founding Physician Assistant Program Director Has Roots in Rural Medicine

The clues to Jennifer Eames' future career were there from an early age. For example, not every preschooler insists her Halloween costume be a medical lab coat.

While Dr. Eames says she always knew she wanted to be in the medical field, her particular path wasn't clear until she was a teenager.

When an oil bust caused a regional hospital to close down and physicians to leave the area for greener pastures, she met her first traveling physician assistant. The physician assistant came to her rural East Texas hometown of Giddings several times a week to see patients.

"That is how I found out about PAs," she said. "Were it not for that, I maybe would have never known and I wouldn't be where I am today."

Eames was recently named as founding director of the developing Physician Assistant Program at HSU. She previously served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch. She received her Doctor of Health Science from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska; and her Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Her childhood experiences helped shape an ongoing mission to fill medical needs in underserved communities. Both Texas and the Big Country region are underserved in PA training programs, according to Eames. Nearly 200 PA programs exist in the US while only eight of those are in Texas. Regionally, there are none for 150 miles around Abilene.

"The appeal to having a program here is that people would train here and they'd fall in love with the charm of Abilene," she said. "They'd fall in love with that rural medicine that's in our roots

as providers. That's the goal of opening a program here to serve this regional area."

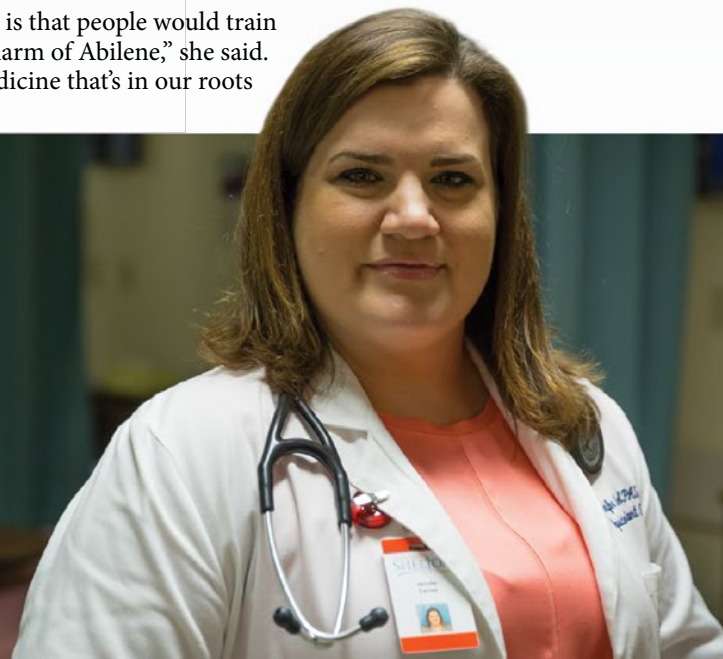
Physician assistant is one of the fastest-growing health care job categories. From a career standpoint, a two-year master's degree program produces salaries starting in the \$80,000s and high satisfaction rates. Demand is strong because the US health care system has been stretched in recent years. Because physician assistants can perform 80 percent or greater the services of a doctor, they are known as "physician extenders" and can fill gaps in medical coverage.

One misconception is that a PA degree is a stepping stone to a doctor, according to Eames. Most physician assistants choose the field because it differs from a traditional physician's path with greater flexibility to work in multiple specialties and a laser focus on patient care. During her 13 years of clinical PA experience, Eames worked in the gastroenterology, family medicine, and clinical virology specialties.

Hardin-Simmons University has applied for provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). A site visit for the developing program is planned for Fall 2016 with the hopes of achieving approval to enroll students in Fall 2017.

Securing clinical partners is critical during this stage of program preparation, said Eames. During their second year, students will travel to a different clinical site approximately every five weeks for training. Eames is quick to credit her administrative assistant, longtime Abilene-area resident Bonnie Powell, with helping to develop these relationships.

"We have lots of good commitments. The Abilene community has been really supportive," she said. "We'd always love more."



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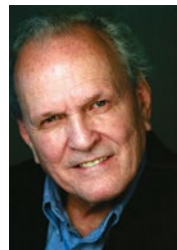
DR. TRENT C. BUTLER
B.A. 1963

Trent Butler is a noted scholar in Old Testament studies who has published for lay and for scholarly audiences. His scholarly reputation is built on two volumes in the Word Biblical Commentary. The Denver seminary journal marked the Judges commentary as the major work available, noting "An Evangelical and masterful study of all aspects of exegesis." The Joshua volume was hailed as the first theological commentary on Joshua. Recently a two-volume expansion was published. Dr. Butler was instrumental in planning and translating the Holman Christian Standard Bible. On the lay side, he designed and edited the best-selling Holman Bible Dictionary as well as the "Disciple's Study Bible." He has authored three commentaries in the Holman Commentary series. Dr. Butler served as editorial director of Broadman and Holman and taught at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Rüsclikon, Switzerland. He considers his greatest accomplishments as seven international mission trips and opening writing opportunities for young grad students and professors. While at HSU, he was editor of the *The Brand* and assistant editor of *The Bronco*, took part in summer missions, and held membership in the Ministerial Alliance.



MR. MARSHALL J. DOKE, JR.
B.A. 1956

Marshall Doke is a partner, specializing in government contracts & litigation, with the Gardere Wynne Sewell law firm of Dallas. He has been described as the "Nation's top government contract lawyer" by *Lawdragon*, a leading lawyer-ranking publication, and was further described as having "an unrivaled tandem of trial skills and government contracts mastery." In 2015, he was listed in *Texas Super Lawyers* and in *Texas Best Lawyers* in commercial litigation. He was described in 2008 by another international lawyer-ranking publication, *Chambers USA*, as a "legend of the profession." Mr. Doke has testified as a government contracts expert before committees of both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and served in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates for over 30 years. He currently sits on the executive committee of the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame & Museum Advisory Board, is chair emeritus of the Texas Historical Foundation, and is a member of the McDonald Observatory Board of Visitors, University of Texas. At HSU, he was Student Council president, ROTC corps commander, and played varsity football, taking part in the 1955 Salad Bowl All Star Game.



MR. WALLACE K. SHERERTZ
B.A. 1963

Upon graduation from HSU, Mr. Wally Sherertz became a high school math teacher, textbook co-author, and, later, teacher association executive director. All the while, he actively performed in principal and supporting roles in regional and stock theater, playing the lead in shows like *Shenandoah*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *The Most Happy Fella*. About 25 years ago, he and his wife Peggy (Graham '62 B.S.) moved to New York, NY, so Mr. Sherertz could pursue full-time his passion for acting. Since then, under the stage name of Michael Shelle, he has appeared in the international tour of *Camelot* (starring Richard Harris) as Merlin and other supporting roles, in the first national tour of *Titanic*, in a variety of productions in New York City, and in regional theaters throughout the country. Mr. Sherertz continues to perform and sing and is a writing tutor at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. At HSU, Mr. Sherertz was a Cowboy Band soloist, was a founding member of Tau Alpha Phi, and acted in theatre productions.



2015 John. J. Keeter Jr. Alumni Service Award

MR. BILLY BOB NEFF & MRS. PATRICIA (BUTMAN) NEFF

B.S. 1962/M.E. 1967 & B.S. 1977

Billy Bob and Pat Neff of Merkel epitomize the loving servant spirit envisioned by those who established this award in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Neff served on HSU's Alumni Association Board of Directors 2005-2008 in a shared role as Vice-President of Special Events. For decades, however, they have intentionally sought ways to connect to current and former HSU students on a personal level, volunteering at alumni activities, donating time and resources while befriending and encouraging students, and being active spectators at student productions and sporting events. They also give generously of themselves throughout their community and their church, First Baptist Abilene, where Billy Bob is an active Deacon. Both are former teachers. Mrs. Neff established and taught in the Art department for Merkel ISD, and Mr. Neff was with Abilene ISD from 1962-2005. They currently own Neff Construction/Design Company, Neff Art Creations, and are group leaders for travel-abroad programs.



Alumni Award NOMINATIONS



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Please submit nominations to: Alumni Awards Committee, HSU Box 16102, Abilene, TX 79698; alumni@hsutx.edu; FAX 325.670.1574.

In order to provide the selection committee with sufficient information to make award decisions, it is the responsibility of the nominator to provide complete biographical information as well as a thorough description of the nominee's award qualifications. Nominations are considered in early spring.

Questions? Please call (800)460-3908 or (325)670-1317, or submit online at: connect.hsutx.edu/alumni-award-nominations

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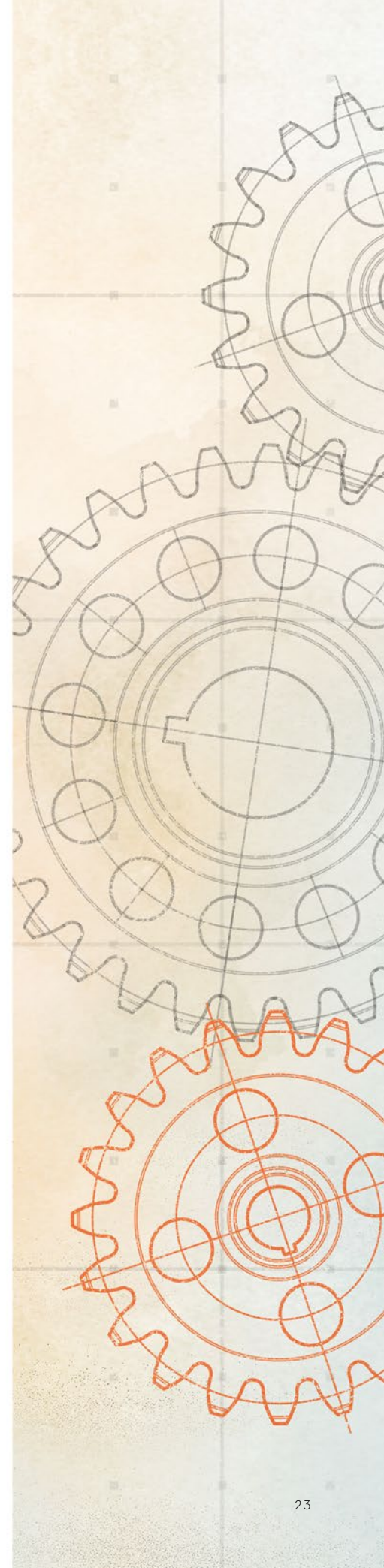
While technology tends to hog headlines about innovation, the concept encompasses so much more. Innovation is a process of discovering and embracing new ideas, methods, products, and approaches. Innovators harness courage, and are often defined by their capacity to take a leap of faith into a bold new world.

As part of HSU's 2020 Strategic Plan, Hardin-Simmons is committed to developing a culture of innovation, diversity, and openness to change. A naturally conducive setting for innovation, HSU values an environment where goal-oriented risk taking is both encouraged and supported.

In this issue, our editorial team has selected stories connected by the theme of *Innovation in Action*. When asked to share ideas for inclusion in this issue, campus and academic leaders shared many examples amplifying the thoughtful, creative, and pioneering spirit of HSU with our editorial team. Some of these included the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing's State of the Art Simulation Hospital, the College of Fine Arts' addition of a 3-D printer and the development of a recording studio, and the Leadership Studies Program's Bike Ride Across Texas.

While not all ideas for submission could be included in this issue, the following stories of individuals were chosen as exemplars of the theme for readers. A missionary couple in Macedonia thriving by finding new approaches to longstanding problems. New research opportunities for Holland faculty and students on unexplored lands. An ambitious, one-of-a-kind program linking students, faith, and nature. An alumna's fresh approach to the restaurant business.

Those interviewed for these Range Rider features made clear their appreciation for the foundation and skills they developed while students at HSU. From their perspective, these skills gave them the freedom to think big while preparing them with the flexibility needed to thrive in changing environments. They are living the theme: *Innovation in Action*.





GRASSLAND INITIATIVE LETS STUDENTS GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY

ENDOWMENT OPENS UP RANCH
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Biology student Lauren Spindler had originally planned on a career in forensics. Then her Wildlife Techniques class visited Rolling N Ranches for some hands-on field work tracking animals and a spark in her was ignited.

“I found a passion going out into the field,” she said.

The course opened her eyes to wildlife research as a potential career.

“Since going out there, it’s changed completely what I want to do in life,” said Spindler, who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 2015 and is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Environmental Management.

Hands-on experiences are exactly what Dr. George Newman had in mind when he and his wife Carolyn established the Grassland Initiative Endowment in 2013. The program provides research access to more than 1,000 acres of the Newmans’ Rolling N Ranches by Hardin-Simmons students and professors.

“To me, learning is so much richer if you can experience something rather than just talk about something,” he said.

Expanded Offerings

Newman, professor of biology emeritus and vice chair of the Board of Trustees, recalled key field experiences during his education and career. For example, a local family opened up their farm land to him for his biology research while he was a student at Baylor. He also performed field work with the well known naturalist George M. Sutton. When Newman was an HSU professor, he brought his students to his ranch for hands-on learning.

Newman sees the Grassland Initiative as a way for HSU science departments within the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics to expand their offerings without expanding the budget. The endowment also helps with research-related expenses.

“You get kids out of the classroom and out to the country and get them listening and get them observing,” he said. “It will be important to them for the rest of their lives whether they do that for a living or do it to enjoy life.”

At the heart of Newman’s Grassland Initiative is his desire to return his ranchland back to the native grasslands of the region. Because the land is in transition, it gives students a rich environment to study. HSU students and faculty have research access to two of the Newmans’ properties in Taylor County and one in Runnels County, near Crews.



Hands-On Research Opportunities

HSU professors conducting research at the ranch include Dr. Jennifer Hennigan (Microbiologist), Dr. Marla Potess (Environmental Scientist), Dr. Andrea Jensen (Entomologist), Dr. Rick Hammer (Botanist), Dr. Steve Roscoe and Dr. Mark Ouimette (Geologists), Dr. Alan Landwer (Herpetologist), and Dr. Wendi Wolfram (Mammalogist).

“Each one lends their expertise to the whole picture,” said Carolyn Newman.

Wolfram, who is Spindler’s thesis advisor, said the Grassland Initiative has opened up a big opportunity for her students to conduct hands-on research in the field. Previously, her classes did not have a field location for hands-on lab work and research. They used the zoo and virtual lab work as alternatives.

Wolfram said she enjoys seeing students learn new hands-on skills such as how to properly document data and identify rodents during the capture and release process.

“A lot of it is just watching the excitement on their faces, especially when they track their first mammals,” she said.

In addition to having her classes perform lab work at the ranch land, about a dozen students are creating and conducting their own research experiments.

“The reality of what we could do out there is only limited by our own creativity,” Wolfram said.

The endowment allows HSU students and faculty to have meaningful scientific research projects and to be more competitive in their academic fields, according to Hennigan.

“To be competitive with their peers, HSU undergraduates need exposure to research,” Hennigan said. “In addition, by having access to Dr. Newman’s land, we have been able to set up longitudinal research projects that we anticipate will continue for many years.”

Unexplored Region, New Technologies

The Crews ranch is located in an area that has not been targeted in the past for scientific investigation. New findings from HSU’s flora and fauna research can be shared with Texas Parks

and Wildlife to improve the state's documentation of the area. Students have also presented their findings to professional science associations around the state.

"It is unique because three separate ecological regions converge, providing an interesting field laboratory for scientific investigation that will contribute to a greater understanding of the ecology in West Central Texas," said Potess, an environmental scientist.

Students have an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the most current technologies in their respective fields. For example, Newman gave permission for small drones to be used on the land for collecting data. He also installed a full recording weather station on site to record data for biometeorology research.

Invested Advocates

The Newmans have added to the ranch's welcoming atmosphere by hosting barbecues and bonfires for students and faculty. Carolyn Newman said it's been a pleasure to reconnect with students through the Grassland Initiative

"Any investment in the lives of young people is totally worth it," she said. "We're both teachers at heart."

Dr. Newman serves as an advocate for the Holland School, said Hennigan.

"Dr. Newman has a great love for Hardin-Simmons, which is evident as often he strolls the halls of Sid Richardson chatting with Holland faculty on Friday afternoons," she said.

Newman's engagement with the students allows them to gain from his vast experience, including his expertise in ornithology, said Wolfram.

"He enjoys being with the students and sharing his knowledge," she said. "The students love him. He's such a joy. You learn something new every time you are out there with him."

That fact is not lost on students like Spindler, whose thesis research will take place at Rolling N Ranches. Her thesis focuses on biometeorology and non-invasive field techniques involving large mammals, population densities, and land management practices.

"He's definitely invested in us," she said, adding that it is meaningful to her that he chooses to spend his free time with students.

It's no surprise to Mrs. Newman that her husband continues to inspire new generations of students. She's often heard former students thank her husband for instilling a love of nature.

"I've heard them say, 'You've taught me to see the world,'" she said.

For Spindler, she not only sees the world, she sees her future.



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BUSINESS, ETHICS & ASIAN FOOD

HSU ALUMNA
DISCOVERS RECIPE FOR
ENTREPRENEURIAL
SUCCESS



You may have heard the old joke before. How do you make a million dollars in the restaurant business? Start with \$2 million.

But don't tell that to Jennifer (Cheung) Navejas ('11) and her cousin Philip Cheung. They continue to defy the risky restaurant industry odds with their successful venture, Hashi Teppan Grill.

Abilene's popular fast-casual Asian restaurant on Rebecca Lane first opened to crowds in 2014. According to Cheung, the restaurant performed nearly ten times better in its first year than had been projected in their business plan.

"We were definitely blessed in that area," he said.

Customers tend to give new restaurants one shot to get things right, said Navejas.

"You have to make a really good first impression or they are really not coming back," she said.

Of course, it helps that the cousins are not new to Abilene's restaurant scene. For many years, their families ran the popular Fuji's teppan-style hibachi restaurant on South 27th.

Back then, their fathers had kicked around an idea of a fast-food restaurant, but the idea never got off the ground. After Philip's father died in 2011, Cheung and Navejas helped run Fuji's before the family decided to close the restaurant in 2012.

A member of the HSU tennis team, Navejas, 27, earned both her Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degree at HSU, with majors in accounting and finance. (Her husband is Emmanuel Navejas ('11), another former HSU tennis team standout.) Cheung, 23, had been on a computer science track at HSU before leaving in 2012 to pursue a career in the food industry.

Following graduation, Navejas worked for an insurance agency. But after a time, she felt a calling back to the restaurant industry.

The pair moved to Dallas, where they worked as general managers at different Panda Express locations. The Panda "boot camp," as Navejas calls it, served as a rigorous introduction to the fast-casual format. Initially planning to climb the chain's corporate ladder, the two later returned to Abilene to pursue other options. Navejas also worked for a time at Tokyo Asia as a general manager and Cheung at the Outback Steakhouse.

Ready for a change, Navejas asked Cheung in 2014 to partner with her in a new business. After receiving their families' blessing to move forward, the two created a business plan, obtained funding from family and small business loans, and found a location. Cheung drew upon the Fuji recipes when developing the menu.

Their goal with Hashi was to make hibachi-style cooking affordable and convenient for customers.

"We thought we could apply the food we learned how to make before (at Fuji's) to the fast casual concept," Cheung said. They saw the potential for growth and studied successful chains such as Chick-fil-a, Panera, and Chipotle for best practices.

Hashi's doors opened in November 2014 and the people came. And the crowds haven't stopped.

The restaurant's clean modern aesthetic with a menu featuring teppan-style meals, conveniently packed sushi made on site, and unique salads such as squid, sashimi and seaweed quickly found a following. Navejas's friendly approach to the front end and the quality of food combined with the fast turn-around, healthy options, and convenience are often mentioned in online reviews.

While fortunate to find success with customer traffic and reliable employees, they have faced challenges with storage, limited parking, ordering to keep pace with demand, and the need for an additional air conditioning unit.

Innovation is as natural as taking a breath for this finely-tuned team bent on improving. iPad point-of-sale systems have replaced cash registers and the two are exploring whether similar technology could expedite customer ordering. It was an idea that Navejas observed at fast-serve restaurants in Europe and larger U.S. cities.

A new touchscreen soda machine is also on its way to the restaurant.

Navejas said her business education helped serve as a base for building a restaurant from scratch. Both pointed to Hardin-Simmons' emphasis on the importance of ethics in business as an important element in creating their business with a strong foundation and in making key business decisions.

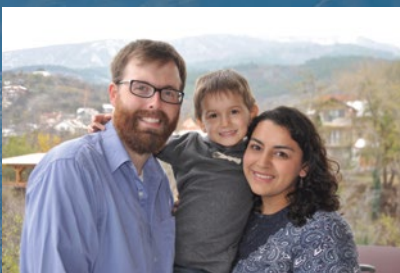
The community-minded business owners have helped with many local fundraisers and are often on a first-name basis with their customers. The restaurant has a staff of close to 20 employees with most being full time.

What's next? First, they have plans to open a North Abilene location. The two have ambitions that reach outside of Abilene as well, eyeing possible future locations in Lubbock and Midland.

"We're so young. We're still bright-eyed," said Navejas. "We're still seeing what we can do. And hopefully, we'll do a lot more."



LIVING THE MACEDONIAN CALL



ALUMNI MINISTRY MAKES
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE
—A WORLD AWAY

Despite recent upheavals in global markets, the Macedonian Cow Bank is set to deliver solid returns. Designed by Jeff (BBS '05/MS '10/M.Div. '12) and Alicia Lee (BA '06/MA '10), the Cow Bank is expected to bring gains to the missionary couple's impoverished Macedonian community.

The Cow Bank program relies on a pay-it-forward principle. The first action began last spring when the Lees received funding to help a local farmer named Gazmend start his dairy farm. Gazmend agreed to donate the first calf of each dairy cow to another local farmer. The calf recipient, in return, is encouraged to give back to the community with milk and cheese.

"Over time, they will repay us a calf back to the ministry," said Jeff. "This is thinking outside of the box." The Lees expect up to five farmers will receive calves through the program this spring and summer.

Finding new approaches to challenging conditions is part of everyday life for the Lees, who live in Skopje, Macedonia, with their seven-year-old son, Ethan. Macedonia is a country in southeastern Europe bordered by Kosovo, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Albania

Equipped through their undergraduate and graduate education at Hardin-Simmons, Jeff's Master of Divinity and Master of Science

in Environmental Management, and Alicia's Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Psychology, have prepared both for their unique ministry calling.

The couple says change has been a constant in their three years of missionary work.

The first week they arrived in Macedonia in 2012, they learned that the kindergarten program they had been sent to operate had been left unfunded and would close within months.

"The first year of our work here we spent learning about what work was being done here by others," said Jeff. "We searched out where we could work alongside with locals and other internationals to minister."

While Alicia provides therapy services to those in the community, refugee work has become a large – and rewarding – part of Jeff's work. He travels to the northern border camp in Tabanovce four days a week to help Syrian and other refugees fleeing violence. He also attends weekly meetings for the logistics and planning for the camp.

"I have coordinated over 75 volunteers to work in shifts in the camp," he said. "We are now serving tea and fruit 18 hours a day in shifts of volunteers."

Despite the hectic schedule, the Lees have settled into a routine to anchor their week. Regular activities include language classes, Bible study groups, mission work with children at a local orphanage and adults at a group home for those with developmental disabilities, and church attendance at the International Church of Skopje.

Alicia said that Macedonian culture is heavily based on relationships and those take time to cultivate.

“We’ve seen a different response from locals when they know that we are here for the long run,” she said. “There’s more of an openness, a willingness to get to know us.”

Their connections have led them to a variety of fulfilling work. For example, the Lees became connected to the Poraka Group Home through the founder of the Food Bank of Macedonia.

The Lees say the capital city of Skopje is a diverse city with significant populations of different ethnic groups. The two main groups are Macedonian (who are Eastern Orthodox) and Albanians (who are Muslims).

“We have built meaningful relationships with people in both groups. It is important for us to work cross-culturally,” Jeff said.

The family has become proficient in the Macedonian language. Jeff has started Arabic lessons to communicate better with refugees, although he is quick to point out that English is the most common language of communication in the refugee camps.

Spending time with family and friends and leaving work at work both serve to recharge the couple from the emotionally taxing work.

“Hearing the stories and seeing the faces of those who come (to the refugee camps) is hard but at the same time it is rewarding,” Jeff said. “I get to hear stories of pain but also hope. It is very emotional. We have to be able to talk and unpack our experiences. We lean on family and friends.”

As partner-funded field personnel commissioned by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Lees also partner directly with ten congregations who currently support their work in Macedonia. The Lees consider the donors back home full partners in their work.

Without such financial and spiritual support, the Lees would not be able to continue their work.

When friends ask when the Lees may move back home, they explain that they feel at home in Macedonia.

“Our desire is to be wherever God calls us, and for the foreseeable future, we feel God calling us to be in Macedonia,” says Alicia.



Dairy farmer Gazmend, second from left, with Ethan and Jeff Lee, and family members.

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To serve in Macedonia, we rely on partnership with folks and churches in the U.S. You can partner with us in several ways:

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Jeff & Alicia Lee

CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH HSU PARKS & ROCKS

PROGRAM OFFERS
STUDENTS TRIPS TO
59 US NATIONAL PARKS
OVER FOUR YEARS



For Samuel Rosenblad, the moment that most made him pause on his HSU Parks & Rocks trip to Hawaii wasn't the awe-inspiring volcanos or the once-in-a-lifetime snorkeling. It was a rare plant called the Haleakala Silversword.

This spiky gray plant, on many botanists' bucket lists, is only found within a 250-acre radius of Mount Haleakala on the island of Maui.

The contrasting landscapes and the complexity of nature that Rosenblad observed on the December 2015 trip to Hawaii was eye opening.

"To think about a God that created all that, it's amazing. It's definitely humbling for me," said Rosenblad, a freshman psychology major from Bartlett, Texas.

Rosenblad is one of four freshmen enrolled in the first year of HSU's Parks & Rocks program developed by Brian Dawson, Dean of Students. In addition to the travel component, students take required classes such as a Parks & Rocks seminar and outdoor leadership courses. Students also participate in a National Parks-based educational program emphasizing the unique natural, historic, and cultural features of each park.

Students will visit an average of 15 National Parks each year. Participating students must also be part of the larger Hunters, Gatherers, and Travelers (HGT) program at HSU.

Nearly 20 students are enrolled in the HGT program. They live in the older Hunter Residence Hall and run the campus recycling program. The savings for the university from those combined activities offsets students' travel costs. For longer trips that require airfare, students have to fund parts of the trips. Dawson said support from Dave Rozeboom, HSU's Vice President for Student Life, and Brenda Alexander, HSU's Vice President for Finance, was key to starting the program.

Dawson, who joined HSU in 2014 from Pepperdine University in California, has led students on park trips for his entire career and has visited 31 National Parks.

"I have a passion for National Parks," he said. "They really are America's most beautiful places."

Led by Dawson, and often joined by other faculty and staff members, students travel together in a university-owned mini-bus or fly to distant park locations. Students are assigned segments of the trip to research and plan and they later lead their leg of the trip.

Dawson sees the trips' experiential hands-on style of education as vital to student growth. The trips teach students the value of not only exploring the parks, but taking care of them for future generations.

The ambitious program could help Hardin-Simmons stand out to students, said Dawson, who noted that the majority of the university's students are from Texas and many have not traveled extensively.

"When you look toward innovative projects, you have to dream big," he said.

Dawson said the natural beauty on their trips to the Arches and Yosemite parks sometimes left students speechless. At Angels Landing in Zion National Park, students grasped chains to walk a narrow portion of the trail with cliffs on either side.

"It is faith-building experience," he said. "Every day, we had great experiences. One of the few places you can have these great experiences day after day is in a National Park."

Freshmen communications major Hannah Ingham, an Abilene native, liked that travel costs were built into the program. She said the program's close-knit community has come to rely on each other.

"I really like how things can take an unexpected turn, but we make the most of it," she said.

One of those times was an eight-mile hike in Yosemite that turned into 12 because of a wrong turn. Add a bit of rain, and it turned into a soggy but memorable experience.

She recalled discovering one of park's iconic monuments, Half Dome.

"It looks more like a picture you'd see in National Geographic, but you're there and it's the coolest thing," Ingham said.

Former students reach out to Dawson with photos and thank you notes, telling him of times they led friends and family through national parks.

Current students credit him as well.

"It's definitely a wonderful opportunity that I think that not many people have access to," said Rosenblad. "I'm very appreciative of him. He has done a tremendous job leading it."

Rosenblad had no doubts when he signed up for the program.

"It's definitely not for everyone," he said. "But it's enjoyable for those who choose to embark on that journey."



A time for *reflection*



I'm writing this article from an emergency room bed at Hendrick Medical Center. An irregular heartbeat has provided me the unexpected opportunity to meet several new doctors and offered a few hours for reflection.

The unexpected will hit all of us at some point. When it hits you, what will you do?

For most of us, faith, family and friends are at the top of our priority list. Yet I still encounter folks who haven't even thought about planning for those they love most with regards to their estate. You don't have to be wealthy to need an estate plan – we all need one.

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In 2013, Hardin-Simmons University began the tradition of providing every incoming undergraduate student with a Bible (at no cost to the student). Since then, Hardin-Simmons Alumni and Friends have raised funds to purchase over 1,600 custom purple and gold HSU embossed leather Bibles for new students through the Student Bible Project.

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For just \$17.50, you can help continue this tradition and impact the life of a student. Learn more at:
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Streich Tennis Center

Hardin-Simmons University was proud to have the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Streich Tennis Center as part of Homecoming festivities Oct. 24.

A couple hundred loyal supporters braved the cold to come out and help dedicate the facility and some former players even played a set on the new courts.

Former player and coach Jimmy Cole, current coach Shane Williford, president Dr. Lanny Hall, athletic director John Neese and major supporter and former tennis coach Dr. George Newman all addressed the crowd.

The new Streich Tennis Center has eight outdoor courts that are all built with post-tension concrete. This provides a sturdy and durable playing surface that will withstand abuse and is less susceptible to the extreme effects of climate (heat, cold, rain, etc.) than asphalt.

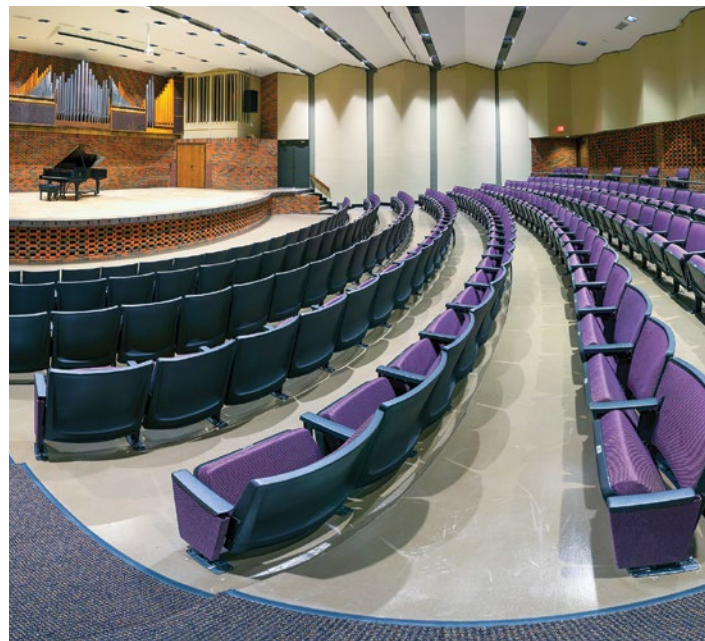
The first phase includes an energy-efficient computerized lighting system, a beautiful new scoreboard and an office building with restrooms. Pending additional funding, the second phase will include a clubhouse, as well as four covered courts.

Hardin-Simmons University is grateful for the support of all those who have contributed to the new Streich Tennis Center and especially want to thank our major donors, Dr. George Newman and his wife, Carolyn, and Mr. Gene Adams, and his wife, Beverly.

Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall

In 1974, Hardin-Simmons University added a beautiful recital hall to its campus primarily for musical concerts and recitals. Since that time, the hall has hosted countless faculty, student, and guest recitals in addition to many small ensemble and choir concerts. Our two Steinway grand pianos make it an especially desirable space for music performances. Yet the years took its toll on our hall eventually resulting in torn seats, out of date colors, broken tiles, and inadequate accommodations for the disabled. We began fund-raising three years ago and are proud to announce the completion. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, we can now boast of an up to date recital hall with new seats, accommodations for the disabled, new flooring in the foyer, and electronic equipment for projection, sound, and acoustic improvement.

Primarily a recital hall for music performances, the renovation does make this hall modern, attractive, and useful for lectures, programs, and large meetings. We are blessed to have the kind of administration, alumni, and friends who love music and give continued respect to our rich heritage of music making. Audiences will love the comfort and beauty of the music and the hall.





ATHLETICS FALL RECAP

Hardin-Simmons had another successful fall season both athletically and academically.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

On the field, the Cowgirl soccer team won its 13th straight American Southwest Conference Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Once in the NCAAs the Cowgirls advanced to the Round of 16 with a 3-1 win over California-Santa Cruz and a 2-0 win over No. 1 Trinity in San Antonio, before bowing out on penalty kicks to Swarthmore. Head Coach Marcus Wood defeated the top-ranked team in the nation for the fourth time in his HSU career.

The Cowgirls finished the season with a record of 19-2-2 and Kami Jones and Shannon Byrd were named all-Americans after the season. Jones was also named the Distinguished Scholar-Athlete by the ASC for the sport of women's soccer. The award combines excellence in academics and athletics.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Cowboy soccer team once again advanced to the American Southwest Conference Tournament and were eliminated 1-0 by Mary Hardin-Baylor in a game that had to be contested over the course of two different days because of rain and lightning.

Coach Dan Heger's squad finished the year 8-6-2 with a team that had only three seniors and was very much in a reloading stage after winning back-to-back conference titles.

VOLLEYBALL

The HSU volleyball team went 13-17 with a young team in 2015. HSU finished third in the American Southwest Conference West Division and advance to the ASC Tournament for the 11th straight year.

Sabrina Bingham's Cowgirls got hot toward the end of the season including a 3-0 win over McMurry and a 3-0 first-round upset of East Texas Baptist in the ASC Tournament. HSU will return 12 of the 14 players next season.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

In the fall semester 61 percent of the HSU student-athletes had a grade point average over 3.0 and 44 had perfect 4.0 GPAs. In the six fall sports HSU had 59 players named to the academic all-conference team, which was the most by any school in the conference.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

In cross country the Cowboys placed sixth in the conference meet and freshman Jonathan Cole placed 20th as an individual. The Cowgirls placed seventh as a team and freshman Emily Olguin also was the Cowgirls' top finisher at 20th place.

ACADEMICS

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FOOTBALL

Hardin-Simmons' football team had been making steady progress toward what happened in the 2015 season. The Cowboys had built momentum with a 6-3 mark in 2014 and had a strong nucleus of seniors returning for one last shot at the American Southwest Conference title.

HSU opened the season with a 77-6 pounding of Southwestern in the season opener at Shelton Stadium. The Cowboys led 42-0 at halftime, thanks in part to four touchdowns from All-American Jessie Ramos. The Cowboys had revenge on their mind in week two when they played at Texas Lutheran. The Bulldogs had beaten HSU the year before in Abilene and the Cowboys controlled much of the game before TLU scored with 5:51 to play to take a 27-26 lead.

Weston Garner then led the Cowboys on a 11-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Garner finding freshman Reese Childress with the game-winning touchdown with :25 to play. The win set the tone for the rest of the regular season.

HSU jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 42-7 win over Wayland Baptist in week three.

The Cowboys then traveled to San Antonio and came away with a 31-7 win over rival Trinity. The Tigers scored with just :22 to go in the game to prevent the shutout.

In week six, the Cowboys reclaimed the Wilford Moore Trophy with a 31-13 win over crosstown rival McMurry at Wilford Moore Stadium. Garner broke his arm in the game and eventually missed the rest of the season, paving the way for Ryan Breton to take over as the starting quarterback.

HSU opened conference play with a 41-13 win at Sul Ross State and followed that with a 63-7 Homecoming win over Howard Payne to set up a showdown with conference rival Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The Cowboys knocked off second-ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor in an exciting game at a rowdy Shelton Stadium. The 3,864 fans were the most at a Cowboy home game in several years and the win snapped a 13-game losing streak to the Cowboys biggest rivals.

Both teams had relied on a stingy defense and HSU led 14-12 going into the fourth quarter before the teams traded four straight touchdowns. Breton found Ramos for a 57-yard touchdown with 3:12 to play and the defense had a big fourth-down stop as Ryne Lewis' sack sent the crowd into a frenzy in a 29-26 win.

HSU jumped to No. 7 in the national poll and headed to East Texas Baptist with an outright conference title on the line. Unfortunately, the Cowboys could not overcome the swamp-like conditions and fell 27-21.

The Cowboys left no doubt the following week in an 82-21 win over Louisiana College and it led to the first American Southwest Conference title since 2004.

HSU lost the rematch to UMHB in the first round of the NCAA playoffs but the Cowboys were back on the national map with a Hardin-Simmons' football team had been making steady progress toward what happened in the 2015 season. The Cowboys had built momentum with a 6-3 mark in 2014 and had a strong nucleus of seniors returning for one last shot at the American Southwest Conference title.





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FOLKS & FACTS

1950s Truett Latimer '51/'96HD/HOL/DAA & wife Harriett, of Houston, received the Texas Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2015. The award recognizes the highest achievement of an individual or organization in the preservation of Texas' prehistoric and historic resources; truettlatimer@comcast.net.

Dale Golding '53 shared an update via email: "After graduating, I managed a radio in Waterloo, IA., and then was a missionary broadcaster with Far East Broadcasting Co. in Asia. We spent 48 years in ministry with FEBC, living and working in The Philippines, Singapore, Okinawa, Thailand, and Cambodia. When I retired in SoCal (South California), I started a Bible teaching career which continues today. As an 86-year-old widower, I am in good health, active, and rejoicing in the Lord who has been my constant companion since I was 18. I am thankful for HSU's share in my education. May God bless my alma mater;" dalegolding@sbcglobal.net.

-1- Don Blackburn '56 dropped by the Alumni Office to donate an HSU Cheerleader uniform which once belonged to his older brother G.H. who was killed in action during WWII at age 23. Don came to HSU on a Baseball scholarship. Brother Vernon, sister Nell Antilley, & niece Nancy Nell Antilley also attended HSU.

Huron Polnac '56 & wife Edie of Midvale, UT, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Both retired from the Home Mission Board/North American Mission Board in 2002 after 33 years of service. Huron pastored the South Valley Baptist Church, Riverton, UT, for 12 years until December 2004. For the past 10 years, he has pastored the English-Speaking congregation of the Salt Lake City Chinese Christian Church.

Kenneth West '57/AHOF of Brownwood will be inducted into the 2016 Texas High School Football Hall of Fame on 5/7/16.

1960s Karen (Swartz) Kimball '63 & husband Don of Dallas had their love story profiled in an August 2015 Dallas Morning-News "True Romance" article; kimball4@aol.com.

Terry Dubose '66/DAA of Austin is Associate Professor Emeritus of Diagnostic Medical Sonography at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; terrydubose@sbcglobal.net.

-2- Dr. David Hales '66/DAA recently spent time with his Sigma Delta Sigma brothers and pledges; dhales@dfhales.com.

Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Email addresses are included when possible. Information reflects submissions received February 1, 2015-January 15, 2016.

Acronyms: AHOF Athletics Hall of Fame/DAA Distinguished Alumni Award/HOL Hall of Leaders/HD Honorary Doctorate Degree/KASA Keeter Alumni Service Award/OYA Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Frank Prewitt '68 is now Minister of Senior Adults at First Baptist Church, Georgetown; fprewitt@fbcg.org.

Larry Justice '69 of Derby, KS, has been elected to serve as president of the Santa Fe Trail Association, an affiliate of the National Park Service, Intermountain Region Trails System, which covers nine trails west of the Mississippi River. He also works with athletes at Wichita State University in areas of leadership and character development; par3sfta@gmail.com

1970s Linda Chase '75 loves living in Cuenca, Ecuador. The former Delta social club president earned her M.A. in biology and then a Law degree, both from Baylor. After practicing law in Texas 1981-2003, she moved to Mexico in 2005 and to Ecuador in 2011; lchasechase@yahoo.com.

Mike Manley '75 retired from FBC Rockwall as Minister of Music/Worship after 25 years. Prior, he served 6 ½ years in Zimbabwe as a music missionary. He will continue as a part-time minister while also conducting the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra. He lives in Rockwall with Fran, his wife of 46 years; franleymanley@gmail.com.

-3- Mike Lee '75 of Roswell, NM, was given command of the New Mexico Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and promoted to Colonel 6/27/2015. Mike is an active member of the NM Wing, serving as a squadron commander of Roswell Composite Squadron 2010-2012, Assistant Inspector General NM Wing 2012-2013, and Wing Vice Commander NM Wing 2013-2014. He is a qualified mission pilot and has completed his CAP professional development, earning him the coveted Gil Robb Willson Award. Col. Lee retired from public school music education in 2009 after 31 years of teaching. Mike & Suzy's daughter is **Allison Lee '02**; pmlee1954@gmail.com.

Laura (Laws) White '78 & husband Tim moved in June 2015 to Chama, NM, where he is the new pastor of First Baptist Church; laura.white56@gmail.com.

Marv Knox '79/DAA of Coppel, a veteran Baptist journalist who served on the *Associated Baptist Press* (now *Baptist News Global*) Board of Directors for 23 years, has been named fourth recipient of the Greg Warner Lifetime Achievement Award in Religious Journalism. "Marv Knox is one of the premier journalists in American religion," said David Wilkinson, executive director & publisher of *Baptist News Global*. "As a brilliant writer and editor, his

influence on Baptist life has been profound. Over a 36-year career, his work has consistently reflected the highest standards of journalistic excellence. He has fashioned a rich legacy etched with courage, integrity and grace." marvknox@baptiststandard.com.

1980s Ronnie Kidd '81 is the 2016 President of the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association, a statewide organization primarily comprised of human resources professionals employed with municipalities in the state of Texas. Ronnie is the Managing Director for Administration for the City of Abilene; ronnie.kidd@abilenetx.com.

Ron Harvell '83 is now the Command Chaplain for the USAF Global Strike Command. Ron & wife Marsha (Mills) Harvell '83 live in Barksdale AFB, LA; rmharvell@gmail.com.

Warren Hunt '83 is now Minister of Music and Discipleship at FBC Madisonville TX; jwarrenhunt@gmail.com.

Candy (Theweatt) Noble '83 was named among the 10 Outstanding Republican Women by the Texas Federation of Republican Women in November 2015; noble.house@verizon.net.

Fran (Richardson) Patterson '83 was ordained to Christian ministry on June 21, 2015, at Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, after 16 years as the Minister to Youth; fpatterson@broadwaybc.org.

Dennis Johns '85, family minister at FBC Texas City, was profiled by the Houston Chronicle for his unique work preaching at county-funded funerals. He tries to convey a message of hope in each 15-minute sermon while helping comfort the grieving.

David Nelson '86/'87 has been selected as the 12th president of The Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) in Boston, MA; dnelson64@gmail.com.

Jenny (Patterson) Spahr '87, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with the USAF, recently graduated from Purdue University with a doctorate of nursing practice. She was also promoted to Lt Col. Jenny is currently stationed at the USAF Academy Medical Clinic. She and husband Shane live in Colorado Springs, CO, with their children Shannon (13) and Garrett (11); spahrticus@msn.com.



Chaplain (Colonel) Gary L. Norris, '80, retired 7/31/15 after 35 years, 7 months, & 10 days as a commissioned officer in the US Army. He is endorsed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. His wife of 42 years is **Charm (McMillan) '78x**.

Gary began preparing for ministry in January 1975 at Hardin-Simmons. In September 1977 he entered the ROTC program began to prepare for becoming a US Army Chaplain. In the summer of 1978, in lieu of attending the ROTC Advanced Camp, he successfully attended the Army Airborne and Ranger schools, becoming the second HSU student to do so as a cadet. On December 21, 1979, he was commissioned as an Infantry Officer, designated as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and received his Bachelor of Arts in Bible.

After commissioning he joined the National Guard's 3/163 Armored Cavalry Squadron Dallas TX, branch transferred for the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill OK. In 1981 he began attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. In July 1984 he completed the Chaplain



Officer Basic Course Phase 1, Fort Monmouth, NJ, and then branch transferred to Staff Specialist in the Chaplain Candidate Program and provided religious support to the 141st Signal Battalion 49th Armored Division, Dallas. In 1985 he graduated with a Master of Divinity, transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve, completed the Special Forces

Operations Correspondence Course, branch transferred to Chaplain, entered Active Duty July 1986 with the Chaplain Officer Basic Course Phase 2, and began his full time gospel ministry as Battalion Chaplain 5/62 Air Defense Artillery Battalion (Chaparral/Vulcan), Fort Bliss, Sep 1986-Apr 1987. Many assignments followed, culminating with Chief of the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care, Brook Army Medical Center Fort Sam Houston TX, Jun 2013-Jul 2015.

Other than the blessing of living in many places, Gary says his significant career experiences are baptizing his son, Pete, at Barton Chapel, Ansbach, Germany, in 1990; performing 53 funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, 1995-1997; and pinning on Pete's Ranger Tab in July 2002.

The most joyful, and most evidence of God's grace, moment in his career: "As a young Major I had a conflict with my boss and got a career-ending Officer Evaluation Report. But my selection for Lieutenant Colonel, against all odds, by the grace of God, conveyed to me that God still had work for me to do in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. In the Chief of Chaplains Office they called me Lazarus, because they had never seen a career so dead, come back to life."

In addition to his extensive military education, in 2001 Gary completed a Master of Science in Management Information Systems at Tarleton State University Central Texas.

His awards include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (7), Army Commendation Medal (6), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (4).

In retirement, Gary and Charm plan to open a Bed and Breakfast in the Bryan-College Station area, take a few real vacations, reconnect with family and old friends, and as often as possible, enjoy and mentor their eight grandchildren.



-4- Terri Hendrix '87x/OYA of San Marcos is an award-winning "DIY" (do it yourself) artist. Her Project 5.1 album: "Love You Strong" was released in February 2016. www.ownyourownuniverse.org/terri/terrihendrix.com.

1990s Brian Hill '91/'98 is now the senior pastor at FBC Corpus Christi after a time serving as senior pastor for FBC Littlefield; bhill33@me.com.

Perry Donan '91 of Olympia, WA, retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2011. He now serves as Assistant Director of the Army Nurse Corps' Perioperative Nursing Program at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He and wife Tamara Marie Donan live in Olympia; prospero.donan@yahoo.com.

Cliff Lea '92, pastor of FBC Leesburg, FL, has written a new book, "A Selfless Marriage," which gives practical tips for becoming less selfish and more of a loving spouse. He and wife **Suzu (McCurdy '91)** live in Leesburg; cliffandsuz@embarqmail.com.

Glen Teal '92 is the new superintendent for the Abernathy ISD; gmteal13@att.net.

Justin Haigler '97 of Richland Hills married Meredith Smith on 11/22/14. They met when Meredith was born, and Justin was only 2 1/2 years old. Meredith's father, Rev. Dale Smith, was their childhood pastor, baptized both of them, and officiated the small family ceremony. The couple lives in the DFW Metroplex; justin@haiglergroup.com.

-5- Brad Wilkins '96 of Frisco has been promoted to Senior Vice President of Cooper Aerobics Enterprises and Chief Operating Officer of Cooper Wellness Strategies.

Wayne 'Howdy' Lisenbee '97/'09 of Abilene is the Director of Capital Improvements for the City of Abilene.

Janna (Walker) Rasmussen '96 teaches Government and Economics at Mineral Wells High School. Her husband **Dan '95x** is the Campus Pastor at New River Mineral Wells. They recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary; jannarasmussen@yahoo.com.

Rozanne Light '98 of Abilene is now employed at Bassetti Elementary; lighterrock@aol.com.

2000s -6- Stephanie Fort '00, of Somerville, MA, has been working since January 2014 as a speech pathologist specializing in professional voice at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, U.S. News and World Report's highest ranked hospital in Ear, Nose, Throat, and Head and Neck Cancer for 2015-2016. She works in The Voice and Speech Laboratory as part of the Division of Laryngology, helping rehabilitate injured voices, including patients with complaints of hoarseness, strain, and vocal fatigue; Stephanie_Fort@MEEI.harvard.edu.

David Rausch '00/'11 of Houston works in the outside sales department of a world-wide dental implant company, Nobel Biocare (NB), based out of Zurich, Switzerland, which specializes in a full range of dental implants. David is one of five HSU graduates employed there in jobs ranging from ground-level to management: **Aaron Viccellio '01, Alan Prewitt '93, Matthew Halsell '01, & Jeremy Northcutt '01**. At HSU, they played intramurals together, participated in campus functions, played athletics, ate daily at the cafeteria, and hung out together like brothers. These life-long friends say their HSU background played huge role in their all being employed at NB. Originally these men had other careers—home builders, actors, coaches—but have found this one specific field fits them all well.

Jason Atchley '01/'14 is the Senior Pastor at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock; jatchley23@gmail.com.

Barrett Thomas '01, wife Charla, and their four children (Will, Aaron, Adellyn, and Lauren) have moved from Sweetwater to Waco where he is a partner with Kristy Blanchard of Dallas. Blanchard & Thomas, LLP has offices in Dallas and Waco where they serve clients in the areas of estate planning, family law, and criminal law. Charla is an Assistant City Attorney in Temple. They would love to hear from HSU alumni in central Texas; barrett@blanchardthomas.com.

Ryan Holmes '01 of Abilene was selected as a "Top 20 Under 40" by the *Abilene Reporter-News*. Ryan is Director of Marketing and Economic Development for Taylor Electric Cooperative; tholmes1285@gmail.com.

Holly Rampy '02 of the Dallas law firm Orsinger Nelson Downing & Anderson, LLP, was selected for membership in The National Advocates Top 40 Under 40, an elite group of young lawyers who exemplify superior qualifications, trial results, and leadership as advocacy attorneys. Holly was also named for the second year to the 2015 Texas Rising Stars listing of the state's top attorneys. Holly focuses her practice on divorce, complex property division, modification actions, enforcement actions and child custody matters; hrampy@yahoo.com.

Jamie (Burluson) Bearden '04 of Abilene was selected as a "Top 20 Under 40" by the *Abilene Reporter-News*. She is the Public Relations Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters; jbearden@bbbstx.org.

-7- Emily Greer '04 of Tyler and HSU classmates reunited in Ruiodoso, NM, enjoying a weekend in an HSU cabin won through the BYA Silent Auction at this year's Homecoming weekend. Thanks, HSU! emilykgreer@gmail.com.

-8- Kimberly (Berly) Stansbury '04, a fourth grade teacher in Odessa, was named Teacher of the Year 14-15 for Noel Elementary, the second time in three years she has received this honor; kas79@hotmail.com.

-9- Jason Dean '05 of Georgetown has been selected as Director of Special Collections and Archives at Southwestern University. Jason previously worked with rare books at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. He was also recently elected to membership in the Grolier Club; eloquentlight@gmail.com.

Mindy Rogers '05 is a third grade teacher at a Title I school in the Richardson ISD after a teaching stint in Atlanta, GA; mindyrogers.vot2013@gmail.com.

Jennifer (Burrows) Teagarden '06/'08 of Denton married Samuel 3/14/15; jennife2001@hotmail.com.

Kristina Lantrip-McBayer '06 of Abilene was selected as a "Top 20 Under 40" by the *Abilene Reporter-News*. She is a Home Builder and Vice President with Lantrip Custom Home.

Lauren (Brewer) Bass '07/'10 married David 1/12/14 and in 2015 the couple accepted positions to be field personnel (missionaries) with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, working with the Cambodia Baptist Union, supporting the pastors in the hundreds of new churches they have planted over the last five years through leadership and theological training and economic development; laurenbrew@gmail.com.

Aaron Nunn '08 is the Director of One Stop Veterans Center in Waco and also serves on the Social Work Advisory Council.

2010s Amanda Robinson '11 received her MA in Professional Counseling from Texas State University in May 2014 and is now the children's counselor at a domestic and sexual violence crisis center in Marble Falls; amanda.robinson2011@yahoo.com.

Sean & Morgan (Ranier) Strehlow, both '12, now live in Fayetteville, AR, where she is Associate for Athletic Administration at University of Arkansas, and where he has begun a Master's program (sport management) and is working as an academic assistant in the office of student-athletic success; strehlow@uark.edu.

Lydia (White) Dubose '14 of Abilene married Brady 5/2/2015. She is the Education Coordinator at Pregnancy Resources of Abilene; lydia@prabilene.com.

Chad & Kendra (Holt) Moore, both '14, were married 5/24/2015. They live in Allston, MA, and are working on their Master's degrees at Boston University.

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Chapel Lewis, son of **Crystal (Gore) & Jeremy Kirles, '98 & '00**, Abilene, 7/24/2015; jeremykirles@beltway.org.

Justin Nathaniel, son of Meredith & **Justin Haigler '97**, Richland Hills, 9/15/2015; justin@haiglergroup.com.

Kharis Grace, daughter of Rachele & **Tim Harwell '96/'00**, Peshtigo, WI, 4/21/2015.

Madisyn Selah, daughter of Hector & **Renee (Taylor) Dorbecker '98/'04**, Albuquerque, NM, 2/9/2015; renee.e.taylor@intel.com.

1 Ella Jae, daughter of Daniel & **Tiffany (Ellison) Gutierrez '99**, Abilene, 1/28/2015. Grandparents are **Terry & Zelda (Donaldson) Ellison, '68 & '71**.

Paxton Creed, son of Ryan & **Tracy (Bruton) Bruce '99**, Pampa, 12/4/15; tracybruton003@gmail.com.

Malachi Israel, son of Ben & **Kama (Vardeman) Massmann '00**, Fairview, 2/22/2015; mexicokama@hotmail.com.

Myralena Joy, daughter of Catie & **Ken Snow '00**, Anna, TX 1/2/16; kesnow2002@yahoo.com.

Cooper Hayze, son of **Bryan & Laura (Ricci) Lange, '01/'03 & '03**, Abilene, 11/3/2015; laura.lange@abileneisd.org, bsllange@hotmail.com.

Charlotte Christine, daughter of Candace & **Scott Shaw '01**, Kansas City, MO, 3/11/15.

2 Kellen Reid, son of Todd & **Corissa (Smith) Rossow, '02/'03**, Victoria, 12/14/15; hsuchica@yahoo.com.

Colton Vergil, son of **Sarah (Rousseau) & Larry Smedley, '06 & '05**, Odenton, MD, 10/17/2015; texassmeds06@hotmail.com.

Madeline, daughter of **HSU faculty members Peter & Carrie (Jones) Isaacson**, Abilene, 4/14/2015; carrie.p.isaacson@hsutx.edu.

3 Cal Martelle, son of Josh & **Karri (Norris) Beard '01**, Odessa, 3/9/2015; karri.beard@yahoo.com.

Quinn Sullivan, son of **Danyel (Featherstone) & Brandon Rogers, '02/'05 & '01**, Abilene, 5/25/2015.

Kathryn Jocelyn, daughter of Jeff & **Melanie (Poucher) Sodoma '02**, 12/29/2015, Norfolk, VA, sodoma75@gmail.com.

4 Jude Myron, son of **Matt and Alida (Smith) Barnes, '01 & '02**, Altadena, CA, 1/22/2015; cowboy matt43@hotmail.com. Proud grands are **David & Jackie (Rainwater) Smith, '74 & '75**.

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5 Zoe Rain, daughter of Larry & **Michelle (Taber) Holman '02**, 5/1/2015, Arlington, tabertwin54@yahoo.com.

Ainsley Jane, daughter of Elizabeth & **Matthew McGraw '03**, Abilene, 4/30/2015. Grandparents are **HSU professor Dr. Larry (& Sandy) McGraw**.

Rowan, daughter of Kira & **David Gunn '04**, El Paso, 8/31/2015; dbgunn@episd.org.

Camille Evangeline, daughter of Lauren & **David Krake '04**, Whittier, CA, 6/27/2015; david_krake@ml.com.

Mallory Kate, daughter of **Mandy (Southerland) & Josh Johnson, both '05**, Burleson, 12/31/15; johnsonshistory@yahoo.com.

Wyatt Wray, son of Wade & **Melissa (McClanahan) Floyd '06/'07**, Dumas, 3/11/2015; floydmel09@gmail.com.

Lauren Elizabeth, daughter of **Heather (Price) & Jonathan Storie, both '05**, Fort Worth, 11/9/2015, storie26@yahoo.com.

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Gentry Elizabeth, daughter of **Christen (Cowger) & Ronnie Leidner, '05 & '06**, Denton, 12/13/15; leidoch06@yahoo.com.

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Caedmon James, son of Madeline & **Jacob Hutson '05**, Bella Vista, AR, 10/18/2015; jacobhutson67@yahoo.com.

6 Brooklyn, daughter of Rob & **Melissa (Tadsen) White '07/'09**, Arlington, 3/10/2015; mtadsen@hotmail.com.

Colin, son of Mike & **Becky (Smith) Evans '05**, Crowley, 5/20/14; mrsbeckyevans@yahoo.com.

Charlee Ann, daughter of **Starla (Bailiff) & David Cason, '06/'08 & '07**, Abilene, 9/10/2015; starla_bailiff@yahoo.com.

7 Cullen Scott, son of **Kendall (Scott) & Brad Jones, '05 & '06**, Burleson, 4/27/2015; bljones@rwbaird.com. Proud grandparents are **HSU Staff member Jim Jones '75 & wife Nancy (McNair) '75**.

Sarah Kathryn, daughter of **Elya (Steed) & John Whitten, '07/'10 & '07/'11**, Abilene, 3/4/2015; JWhittenII@aol.com, ElyaHope@gmail.com.

Hannah Cynthia, daughter of Francis & **Melissa (Noble) Phillips '07**, College Station, 7/24/2015; melissababen@yahoo.com.

Caleb Michael, son of Michael & **Christina (Bull) Phillips '06**, Fort Worth, 11/29/2015; christinaphillips85@gmail.com.

Sadie Faith, daughter of Scott & **Leah (Derrick) McBain '06**, Flower Mound, 12/7/15; ljayd83@hotmail.com.

Emerson Marie, daughter of **Carrie (Whisenhunt) & Chris Norwood, '08 & '06**, Dallas, 6/30/2015; carriemnorwood@gmail.com.

Maxine Grace, daughter of **Jill (Alexander) & Jordan Daniel, '07 & '07/'08**, San Angelo, 8/14/2015; jordan.daniel@angelo.edu.

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8 Harrison Jackson, son of **Jessica (Delaney) & David Julian, '11 & '08**, The Woodlands, 7/4/2015; davidandjessicajulian@gmail.com.

Daniel Zhi Xin, son of **Jonathan & Stephanie (Harvell) Lee, '10 & '10/'12**, 11/3/2015; lee.jiansteph@gmail.com. Proud grands include **Ron & Marsha (Mills) Harvell, both '83, & Ken & Gloria (Teaff) Harvell, '59 & '58**.

9 Emille Grace, daughter of Collin & **Jessica (Cameron) Alexander '10**, Brashear, 4/7/2015; jkalexander4@gmail.com.

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William James, son of **Jana (Allred) & Kirk Hancock, '09 & '01/'03**, Abilene, 1/02/15; kirkhancock@hotmail.com. Proud grands are former **professor, Dr. Omer & wife Judy Hancock**.

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Elliott Jackson, son of **Rachel (McDonald) & Chris Hester, '12 & '11**, Tyler, 9/30/2015; racheldeehester@gmail.com, chris_hester2007@yahoo.com.

Levi Bennett, son of Jeremy & **Erica (Fairbanks) McNair '10**, Ft. Worth, 1/01/15; erica.danielle@ymail.com.

Caleb, son of Ashley & **Casper Steenkamp '09**, Little Rock, AR, 4/8/2015.

Lilian Elizabeth, daughter of Adrian & **John Thompson '12**, Wolfforth, 3/10/15; john_thomspn87@sbcglobal.net.

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Mr. C.R. Kinard '37, 2/22/2015.
 Mrs. Katherine (Holt) Dyess '38, 8/12/2015.
 Mrs. Ruth (Hemphill) Wittenburg '38, 10/17/2015.
 Mrs. Juanita (Reid) Bryant '40, 8/29/2015. Survived by daughter **Ann Lindsey '65.**
 Mr. Clarke P. Orr '41, 3/4/2015.
 Mrs. Dorothy (Newman) Patterson '41x, 4/25/2015.
 Mrs. Bee (Agnew) Shackelford '41/KASA, 10/9/2015.
 Mrs. Eloise (Grissom) Shaffer '41, 11/11/2015.
 Mrs. Eloise (Carroll) Skinner '41, 1/22/2015.
 Mrs. Carmen (Arroyo) Mendoza '42, 5/29/2015.
 Mr. John Owens '42/'49, 4/2/2015.
 Mr. Hall S. Bond '43, 10/11/2014. Survived by wife **Janelle (Bartos) Bond '45.**
 Dr. Neal Holden '43x, 10/22/2014. Survived by wife **Mary (Westmoreland) '46.**
 Mrs. Eudera (Goldsmith) Higgins '44, 12/28/2015.
 Mrs. Margaret (Magee) Cheek '45x, 12/25/2015.
 Dr. James Robbins '45, 2/14/2015.
 Mr. James "Breezy" Cox '46x, 9/18/2015.
 Mrs. Doris (Shirley) Jackson '46, 12/17/2015. Survived by husband **W.H. "Dub" Jackson '48/'61**, son **William '72**, daughter **Shirley Roberts '73x**, & sister **Billie Martin '48/'54.**
 Mrs. Faye (Linam) Klein '46, 10/16/2015.
 Mrs. Janelle (Hartwick) Doyle '47, 12/24/2015.
 Mr. A. B. Foster, Jr. '47/DAA, 6/15/2015. Survived by wife **Nelva (Martin) '48.**
 Mrs. Marigene (Sellers) Milch '47, 10/19/2015.
 Mrs. Bonnie (Ball) O'Brien '47, 4/21/2015. Survived by husband **Chester O'Brien '45/'75HD.**
 Mr. Bill Shearin '47, 4/29/2015. Survived by wife **Virginia (Williams) '47.**
 Mrs. Fairy (Mahon) Wright '47, 7/13/2015.
 Mr. Howard Yandell '47x, 6/4/2015.
 Mr. Roy Barrett '48x, 12/4/2014.
 Mrs. Amy (Whitfield) Blackburn '48, 2/1/2015.
 Dr. Sue Fisher '48, 10/18/2015.
 Brig. Gen. Jack Martin '48/'51/DAA/AHOF/HOL, (pictured) 10/1/2015. Survived by wife **Shirley (Stephens) '50.**



Mr. Floyd Reed Sr. '48x, 5/23/2015.
 Mrs. Jackie (Briley) Shipman '48x, 7/31/2015.
 Mrs. Donnie (Baxter) Spurgin '48, 6/30/2015.
 Mr. Herb Stokes '48, 2/4/2015.
 Mrs. Jessie (Holder) Thorn '48x, 3/1/2015. Survived by husband **Bill '48/'72HD.**
 Mr. Wally Wilhelm '48x, 2/4/2015.
 Mrs. Mildred (Barnes) Childress '49, 9/24/2015. Survived by husband **William '49.**
 Rev. Van Gladen '49, 10/16/2015.
 Mr. Millard Heath '49, 3/19/2015.
 Ms. Mae (Gover) Hedrick '49x, 9/5/2014. Mother of **Judith Koon '65.**
 Dr. Thomas Lawrence '49, 6/25/2015.
 Mr. Richard Merchant '49, 12/15/2015.
 Mrs. Dorothy (Hahn) Railsback '49, 4/29/2015.
 Mrs. Ida (Armstrong) Underwood '49, 5/8/2015.
 Mrs. Bonnie (Underwood) Bear '50, 10/9/2015.
 Mr. Billy Braselton '50, 5/15/2015. Husband of **Zelma (Malone) '50.**
 Mr. Roger Duck '50, 5/16/2015. Survived by wife **Lavonia (Redden) '52.**
 Mr. Bill Higgins '50, 4/27/2015.
 Mr. H. R. Jefferies '50, 7/29/2015.
 Mr. Elvin Mathis '50, 2/13/2015.
 Mrs. Margaret (Free) Overton '50x, 6/9/2015.
 Mr. L. C. Scales, Jr. '50x, 8/6/2015.
 Mrs. Grace (Mc Culloch) Shuck '50, 6/5/2015.
 Mr. Tom Adams '51/AHOF, 10/31/2015. Husband of **Marilyn (Petty) '51.**
 Mr. Meril Fraser '51x, 3/18/2015.
 Mr. Pete Golson '51, 8/6/2015.
 Mr. Thomas Hayes '51, 3/20/2015.
 Mrs. Peggy (Childress) Landreth '51x, 3/12/2015.
 Mrs. Vondelle "Eddie" (Edwards) Plummer '51, 4/8/2015.
 Mrs. Gwendolyn (Beard) Stockemer '51x, 1/31/2015.
 Mrs. Faye (Duke) Wootten '51x, 4/1/2015.
 Mr. Jerrald Bowen '52/'57, 2/9/2015. Survived by son **Jerry '89.**
 Mr. Frank Lawson, Jr. '52, 12/19/2015.
 Mr. Lionel Lindley '52, 8/6/2015.
 Mr. George Linn '52, 2/5/2015.

Mr. Charles Spicer '52, 9/1/2015. Survivors include wife **Carlene (Holder) '59**, daughter **Connie Earp '84 (husband Scott '93).**
 Mr. John Spurgers, Jr. '52x, 4/1/2015.
 Mr. James Stevenson '52, 4/26/2015. Survived by wife **Ernestine (Rea) '58.**
 Mr. Richard Thomas '52, 12/11/2015.
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 Mrs. Mary (Price) Brimberry '53, 9/30/2015.
 Mrs. Addie (Burroughs) Gillespie '53x, 6/25/2015.
 Mrs. Wanda (Burdick) Hobbs '53, 3/29/2015.
 Mr. Joe Lanier '53, 8/30/2015.
 Mrs. Barbara (Wood) Olson '53x, 11/22/2015.
 Mr. Bennie Parks '53x, 8/4/2015.
 Mrs. LaRue (Malone) Samuelson '53, 8/15/2015.
 Mr. Allen White '53x, 10/26/2014. Survived by wife **Doris (Parker) '50.**
 Dr. Stuart Chilton '54, 10/18/2015.
 Mr. Don Deck '54x 12/13/15.
 Mr. Don Essary '54x, 2/1/2015.
 Rev. Truett Kuenstler '54, 10/11/2015. Survived by **Nanette Ashby '71x**, **Kirk Ashby '08.**
 Mr. Don Payne '54, 12/1/2014.
 Mr. Billy Wilson '54, 3/8/2015.
 Mr. Don Deck '55, 12/13/2015.
 Rev. Fred Levrets '55, 6/11/2015. Survived by wife **Mary Lou (Knight) '53x**, son **Stanley '94.**
 Dr. Donald Laing '56, 1/16/2015.
 Mr. Lanny Curry '56, 1/15/2015. Survived by wife **Darla (Shelton) '62.**
 Dr. Johnnye Estes '56, 1/1/2015.
 Mr. Tommy Hale '56/AHOF, 9/25/2015.
 Mrs. Frances (Collis) Hartley '56x, 9/10/2015.
 Mr. Gerrell Moore '56, 4/9/2015.
 Mr. Loren Roberts '56, 6/25/2015. Survived by wife **Bobbie (Shelton) '55x**, daughters **Susan Miller '79** & **Shannon '81**, son **Phillip '83**, & granddaughter **Rebecca Roberts '13.**
 Mrs. Betty (Bay) Scott '56, 9/19/2015.
 Mrs. Marjie (Darden) Zawdzki '58x, 4/3/2015.
 Mr. Lyndal Bingham '57, 2/28/2015.
 Mr. Dick Burt '57, 9/13/2015. Survived by wife **Annie (Henley) '54.**
 Mr. Curtis Dixon '57x, 4/10/2015.

Mr. Wade Forester, Jr. '57x, 1/31/2015.
 Mrs. Jean (Narikiyo) Yamanaka '57, 8/1/2014.
 Mr. John Beall '58/'60, 3/3/2015.
 Mr. Robert Hamm '58, 3/1/2015.
 Mr. Donald Spoonmore '58, 3/20/2015.
 Survived by wife **Euella (Wright) '58x**.
 Mr. James Williams '58, 12/17/2015.
 Ms. Evelyn Guitar '59, 7/2/2015.
 Mr. Dale Haralson '59/HOL/DAA, 12/2/2015.
 Survivors include wife **Betty**, nephews **Brad H. '86** & **David H. '90**, & granddaughter **Jessica Pope '12x**.
 Mrs. Peggy (Digby) Wilson '60x, 1/9/2016.
 Mr. Lawson Brown '60, 4/29/2015.
 Mr. John Jones '60, 6/5/2015.
 Mrs. June (McKinley) Gulley '60, 12/30/2015.
 Mrs. Mona (Mobley) Pribyla '60, 4/18/2015.
 Rev. Johnny Smith '60, 6/17/2015. Survived by wife **Cleo (Moore) '52**.
 Mr. Bill Watson '60, 4/24/2015.
 Mr. Bob Donelson '61, 12/7/2015.
 Mrs. Evelyn (Stallings) Pierce '61, 12/28/2015.
 Mr. Travis Smith '61, 6/15/2015.
 Col. Gene Steele '61, 12/7/2015.
 Mrs. Martha (Blair) Ayres '62x, 10/15/2015.
 Survived by husband (former HSU development officer) **Bruce '68** & son **Luke '99**.
 Mr. Kendall Badgett '62, 5/7/2015.
 Mrs. Wanda (Wells) Beckham '62, 3/22/2015.
 Mr. John Davis '62x, 4/17/2015.
 Mrs. Lewana (Rogers) Graham '62x, 4/2/2015.
 Rev. Kenneth Harlan '62, 3/17/2015.
 Mr. David Craik '63, 12/11/2015.
 Mr. Joe Howle '63, 5/2/2015.
 Dr. Lloyd Huff '63MA, former English faculty, 1/23/16. Survived by wife **Naoma (McCarley) '71**, & daughters **Joy McElroy '89** & **Ruth Knightstep '75**.
 Mrs. Sara (Ball) Schmidt '63/'64, 5/10/2015.
 Mrs. Allys (Greer) Terzich '63, 5/22/2015.
 Mr. Ben Wallis '63x, 6/11/2015.
 Mr. Warren Armes '64, 5/27/2015.
 Mr. Ron Bredemeyer '64x, 8/14/2015. Survived by wife **Brenda** (former HSU staff), daughter **Kim Bouldin '93**, grandson **Austin Hennesay '15**.
 Mrs. Connie (Rogers) Caldwell '64, 7/3/2015.
 Mr. James Fitzgerald '64, 3/23/2015. Survived by wife **Carole (Davis) '64x**.
 Mr. Dick Lightfoot '64, 6/12/2015.
 Mrs. Shelly (Hargis) Murphy '64, 9/5/2015.
 Survived by husband **Edward '64**.

Mr. John Murray '64, 6/26/2015. Wife **Dixie (Davis) '64** survives him.
 Mr. Gerald Qualls '64, 1/6/2016.
 Mr. Walter Coffman '65, 11/17/2015. Survived by wife **Julia (Horton) '63**.
 Mrs. Marylu (Clement) Megginson '65, 12/15/2015.
 Mr. John White, Jr. '65x, 4/6/2015. Husband of **Louise (Russey) '63x**.
 Mr. Tom Hardy '66, 8/21/2015.
 Mrs. Pat (Lawson) Roach '66, 6/10/2015.
 LTC Quincy Sittingdown '69, 11/21/2015.
 Dr. Thomas Wiman '69, 8/28/2015.
 Mrs. Lois (McKee) Campbell '70, 5/24/2015.
 Rev. Edward Lee '70, 3/9/2015. Husband of **Joy (McClinton) '70x**.
 Mrs. Mildred (Parsons) Sayre '70, 11/25/2015.
 Mrs. Patsy (Newton) Cox '71, 8/2/2015.
 Mr. Michael Ford '71, 9/11/2015.
 Mr. Duane Greer '72, 6/14/2015. Survived by wife **Shirley (Sheriff) '73**.
 Mr. Nat Haas '72, 10/14/2015. Husband of **Ernestine (May) '68**.
 Mr. Travis Johnson '73, 5/31/2015.
 Mrs. Charlsie (Evans) Wilkins '73, 7/22/2015.
 Mrs. Margaret (Walker) Evans '74, 4/7/2014.
 Survived by husband **Cecil '75**.
 Mrs. Mary Alice (Peterson) King '74, 6/26/2015.
 Mr. Luther Knightstep, Jr. '74, 4/17/2015.
 Husband of **Ruth (Huff) '75**.
 Ms. Mary (Dugan) Lyons '74, 3/22/2015.
 Mrs. Florence "Flozelle" (Jones) Norred '74, 12/25/2015.
 Mr. Robbie Robinson '74x, 10/1/2015.
 Mrs. Kathy (Hay) Spitler '74, 1/6/2016.
 Mrs. Pat (Watson) Stephens '76, 8/15/2015.
 Mrs. Tricia (Smith) Johnson '79, 4/1/2015.
 Mrs. Hazel (Roberts) Johnson '80x/former HSU Staff, 4/3/2015. Survived by husband **Bill '65** & son **David '83**.
 Mrs. Pat (Tomlinson) Longacre '80, 4/17/2015.
 Mrs. Betty (Joiner) Meiron '80, 4/4/2015.
 Mr. Jon Randles '80, 4/1/2015. Survived by wife **Kelly (Dennis) '79** plus an extensive family with HSU connections.
 Mrs. Dot (Douglas) Harper '82/'82/Former Faculty, 6/16/2015.
 Mrs. Lori (Broughton) Johnson '82, 4/20/2015.
 Survived by husband **Steve '94**.
 Ms. Lorene (Mains) McComas '82x, 5/24/2015.
 Mrs. Debbie (Smith) Proctor '82, 10/4/2015.
 Wife of **David '82**.

Dr. Brad Grover, Sr. '84, 5/12/2015.
 Dr. Glenn Biggs '85HD, 5/26/2015.
 Mr. Ronald Pearson '85, 1/23/2015.
 Mrs. Mary Jo (Brunson) Coates '86, 5/6/2015.
 Ms. Tammy (Buchanan) Watson '93, 7/25/2015.
 Mr. Brian Thompson '93, 9/16/2015.
 Hon. Sam Carroll '94, 8/6/2015. Survived by wife **Gracie, HSU Assoc. VP, Academic Advising & Retention**.
 Ms. Jill (Huffman) Nettles '94, 11/15/2015.
 Mrs. Donna Ringhoffer '95/'96, 10/11/2015.
 Mr. Bum Washington, Jr. '95, 11/3/2015.
 Ms. Melinda Brady '96x, 3/26/15
 Mr. Bruce Cook '97, 7/13/2015.
 Mr. Jarrod Cooley '03, 10/17/2015.
 Mr. Todd Dobson '05, 03/2015.
 Mrs. Jamie Marek-Horner '06, 10/21/2015.

Friends

Mr. Douglas Brown, 9/16/2015.
 Mrs. Bennie Davis, 2/7/15. Wife of **Dr. Vernon Davis, HSU Faculty**.
 Mrs. Joy (Storey) DeShazo, 2/2/2015. Wife of **Gary '50**.
 Mrs. Vicki Fehr, former Education Faculty, 7/27/2015.
 Mrs. Ruth (Somers) Fletcher, 1/29/2015.
 Ms. Luci Lacewell, former Nursing Faculty, 7/14/2015.
 Mrs. Margaret "Mardie" Lewis, former HSU employee, 1/23/2015.
 Dr. Jack Longbotham, former faculty, 11/28/2015. Survived by wife **Elisabeth**, daughter **Elisabeth Longbotham-High '84**.
 Mr. Paul Madden, former History faculty, 6/6/2015. Husband of **Melinda (Womble) '89**.
 Mr. Dan McLendon, 6/3/2015.
 Mr. Glen Merriman, former Development officer, 1/1/2016.
 Dr. Shirley Morrison, former Nursing faculty, 11/2/2015.
 Mr. Glenn Myers, 3/25/2015. Survived by wife **Bonnie (Wilkins) '53**.
 Mrs. Virginia (Logsdon) Oldham, 12/9/2015.
 Ms. Norma Owen, 12/22/2015.
 Dr. Bill Owens, former Music faculty 3/27/2015.
 Mr. Allen Patterson, 10/1/2015. Husband of **Fran (Richardson) '83**.
 Mr. J.L. Smith, 7/13/2015.
 Mrs. Myrna Woods, 9/25/2015. Wife of **Bill '54, former HSU Band Director**.



Duck, Duck... Where's the Goose?

A mysterious disappearance happened shortly before Halloween. The close-knit community at HSU was never more present as during the search...for the beloved Gilbert the Goose.

“Many might think he’s just a goose, but here at HSU he’s more like family,” said junior Alejandra Perez, a nursing major, Ennis, Texas. “Getting to experience the comradery it took to get him back home is one of the best memories I have made at HSU.”

Late that Friday afternoon, Crystal McKinnie, junior English major from Mesquite, Texas, and Olivia Bodiford, senior nursing major from Ft. Worth, Texas, were the heroes of the day. They spotted Gilbert waddling alone in a vacant lot directly across from campus near Pine Street and Vogel.

“It was so funny because we were literally chasing down the school’s unofficial mascot with the president of the university. It’s definitely a Friday night I’ll remember,” said McKinnie.

Questions arose as to how Gilbert got there. Was this his attempt to escape his recent Coffee Shop fame? Was he voted off the pond by his fellow duck friends? Or was he just looking for a way to make headlines?

Gilbert declined all interview requests for this story.

Officer Stephen McNally of the HSU Police Department said, “I don’t really know how Gilbert ended up on Pine and Vogel. There were no eye witness reports. It’s possible that he flew to that location or that someone or something chased him. Either way I’m glad we were able to get him back safely.”

It takes a special goose to be worthy of an escort by HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall, two police officers, two staff workers and more than fourteen students back to his humble pond on Anderson Lawn where he was reunited with his duck friends.



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