Coach Marcus Wood Leads HSU to First NCAA National Championship

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Hardin-Simmons University is now enjoying its 120th year. During this year, the faculty, staff, students, and trustees are engaged in a major strategic planning process for the next decade and beyond. As we look toward the year 2020, we are asking questions: What will our university look like at the end of this decade? How many students will we enroll? What will the institution’s endowment be? How will the campus change? Will the institution’s mission change? To address these questions and many more, the Administrative Council, the Board of Trustees, and the university’s support boards are joining the discussion on the future of HSU.

During the spring and summer of 2010, a number of focus groups involving more than 100 faculty, staff, and students participated in “visioning” sessions to determine major issues of concern. The Administrative Council (the president and vice presidents) spent many hours considering the input of the focus groups and developed the wording of a vision statement for the next decade. Further, this group crafted ten major institutional goals to be accomplished by the year 2020, and dozens of objectives and metrics to be used in measuring the level of implementation of the goals.

In addition, a Vision Team has been appointed to assist in “operationalizing” the vision. Led ably by Dr. Chris McNair, dean of the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics, this group of dedicated and innovative members of the faculty and staff has been hard at work throughout the year in looking at HSU’s next decade. I am very pleased with the progress the institution has made this year in the strategic planning process.

We have decided that as we develop goals to be achieved by 2020, it makes sense to carefully take stock of our progress in the year 2016. In that year (only five years from now) we will reach the midway point in the decade. Interestingly, HSU will also celebrate its 125th anniversary in that 2016 year. Thus, we have our 2020 goals, as well as mid-course targets established for 2016. All goals and targets are guided by the Vision Statement for 2020:

“Hardin-Simmons University will be an innovative community of servant scholars engaging the mind and nurturing the spirit of future Christian leaders.” (For more information, see page 43.)

During the decade ahead, HSU will be guided by three main action verbs: “Grow, Build, and Enhance.”

In addition to growth in enrollment, we will experience growth in many other areas. We plan to build new programs and facilities, as well as new strategic alliances. Finally, we are planning to enhance the university in many different ways.

At the end of this process, as we turn our calendars to the year 2020, we hope to celebrate accomplishments in many areas, including:

- Substantial growth of both our undergraduate and graduate student enrollment;
- A $200 million endowment and greatly enhanced compensation for our dedicated faculty and staff;
- A number of new academic programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree levels;
- Several new buildings on campus and the renovation of many others;
- A unified marketing and imaging program that brings more regional and national attention to HSU;
- An expanded emphasis on HSU’s Christian distinctives;
- A more open, diverse and innovative campus that embraces change to improve its effectiveness;
- An enriched experience for students, faculty and staff in a welcoming environment; and,
- A healthy and welcoming climate of excellence, in which Christian scholarship may flourish!

These will be exciting years for Hardin-Simmons. I truly believe that HSU’s best years are before us. Please join me in praying for our beloved university as we enter into this exciting new decade of achievement and success!

President’s Perspective

Legislative Reunion: HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall (center) joins two other former members of the Texas House of Representatives, Dr. Bob Hunter (left) and Dr. Gary Thompson (right) at a recent academic event in Abilene.
Hardin-Simmons University’s mission is to be a community dedicated to providing excellence in education enlightened by Christian faith and values.

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Marcus Wood ’03
Meet the man behind the NCAA D-III Women’s Soccer championship.
Editor’s Corner

Letter from the Editor

I must begin this issue with an apology. Due to staff shortages, we’re a bit late getting this edition out. Okay, yes, you’re right, we’re a LOT late getting this issue out! I appreciate all of the inquiries we’ve received about when we would publish again, because that tells me you are interested in Hardin-Simmons University and that you are reading Range Rider.

Our goal is to publish twice a year, in April and October. So look for us again in October 2011.

In this issue, we celebrate with the NCAA D-III National Championship Women’s Soccer team and get to know Coach Marcus Wood, who led them to their victory. We’re also ushering in a new era in football as we say goodbye to retiring head coach, Jimmie Keeling, and welcome new head coach, Jesse Burleson.

There has been a lot of activity on campus since the last Range Rider, so be sure to check out the Campus News section. As always, you can keep up with happenings on campus on the HSU homepage at www.hsutx.edu.

I hope you enjoy this (slightly late) issue!

Brenda Harris ’10
Director of Communication & Marketing Services

On the Cover

Coach Marcus Wood ’03 led the 2010 Women’s Soccer team to the NCAA Division III National Championship. The win represents the first National Championship for Hardin-Simmons University. See Coach Wood’s story on page 32. Photo by Scott Burkhalter, HSU senior graphic designer.
Although I was unable to finish my degree at HSU, the Christian foundation has guided my life. God has blessed me through HSU, and I remain extremely grateful for my two years there. My two years at HSU were the most valuable of my many college years! I continue to remember chapel and Dr. Skiles’ admonition to remember, ‘This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.’ I begin most days these last 40 years with that praise.”

- Linda (Burleson) McAnelly ’68X

(See Folks & Facts entry on page 46.)
I love hearing members of the HSU family talk about the impact our university had (or is having) on their lives. Listed below are a few quotes from alumni who answered our question on Facebook, “What’s important about HSU?”

Although I am no longer a student, I would like to be a part of alumni relations even if I am all the way in Malibu! I love and cherish HSU and have had inarguably some of the best years of my life thus far at Hardin-Simmons.

I wasn’t just a number but a person who was lovingly encouraged and challenged by my professors.

You know, I was a little intimidated when I went to U of Houston for grad school, working alongside Ivy League grads. I found out they didn’t know any more than me, and I was completely comfortable.

For me, it all started in 1963. We were a family there on campus. Now, scattered all over the world, we still are a family. After 40+ years, our HSU friends are the dearest of all.

What’s important about HSU? My family ties (three generations, nine degrees), with a granddaughter now considering HSU. The lifelong friendships made there from 1964-1969. The World Famous HSU Cowboy Band (the magnet that drew me there). Great School. Great Profs. Great Classmates.

I am thrilled that Jennifer is there. No place on earth will take better care of her than HSU. -Parent of new HSU student

At Hardin-Simmons, I was encouraged to know God more deeply through friendships that still challenge me!

As the old saying goes, the teachers taught me not just how to make a living but how to make a life.

Everytime I participate in one of these HSU events, I get jazzed by the experience and literally overwhelmed with pride about what a terrific place HSU is and what terrific people make up the HSU family...it really drives the “connected for life” theme home.

HSU is an amazing blessing!

It’s certainly a privilege to have attended such a well-respected and much-loved school—don’t you agree?

Go Cowboys!

Britt (Yates) Jones ’84
Director of Alumni Relations
Alumni Association Board of Directors 2011

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Hats off to these 2010 rotating-off members: Chris Carnohan ’75, Linda (Davis) Cargile ’82, Phil Ashby ’80, Rosa Lee (Hemphill) Prichard ’58, Roxie Keenan ’05, Erica Fairbanks ’10, Joe Melson ’88, Phyllis (Gandy) Ewing ’60, Laura (McBeth) Thaxton ’51/’68, Melissa Thompson ’98, Denise (Greene) Duchesneau ’77.
Virginia (Randel) Burroughs
BA 1950
Servant Leader
Virginia Ethel (Randel) Burroughs graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1946, then enrolled at HSU, where she was a speech-drama major, minorning in English.

While attending HSU, Virginia met her husband, Glen, and the couple married in the summer of 1950 after both had graduated from HSU.

As Glen rose in the ranks of the oil industry, Virginia was busy not only in the day-to-day tasks of being a mother to their three children, Kay, Mark, and John, she was also a servant leader in the community.

In 1974, Virginia became involved as a leader in Bible Study Fellowship, an international non-denominational Bible study ministry.

Finally settling in Dallas in 1975, Virginia began teaching in the college and young adult departments at First Baptist Church, Dallas. She also led a women’s Bible study and taught an English Bible class in the Chinese Fellowship at her church.

She has been a volunteer reader for North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind and a guest speaker for several women’s church retreats.

Virginia has given back to her alma mater by serving as chair of the Advancement Committee on the HSU Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1995. Virginia was also a member of the 1990-91 Presidential Search Committee for HSU.

Throughout their marriage of almost 60 years, she and Glen not only gave their time to HSU, but also were strong financial supporters of the university. They established the James Randel Athletic Endowment in memory of her father, James L. Randel, a 1921 graduate of HSU who lettered in baseball as a student. The couple also established the Glen and Virginia Burroughs Endowed Scholarship in 1986.

After Glen’s death in 2009, Virginia established the Glen Burroughs Endowed Memorial Business Scholarship to benefit students who are business majors.

Virginia is a lifetime member of the HSU Presidents Club, and in 1996, HSU bestowed upon her the Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Royston Campbell Crane Jr.
Ex 1919
Cartoonist
Royston Campbell Crane Jr. graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1918. With World War I drawing to a close, 16-year-old Roy was denied enlistment into the Army. In the fall, Roy convinced his father to let him attend Simmons College. Although he was too young to join the Student Army Training Corps, Crane bought a uniform, received military training with the others, and became a college freshman at 16.

Crane uniquely captured the prevailing politics and campus mood of HSU in the 1918-1919 edition of the HSU yearbook, The Bronco. The Brand became the first college newspaper to publish a Crane cartoon on December 13, 1918.

After attending Simmons for two semesters, Crane worked as an artist and reporter for several newspapers and magazines, attended the Chicago...
Academy of Fine Arts, and later became a journalism student at the University of Texas.

In 1922, he began work at the New York World where he created the comic strip “Washington Tubbs II.” The strip debuted in 1924 and eventually established him as an internationally famous cartoonist.

In 1928, Crane married the former Evelyn Cecila Hatcher, and the couple had two daughters, Marcia and Nancy.

In 1933, Crane debuted a new strip, “Captain Easy, Soldier of Fortune,” and in 1943, he launched “Buz Sawyer,” which portrayed the adventures of a Navy reservist on active duty. In a few short years the strip was carried by 550 newspapers in 10 countries and was read by an estimated 40 million people daily. He was recognized and honored by the U. S. Navy for supporting their efforts in World War II through his strip, and also received a commendation as an accredited war correspondent.

He received numerous industry awards throughout his career, and was a member of several organizations.

Crane continued to take an active part in the daily production of his famous strip until his death on July 8, 1977, at the age of 76.

Maridell (Fisher) Fryar

BA 1957
Teacher/Administrator

Maridell (Fisher) Fryar graduated from El Cerrito High School in California in 1953. She then enrolled at HSU, graduating magna cum laude in 1957 with a BA in speech, minoring in English.

She met her husband, Jack, while they were students at Hardin-Simmons, and the couple married in June of 1957. They later had two children, Eric and Delanna.

Maridell spent the majority of her career teaching high school speech and English, and in 1967, served as director of forensics and speech instructor at Hardin-Simmons.

Maridell earned an MA in speech communication and English from Texas Tech University in 1972, and a mid-management certification from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1978. She also did post-graduate study at Texas Tech University.

In 1979, Maridell became coordinator of fine arts for Midland ISD, and in 1982, she became their director of secondary education. In 1984, she became their executive director of instruction for K through 12, where she remained until her retirement in 1993.

Maridell has served as a leader in professional organizations throughout her career and has received numerous professional awards. In 1989, Maridell received the HSU Distinguished Alumni Award.

Maridell has co-authored six books in the field of communication, three of which were state-adopted textbooks.

Maridell continues to serve in community and education leadership roles.

Robert McAlpine Wagstaff

BA 1913
Attorney/Legislator

Robert McAlpine Wagstaff attended Abilene public schools and graduated from Simmons College Academy in 1913 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While a student at Simmons in 1912, he became scoutmaster of the first organized Boy Scout troop in Abilene.

In 1913, Robert began law school at the University of Texas. While in Austin, he joined the Texas Brigade, and in 1916, a month before he was to graduate from law school, he was called to active duty on the border during the raids of Pancho Villa. He received his law degree in absentia and was admitted to the bar in 1916.

During World War I, Wagstaff, then an Army captain, organized and commanded Company I, Seventh Texas Infantry, in Abilene, the forerunner of the local National Guard.

After service in Europe, Wagstaff retired as a major and returned to Abilene to join his father in law practice.

Wagstaff married Texas Orms on February 14, 1931, and the couple had two children, Marnie and John.

He served in the legislature for two consecutive terms from 1931 to 1935, helping to write conservation statutes that brought stability to the oil and gas industry. He co-wrote and co-sponsored the Wagstaff-Woodward water priority act, which is still in effect.

Wagstaff also authored the legislation that set up the state assumption of local road bonds, laying a foundation for the modern highway system.

He also sponsored a bill setting aside land in Big Bend for a state park, an action that made possible the present Big Bend National Park. He was a leader in water development projects.

Wagstaff taught business administration at Hardin-Simmons from 1947 to 1951, writing a textbook for the course.

He held offices in several organizations in the oil and gas industry, the legal profession, and in the ranching industry.

Wagstaff died in Abilene on April 9, 1973, having left a legacy of civic involvement that shaped his community.
Dr. Fred E. Aurbach  
**BA 1966, Chemistry**  
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Dr. Fred Aurbach, who retired from his Dallas, Texas, dental practice in 2003, has faithfully served his alma mater since his graduation in 1966. He was an early member of the HSU Board of Young Associates, served on the Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2005, and has been a member of the Board of Development since 2005. Fred continues to be an active leader in the HSU Dallas Alumni Chapter and continually serves the university as a recruiter and volunteer.

In 2009, he established the Patricia Aurbach Church Music Award in memory of his late wife, Trisha (Cates ’69). Fred was instrumental in HSU’s acquisition of the Tandy Bible Collection, comprised of more than 76 pieces, including a first edition 1611 King James Version.

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**John J. Keeter Jr. ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD 2010**

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The **Alumni Service Award** is given in honor of John J. Keeter Jr. This award of merit is the highest alumni award possible and is given to the alumnus who has contributed the most in his/her particular field of endeavor toward the betterment of the university or who has rendered the greatest services directly or indirectly to HSU. The **Distinguished Alumni Award** goes to those whose personal and professional accomplishments are exemplary of the ideals and aims of the university, and thus bring honor to HSU. The **Outstanding Young Alumni Award** is presented to graduates who have attained outstanding achievements in their fields of endeavor, have graduated in the last 20 years, and are not older than 45. The **Athletics Hall of Fame** honors former athletes or coaches who, while at HSU, made a significant contribution to HSU and the athletic program. To be eligible, the nominee must have been away from HSU a minimum of 10 years.

Please send 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 www.hsutx.edu/alumni_friends/opps/nomination.
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS 2010**

This award, given since 1970, is presented to alumni whose personal and professional accomplishments are exemplary of the ideals and aims of the university and thus bring honor to HSU. Awards are selected by a committee whose members are established by a campus leadership role.

**Mr. Marv Knox**

**BS 1979, Religion/Journalism**  
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Marv Knox is editor of the *Baptist Standard*, newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a position he’s held since January 1999 after serving for three years as associate editor. Marv’s writing and editing have been honored with awards from the Dallas Press Club, the Religious Communications Council, and the Baptist Communicators’ Association. He is past chairman of the board of directors of Associated Baptist Press; past president of the Whitsitt Society, a Baptist heritage organization; and past chairman of the HSU media relations advisory board.

In 1996, he was named a distinguished alumnus of HSU’s Logsdon School of Theology, and he was awarded the honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Dallas Baptist University in 2004.

At HSU, he was editor of the *Brand* for three years, and was president of both Alpha Phi Omega and Student Foundation.

Marv and his wife, Joanna (Jarchow ’79), have been active in the HSU Alumni Association since graduation.

**Major General José S. Mayorga**

**MBA 1989**

Major General Mayorga became the 50th Adjutant General for the State of Texas in April, 2009.

He is responsible to the Texas Governor for providing ready trained forces of the Texas Army Guard, the Texas Air Guard, the Texas State Guard, and the Adjutant General’s Department, better known as the Texas Military Forces, in support of state operations.

The general is also responsible to the President of the United States for providing ready trained forces in support of federal missions.

José earned his BS degree in 1977 from Texas A&I, Kingsville. He served four years on active duty with the Regular Army before accepting a Reserve commission. He joined the Texas Army National Guard in 1982.

He is a registered professional engineer and, prior to becoming Adjutant General, had a 27-year civilian career with the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Dr. Ruth Schleifer**

**BA 1982**  
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Ruth Schleifer is a solo medical practitioner, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. In 2000, she opened her South Windsor, CT, private practice, WomanCare.

Dr. Schleifer was the first female elected to the PHO Board of Directors at St. Francis Hospital and is currently serving her third term. She is also on the peer review committee for Women and Infants. She served her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford from 1990 to 1994.

More recently, Ruth attended the University of Connecticut School of Law from 2000 to 2004 and passed her Bar Exam (on the first try!) in 2005.

She has two medical publications to her credit, and has participated in four surgical mission trips to the Dominican Republic with Medical Missions International.

While a student at HSU, Ruth was active in Delta Zeta Chi social club and other organizations.
Ms. Terri Hendrix
Award-Winning Musician
Ex-Student 1988
preferred class 1990
Major: Music

Terri Hendrix's Cry Till You Laugh, released June 22, 2010, is proving to be one of the best-received albums of the award-winning Texas songwriter’s career.

Cry, the 14th release (in as many years) that Terri has put out on her own Wilory Records label, proves she also knows a thing or two about how to maintain a “do-it-yourself” music career. A veritable pioneer in the running-your-own-label revolution sweeping the music industry, she’s also one of very few artists who can lay claim to having always owned all of her master recordings.

This past fall, Terri wrapped up her first book, a companion piece to the album called Cry Till You Laugh — The Part That Ain’t Art.

HSU was the perfect place to begin my higher education. It’s the right size with the right people, including kind-hearted and genuine teachers.

As an HSU music student, Terri waited tables to put herself through school. She was also a campus advisor to incoming freshmen.

A classically trained vocalist and deft multi-instrumentalist (guitar, mandolin, and harmonica), Terri weaves folk, pop, country, blues, and swinging jazz into an eclectic style all her own.

Terri, who co-wrote a Grammy-winning instrumental (“Lil’ Jack Slade”) on the Dixie Chicks’ 2002 Home album, had a very eventful 2010. She was inducted into the South Texas Music Walk of Fame in Corpus Christi, joining such Lone Star luminaries as Guy Clark, Kris Kristofferson, and all four original Texas Tornados. She also received the Art of Peace Award from St. Mary’s University in her hometown of San Antonio.

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Mr. Todd Gentzel
Business Strategist
Class of 1995
Bachelor of Behavioral Science
Communication/Bible

Todd Gentzel is chief strategist at Yaffe Deutser, a Houston-based management consulting firm that specializes in the integration and alignment of organizational strategy, culture, and communication.

As one of the firm’s two principals, he manages each of the company’s three consulting practices (strategic services, organizational services, communication services). His sector experience includes healthcare, education, retail, aviation, financial services, and not-for-profit.

At HSU, Todd was a member of Theta Alpha Zeta and the National Model U.N. Team. During those years, he helped start Young Life Wylie, served as youth minister at First Baptist Stamford, and as youth worship leader at Calvary Baptist.

It would be hard to overstate the impact the university has had on my life. So much of how I view the world was shaped at Hardin-Simmons. When I think about the success that has been achieved by my classmates, when I look at the impact the school and its graduates have had on the world, I am reminded of what makes Hardin-Simmons so special.

After graduating from Hardin-Simmons, he clerked for the Department of Justice and worked for the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Todd then transitioned to consulting. He is a strategist, a futurist, a designer, and a social scientist. His work has produced more than 50 regional and national awards and has yielded millions of dollars for his clients.

Todd did his graduate work in Europe as part of a joint program between the University of Oxford and HEC Paris where he earned a Master of Science degree in consulting and coaching for change.

Todd is a member of both the Academy of Management and the European Academy of Management. He is also a member of HSU’s Board of Development.

Todd and his wife, Claire (Canon ’93), live in Houston.
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Mr. Leighton Flowers
Youth Ministry Executive
Class of 1997
Bachelor of Behavioral Science
Applied Theology/Speech Communication

Leighton Flowers is the youth evangelism director for Texas Baptists (the Baptist General Convention of Texas). In this position he directs Super Summer, a statewide youth leadership training camp, impacting thousands of Christian teenagers with in-depth Bible study and discipleship training.

Leighton also directs the Youth Evangelism Conference, reaching from 5,000 to 7,000 Texas teenagers with the gospel of Christ each year.

In addition, he assists in the oversight of such ministries as Hot Hearts and See You At The Pole, impacting students not only in Texas but all around the world.

On top of all those responsibilities, Leighton is the permanent bi-vocational pastor at Culleoka Baptist Church in Princeton. He is also enrolled in the doctoral program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before moving to the BGCT in 2003, Leighton served 10 years in the local church and was the founder of Cornerstone Evangelistic Ministries. In the latter role, he traveled around the globe, speaking and sharing the good news to lost teenagers in need of hope.

As a student at HSU, Leighton was Baptist Student Missions Freshman president and Baptist Student Missions Freshman Council president. He received the Presidential Scholarship for highest GPA of any seminary-bound graduate to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and earned his Master of Divinity from there in 2000.

Leighton and his wife, Laura (Leavenworth ’95), live in Princeton, Texas, with their four children, Colson, Cooper, Esther, and Caden.

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Hardin-Simmons University was more than a place for me to get a great education. It was a turning point. It was the place where I established the foundation for the rest of my life. It was the place I built lifelong friendships. It was the place I met the love of my life. It was the place from where God launched my family, my ministry career, and my life’s journey. Because of this, HSU will always have a special place in my heart.

Recognized in 2010 by Hardin-Simmons as Outstanding Young Alumni were Dr. Brad Butler, BS 1997, anesthesiologist; James Christoferson, BBS 1997, politics; Michael McCown, BM 1997, opera singer.
The newest Young Associates include (top l-r) Chris Wilkins ’97/’00, Ryan Prater ’97/’00, Keith Newton ’00, Jenny Bell ’07, Amanda (Perez) Etter ’05, Michael Hull ’04, Julie Sorrels ’03, Chrissy Adkins ’06, (middle l-r) Janes Ellis ’01, Mike Einkauf ’99, Julie Teague ’05, Melissa Tadsen ’07/’09, Rachel (Bailey) Armendariz ’07, (front l-r) Brad Jones ’06, Ryan Gibson ’06, Rob Weikamp ’06, Abby Baggett ’06, Rachael (Tomko) McCormick ’07, Natalie (Willsford) Frost ’08, and Melissa Schaeffer ’05.

HSU Board of Young Associates

Board of Young Associates members are active, involved graduates making a difference for the present and future of Hardin-Simmons University. All under the age of 40, they proactively give of their time, resources, and creativity throughout the year.

For more information, contact Britt Jones ’84 at brittj@hsutx.edu.
Plan On It!

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

HSU Calendar Online at www.hsutx.edu
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Watch for Alumni Events Coming to a Town Near You...
Not only are we continuously working to add to and improve the events we host for alumni on campus, but in 2011 we are also working hard to bring alumni events to you; watch www.hsutx.edu/alumni for upcoming information and, in your email inbox, mark hsutx.edu as a safe domain.

To help with any alumni events, please contact
the Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 460-3908 or alumni@hsutx.edu.

Plan Ahead!
Homecoming 2011 - October 20-23
Alumni EVENTS

Golden Memories for the Class of 1960

From as far away as South Dakota, Indiana, and Taiwan, Class of 1960 members and spouses made their way to the HSU campus in April 2010 to celebrate their 50-year Reunion.

From the Monday morning welcome reception to the closing reunion luncheon, emceed by Jack Preston, the two-day event was a memorable occasion for the 80 attendees.

Monday highlights included a narrated trolley tour of the campus, a private Cowboy Band concert, and a reunion banquet with Jeff Goodin as emcee. Class members were inducted into the HSU Golden Lariat Society by Britt (Yates) Jones ’84, director of Alumni Relations.

On Tuesday, the Golden Alumni attended chapel, just as they used to do. The guest speaker was classmate B.F. Risinger, and the assembly concluded with the 72nd Annual Founders Day, conducted by current students.

Of the 260 original 1960 graduates, 160 are still living and 60 attended the Golden Reunion.

The Class of 1960 established a scholarship fund at its 40-year reunion. In 2010, members added over $8,600 to the fund, making it possible for students to now benefit from the Class of 1960 Scholarship.
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Celebrating 85 Years

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If you have memorabilia and/or memories you would like to donate or share, contact Jenn Waldmann in the HSU Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 460-3608 or jwaldmann@hsutx.edu.

Hardin-Simmons University
An Education Enlightened by Faith
Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Christmas 2009

Teresa (Mixon) Gomez, HSU ’88X, was the featured soprano during the Dallas Symphony Orchestra’s Christmas Pops concert 2009. Among the HSU alumni and friends who gathered in the green room afterwards are Lori Rentfrow ’79X, Tina (Maico) Burkhardt ’81X, Britt (Yates) Jones ’84, Teresa, Leland Harden ’84, and Paul Gomez ’82.

Houston Dinner with the President, November 2009

Alumni and friends give a performance of the HSU anthem as arranged by Daniel Sigmon ’97 during the fall 2009 Houston Alumni Chapter Dinner. From left, Britt (Yates) Jones ’84, Stacey Weber (guest singer), Eileen Crowell (parent), Kathy (Hilliard) Bevers ’76, Nicole Kenley-Crowell ’97, Leland Harden ’84, Daniel Sigmon ’97, Eddie Crowell ’99. Not visible in photo: Jim Price ’77.

Melissa (Bates) Goodall ’92 and Ewart Jones ’90 enjoyed catching up during the fall 2009 Houston Dinner held at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Rebecca Hall ’75 poses with Gena (Hall) Saour ’71 during the fall 2009 Houston Area Dinner with the President.

Kathy (Hilliard) Bevers ’76 (right) hosted now-current student Elise Harrell and prospect Addie Hilliard at the fall 2009 Houston Alumni and Friends Dinner.
HSU Alumni gathered during the Hispanic meeting of the Texas Baptists.

(front) Belia (Rodriguez) Vina ’66, Priscilla R. Rapp ’67, Dora G. Rivera ’66, Faviola Huffman ’67,

Nicole Scott ’08, Katy Crumpton ’09, Alumni Association Board member
Angela (Colson) McKnight ’04/’08, Freddy Verastegui ’07,
Chris Coltman ’09, and Stephen Netsch ’04.

Carla (Guidry) Lowery ’82, Terry Zavala ’82 were among
over 70 people attending the 2010 HSU School of Music
reception during the Texas Music Educators Assn.
Conference in San Antonio.

Julie Brown Wood ’95 is delighted to run into
Palmer McCown ’61 in Houston.

Bruce Lampert visits with current Logsdon Seminary student
Tico Montoya in McAllen.
Alumni Celebrate with New ’10 Grads

In 2010, alumni welcomed over 500 new graduates into the Alumni Association during Graduation Celebration held following each commencement ceremony. Here, new graduate Patrick Almond points out his name on the HSU Alumni Wall.

May graduates Stephanie Harvell and Jian Xin (Jonathan) Lee happily anticipate their summer 2010 wedding.

Dominique Gaines celebrates her May 2010 graduation atop one of HSU’s Six White Horses.

Evelyn (Robinson) Moser ’80 visits with Travis Craver ’05 and Caroline (Korky) Craver ’08.
Nicole Gatea, Shayna Runnels, Lenora Taylor, and Chelsea Smith enjoy homemade ice cream, provided by Abilene Alumni.

Mack Peacock ’72 sells an HSU spirit shirt ($7?) to Michael Gardiner.

Alumna Karan Breeden ’75 signs the beanie of Hillary Laursen before serving up a scoop of her delicious ice cream.

HSU Alumni Kristen (Aguilar) Patterson ’05, Jay Patterson ’06/’10, Elya (Steed) Whitten ’07 and John Whitten ’07/’10 have a good time making and serving ice cream as a way of welcoming incoming students.

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Crystal Thomas and Ashley Ellis show off the “treat” they received at the 2010 sophomore-only event Have Your Hand In Something Big.

Brian Schulle dunked his hand and discovered an HSU Official Ring keychain, only available to HSU sophomores.

Jay Hiller demonstrates his new purple “guns up” hand.

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Stephanie Teoh is about to discover what lies at the bottom of the purple concoction.

Sophomore Coco Cartwright receives instructions on how to dip her hand from HSU Christie (Vaughn) Kech ’00, HSU admissions counselor.

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The first recipients of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. Sophomore Mitchell Moser is the son of Evelyn Robinson Moser ’80, brother to Molly ’10 and current student Mallory, and nephew of Matt ’82 and Susan (Pierce ’86) Robinson, and Philip Robinson ’89. Freshman Kylie Pherigo is the daughter of Beverly (Rosengrants) Pherigo ’78 and the niece of David ’69 and Donna (Duff ’69x) Rosengrants ’69, and Saundra R. Ford ’71.

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Congratulations to University King Jakop Topper ’11 and University Queen Lili Muongkhot ’11.

James, Julia, and Josh, the children of Alumni Association Board member Joe Melson ’88, are HSU fans!

Drum Major Sean Shelton-Harris leads The World Famous Cowboy Band during the annual Homecoming Cookout.

Homecoming is a great time for a family reunion! Phil Miller ’86, Susan (Roberts) Miller ’79, Richelle Miller, Richard Miller, Loren Roberts ’56, and Bobbie (Shelton) Roberts ’55.

James, Julia, and Josh, the children of Alumni Association Board member Joe Melson ’88, are HSU fans!
Basketball alumnae Amber Ward ’99X, Tamra Carlson ’99, and Andrea (Burrows) Ables ’02 catch up during the 2010 Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

During the White Horse Rider Reunion, alumnae roasted marshmallows for s’mores and toured the barn. Checking out the tack room are Kimberly Wilson ’03X, team sponsor Debbie Jones, and Casee (Jones) Harwell ’04.

The 2010 class of inductees into the Athletics Hall of Fame are Kathryn Otwell ’99, Melanie (Forster) Muhr ’00, Lynn Turner ’90, and Pete Murray ’57/’63.

Sara (Presswood) Cook ’00 has a ball at the Class of 2000 10-Year Reunion activities.

Ready to be a Cowgirl! Avery Cogburn, daughter of Laynie (Adkins) Cogburn ’00.

Jesse Cobb, class of 1947, attended Homecoming for the first time in many years, and especially enjoyed the Cowboy Band festivities.
Duane Lindsey ’65.

Maria and Filemon Ortiz ’66 enjoy one of the Hispanic Alumni events.

Student member Taylor Purser welcomes Alpha Iota Omega alumnae, Leslie Potts ’85 (who travelled from Australia), Laura (Wilkins) Watson ’84, and Sarah Gleason ’08.

Tri Phi alumnae Martha (Chism) Chambers ’71, Linda (Scarborough) Powell ’72, and Judy (Wilcoxen) Powell ’73X.

International students and alumni catch up with each other—Eugene Wong, Jonathan Lee ’10, Adriel Wong ’10, Roshan Guharajan ’10, Sunil Guharajan, and Jeremy Henschen.

Duane Lindsey ’65.
Cheerleader Kelsey Farrington plays with Hunter Jennings, son of cheer coach Katie (Stroud) Jennings ’05.

Ewart Jones ’90 prepares to share a scripture reading during the Homecoming Worship Service.

HSU Posse Kids Club member Colby Garrett is the son of HSU employees Dee and Paul Garrett ’07/’08.

Dale Haralson ’59/Trustee, is delighted to be at the Homecoming Cookout, along with wife, Betty; son David Haralson ’90; and assistant professor of theatre, Dean Nolen ’89.

Vance Cooksey ’85/’87 was the ’09-’10 chair of the School of Music Foundation.
What’s Next for Coach Jimmie Keeling
Football Legend Jimmie Keeling Never Loses Sight of Family, Former Players, Coaches, HSU by Janlyn Thaxton

One of the most storied and beloved coaches in Hardin-Simmons University’s history may have called it quits at the end of the HSU football season in November, but he hasn’t lost his love of seeing young people participating and learning from sports.

Jimmie Keeling’s life now may be a bit more about his grandchildren’s activities than it is about college-level football, but Coach Keeling seems to enjoy whatever sport he encounters. Mostly, he is loving having more time with family.

The football coach of 56 years is summed up by his family. If you visit with him for any length of time, you’ll see he can’t help but talk about his immediate and extended family of former players, students, co-workers, coaches (past and present), his children, grandchildren, and his ever-supportive wife, Susan.

“I am proud of every player and every coach we ever had at Hardin-Simmons,” he says reminiscing about his extended family. “Winning a lot of games and championships was certainly very pleasing, but to see the success of former players as they go into society is among my greatest honors.”

Keeling has been the only head football coach at Hardin-Simmons since football was disbanded in 1963 and then reinstated in 1990. Brought to HSU by then-athletic director, Merlin Morrow, before the 1990 season, Keeling coached the Cowboys to a 3-6 record in his first year and a 5-5 record in 1991 before leading HSU to 19 consecutive winning seasons, including 11 trips to the playoffs.

With a record of 172-53 over the past 21 seasons with the Cowboys, Keeling leaves as the school’s all-time wins leader, and he was sixth nationally among D-III coaches in wins before retiring.

For Keeling, coaching has been as much about developing relationships and helping people as it has about winning games. “There is one thing I have hoped my players always knew: that I care about each of them as an individual and absolutely love each of them as a person.”

Keeling spent about 35 years of his career coaching at the high school level, heading up nine programs over that time. The Keelings’ son Dale has followed in his father’s footsteps with his own coaching career. Dale is the head football coach at Everman High School near Fort Worth. Since Keeling retired, he says he has enjoyed going to watch Everman’s off-season work-outs.

The Keelings spend a lot of time these days enjoying their grandchildren. “Our youngest daughter, Kelly, lives in Graham, Texas. We have seen dance recitals and softball for Lili and watched Harrison, who is four years old, play T-ball. We have also gone to watch Jaxon, our 12-year-old grandson, play little league baseball.”

Since his retirement, Keeling seems to be working as much as he did before he retired. “Last week I had lunch in Austin with a couple of former players who are now both head football coaches: Clint Harper ’97, head coach at Leander High School, and Drew Sanders ’98, head coach at Leander Vandergriff High School. Recently I watched Angelo State’s spring football game and had dinner with Will Wagner ’96, another of our former players who is head coach there.”

Keeling has kept up with many of his former players over the years. “I am so proud of our former HSU football players who are now business people, members of the military, working in criminal justice, doctors, dentists, vets, and in the ministry,” says Keeling.

When pressed to discuss his legacy at HSU, the unassuming Keeling says, “I really loved and cared for each of our players and coaches. I tried to do my best for them each day. It was my goal to simply do my very best for Hardin-Simmons University and for the young people entrusted to me. One of the best things was to be working with our coaching staff and all of the others involved with our program. I cannot imagine a better place for me to have been these last years that could equal Hardin-Simmons University.”

“The 21 years I spent at HSU were wonderful years for Susan and me. Hardin-Simmons is an outstanding school with great administrators, faculty, and staff. I especially enjoyed spending time with our players and the students in general.”

“It was my privilege to watch HSU’s final football event,” adding with a smile and an exclamation, “they look good!”

As summer approaches, Keeling has been asked to speak at the Texas High School Coaches Association meeting this July in Fort Worth. As for his long-term plans, he says, “I am looking for guidance from our Heavenly Father to help us. I know there are still things I can do. I have just got to figure it all out. I have been so truly blessed by spending these years at HSU. I hope God speaks plainly to me about the future, and I hope I listen.”
Coach Jesse Burleson has some big shoes to fill as he gets ready for the first post-Jimmie Keeling-era football season for Hardin-Simmons University this coming fall.

Burleson is only the second HSU coach of the non-scholarship era at HSU. Keeling, who resurrected the school’s football program in 1990 after a 27-year hiatus, has filled that role for the past 21 seasons.

Following an icon such as Keeling can come with added pressures, but Burleson’s take is, “We can’t ever replace Coach Keeling. I can only succeed him.”

HSU’s athletic director, John Neese, appointed the three-time all-conference performer to take over from Keeling this past December, three-and-a-half weeks after the 56-year veteran coach announced his retirement. “I think Jesse will enhance the things Coach Keeling brought to this program, and then he’ll be able to bring his own special ability to do some of the other things,” says Neese.

Under Keeling, Burleson served as an assistant coach to the Cowboys, spending the past several years serving as Keeling’s assistant head coach, offensive line coach, and recruiting coordinator. “When I was a player at HSU, Coach Keeling would always tell us, ‘You are way better than you think you are.’ It was that kind of encouragement that spurred me to push past limitations. My coaches believing in me and motivating me is what really led me toward my calling and toward pursuing my passion,” says Burleson.

“When I was a junior in high school, my coaches were some of the most influential people in my life. If I had not been totally immersed in athletics, I would not have had much direction,” Burleson shares. “But I saw the type of impact these men were having on me—teaching me about work ethic, loyalty, commitment, and persistence, and I wanted to be able to give that back to kids in the future.”

The 33-year-old athlete from Clyde, a former discus thrower and shot put thrower, says he first became involved in athletics because all of his friends were doing it. “I guess that is an example of how peer pressure might be a good thing. I don’t think there was one specific event that led me to football as a player or as a coach, but having flashes of success in sports just ignited a fire and motivated me to do more than I ever dreamed of doing.”

When pressed about what makes him a good, or even great coach, Burleson says, “I am not in the category of great coaches, but I do have an opinion on what makes a coach great. I believe very strongly that you must care about your players as more than just football players. You have to care about molding well-rounded young men striving for greatness in all areas of their lives: athletically, academically, socially, and spiritually. I also believe that you must have a passion for what you do, work harder than everyone around you, be loyal, and be committed.

“Priorities are important and especially vital in our program. We keep them in the correct order: God, family, academics, and team. The two most important factors are having a great work ethic and having impeccable character. If you have those two things, you will be great at whatever you choose to do.”

Burleson sees himself as blessed, “I have the best coach’s wife in the world,” he says of his wife, Lois, who earned the BSN from HSU in 2010. “She understands the demands that go along with this job. She supports this program, both coaches and players 100%, and loves football as much or more than I do. Lois has been with me through my entire HSU journey. We were married the last three years I was a player, and we are a great team.”

Burleson’s 14-year-old daughter, Marisa, was born after his sophomore season. “She has basically grown up surrounded by HSU football, and has spent countless hours in the HSU field house and weight room.” He says his youngest daughter, eight-year-old Lainey, might end up being a football player herself. “But no matter what, win or lose, I know they will always love me when I get home.”

Burleson sees a promising future for HSU football. “All of us in the football program understand that we are carrying on a proud tradition at this university. The support we have received from former HSU players and alumni has been phenomenal. While I see numerous championships and continued success of the HSU football program in the future, more importantly, I see many lives that will be impacted and changed for the better. I see young boys coming into this program and leaving as men who are prepared for the battle they are going to fight each and every day.”

And finally, never one to lose sight of priorities, Burleson says, “I see us as a coaching staff trying to give our players and students the tools they need in life to seize every opportunity to follow the path the Lord has put before them.”
Cowgirl Soccer Brings HSU’s First NCAA D-III National Championship Title Under the Leadership of Coach Marcus Wood by Brenda Harris

On a chilly morning in December, faculty, staff, and students lined the street as the bus carrying the women’s soccer team left the campus headed for an uncertain destiny to play in the final four game of the Division III National Championship. The bus stopped, and Dr. Lanny Hall stepped up into the cabin. He expressed to the girls how proud the university was of them, and told them they represented HSU very well. Coach Marcus Wood says of the event, “The girls were in awe of the number of people who turned out. The send-off is a special memory for all of us.”

The girls won that Friday evening game in San Antonio against Otterbein University of Ohio, putting them in line the next day to play number-one ranked Messiah College from Grantham, Pennsylvania. The Cowgirls upset the two-time defending National Champion Messiah, winning the NCAA Division III title with a 2-1 score.

In addition to that championship title, Coach Marcus Wood was also named the Division III Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Wood has been named the West Region Coach of the Year three times, but this is his first national honor. He was also named this year as American Southwest Conference Coach of the Year for the sixth time, as well as Coach of the Year by D3soccer.com.

Building Champions
Growing up in Iowa, Marcus started playing soccer when he was five years old, and he started coaching at age 16. “I coached my younger brother’s team. As a high school player, I was as knowledgeable as the average coach in Iowa. We won a lot because we had great players, not because I was good at coaching. But it gave me encouragement that I could do it.”

As a student at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, Marcus excelled both in soccer and academically. He was Olivet’s second all-time leading scorer and was an all-conference selection. He was as imposing off the field as on, being named an Academic All-American in 1996 and the Marketing Student of the Year in 1997.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in business marketing at Olivet in 1997, he began his official coaching career at Cumberland College in Kentucky as an assistant soccer coach. It was there that Marcus met his future wife, Kelley, a stand-out soccer player for Cumberland. Kelley was inducted this year into the Cumberland Hall of Fame—the first soccer player to be inducted.

It was not until years later when both were working at HSU that the couple became a couple. Marcus and Kelley had remained friends after Cumberland, and kept in touch over the years. Kelley came to HSU in 2004 as director of recruiting. They married in 2005 and welcomed daughter, Kamryn, in 2008. Kelley earned her MBA at HSU in 2007.

After leaving Cumberland College in 1999, Marcus
became the assistant coach at Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina. He helped turn the GWU program from 6-13 under the previous staff in 1998 to 13-9 in his only season there, leading the Lady Bulldogs to upset the No. 1 team in the nation.

Wood came to Hardin-Simmons University in 2000 eager to begin his head coaching career. He also started coaching youth soccer when he came to Abilene. Several of the girls on this year’s championship team have been coached by Marcus since they were youngsters. “Youth soccer is one of my passions,” explains Marcus. “Abilene youth need an opportunity, and I can help. Occasionally, those girls become good enough to help our college team. The girls I coached in youth soccer have been very loyal and have come to HSU. I began coaching all the Abilene players on the HSU roster when they were 11 or 12 years old.”

Marcus is a skillful motivator and teacher, often speaking and instructing at soccer clinics. His philosophy on motivation has a psychological basis. “Each girl is different. They are all very driven but for different reasons. Every coach is a bit of a psychologist and must know how to bring out the best in people.” With a Type-A, competitive, driven personality, it isn’t hard to get Marcus charged up. And that energy is contagious, resulting in a team that is driven to success.

Of the championship, Marcus says it was a long process reaching the top. “Every season we learned something on the journey. In 2009, we were very close and lost a heartbreaker in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA. The loss provided some extra drive.”

The team was afforded a bonding experience before the 2010 season when they were allowed an international trip to Barcelona, Spain. “Our preseason trip to Barcelona was very important in bringing the team together. The

HSU’s NCAA DIII National Champion Women’s Soccer Team was honored in Austin on the Texas House and Senate Floors and in the Governor’s Office.
Head Women’s Soccer Coach Marcus Wood ’03 with his wife, Kelley (Tragesser ’07), and their daughter, Kamryn.

The Next Step

Marcus has big dreams for the future of HSU soccer. “We want HSU soccer to be a place where dreams come true. We are recruiting talented soccer players who are exceptional students who love the Lord. We believe these young ladies deserve a place where they can work to make their dreams come true. The alumni have left a legacy and have helped create opportunities for future generations.”

With an appreciation for alumni participation and for the foundation laid by them, Marcus says, “It was very inspiring to see so many of our soccer alumni at the games during the Final Four. The alumni built a great program and created the opportunity for the 2010 team. Together we all celebrated a number of years of hard work. The journey and the destination were both awesome to experience. I thank our alumni for buying into the vision at HSU and building something special. There are very few places in the United States that can match the experience that we can provide our female soccer players.”

Family plays an important role in Marcus’ success. “Kelley was a great soccer player, and that helps. She knows how much effort it takes to build a great team. Kamryn and Kelley go to all our home games, and it’s great to get post-game hugs from both of them.”

Although soccer dominates his life, he does have other interests. A voracious reader, Wood soaks up subjects like religion and parenting philosophies along with coaching strategies. Kelley says of him, “Based on the accolades he has accumulated in his coaching career, it’s evident that Marcus is a good coach. What people may not know is that he is also a dedicated husband and father. I am proud of him for all he has accomplished in his young career, but even more proud of the father he is to our daughter, Kamryn. He is her hero—and mine too!”
A Note from Mike Hammack ’84/89
Executive Director for Institutional Advancement

Years ago when going through my grandmother’s estate we came across her 1926 diploma from Simmons University. The document is tattered and the right third of the parchment is destroyed. My grandmother’s name is clearly visible, and you can make out the signature of former President Sandefer and Chairman of the Trustees C.M. Caldwell. Despite its poor condition, my grandmother held on to her diploma because she cherished her education, and she cherished her days at HSU.

There are thousands of us who also look fondly upon our connection with Hardin-Simmons. Whether an alumnus, ex, or friend, all our lives have been enriched through our connection with the university. We too cherish the memories and lasting impact of “an education enlightened by faith.”

For the students on campus now and for those yet to come, we commit to be good stewards of our rich heritage and the resources entrusted to us. Our trustees and the administration are now making plans for the next decade. We will be looking at increasing scholarships, making facility improvements, launching new programs and enhancing existing ones. We must continue to build on the foundation that has been laid by those who came before us. We must remain faithful to our calling.

I am glad my grandmother kept her diploma. I am even happier she kept the values it represents—to do a job well, to remain faithful, to accept God’s grace when we fall short, and to leave a legacy for the next generation. These principles are at the core of Hardin-Simmons and are fundamental to what we do in Advancement. We are here to serve you. If we can help you with your plans please call us at (325) 670-1260.

Why We Give
Harold and Gloria (Gass) Taylor, both ’52

“Our love affair has lasted more than 60 years—with each other—and with HSU,” say Harold and Gloria Taylor. High school sweethearts, the couple married during their sophomore year in college. Just days after their wedding, however, they returned to their respective colleges—Harold to HSU, and Gloria to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Weeks later, they were reunited when the semester ended and Gloria transferred to Hardin-Simmons. When she arrived by train in Abilene, Gloria was greeted by a slew of football players who accompanied Harold to the train station and serenaded her. The legendary Coach Warren Woodson was not only Harold’s coach, but he also looked out for Harold and saw to it that Harold and Gloria had a place to live. In those days, HSU was in NCAA Division I, and Harold attended school on a full football scholarship. Gloria’s parents were able to pay for her schooling, and continued to do so after the couple married.

Harold and Gloria have many wonderful memories of their days at HSU, but they agree the best thing that happened to them here was that Harold accepted Christ as Savior. Gloria was a devoted Christian and Harold knew if he wanted to be with her on Sundays, he would have to attend church. Harold began attending University Baptist Church with Gloria on Sunday evenings. Prof. Ribble called Harold into his office one day and talked with him about the Lord. That conversation, along with Gloria’s example, moved Harold to become a Christian. Years later, Harold led both of his parents to Christ.

The Taylors say God has blessed them both spiritually and materially. Their experience is that “We cannot out-give God.” With gratitude, they gladly give back to Hardin-Simmons University, a place that has changed their lives for eternity.
New Programs at HSU
Two New Business Degrees
Two new majors have been added to the Kelley College of Business BBA degree plan. Beginning in the fall of 2011, students will have the opportunity to major in nonprofit management or public administration. 11/3/10

BFA in Theatre Added
A focus in theatre has been added to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program, with an initial three tracks in musical theatre, performance, and design/technical theatre. The degree will begin in the fall of 2011. 12/17/10

Ethics Minor
A minor in ethics has been added to the undergraduate degree program. The minor will offer interdisciplinary studies, enabling students to understand how ethics relates to all aspects of life. Diverse disciplines will cover topics such as education, fine arts, world religious traditions, science, business, media, criminal justice, constitutional law, social welfare, healthcare, and Christian political theology.
HSU Partners with West Texas Honor Flight
West Texas World War II veterans are being given an opportunity to fly to Washington DC to visit their memorial, free of charge. In December, Jeff Ballenger ’87, a small business executive and entrepreneur, asked HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall to co-chair the Honor Flight program, which raised $250,000 to carry 300 veterans to Washington in the spring of 2011. 12/17/10; 2/15/11

Campus Renovations
New Fitness Area Results from Student Suggestions
Over the 2010 summer, renovations were made to the HSU exercise facility on the second floor of Mabee Complex. The remodel, a temporary solution to meeting the need for a much larger wellness center, developed from student focus groups as part of a regular cycle of student development planning. 9/17/10

Snack Area in the SUB Remodeled
The snack area in Moody Center has been updated, providing better access for students using laptops for study, and the installation of PODs (Provisions On Demand) with an array of fresh salads and sandwiches, frozen dinners, ice cream, and a coffee bar. 10/7/10

Updates in the Dining Hall
The cafeteria was renovated over Christmas break to provide more healthy options and freshly made custom orders. The atmosphere has been brightened up with colorful plates, LED lighting, and signage, several walls were removed for a more open look. 1/18/11

Kelley Bible Collection
According to the wishes of the late Doyle Kelley ’51, his collection of 13 historically important Bibles was donated to HSU by his wife, Inez ’51X. Included in the collection is one of the rarest Bibles known to exist, the 1537 Cloverdale Bible, which was the first Bible ever printed in English and small enough for personal use. 3/24/10

Blue Taco to Open in Former Java City Location
Blue Taco, a locally owned casual restaurant, will open July 1, 2011, in the former Java City location across from the HSU campus on Hickory Street. The café will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to midnight, providing a relaxed beach town atmosphere for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. 3/14/11
NSO Reunion Dinners Hosted by the President

Through November and early December, Dr. and Mrs. Lanny Hall invited the NSO student teams to join them for dinner in the president’s home to initiate discussions and gather ideas from the students about what they would like to see happening at HSU. The groups shared thoughts on topics ranging from parking to majors and classes they would like to see added. 11/15/10

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Larry Baker to Head Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

In August 2009, a veteran pastor with a rich academic background, Dr. Larry Baker, was appointed to serve as director of the Doctor of Ministry degree program. Dr. Baker also serves as professor of pastoral ministry. 8/12/09

Dr. Karin Brown to head Criminal Justice Department

Dr. Karin Brown ’89/’97 joined the faculty of the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts as assistant professor of criminal justice and will head the department. 2/22/10

2010 Faculty and Staff Members of the Year

Dr. Ed Hewett, senior professor of mathematics, was named Faculty Member of the Year, and Anita Lyle, administrative assistant to the dean of the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts, was named Staff Member of the Year at the 2010 Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner in May 2010. 5/11/10

River Ministry Collection Permanently Housed in Connally Missions Center

Elmin Howell ’52, director of the Texas Baptists’ River Ministry, donates his River Ministry collection to the university. The collection, chronicling the 40-year history of accomplishments made by the ministry, is housed in the Connally Missions Center. 10/6/2010

Kucinski Named Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Nancy Kucinski ’83, professor of management and Hemphill Chair of Business, was appointed dean of HSU Graduate Studies, replacing Dr. Gary Stanlake, who continues as professor of biology. Dr. Kucinski also directs the Acton MBA program. 5/17/10

Mike Hammack Named Executive Director

Mike Hammack ’84/’89 was chosen from a field of 34 candidates to head up fundraising for HSU. He was appointed executive director for institutional advancement after a summer-long search. 9/7/10

Restructuring Adds Communication and Marketing to Davidson’s Responsibilities

In a restructuring of the advancement area to place more emphasis on fundraising, the Office of University Communications (now Communication & Marketing Services), has been moved under the supervision of Dr. Shane Davidson, vice president for enrollment & marketing management. 9/7/10

Harris Promoted to Director of Communication & Marketing Services

In April, Brenda Harris ’10 was named director of communication and marketing services. The Office of University Communications (now Communication & Marketing Services), is now included in the area of Enrollment and Marketing Management.
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
Change Not to Affect HSU Students
In October, Abilene Christian University announced that, effective in the fall of 2013, they will withdraw from membership in the consortium that has operated the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing education program. HSU, McMurry University, and Hendrick Health System have been the other long-standing partners in the cooperative arrangement. HSU pledges to remain as a good faith partner in this endeavor, along with McMurry and Hendrick, and nursing students should not be impacted in any way by ACU’s decision. 10/14/10

HSU Green Initiative Launched
The HSU Green program was launched during Global Awareness Week in November 2010 to develop environmental responsibility across the campus. First among the green projects was the installation of recycle bins in the SUB area and in all dorms. Educational and mission-minded events were also carried out during the week. As part of the initiative, a new position has been established to head up the Green program. Hunter Mangrum ’10, residence life associate, will implement the program. 11/3/10; 11/8/10

Parnell Honored at NCAA Women’s Awards Banquet
Former Hardin-Simmons volleyball player Kaela (Parnell) Cherry ’10 was honored as one of the 30 national semifinalists at the NCAA Woman’s Awards Honors Banquet in Indianapolis on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010.

The voting process starts at the institution level, where Parnell was selected as the HSU nominee, and then went to the conference level where she was named the ASC nominee. The list of 452 nominees from all three NCAA levels was cut down to 10 semifinalists from each Division.

The national winner was chosen by the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics.

The Woman of the Year Award honors female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate career in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service, and leadership.

“The Woman of the Year Award uniquely gives us the opportunity to honor a group of outstanding female student-athletes who perform at high levels in collegiate athletics while also making significant contributions to their communities and achieving remarkable academic success,” said Karen Morrison, NCAA director of gender initiatives.

Parnell, an all-American volleyball player for the Cowgirls, was the American Southwest Conference MVP, posted a 4.0 GPA as a pre-med/biology major, and was the ASC Community Service Award Winner.

Keep up with HSU Sports
Visit hsuathletics.com for all the latest stats and stories on the HSU Cowboys and Cowgirls!
Brisco Named Provost

Effective June 1, 2010, Dr. Tommy Brisco, who has served as dean of the Logsdon School of Theology since 2003, has been appointed provost and chief academic officer.

Brisco was named to the post by HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall. “Dr. Brisco is a respected, seasoned academic leader. He has a distinguished record as a scholar, professor, speaker, and minister. He has served more than three decades as a faculty member in all faculty ranks,” says Hall.

“As dean of the Logsdon Seminary,” Hall says, “Brisco will be remembered for championing the Doctor of Ministry degree and leading Logsdon’s effort to achieve accreditation for the seminary from the Association of Theological Schools.”

A search advisory committee, chaired by Dr. Nancy Kucinski, dean of HSU Graduate Studies and associate professor of management in the HSU Kelley College of Business, presented the president with a “short list” of candidates, from which Brisco was chosen.

Kucinski says, “The Search Advisory Committee believes Dr. Brisco is an excellent choice for the HSU vice president for academic affairs. His credentials are outstanding, and we found him to be a person of character and vision with a deep commitment to Christian higher education and to Hardin-Simmons.”

Brisco has served as dean of Logsdon School of Theology and Logsdon Seminary on the Hardin-Simmons campus since 2003.

He replaces former provost Dr. Bill Ellis, who left HSU to become president of Howard Payne University in 2009.

Dr. Brisco came to Hardin-Simmons from Baylor University, where he taught in the department of religion. Prior to that, Dr. Brisco taught for 21 years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and served as the associate dean for the Doctor of Philosophy program. Brisco began his teaching career on the faculty of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he served as an instructor of religion from 1977 to 1980.

Brisco specializes in ancient Near Eastern history and archaeology, particularly as the subjects relate to the historical, cultural, and geographical settings of the Bible. He earned the Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Ouachita Baptist University in 1969, the Master of Divinity in 1973 and the Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Backgrounds and Archaeology, in 1981 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His archaeological field experience includes work at Tel Aphek and Tel Batash in Israel, as well as excavations closer to home in both New Mexico and Texas.

Brisco has served as an archaeological consultant for the Biblical Illustrator, collecting visual materials for the publication at sites throughout the Middle East and Italy. Brisco is the author of the Holman Bible Atlas, a volume that received the Gold Medallion Book Award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

Brisco is also an ordained minister, having served as an interim pastor at churches in Texas, Colorado, Arkansas, and Switzerland.

“Dr. Brisco will bring extensive preparation and dedication to the significant leadership post of provost and chief academic officer,” says Hall. “I predict great academic accomplishments during his service to HSU in this key administrative position.”

As a fellow professor, Kucinski says, “I look forward to working for Dr. Brisco, and I am excited that he will be leading the fine faculty members we have at HSU.”

Dr. Don Williford, professor of New Testament, has served as the interim vice president for academic affairs.
Vision Statement and Goals
Hardin-Simmons University will be an innovative community of servant scholars engaging the mind and nurturing the spirit of future Christian leaders. Embracing a climate of excellence, during the next ten years, HSU will:

- Develop a culture of innovation, diversity, and openness to change
- Maintain and enhance the Christian distinctiveness of campus
- Develop a unified marketing and imaging plan
- Significantly improve campus technology
- Enrich the total faculty/staff experience
- Enrich the total student experience
- Grow total enrollment
- Develop new programs and evaluate existing programs
- Dramatically improve, maintain, and expand facilities

Vision Team
The mission of the Vision Team is to provide counsel on operationalizing the vision.

- Dr. Chris McNair, Dean of the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics and Professor of Biology, Vision Team Chair
- Dr. Dan Stiver, Cook-Derrick Professor of Theology
- Dr. Tiffany Fink, Associate Professor of History
- Dr. Mary Christopher, Professor of Educational Studies, Certification Officer, and Graduate Program Director
- Mrs. Stacey Martin, Undergraduate Director of Academic Advising
- Mr. Forrest McMillan, Dean of Students
- Mr. Don Ashmore, Associate Vice President for Finance & Management and Controller
One spring I attended a funeral for a friend who was way too young and who had left two daughters and a son behind. At the graveside there were so many people gathered that I was a good distance from the casket and could barely hear the pastor. A woman named Connie stood next to me while we waited for the service to conclude.

Her head barely reached my shoulder, and she had a round face with straight, brunette hair that always looked a little disheveled; ironically, she owned a local beauty shop and had cut my hair for me when I lived in the area. We chatted for a little and got caught up on things. Connie had been battling cancer for years and had lived far longer than the doctors expected. She didn’t like to talk about her own cancer much, except to boast about how God was confounding her oncologist.

Connie refused to be depressed or sad about her condition. Instead, she dealt with her anxiety by doing everything she could to stare down death in a contest to make him blink first. She had a contagious, independent spirit. She refused to miss work even when she was feeling wretched. She reached out to other cancer patients in the area. Numerous times I saw her driving someone to the doctor’s office for chemotherapy or visiting acquaintances at the hospital—even people she barely knew.

She volunteered at the funeral home, styling the hair of the deceased before they were presented at a funeral. Until I had met Connie, I never even thought about somebody needing to do this. But she relished the job, and had some bizarre stories to tell about the things she learned the hard way about fixing the hair of the deceased. And somehow, this melancholic ministry gave Connie humor and strength to make it one more day. She is one of those rare individuals I have met who I would nominate for sainthood.

Eventually we ran out of things to say and the crowd settled down. A reverent silence fell on the hillside, except for the birds. The pastor was bringing his remarks to a close, and as he did Connie reached out and grabbed my hand. I have to admit I was a little embarrassed at first. Here I was without my wife, and Connie was without her husband, and we were both surrounded by a mob of people, some of whom were my former church members, and we were holding hands. What would people think?

I felt awkward. But after the initial shock wore off, I was able to think a little more clearly about what was going on. I turned and looked at Connie, who was crying, her eyes fixated on the casket. And I don’t think it was just because of sadness. She was scared. And then it dawned on me what must be frightening her.

She was staring at her own near future.

How dumb could I be? Here I was, afraid of what others might think when all the while Connie was giving me a precious gift—a chance to share her pain and her burden for a brief moment. A burden that was becoming a little too overwhelming because of everything that was going on around us.

And so I stepped a little closer to her, and she rested her head on my upper arm as we watched the casket descend into the grave.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

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“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2 (NRSV)
This issue contains submissions received in the Range Rider Office between October 14, 2009 and January 1, 2011.

All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Email addresses are included whenever possible.

1952
Reneatha (Little) Golmon '52 recently celebrated her 80th birthday. She lives in Waco; tonyalex5676@hotmail.com.

1954
Dr. James McGraw '54X, a professor at the University of Washington, was named the University of Washington School of Dentistry's 2010 Distinguished Alumni. He and his wife, Janice (Grimsley '54), live in Bellevue WA.

1956
Charles Cooper '56X, who retired as a professor from UC San Diego, is writing a book about the history, practice, and uses of writing. The book is intended for high school and college teachers of writing. Charles lives in Sacramento CA; crmacooper@sbcglobal.net.

Glen Herrington '56 has retired and lives in Denton; gdherrington@yahoo.com.

1958
Sandy Burt-Jones '58X has moved from Dallas to Houston; sbjkdfldsl@sbcglobal.net.

1959
HSU Trustee Dale Haralson '59 recently received the Lifetime Advocate for Civil Justice Award from the Arizona Trial Lawyers Assn. In June 2010, the Western Trial Lawyers Assn. presented him the first Fallout Award for representing victims of radioactive contamination from atomic bomb testing that took place in Nevada in the 1950s and 60s. He was also named the 2009 Tuscon Personal Injury Litigator of the Year by Best Lawyers. Dale and his wife, Betty, live in Tuscon AZ; ddh@daleharalson.com.

Dr. Kenneth Lacho '59X was given the Academy of Educational Leadership Creative and Innovation Education Award at the Allied Academies Sprint 2010 International Conference held in New Orleans. He is a professor of management at the University of New Orleans and lives in Covington LA; kjlacho@uno.edu.

1960
Bobby '60X and Noma Lou (Hamilton '59) Rainer live in Lubbock; ber518@sbcglobal.net.

Jerry '60 and Maralee (Windsor '69) Self live in Albuquerque NM where Jerry is working through retirement by teaching philosophy and religion courses at Central New Mexico Community College. Maralee recently received her Certification in Volunteer Administration and is the volunteer administrator for Hospice of the Sandias; maralees@comcast.net.

1961
Dr. Milton Redeker '61, whose newest book, Making Disciples, was recently published, will publish his autobiography, We Will Remember, in spring 2011; milton.redeker@comcast.net.

1962
Tommy and Kay (Maner) Echols both '62 recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Both have retired from Snyder ISD where they taught and coached. They have three children and four grandchildren and now enjoy ranching in Texas and Oklahoma; kechols@wtconnect.com.

1963
Peggy (Lemons) Lane '63 is a decorator-designer for Cromer's Interiors and recently moved from Granbury to Burleson; cromerintbyjan@att.net.

1964
Keith '64 and Sandra (Grinstead '65) Fry live in Rochester where Keith farms and ranches after having retired from teaching math and science. Sandra has started her own business, Fry's Computer Care, after her retirement from teaching business and computer for 43 years; sfryocharester@yahoo.com.

Yvette (Miller) Pace '64X recently retired after teaching in New Mexico for 30 years. She and her husband, Billy, live in Albuquerque and have three children and three grandchildren; ymomgma@aol.com.

1965
Pat Bonds '65, who retired in 2009, splits his time between his two homes in East Texas and Ruidoso NM; patul-bonds@suddenlink.net.

1967
Larry Jordan '67 has retired after 14 years as executive pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Greenville and 47 years of full-time church ministry. His wife, Rebecca (Barlow '66X), has written three more inspirational/devotional books for women, released in April from Zondervan: Day-votions™ for Women, Day-votions™ for Mothers, and Day-votions™ for Grandmothers.
She also writes an inspirational blog at www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com; rebecca@rebeccabarlowjordan.com; larryjjordan@tx.rr.com.

1968
Linda (Burleson) McAnelly '68X is superintendent of schools for Devine ISD. She and her husband, Phil, live in Moore (See Letter to the Editor on page 3).

Robert Smith '68 has pastored churches in Texas, Hong Kong, and Japan. Robert retired from the U.S. Army as a chaplain. He and his wife, Jeri, are retired from the International Mission Board of the SBC as missionaries to Hong Kong and Japan. They live in Arlington; rnjsmith@sbcglobal.net.

Mara (Koenig) Smith '68 and her husband, Ford, recently opened their own publishing house in Tryon NC, and have released their first two books: Endangered and Winning Wines: Medal Winners for $12 or Less; marafo@windstream.net.

1969
Robert Hall '69 and his wife, Sherry, have lived in Jayton 40 years where he owns Robert Hall Chevrolet. The Halls have three sons and six grandchildren; robhall@caprock-spur.com.

Randy McDonald '69, who was inducted into HSU’s 2001 Athletics Hall of Fame, recently retired after 44 years as a pastor. He now devotes his time to officiating tennis and lives in Plano; rmtennis@yahoo.com.

1970
Sandra Estes '70 retired from the Calexico Unified School District and lives in El Centro CA; sandilink@att.net.

1972
Linda (Burgess) Moussa '72 lives in Redhill UK; lbm@pobox.com.

1973
Sandy Champion '73 recently moved from Annandale VA back to Abilene; sandy.l.champion@gmail.com.

1974
Deborah (Browning) Brazeau '74 is teaching first grade in Lagos, Nigeria; dbrazeau1@aol.com.

Annette (Howard) Davis '74 retired from teaching and lives in Tolar where she and her husband, Coy, manage their rental business; annettedavis@windstream.net.

Peggy (Irwin) Martin '74 and her husband, Howell, recently moved to Colorado City where she teaches in the Sweetwater ISD; pmartin@sweetwater.esc14.net.

1976
Janice (Cook) Medlin '76 lives in Greenwell Springs LA; jmedlin10@cox.net.

Tony BS'76 and Martha (Price '75X) Thetford live in Irving, where Tony is director of public information for Irving ISD. He recently completed 30 years with the school district; thetford@irvingisd.net.

1978
Karen (Williams) Johnson '78 was recently promoted to child care licensing risk analyst with the Department of Family and Protective Services. She has worked for the State of Texas for 25 years and also serves as a family care supervisor for Hendrick Home for Children in Abilene; muffyj2@aol.com.

Carol (Rives) Mariano '78 and her husband, Richard, live in Saginaw; cmar7996@yahoo.com.

Jan (Evans) Patterson '78, professor of medicine and pathology at the UT Health Science Center, was recently named associate dean for quality and lifelong learning.

She was also inducted into the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame. She and her husband, Thomas, live in San Antonio; pattersonj@uthscsa.edu.

1979
Gene Lantrip '79 and his wife, Cindy, live in Abilene where Gene owns and operates Lantrip’s Custom Homes, Inc. Gene was named the 2009 Home Builder of the Year by the Big Country Homebuilders Association. Gene and Cindy welcomed their first grandson, Alexander Logan Gonzales, on May 8, 2009; genelantrip@hotmail.com.

Dr. Steve Simpson '79 is now the director of sports medicine and assistant AD for sports medicine at Tarleton State University. He and his wife, Ramona, and their two sons live in Stephenville; simpson@tarleton.edu.

George and Sylvia (Patton) Black both '80 live in Joshua. George has retired after serving 29 years as a contract chaplain for Ft. Worth Federal Correctional Facility. Sylvia is the owner/president and a psychotherapist at Huguley Psychology Clinic; huguleypsyclinic@sbcglobal.net.

1981
Catherine (Downey) Lawrence '81X and her husband, Kevin, live in Smithville; smithvillecat@gmail.com.

Janis (Nimmo) Weaver '81/82 and her husband, John, live in Pawnee OK. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a student at HSU; purple.tiger77@tx.rr.com.

Ronnie Kidd '81 was named president of the Big Country Society for Human Resource Management for 2010. He is managing director for administration for the City of Abilene and is serving as chair of the board of directors for Food Bank of West Central Texas. He lives in Abilene with his wife, Sheila, and their sons, Kirby and Riley, who is an HSU student; Ronnie.Kidd@abilenetx.com.
1982
Beth (McBrayer) Bass ’82 and her husband, Troy, live in Lubbock; cbmbass@hotmail.com.

1983
David Ketron ’83 recently moved to Rockwall; dbketron10@yahoo.com.

1984
Philip ’84 and Linda (Steele ’83) Yeilding live in Sherman where Linda is principal at Texoma Christian School. They have one son, Michael; lyeilding@cableone.net.

1985
Darla (Wallick) Eason ’85 lives in Granbury and is an MRP planner for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in International Procurement for the F-16 Modification Program; darlaea-son@charter.net.

Vance Cooksey ’85/’87 was named Realtor of the Year for 2009 by the Abilene Board of Realtors. He is president and broker of Cooksey and Company, Realtors, LLC; cooksey@camalott.com.

1986
Blair Church ’86 is a senior supervisor for federal employee programs with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and lives in Abilene; sphinx1986@suddenlink.net.

Mark Huard ’86 and his wife, Carol, live in Cedar Park. Mark is a detective with the Austin Police Department; mhuard@austin.rr.com.

Judy Trotti ’86/’93 received her PhD in 2008 and is an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Judy lives in Belton; judy.trotti@att.net.

1987
Wayne Gerdes ’87 and his wife, Angie, live in McKinney with sons Evan, Luke, and Adam. Wayne is a regional sales manager for The Hartford in Frisco; wayne.gerdes@thehartford.com.

Jed Wood ’87 is an aerospace supportability engineering manager for Bell Helicopter Textron. He and his wife, Sheri, live in Ft. Worth; kermit_76@hotmail.com.

1989
Doug Bonsal ’89 and his wife, Sheri (Pesch ’88), live in New Caney; dbonsal@newcaneyisd.org.

Jerry Bowen ’89 has moved to Lubbock where he is an agency development manager for Colonial Life Insurance; jerryb07@sbcglobal.net.

Kimberly (Jones) Lane ’89 is an RN at Community Health Clinic in Breckenridge; klane@resourcecare.org.

Daniel ’89 and Deana (Baker ’91) Lewis live in Lubbock where Dan is vice president of commercial lending for American State Bank. Deana recently started a new job with Frenship ISD where their children, Drew, Dane, and Darby, attend school; dslewis@sbcglobal.net.

Garry ’89 and Rhonda (Leech ’91) Thornton live in Beaufort SC. Garry is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. He has served in the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion and has made deployments to Okinawa and Fallujah. He currently serves as command chaplain, USS Oak Hill, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Virginia Beach VA. He and Rhonda have four children; garrythornton@juno.com.

1991
Lisa (Westerberg) Wycoll ’91 is the assistant principal in charge of curriculum and instruction at Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio; dcrowe_55@yahoo.com.

Sammy ’94 and Anita (McCormick ’94) Elliot recently moved to Levelland where Sammy is pastor of First Baptist Church; sjarelliott@gmail.com.

Jay ’94/’95 and Lisa (Brunner ’95) Lester live in Victoria where Jay is director of fine arts and Lisa teaches kindergarten in Victoria ISD. Jay serves on the HSU Board of Development and the Cowboy Band Foundation Board of Directors. The couple has two sons, Michael and Brian; jonjaylester@yahoo.com; lisaglester@yahoo.com.

1994
Collin McCormick ’95, who was inducted into HSU’s 2009 Athletics Hall of Fame, is a full-time personal trainer and also oversees youth programs for Park Cities YMCA. Collin lives in Mesquite; cmar5ntx@yahoo.com.

Ginger (Martin) Storey ’95 married Alan in Dec. 2009. The couple live in Odessa where Ginger is director of choirs for Bowie Junior High; ginger.martin@ectorcountyisd.org.

1995
Michael ’96 and Tracy (Crews ’96) Hale welcomed daughter Myla Jane in January 2010. She joins siblings Emma, Ethan, Gage, Sophie, and Luke. The Hales live in Newport News VA where Michael
is lead pastor of Hope Community Church and is working on his MDiv; tracy.hale@extremehope.org; mike.hale@extremehope.org.

1997
Lucas Bishop '97 and his wife, Kristyn, have served as missionaries in Pucullpa, Peru, through TEC Ministries Inc. since 2005. Their children, Noah and Olivia, were born in Peru; the3rdray@gmail.com.

John Lowe '97, senior academic consultant for Baylor University, was recently honored with a BaylorPlus salute for Outstanding Faculty/Staff at Baylor. He and his wife, Angela, have two daughters, Emma and Lillian, and live in Waco; John_Lowe@baylor.edu.

Michelle (Aycock) Smith '97 was accepted to the doctoral program in the School of Education at Texas State University, focusing in school improvement. She works in educational policy for a lobbying firm in Austin. She and her husband, Codie, have two sons, Casper and Casey, and live in Buda; michelle@cdaustin.com.

1998
Amy (Kirby) Burkman '98 is the graduate program coordinator for the Educational Leadership Program at UT Permian Basin. Her first book was published in 2010 with two more expected to be released in summer 2011. She lives in Midland with her husband, Keith, and their children, Aaron and Phoebe; amy.burkman@yahoo.com.

Mike Fecci '98 is the campus athletic coordinator and head football coach at McKinney North High School; mfecci@mckinneyisd.net.

Gene Kirkpatrick '98 lives in Brownwood and is a first assistant athletic trainer for Howard Payne University; trappergene@hotmail.com.

Jennifer Massie '98 has been teaching art for 12 years. Currently she teaches at Lewisville in an accelerated program to help struggling students graduate; jenniferleighmassie@yahoo.com.

Brannon Revel '98 is pastor of Golden Acres Baptist Church in Pasadena. He and his wife, Erica, have two children, Caris and Collin, and live in Angleton; bkrevel@yahoo.com.

Richie (Trampas) Cox '98 is owner of Your Ideas in Abilene. She has two children and lives in Abilene; trampas@yourideasinc.net.

1999
Mark '99 and Jenny (Anderson '97) LaCroix live in Midland with their children, Phillip and Avery. Mark, who is the social studies chairman at Midland Freshman High School, was recently named High School Teacher of the Year by the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also received the 2010 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award from Humanities Texas and accepted the Special Olympics of Texas Service Organization of the Year Award on behalf of Midland Freshman High School; mlacroix@midlandisd.net.

Derrick Scott '99 lives in Rockwall and is an account manager for Precision Industries/DPX; scott982@yahoo.com.

April (Carnathan) Taylor '99 and her husband, Will, welcomed daughter Macie Dianna on March 16, 2009. Macie joins sister Mae and brothers Mitchell, Matt, and Mason. The family lives in Maryneal; adtaylor6@gmail.com.

2000
Justin Davis '00 is a public safety officer for Highland Park and lives in Dallas; spr_trnr@hotmail.com.

2001
Brandon Bouma '01 lives in Plainview where he is in the dairy business; bbouma@legacyfarmslp.com.

Kara (Rowland) Cowart '01 married Ron on Jan. 30, 2010, and is choir director at Bay City High School; kara-cowart@gmail.com.

Naomi Cox '01/06 lives in Houston; naomicox77@yahoo.com.

Jennifer (Gerdes) Reichardt '01 and her husband, Adam, welcomed son Cody John on Aug. 12, 2010. He joins brothers Jacob and Trace. The family lives in Ranger; adamreichardt@yahoo.com.

2002
Scott Hoffmeyer '02 is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments. He and his wife, Jessica, live in North Richland Hills; scott.hoffmeyer@gmail.com.

Jonathan '02 and Tracy (Nannemann '03) Norris welcomed daughter, Bristol, on Feb. 3, 2009. The family lives in Oklahoma City OK where Jonathan works as a computer engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration; jon_norris24@yahoo.com.
Jason Snyder ’02 completed his PhD at the University of North Texas in 2009 and is an actuary; jes0082@gmail.com.

2003
Lori (Merritt) Blong ’03, her husband, Jared, and their children, Merritt Grace and Caleb Tate, have moved to Brownwood; loripblong@hotmail.com.

Andrew Rosbury ’03 is an adjunct professor at Regent University School of Undergraduate Studies and is in his second year of study in the PhD in communication program; AFRosbury@aol.com.

Will ’03/’08 and Kaely (Blay ’03) Tippen welcomed daughter Lucy Jane on Feb. 23, 2010. The family lives in Abilene; wtippen@gmail.com; kaelytippen@gmail.com.

2004
Scott Lovelace ’04/’05 and his family recently relocated to Yokosuka, Japan, where he is an adolescent substance abuse counselor for the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, Valeria, have three children, Erin, Ethan, and Evie; scottalfredlovelace@yahoo.com.

Taylor Manning ’04 is an agency director with MetLife and lives in Plano. He and his wife, Kayla, have a son, Cohen; tmanning1@metlife.com.

Nikki Medders ’04 is participating in the World Race, an 11-month, 11-country mission trip that started in Guatemala on Oct. 1, 2010, and will end in India on Sept. 1, 2011. Nikki lives in Round Rock; heathernicole1222@gmail.com.

Aaron ’04/’07 and Kristyn (Lain ’06) Walker live in Graham where Aaron is a physical therapist at Graham Regional Medical Center; aaronkwalker@gmail.com.

2005
Rachel Box ’05 married Jonathan Phelps on June 26, 2010. Rachel teaches second grade in Wylie ISD; ralphelpses26@gmail.com.

Chad and Kasey (Ridings) Gohlke, both ’05, welcomed daughter Brailey in February 2009. They live in Universal City; kl_ridings@yahoo.com.

Shannon Collins ’05 married Jeremy Maynard ’08 on May 22, 2010. They live in Abilene where Shannon is the educational technology services coordinator and Jeremy is the research center supervisor at HSU’s Richardson Library; shandawg48@hotmail.com.

Jason Dean ’05 married Jennifer Milam in October 2008. He completed his Master of Science in library and information science in December 2010 and became the cataloger and technical services librarian at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in January 2011. He and Jennifer live in Rogers AR; jason.dean@me.com.

2006
Elizabeth Evans ’06 is the lead associate treating doctor at Montgomery Chiropractic in Belton; elizabeth.lu.evans@gmail.com.

Kyle Finleon ’06 has returned to Texas to work on an MBA at Baylor after serving in the U.S. Navy; kyle_finleon@yahoo.com.

2007
Barrett Abernethy ’07 earned an MA from the University of Alabama in 2009. He has been a pre-seminary intern with First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa with plans to attend seminary. He lives in Austin; BaDuAb@aol.com.

Courtney Dieken ’07 is a social worker for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and lives in Lubbock; CLLeigh81@sbcglobal.net.

Mollie Moore ’07 recently graduated from Baylor University with a MA in English and is now an instructor at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee OK; mollieemooore@aol.com.

Amber Stark ’07 lives in Waco after completing an MSW in 2008 at Baylor and an MDiv in 2010 at Truett Seminary; isiah68@gmail.com.

Allen Bratcher ’08 and his wife, Lauren, live in Abilene where he serves as worship leader for The Journey United Methodist Church; klintbratcher@gmail.com.

2008
John Sampson ’09 is director at Waco Premiere Cinema; sampson.jf@gmail.com.

Sarah Neeley ’09 lives in Mineola and is a chaplain resident at Trinity Mother Frances in Tyler; sarah.a.neeley@gmail.com.
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1954

In November 2010, James Cox ’54 was presented the Community Hero Award for 50 years of coaching and teaching in the Fort Worth ISD. James was escorted on the field by Chuck Greenberg, owner of the Texas Rangers, and by Grant James, President of the Community Bank. During the coin toss, James was presented a game ball bearing his name and his years of service in the Fort Worth ISD. James and his wife, Sue (Cherry ’56) live in Ft. Worth; coachnsue@sbcglobal.net.

1954

Bill ’54 and Dorothy (Wallace ’52X) Cook are enjoying retirement and travel. He retired after 29 years as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Odessa, and she retired after 17 years as a nurse educator at Odessa College. They have traveled to more than 30 countries and 45 states; billanddorothy@live.com.

1952

Alfred ’52 and Gwendolyn (Griffitts ’51) Woodard, who married in December 1950, celebrated their 80th birthdays and their 60th anniversary in 2010. Their three children and spouses honored them with a reception in May. In retirement, Al is doing interim pastorates and ranching, and serves on the HSU Board of Development. The couple live in Graham; gwenal@tgncable.com.

1949

Dr. Weldon L. Estes ’49 recently retired as professor emeritus after 41 years in administration and teaching at Dallas Baptist University. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children and eight grandchildren and live in Dallas.
1965
Joanna (Thomason '65) Shampine had two of her quilts receive Honorable Mention awards from the Quilter’s Guild of Dallas. Joanna and her husband, Larry, live in Richardson; jrsampine@aol.com.

1968
Lee Williams ’68 was recently named University Distinguished Professor for the Department of Communication Studies at Texas State University-San Marcos. Lee lives in Kyle; mw02@txstate.edu.

1960
Teammates from the class of 1960 kicked off Homecoming 2010 with a fish-fry hosted by Joe and Doniece Allen at their home on Lake Comanche. The group included lettermen from football, basketball, baseball, track, and golf, their spouses and guests. *Left to right seated:* Jackie McNew, Jane Anne Ensey, Shirley Grimmett, Lisa Joshlin, Shorty Grimmett; *standing:* Joe R. Allen, Don McNew, Jeff & Marilyn Goodin, Ron Ensey, Don Wills, Jim Tom Butler, Doniece Allen.

1975
Ted Burgess ’75 recently retired after 25 years of managing continuing care retirement communities in California. While celebrating 30 years of marriage, he and his wife, Joy, took a year off to travel while consulting, exploring, and relaxing. He now provides marketing services for a home care agency in Bakersfield CA. Ted and Joy recently welcomed their first grandchild; TBurgess@alt-care.com.

1979
Cathy (Rawlinson) Lawrence ’79 and her husband, Larry, recently adopted their second son, Christopher, born Dec. 8 2004. He joins big brother, Jordan, age 21, who has been a part of the Lawrence family since the age of 14 months. The family lives in Spartanburg SC where Cathy and Larry serve as children’s pastors for Restoration Church International. Cathy is a ministry assistant at Bible Study Time, Inc. for Dr. Freda Crews, host of the TV program *Time For Hope*; grnacrz@yahoo.com.

1988
Peter ’88 and Michelle (Duewall ’88) Barten are now living in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where Peter is an ex-pat data analyst for ConocoPhillips and Michelle works part-time for a local accounting firm. They recently celebrated their 25th anniversary and have two sons, Matt and John; pmbaraten@juno.com.
1993
Melissa Lohnes ’93/’98 married John Neese ’88/’02, HSU director of athletics, on Feb. 18, 2010. They live in Abilene where Melissa is the senior financial analyst for HCA in Coppell; melissa.lohnes@hcahealthcare.com; jneese@hsutx.edu.

1994
Bryan Furr ’94 is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. He and wife, Jocelyn, recently adopted twin girls, Natalia and Juanita, from Peru; perucholito@yahoo.com.

1996
Jeremy and Gennie (Prosperie) Fitch both ’96 recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Jeremy is a senior IT auditor for Texas Instruments, and Gennie returned to teaching after being a stay-at-home mom for the last 10 years. They live in Waxahachie with their four children: Zachary, Charity, Micah, and Noah; luvbngamom@yahoo.com.

1998
Monica (Murray) May ’98 and her husband, Ronnie, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and the birth of their daughter, Lauren Ashleigh, in February 2010. Lauren joins brother, Michael. The family lives in Amarillo where Ronnie is district conservationist for the USDA in Panhandle, and Monica is a stay-at-home mom; rmmayfamily@att.net.

1996
Kim (Shipton ’96) Hoffman earned a BSN in 2010 from the University of South Carolina. She is now an occupational health nurse with RR Donnelley. She and her husband, Robert, and their daughter, Kasey, live in Sharon SC; kimberly.a.hoffman@rrd.com.

2000
T. J. ’00 and Jayme (Madsen ’99) Massingill welcomed son, Calvin, on Aug. 11, 2009. He joins big brother, Keegan. The family is currently serving as missionaries with the International Mission Board.
2000
Adam ‘00 and Caran (Clark ‘01) Smith welcomed daughter Micah Lael on May 18, 2010. The family lives near Chapel Hill NC; adamsmith5@yahoo.com; caransmith@yahoo.com.

2001
Link ‘01/’03 and Holly (Thomas ‘04) Harris welcomed daughter Swayze Kate on Nov. 23, 2010. The family lives in Abilene where Link is a counselor at Cisco College, and Holly is a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Taylor-Callahan Education Cooperative; hharris@tcec.us.

2001
Meredith (Hare) Stone ‘01/’06 is now the Women in Leadership Strategist for the BGCT. Meredith serves on the board of directors of the National Baptist Women in Ministry organization in addition to working on her PhD in biblical interpretation at TCU’s Brite Divinity School. She and her husband, James ’07, live in Abilene with their daughters Hallie and Kinsey, where James is director of placement and congregational resourcing for HSU’s Logsdon Seminary; meredith.stone@texasbaptists.org; jstone@hsutx.edu.

2002
Erik ‘02 and Jennifer (Hillman ‘01) Lankford welcomed daughter Libby on Nov. 2, 2010. She joins brother and sister, Isaac and Hadleigh. The family lives in Kerrville; jennlankford@portraitsbyjenn.com.

2002
Matt ‘02 and Sarah (Jones ‘02) Morris welcomed daughter Lillian Grace on Jan. 18, 2010. The family lives in Ft. Worth; sarah@sarahmorrisdds.com; matt@gusbates.com.

2002
Michelle (Taber ‘02) Holman and her husband, Larry, welcomed daughter London Gail on July 12, 2010. The family lives in Arlington; tabertwin54@yahoo.com.
2004
Rocky ’04 and Amy (Lampert ’04) McAdams welcomed daughter Brinley Jane on June 10, 2009. The family recently moved to Coppell where Rocky is in residency at Parkland Health System in Dallas, and Amy is a stay-at-home mom; rockyandamymc@gmail.com.

2004
Tim ’04/’06 and Meagan (Thompson ’06) Ruse welcomed son Samuel in October 2009. Samuel joins big brother Holden. The family lives in Washington DC where Tim is the director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Georgetown University Hospital in DC, and also is polysomnography program coordinator at Montgomery College in Silver Spring MD; timothyruse@gmail.com; meaganruse@gmail.com.

2004
Matt ’04 and Tammy (Cox ’05) Fanning welcomed daughter Brenna Reese on Mar. 30, 2010. The family lives in Decatur; fann5582@yahoo.com.

2005
Julie (Cameron) Hay ’05 and her husband, Tony, welcomed their first son, Logan Anthony, on Nov. 24, 2009. The family lives in Abilene where Julie is an RN in the nursery at Hendrick Medical Center; jhayrn@gmail.com.

2006
Brad ’06 and Kendall (Scott ’05) Jones welcomed daughter Hadley Lane on June 30, 2009. The family lives in Burleson where Brad is a financial cost analyst for Lockheed Martin and Kendall teaches in the Crowley ISD; bradleyjones@lmco.com.

2007
1LT Rafael Hernandez ’07 is the commander of a 55-personnel cavalry troop located in three cities throughout Iraq. As an armor officer in the U. S. Army, he spends most of his time in Baghdad, but travels throughout Iraq; rafael.n.hernandez@us.army.mil.

2006
John Wickham ’06 and his wife, Kathleen, welcomed son Simon Douglas on Aug. 10, 2010. The family lives in Shreveport LA; wickham_21@yahoo.com.
Alumni News

New address, new job, new spouse, new baby, or award—anything significant you’d like to share with your classmates? Send your news with the information requested below. (Space is limited, but we’ll do our best!) If possible, include a recent photo with your name and address written lightly on the back (or scan as a tif file at 300 dpi).

Send to: Range Rider, HSU Box 16075, Abilene, TX 79698; FAX (325) 670-5822; rangerider@hsutx.edu. You can also update your information online, www.hsutx.edu/alumni_friends/forms/update_info.php.

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I am interested in helping with any alumni activities and/or student recruiting in my area.
Friends We’ll Miss

Editor’s Note: This issue contains entries received in the Range Rider Office between October 14, 2009, and December 31, 2010.

1920s

Eva (Johnston) Dye '29X 3/6/2010

1930s

Hazel (Atkinson) Longbooth '3X1 11/9/2009
Florence (Murray) Nelson '32X 2/8/2010
Clara (Geistman) Weir '33 12/28/2009
Clara (Guinn) Campbell '34 12/16/2009
Marguerite (Walker) Chism '34 2/3/2010
Celestia (Brannen) Davis '34X 10/2/2010
Margaret (Canon) McAninch '34X 2/25/2011
Frances (Couch) Mingus '36 1/3/2010
Margie (Smith) Whitfield '36X 4/17/2010
Kathryn (Schultz) Chapman '37 10/19/2009
Flo (Winston) Joyce '37X 5/24/2010
Almon Norris '37 8/30/2010
Dorothy (Horton-Chenoweth) Weathersbee '37X 7/28/2010
James Goldsmith '38X 2/23/2011
Agnes (Bentley) Henderson '38 1/10/2011
Glady's (Gooch) Hume '38 2/2/2010
James Kelly '38 1/29/2011
Heber Peacock '38 3/9/2010
Jean (Christopher) Porter '38X 10/15/2010
Mary (Arledge) Bast '39X 9/27/2010
Nan (Painter) Crawford '39 10/17/2009
Edwinna (Girvin) Dudley '39 12/15/2009
Dick Gabler '39 4/5/2010
Frances (Prewit) Grissom '39X 3/26/2010
Ouida (Dobbins) Harkey '39 1/15/2011
Pete House '39 10/19/2010
Doug Maag '39 5/25/2010
Fonce Scott '39 11/2/2009

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William Gallemore '40 6/3/2010
Hinton Hamilton '41 2/10/2010
Joyce (Burofd) Steward '41 2/19/2011
Erna (Wall) Werner '41X 8/6/2010
Frances (Fouts) Lee '42 12/9/2010
Ray McCullough '42X 5/9/2010
Gip Oldham '42 12/24/2010
Jon Geer '43X 2/12/2010
Audrea Grisham '43X 8/22/2010
Bill Largent '43X 7/24/2010
JoAnn Murdoch '43X 11/27/2010
Catherine (Simmons) White '43 12/28/2010
Roy Lee Williams '43 1/17/2011
Mary Vic (Weir) Cobb '44X 12/12/2009
Frances (Carpenter) Dugan '44 11/25/2010
Jan (Robertson) Howard '44 2/4/2011
Lorrinene (Lamp) Morris '44 12/25/2009
Juracy (Jones) Ray '44X 10/25/2010
Mack Eastus '45X 6/21/2010
Marta (Everton) Graham '45 8/15/2010
Edward Hamilton '45X 12/23/2009
Martha (Akins) Lewellen '45X 8/17/2010
Miguel Mojica '45X 2/6/2011
Gordon Montgomery '45 9/15/2010
Noel Petre '45 7/29/2010
Catherine (McElrath) Ross '45 2/5/2011
Raymond Bowlin '46X 6/9/2010
Margaret (Dilley) Coke '46X 9/7/2010
Uel Livingston '46X 12/8/2010
Ruth (West) Shelburne '46 6/25/2010
Chloe (Boote) Allen '47X 12/11/2010
Leland Brooks '47X 11/3/2009
Henry Gruben '47X 4/13/2010
Warren Hultgren '47X 11/14/2010
Al Milch '47/48 11/3/2010
Fess Parker '47X 3/18/2010
Hal Pender '47 3/1/2010
Martha (Webb) Schooler '47 11/9/2009
William Ward '47X 5/29/2010
Winfred (Walker) White '47X 1/21/2011
Russell Adams '48 5/15/2010
Jesse Clardy '48 12/24/2009
Jack Ellison '48 12/7/2009
Lanelle (Kingsfield) Fillingim '48 6/28/2010
Amos Garrett '48 11/11/2010
Douglas Green '48 5/23/2010
Tom Lindsey '48 7/8/2010
Kathleen (Johnson) McDonnell '48 8/22/2010
Reva (Cathey) Robertson '48 5/3/2010
Bryan Ross '48 8/11/2010
Merle (Allison) Scott '48X 10/8/2010
Ray Nell (Alexander) Sides '48X 3/14/2010
Bill Stegall '48/50 8/2/2010
Sidney Waterhouse '48 8/10/2010
Lavoy (Owens) Williams '48X 6/10/2010
William Young '48 10/21/2009
Lena (Stephenson) Dunagin '49/54 7/4/2010
John Griffin '49 8/14/2010
Horace Hardin ’49 10/3/2010
Raymond Jones ’49 2/20/2010
Thomas Kennedy ’49 10/25/2010
Albert Martin ’49 3/12/2010
Pat (Murray) McChesney ’49 3/29/2010
Betty (Martin) Meek 2/15/2010
Jack Pettit ’49 9/9/2010
Earl Rauch ’49 11/6/2009
Eleanor (Bouldin) Rogers ’49 11/15/2010
Fleur (Walton) Steinhardt ’49 3/15/2010
Ernest Stewart ’49 3/22/2010
Evelyn (Carman) Wiechman ’49 11/10/2010

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Edwin Harris ’50 2/2/2010
Wayland Inches ’50 6/3/2010
Julius Lilly ’50 11/25/2009
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Henry Mohr ’50 3/20/2010
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Alma (Hodges) Sealy ’50 6/17/2010
Jim Shipman ’50 10/21/2009
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James Stewart ’50 2/27/2011
William Thompson ’50 8/5/2010
Robert Brandt ’51X 11/17/2009
Jean (Walton) Hale ’51X 7/20/2010
Virginia (Keeter) Haynes ’51 3/31/2010
Thavis Higgs ’51 7/8/2010
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Viva (Allen) Swearingin ’51 6/5/2010
Constance (Cowden) Fauber ’52 2/11/2010
Maurice Jones ’52 7/24/2010
Bonnie (Bodine) Matthews ’52X 10/11/2010
Mary (Shackelford) Mills ’52 11/9/2010
Tom Morris ’52 10/11/2010
George Ragsdale ’52 12/13/2009
Charlotte (Davis) Rose ’52 5/21/2010
Gerald Tomez ’52 12/13/2010
Florene (Hutchens) Westenhover ’52 1/16/2011
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William Barnes ’53 2/21/2010

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Delton Galloway ’53 8/30/2010
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Elbert Peak ’55X 7/25/2010
Carl Smith ’55 5/30/2010
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Patricia (Spires) Mill ’57 6/21/2010
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Betty Stewart ’57 7/23/2010
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died March 29, 2010

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Mrs. Etna Carr
Former Maintenance Department Secretary, died April 11, 2010

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