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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Greetings from Hardin-Simmons University! As we look forward to the 122nd year of HSU, this issue of the Range Rider is a special mix of attention to the past, the present, and the future. Because of the university's rich heritage, we are pleased to highlight the Cowboy Band, the Ex-Cowgirls, the Six White Horses, and the HSU Rodeo. Each of these features contains significant information about what makes HSU unique and special!

This issue also points to outstanding individuals who have been honored by Hardin-Simmons over the past year. Reading the bios and accomplishments of these extraordinary women and men serves to remind us all of the important work of a Christian university and the blessings we receive from service on the Forty Acres.

Also chronicled are current campus news and updates on a number of HSU alumni and former students. You'll be brought up to date on the busy campus life that surrounds Hardin-Simmons today.

While the past and present are important, so too is the future. This issue introduces the reader to the HSU Campus Master Plan – a guide to the development of the campus over the next decade and beyond. The result of nine months of intense campus discussions and planning,

the CMP presents an ambitious plan for the renovation of many existing facilities and the construction of new campus buildings. After you have read about the CMP on pages 54 and 55, I encourage you to learn more about the plan on the HSU website: [www.hsutx.edu/about/cmp](http://www.hsutx.edu/about/cmp).

As we consider future campus development, we realize that the care and attention we give to planning will reveal how well we build upon our past to prepare for the future. In his second inaugural address, President Reagan challenged the nation to build a "future worthy of our past." Likewise, this university must be mindful of its yesterdays as we plan for brighter tomorrows!

Hardin-Simmons University – past, present and future. This Range Rider covers it all! We hope you enjoy this issue. As you peruse it, learn more about our history, follow current campus developments, and join with us in dreaming about the future.



Dr. Lanny Hall





# RangeRIDER

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*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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### EX-COWGIRLS

For almost 50 years, from 1925 to 1974, the HSU Cowgirls entertained audiences at football games and in parades around Texas and across the country. When this predecessor to many drill teams was started, it was the first club at HSU that was open to women.

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### SIX WHITE HORSES

Across the United States, one of the images brought to mind by the mention of Hardin-Simmons is that of riders dressed in Western regalia weaving figure eights and other designs before cheering crowds of rodeo onlookers.

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### RODEO

The sport of rodeo was a part of Hardin-Simmons culture from 1947 to 1998 and stands as an important link in the legacy and traditions of HSU.



## HALL OF LEADERS 2011

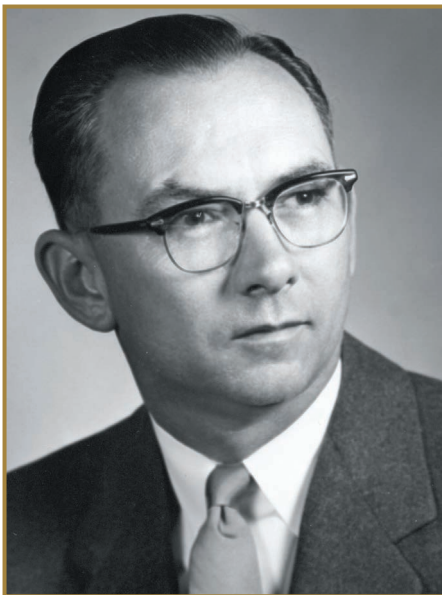
*The Hall of Leaders was established in 2001 to honor those whose service and distinguished accomplishments exemplify the values and character of Hardin-Simmons University. Made possible by the generosity of Doyle and Inez Kelley, the Hall of Leaders is housed on the first floor of the Skiles Social Sciences Building.*

### Koma Beryl (Mahler) Fields

**B.A. 1940**

**Church and Community Leader**

KOMA BERYL (MAHLER) FIELDS taught junior high reading and speech in Texas public schools. She and her husband, Henry, had two children. Fields was active in the development of the Armstrong County Museum, Gem Theatre, and Art Gallery, and supported the renovation of the historically significant Charles Goodnight home in Armstrong County. In 2006, she established the Koma Beryl Fields Department of Communication Endowment. Fields served on the HSU Board of Trustees and the Board of Development. In 2001, she and Henry established the Henry and Koma Beryl Fields Endowed Presidential Scholarship, and the couple funded the President's Dining Room in HSU's Moody Center. Upon Henry's death in 2006, Fields established the Henry Ford Fields Memorial Endowment for Athletics. Koma Beryl died on October 1, 2011, shortly following her induction into the HSU Hall of Leaders.



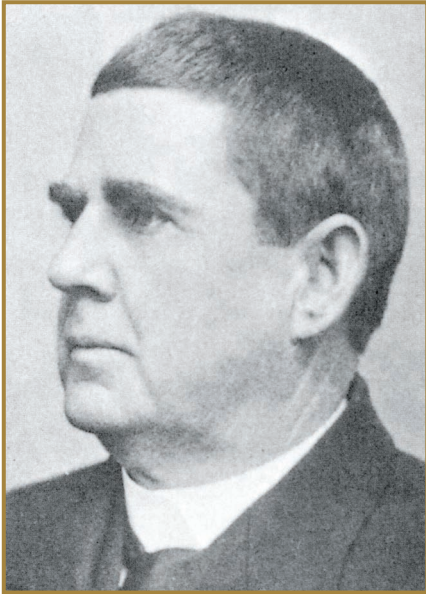
### Jesse Coleman Hunter Jr.

**Ex 1934**

**Attorney, Mayor of Abilene, Oilman**

JESSEE COLEMAN HUNTER JR., petroleum engineer, rancher, and two-term mayor of Abilene, graduated with honors from Abilene High School in 1932. He attended HSU for two years and then completed both B.S. and M.S. degrees in petroleum engineering in 1937 at the University of Texas. In 1938, Hunter married the former Mary Balch '35. The couple had two children. He returned to Abilene and partnered with his father in the oil exploration and production firm, Hunter and Hunter, taking over the business in 1969 when his father died. With a concern for the preservation of natural resources of the land, Hunter arranged for family-owned land on the Guadalupe Mountain Ranch to be sold to the federal government to establish what is now the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Hunter died in October 1985.





## Kirvin Kade Legett

HSU Founder and Charter HSU Trustee  
Judge, Attorney, Civic Leader

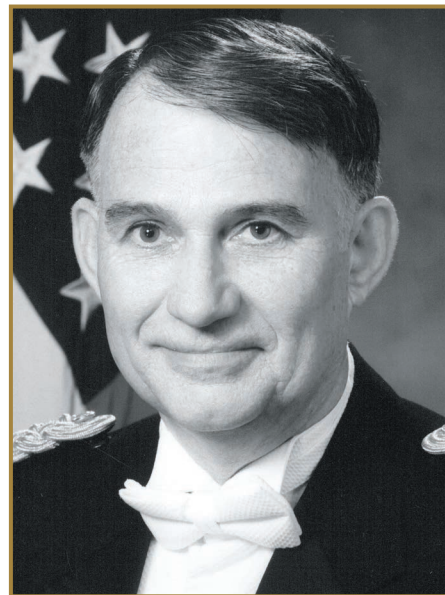
KIRVIN KADE LEGETT was involved in 1881 in the founding of Abilene and quickly evolved as a community leader. In 1884, at age 26, Legett was the youngest of the 14 Democratic presidential electors representing Texas. In 1886, he married Lora Bryan, and together they had three children. Legett was a charter member of Abilene Baptist Church (now First Baptist) and the city's "Progressive Committee." As one of the founders in 1891 of Simmons College, (now HSU), Legett wrote the school's first charter, served as a member of its first Board of Trustees, and delivered the first commencement address. In 1898, Legett accepted an appointment as first referee in bankruptcy for the Abilene district, an office he regarded as a civic duty. His 22-year tenure exceeded that of any other referee in bankruptcy in the United States. Legett died on June 3, 1926.

## Col. (Ret.) L. Bryan Shelburne Jr.

B.M. 1965

Leader and Commander of the U.S. Army Band

LESLEY BRYAN SHELBURNE JR. was the leading trombonist in the HSU jazz combo and was director of the Phi Mu Alpha stage band. He also played in the Cowboy Band, serving terms as band vice president and president. In 1962, he married the former Sereta Kiser '63, and they have two children. Shelburne completed his M.M. degree at Arizona State University in 1967. He conducted Army Bands in Norfolk, Virginia; Heidelberg, Germany; Fort Meyer, Virginia; and the U. S. Military Academy Band at West Point. In 1990, he began the final 10 years of his 30-year career as only the sixth leader and commander of "Pershing's Own," the elite United States Army Band in Washington, D. C. He received the HSU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990. The Shelburne's have five grandchildren and live in Macon, Georgia.





## JOHN J. KEETER JR. ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD 2011

*The Alumni Service Award is the highest alumni honor HSU can bestow. It is presented to the former student(s) who has contributed the most in his or her field of endeavor toward the betterment of HSU or who has rendered the greatest service to the university. Awards are selected by a committee whose members are established by a campus leadership role.*

### Billie (Shirley) Martin

B.A. 1948/M.Ed. 1954

Billie (Shirley) Martin came to HSU in 1944 when she moved from Anson, Texas, to begin her collegiate studies. She returned to the Forty Acres as a faculty member in 1952, coaching women's volleyball and tennis, directing women's intramurals, and teaching P.E. classes. In 1977, Billie received the prestigious State Honor Award for meritorious service from the Texas State Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. The following year, she became the first woman elected as president of the HSU Faculty. Billie served as sponsor of Tri Phi social club for 19 years, and also sponsored the International Club. In 1970, she married the late Dr. J. G. Martin, chairman of HSU's Music Education and Church Music departments. She retired in 1993, and is an associate professor of fitness and sport sciences emeritus. Billie is a member of the HSU Cowgirls (now Ex-Cowgirls) spirit organization. She remains an active member of the HSU Fellowship.



### Alumni Award NOMINATIONS



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 submit nominations to: Alumni Awards Committee, HSU Box 16102, Abilene, TX 79698; [alumni@hsutx.edu](mailto: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/awards](http://www.hsutx.edu/alumni/awards).



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS 2011

*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.*



### Elizabeth (Cohorn) Abernethy

**B.A. 1971**

Since her days as a rookie teacher for Hamilton ISD, Beth Abernethy has invested 41 years of her life as an educator, with 23 of those years spent in administration. Beginning in 2002, Beth has served as executive director of the Region VII Education Service Center. Based in Kilgore, Texas, Region VII encompasses 17 counties. Beth was just the third female awarded this role with any of the 20 Education Service Centers since their inception in 1967. Beth (M.S.Ed. University of Central Arkansas) holds both a Lifetime Texas Superintendent and Principal certificate. She was a finalist for the Texas Association of School Boards 2002 Superintendent of the Year Award. At HSU, Beth was a member of Alpha Chi, Delta Social Club, and Student Congress. She is married to Nathan Abernethy '71. Their son Barrett '07 is a newly minted member of HSU's Board of Young Associates.

### Robert C. Moates

**B.A. 1951**

WWII veteran Bob Moates worked for 20 years as an executive with Palmer Broadcasting Company, the predecessor to Comcast Cable, in Naples, Florida. Following his retirement in 1987 as vice president of the company's board of directors, Bob became a realtor. As a charity auctioneer, he helped raise over \$11 million for various groups. Since 1978, Bob and his wife, Jane (Rowland '51 ex), have donated over 13,000 pairs of sneakers to children in need. In 2006, Bob was named Naples' Outstanding Citizen of the Year and was invited to Washington, D.C., to receive the Jefferson Award for Public Service. As an HSU student, Bob served as business manager of the *Brand*, as vice president of the Student Body, and helped found the HSU Rangers organization.



### Charles Davis

**B.M. 1984**

In June of 1999, Chuck Davis joined the United States Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. Since then he has served in Hong Kong, Beijing, London, Amman, and Singapore. He has held positions in political/economic affairs, consular affairs, management, and served as the deputy director of the Iraq Support Unit in Amman, Jordan. He currently works in management at the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv. Previously, Chuck enjoyed over nine years as a Baptist Student Ministries director, following two years as minister of youth and music for Calvary International Baptist Church in Taipei, Taiwan. At HSU, Chuck was active in Phi Mu Alpha, Baptist Student Ministries (BSU), and Cowboy Band. Chuck is married to HSU alumna Elaine (Martin), class of 1983, an Abilene native and licensed social worker. They have two children, Daniel (20) and Allison (17).

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI 2012

*Recognizing alumni who have attained outstanding achievements in their field of endeavor, community, state, or nation.*



### Brian Bessent

**B.B.S. 1996**

As director of transitional and post-acute services for Hendrick Health System, Abilene, Brian Bessent provides management for over 350 employees in the areas of adult and pediatric rehabilitation, long-term acute care, and hospice services. Brian impacts patients and families at life's crossroads, providing healthcare services in a Christian setting where the focus is on healing the body as well as the spirit. Brian is a part of Hendrick's future and strategic planning, working to make a difference in the future of healthcare. He became board-certified in 2010 and was named as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. In 1998 he earned an M.S. degree in speech-language pathology from University of North Texas. Brian and Sonja (Couch '97) have four children.

### David Lott

**M.P.T. 1997/ DPT 2008**

As the owner of Lott Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Fairfield, Texas, David Lott assisted by his wife, Lisa, directs this thriving practice opened in July 2001, which provides outpatient services, contracted hospital services, and employment testing. The Fitness Center was added in 2003 for outpatient clients needing this progression opportunity. A second location was recently opened in Corsicana. Recognizing his service to his community, David received the prestigious Texas Physical Therapy Association Ruby Decker Award in 2007 as well as the Warren C. Smythe Award. In 2011 the American Physical Therapy Association honored the clinic with the Jayne L. Snyder Private Practice of the Year Award. David earned his B.A. degree in 1995 from Southern Methodist University.



### Melanie (Standridge) Ocana

**B.B.A. 2000**

As the owner of Rustico Tile and Stone, Melanie Ocana is responsible for sales and marketing, finance, and website development. Based in Leander, Texas, just outside Austin, the company has grown quickly in six short years, broadening its reach and client base to span the globe. She coordinates strategies for distributing Rustico Tile and Stone's material within the U.S., Canada, Australia, Asia, Western Europe, and beyond. In addition to directing the company with her husband, Ray, Melanie has been an adjunct professor for Pepperdine University, South Texas College, and Austin Community College. Melanie and Ray have two young children. Melanie holds an M.B.A. degree from Texas Tech University (2001) with an emphasis in international business.



# LOGSDON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 2010-2011 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

*Logsdon School of Theology faculty select recipients of the awards, which are given each year to Hardin-Simmons University alumni who have involvement in vocational ministry. Two categories, graduates 20 years or more ago, and graduates more recent than 20 years, are received as nominations. Criteria for nominees include a major in the Logsdon School of Theology, or the former Division of Religion, character, and Christian service.*



## Dr. David Morgan

**B.A. 1976**

Dr. David Morgan, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Harker Heights, Texas, was a recipient of the 2010 Logsdon School of Theology Distinguished Alumni Award. Morgan graduated *summa cum laude* from HSU in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible. He was a member of Cowboy Band. Morgan completed the M.Div. degree in 1979 and the Ph.D. in Christian ethics in 1986 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor for four Baptist churches, and has taught seminary extension courses for the Baptist University of the Americas, Wayland Baptist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor.

## René Maciel

**B.B.S. 1981**

René Maciel, president of Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio, Texas, since 2007, was a recipient of the 2010 Logsdon School of Theology Distinguished Alumni Award. After graduating from HSU, Maciel became an HSU staff member, serving as director of admissions. In 1991, Maciel completed a master's degree in educational psychology at Baylor University. He has served as the assistant administrator and later as chief administrator for New Mexico Baptist Children's Home. He also served as director of student services and then assistant dean for administration and academic services at Truett Theological Seminary. Maciel is a former member of the HSU Board of Young Associates. He and his wife, Sabrina (Dunham '85), who is a speech pathologist, have two daughters, Brianna and Carmen.



## Dr. Jerry Shields

**B.A. 1992/M.A. 1997/M.Div. 2000**

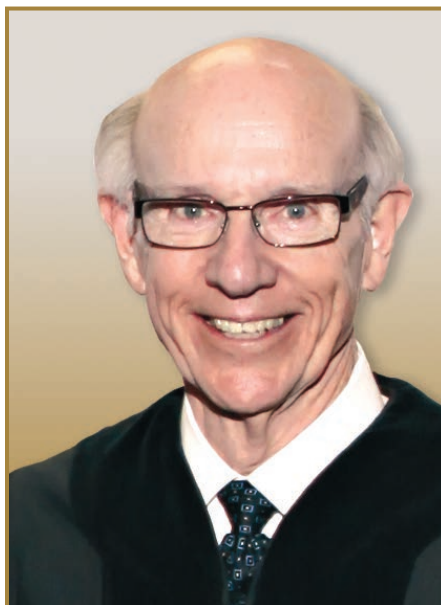
Recipient of the 2011 Logsdon School of Theology Distinguished Alumni Award, Dr. Jerry Shields, is currently pastor of First Baptist Church of Colorado City. In 1992, when he completed the B.A. degree in applied theology with a minor in sociology, he received the Logsdon Award for Excellence. Shields earned the M.A. degree in religion in 1997, receiving the Hemphill Endowed Graduate Award, and in 2000, completed the M.Div. program at Logsdon. He went on to complete the Doctor of Ministry degree at Abilene Christian University in 2009, receiving the Outstanding Project/Thesis Award. Shields served as a graduate assistant at HSU for Dr. Don Williford, professor of New Testament and dean of the Logsdon School of Theology.

## HONORARY DOCTORATES 2011

### Homer K. Taylor

B.S. 1958/M.Ed. 1963  
Honorary Doctor of Humanities

HOMER K. TAYLOR earned the Bachelor of Science degree in education and English from Hardin-Simmons University in 1958 and the Master of Education degree from HSU in 1963. He taught English, speech and drama, and journalism at Jayton High School and Sweetwater High School before becoming assistant manager and dean of instruction for Texas State Technical Institute. He was later dean of development, president, and then vice chancellor for Texas State Technical College West Texas. A respected community and educational leader in West Texas, Taylor currently serves as executive director for the Nolan County Foundation and is the chief executive officer for Taylor & Associates, Alternative Energies Consulting.



### Tom K. Mosley

B.M.Ed. 1961  
Honorary Doctor of Humanities

TOM K. MOSLEY earned the Bachelor of Music Education degree from HSU in 1961 and completed graduate studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas Christian University, the Eastman School of Music, and Westminster Choir College. He has served as music/worship pastor at Houston's First Baptist Church, director of ministries for Passion Ministries, and director of leadership and ministries at Howard Payne University. He was the founding pastor of The Church at Hilton Head (South Carolina), and has served as minister of music/worship at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, First Baptist Church of Abilene, Westbury Baptist Church in Houston, and Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. Mosley currently serves as interim minister of music and worship at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.





## Linda Scarborough Powell

**B.B.A. 1980**  
**Honorary Doctor of Humanities**

LINDA SCARBOROUGH POWELL has been connected to HSU since she was a child and would visit her aunt and uncle, Jenny and Claude Hicks, who are long-time supporters of HSU. Graduating from HSU in 1980 with a B.B.A., Linda was to later return in 1995 to teach freshman English until 1998. Powell began work on a master's degree at Tarleton State, graduating in 1990 with an M.A. in teaching. She also taught freshman English and technical writing at Tarleton from 1988 to 1992 and taught English again at South Plains College in Lubbock from 1992 to 1994. Powell has served on the HSU Alumni Board, as well as the Vera West Women's Council. She has mentored breast cancer patients and helped to establish Journey Guides, a support group for women diagnosed with breast cancer. One of her favorite annual projects is the West Texas Book & Music Festival, which raises funds for the Abilene Public Library.

## Jud Powell

**B.S. 1975/M.Ed. 1978**  
**Honorary Doctor of Laws**

JUD POWELL, the son of a Baptist preacher, spent much of his youth in the East Texas towns of Tyler and Longview. After graduating from high school in Olney, Texas, Powell came to HSU, graduating with a B.S. in 1975. He remained at HSU to earn a master's degree in education and counseling in 1978. That same year, he began a career as a sales consultant to Texas school districts for McGraw Hill Publishing. In 1985, he switched careers and joined Edward Jones and Co., becoming the first Edward Jones financial advisor to open an office in Abilene. Powell has always maintained strong ties to his community, serving on the HSU Board of Young Associates, the HSU Board of Development, the HSU Board of Trustees, and boards of the Salvation Army, the United Way, the Eunice Chambliss House, and the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center. He presided over the HSU Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2007, and serves as a deacon for Abilene's First Baptist Church.





## CONNECTED FOR LIFE

The Class of 1962 Golden Reunion Planning Committee was so taken with the Homecoming 2011 slogan “Branded for Life,” that they took it for their class reunion motto, saying they happily felt that HSU had branded their class for life.

While we’re celebrating this momentous reunion at the end of April, I’d like to share a few ways you can remain connected with HSU after you’ve been “branded for life.”

1. If you live in the Abilene area, become part of the audience for plays, concerts, sporting contests, and art shows. Meet today’s students and encourage them in their HSU studies.

2. Take advantage of the HSU Alumni Association’s website and various social media outlets—from Facebook to Twitter to LinkedIn—to reconnect with classmates and friends, to post or hunt for a job opening, and to keep up with university news and events.

3. Demonstrate your school spirit by wearing or using HSU gear, showing others that you are branded for life.

4. Are you a proud owner of the Hardin-Simmons Official Ring? Did you know the proper way to wear your ring, after you earn a degree, is with the top (bezel) facing out away from you, thus indicating your status as a full-fledged HSU graduate?

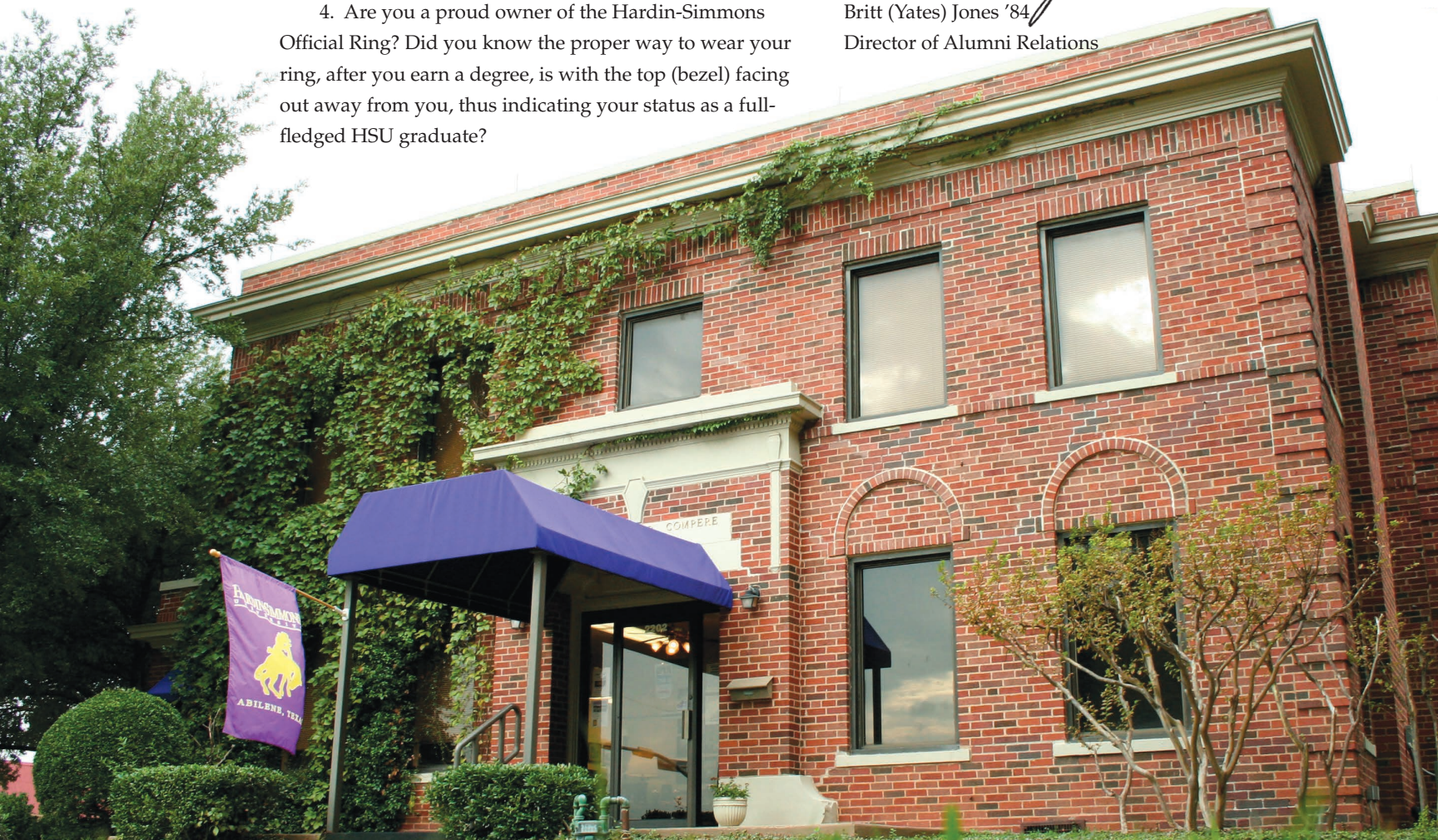
5. Here is a tasteful and useful way to add a little HSU flavor to your home. The Alumni Association is offering tradition-filled purple, gold, and cream afghans, designed exclusively for Hardin-Simmons. These afghans also make ideal gifts for that special birthday or graduation celebration.

6. Have you seen your name on the Alumni Wall in the center of campus? If you’re traveling through Abilene this summer, make a point of stopping at the center of campus to find your name and others on bronze plaques listing each graduate of HSU. If you won’t be out our way, the Alumni Office will snap a photo and even send you a “rubbing” of your name, which you can frame or put in your scrapbook.

Through the time you spent on campus and the influence of your professors and friends, HSU’s contribution to your life is rich – and it will continue to be so, if you like. In fact, now is a great time to begin making the most of your links with Hardin-Simmons!

*Britt Jones*

Britt (Yates) Jones '84  
Director of Alumni Relations







## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012

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<i>(Members reside in Abilene area unless specified.)</i>	
<b>HATS OFF TO THESE 2011 ROTATING-OFF MEMBERS</b>	ANGELA (COLSON) MCKNIGHT '04/'08
	NANCY (KESLER) DAY '69
	WELDON DAY '69
	ALLISON LOVEJOY '12

## GOLDEN MEMORIES FOR THE CLASS OF 1961

From as far away as Washington, Virginia, and Florida, HSU Class of 1961 members and spouses made their way to the campus in April 2011 to celebrate their 50-year reunion.

From the Monday morning welcome reception to the closing reunion luncheon, emceed by class member Will Wilkins, the two-day event was a memorable occasion for the 55 attendees.

Monday highlights included a narrated trolley tour of the campus, a private Cowboy Band concert, and a reunion banquet. Emcee for the banquet was classmate and HSU's former Baptist Student Ministries director, Palmer McCown. Class members were inducted into the HSU Golden Lariat Society by Britt (Yates) Jones '84, director of alumni relations.

On Tuesday, these golden alumni attended chapel, just as in their student days. The guest speaker was classmate and HSU distinguished alumnus, Dr. Dan Yeary, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, one of the largest Baptist churches in the country. The assembly concluded with the 73rd Annual Founders Day, conducted by current students.

The Class of 1961 also established a scholarship fund to help future students share the HSU experience. To date, they have raised over \$8,500.



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The Class of 1961 Planning Committee worked diligently in the months leading up to the Golden Reunion. *Left to right:* Will Wilkins, Dr. Milton Redeker, Ann (Turner) Berkley, Clyde Berkley, Rev. Palmer McCown, Betty (Westfall) Blevins, Dr. Stan Blevins, Ann (Hewitt) Scargall, and Dean Taggart.

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Ed Martin couldn't resist the opportunity to remind everyone that Hardin-Simmons is #1.

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Joseph Williams assists Patsy (Jones) McCown '62 in creating a rubbing of a name from the Alumni Wall.

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Ernie Roberts caught all the fun and activity with his camera.

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Mary Lou (Lichey) Boggus and her daughter enjoy the Cowboy Band concert.

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Dr. David Thomas enjoys the trolley tour around campus.

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Dr. Stan and Betty (Westfall) Blevins reconnect with a classmate.

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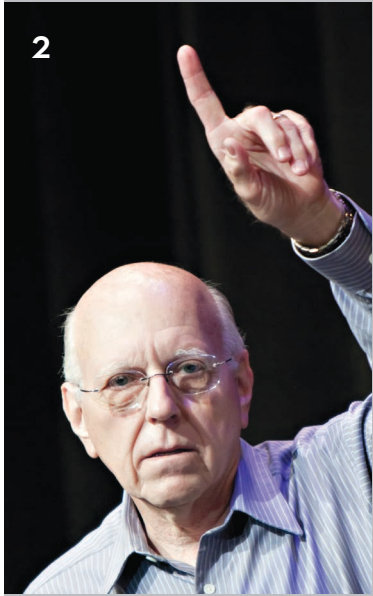
Dr. Dan Yeary and current students pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the 73rd Annual Founders Day.

*See more photos at*  
[www.hsutx.edu/alumni](http://www.hsutx.edu/alumni)





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## RING CEREMONY

*Official Ring presentation ceremonies for Spring and Winter 2011 graduates.*



1 Rachel Roten rings the ceremonial bell after receiving her ring from Dr. Lanny Hall. 2 Vicki (Dean) House '01/'10 and her daughters, Sarah (House) Turner '09 and Katie '11, celebrate their shared HSU legacy. 3 Ring recipients collectively put on their official HSU rings during the ceremony 4 These May 2011 graduates, receiving their official HSU rings, have been in school together since attending grade school in Abilene: Amanda Robinson, Kimberly Garner, Sterling Riddle, Michael Nixon, and Sara Darden.



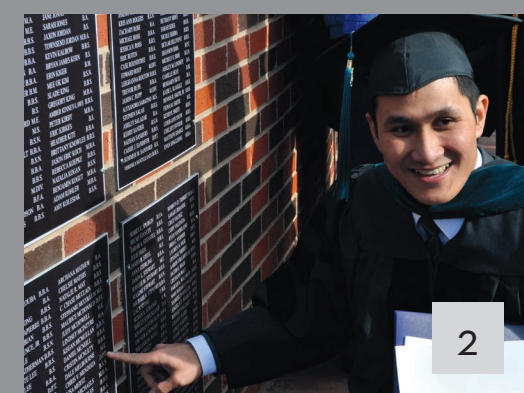


## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

*2011 Spring and Winter Commencement and Graduation Celebration.*



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1 Benjamin Skye, graduating at the 2011 Spring Commencement, receives his diploma from HSU president, Dr. Lanny Hall. 2 Chris V. Mendoza, D.P.T., proudly points to his name on the Alumni Wall. 3 Criminal Justice major, Cristin McNulty, joins her peers at graduation in turning her class ring around to symbolize the completion of her degree at HSU. 4 Judy (Doyle) Stubblefield '71/'01 and Meridith Meador, Alumni Relations student worker, wait to congratulate HSU's most recent graduates.



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## BOARD OF YOUNG ASSOCIATES

*The Board of Young Associates held their annual summer retreat in July 2011 where they welcomed 18 new members.*



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1 Libby (Connel) Gibson '08. 2 Chris Wilkins '97/'00, left, and Christen (Cowgir) Leidner '05 join Mike Daggs '96 in a fun demonstration as part of BYA leadership training. 3 President Kathryn (White) Mitchell '99 at the BYA retreat leadership training session. 4 James Ellis '01 gives his full attention during the BYA summer retreat leadership training session. 5 Eddie Crowell '01 and Cheryl Purcell '06/'10 catch up during the Board of Young Associates 2011 summer retreat.



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1 Lis (Robinson) Weir '01, Melissa Schaeffer '05 and Tracy (Bruton) Bruce '99 helped make the HSU Alumni & Friends Dinner during BGCT 2011 a fun success. 2 During the HSU dinner at BGCT, Dr. Steve Benzer '97 visits with Dr. Don Williford, dean of the Logsdon School of Theology. 3 Dr. Stan Blevins '61 enjoys the HSU gathering during the 2011 BGCT Annual Meeting. 4 Dr. Bill Tillman, director of theological education for Texas Baptists, visits with Dr. Shane Davidson, HSU vice president for enrollment and marketing management.



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*New Student Orientation 2011*



1 Alexandra Huckabee and Taylor Richey enjoy homemade ice cream in their Blue Taco oversized mugs. 2 Incoming students Caleb Dotson, Lauren Lowe, Ragan Foos, and Catherine Miller enjoy their homemade ice cream. 3 Meredith Mondoy '11 and Hope Malone '11 made homemade ice cream to serve to new students for the alumni-sponsored Ice Cream Social during NSO.



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# SOPHOMORE EVENT 2011

*Sophomores dip their hands into purple dye to fish out a replica of the official HSU ring.*



1 Ian Webber receives instructions on how to retrieve his HSU Ring keychain. 2 Shelly Voss and Josh Lucas show off their freshly dyed hands. 3 Patrick Larson discovers his Official Ring keychain in a vat of purple dye during the 2011 Sophomore-only event. 4 Lenora Taylor, Markita Davis, and Aaron Livingston enjoyed dying bandanas and even their hands purple during the Sophomore-only 2011 event.







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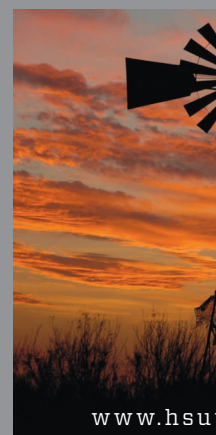
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1 Terrence Jennings '01 provided special music for the Homecoming Alumni-Led Worship Service. 2 The Class of 2001 enjoyed a strong turnout for their reunion. Attendees included Melissa Waters '01, Matt Singer, Shaun DelBaso, and CJ DelBalso '01. 3 Grace Gloria '81 ex, Esther Moncibaiz Bernard '72, Tony Arriola '73, Dr. Joe Alcorta '64, Dalinda (Rodriguez) Avila '69, Aurora (Cardona) Hurtado '71, Filemon Ortiz '66, Maria Elena Ortiz, Ignacio Hurtado '68, and Ruth Gloria '79. 4 James Hassell '01/'05 and Shannon (Haddon) Hassell '02 with daughter Emma enjoying the Posse Corral during Homecoming. 5 HSU Brand editors Kelsie Nygren and Adriel Wong '10 attended the Alumni Awards Banquet.



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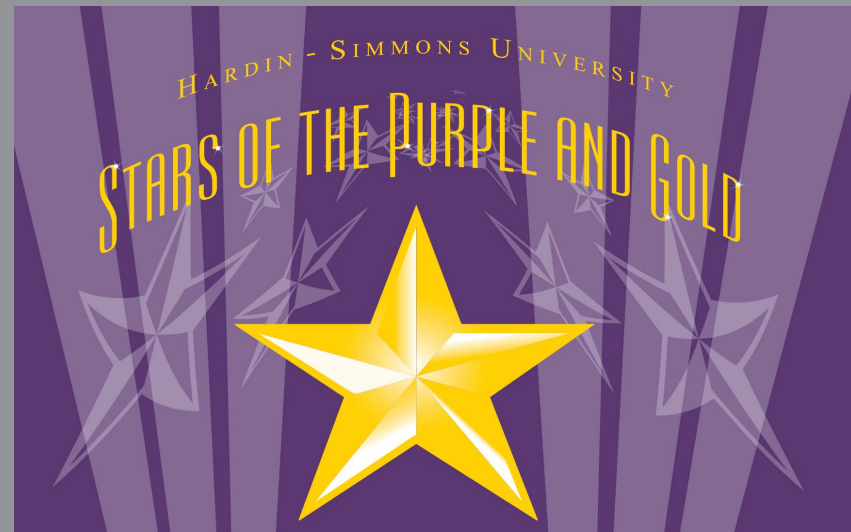
6 Pam Sites, Social Work Dept. secretary, and Melissa (Martin) Milliorn '93, associate professor of social work, enjoy a moment during the Social Work Alumni Reception. 7 Enjoying the Class of 1971 Reunion are (front) John Powell '71, Larry Allison '69, Juanelle (Conard) Winsor '72, David Miller '74, (back) Allen Baker '72 ex, Father Clint Sharpley '71, Randall Smith '72, and Bob Allison '73. 8 Tri Phi alumna Rebekah Springer '11. 9 Senior Christina Wiechecki and other HSU education majors provided story time for the Posse Corral. 10 The HSU Football team rushes the field to defeat Texas Lutheran with a final score of 67-17. 11 Attending the Delta 50-Year Reunion were Beverly Scott '61, Nicole (Behrens) Farrell '90, Melba (Phillips) Acheson '62, and Susan (Turpin) Jones '77. 12 Riding a White Horse is definitely THE highlight of the Posse Corral. 13 The HSU Cheerleaders host a post-game ice cream social, which is enjoyed by Myles Ramos, Larry Allison '69, and Carey Leech '71.





## FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER

*The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner was held May 6, 2011, at the Abilene Civic Center. The appreciation dinner is sponsored and hosted by the HSU Alumni Association to honor faculty and staff for their service to the university. Service pins for longevity are also awarded in five-year increments beginning with the employee's first five years of service.*



**1** Honored as the Former Faculty Member of the Year for 2010-11 was Dr. Loyd Hawthorne. Mrs. Caroline Volbrecht was selected for the Former Staff Member of the Year honor. They are pictured with Dr. Julian Bridges and Mr. Charles Richardson, past president and current president of the former faculty/staff organization, HSU Fellowship. **2** Elected by the university employees as Staff Member of the Year 2011 is Paula Fine (left) and as Faculty Member of the Year, Dr. Renee (Brown) Collins '98. Also pictured is HSU president, Dr. Lanny Hall. **3** The 2010-11 retirees, pictured with university president, Dr. Lanny Hall, are (back) Dorothy (Houston) Kiser '65/'92, J.L. Cole, Dr. Hall, Jimmie Keeling, Lawson Hager '67, Dr. Dorothy Barnes, Rita Jordan, (front) Martha Kiel, Dr. Collene (Williams) Simmons '71/'76, and Charlotte Earp.





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**1** Tri Phi Alumni spent a delightful weekend together in Waxahachie during April 2011. **2** Filemon Ortiz '66, Dalinda (Rodriguez) Avila '69, and Belia (Rodriguez) Vina '66 enjoyed catching up with friends and meeting new ones at Convención. **3** Charlottle Chew '02 and Jeannine Camacho '05 take a moment to pose during the 2011 Convención. **4** During the 85th Cowgirl Anniversary Carlene (Parker) Arrant '44 enjoys spending time with old friends and swapping stories from her time in the Cowgirls and at HSU. **5** Pat (Baxter) Wicker '52 enjoyed sharing stories about her experiences in the Cowgirls. **6** Judy Ann (Wright) Sallee '72 poses with Florence (Hui) Chan '70 and Peter Chan '70, who enjoyed their return to the Forty Acres from their home in Hawaii, memorializing their visit with rubbings from the Alumni Wall.



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## THE WORLD FAMOUS *Cowboy*

It may be that distinctive quick-step of 200 beats-per-minute that earned it fame. Or maybe it's the unique mix of traditional cowboy/western/Texas and contemporary popular music that makes the Cowboy Band so endearing. Or maybe it's that crazy Cow Step, as though its members are navigating a minefield of cow patties, that makes it one of the most unforgettable bands in the world.

Whatever the reason, the Hardin-Simmons University "World Famous" Cowboy Band is without a doubt one of the most unique and longest-running bands still putting on shows, marching in parades, and bringing the West alive to many people around the country and the world.

The band earned the title "World Famous" during a European trip, according to *The World Famous Cowboy Band 1923-1973*. This book, published in 1983 by Dorothy May McClure, wife of the band's longest-running director, Marion B. McClure, details the history and the travels of the band.

Dorothy adhered to the outline and the style in which her husband had planned to write before his death in 1973. The book contains chapters Marion named such as, "International Recognition, 1929-1934," "The War Years,



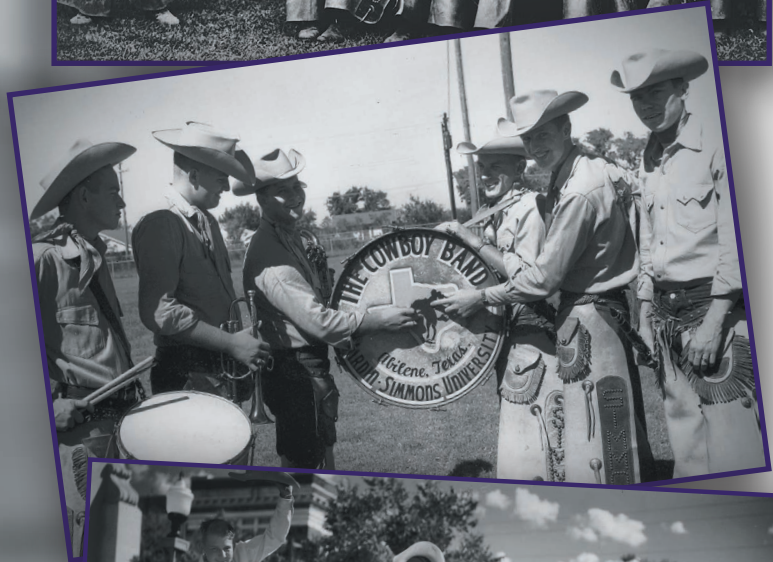
# Band

BY JANLYN THAXTON

1949-1946," "The Prosperous Years, 1951-1956," "The Hard Years, 1956-1961," and "The Reformatory Years, 1961-1966." McClure, who was an original member of the band when he was an HSU student, directed the band from 1934 to 1973, one year after the realization of his dream of a new band hall.

Simmons College (now HSU) had a concert band as early as 1903, but the Cowboy Band as we know it today began in the spring of 1923. The band, which had been formed a semester earlier, was chosen by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce to travel by train to San Angelo as ambassadors to promote Abilene at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention. Abilene's municipal band had fallen on hard times financially and disbanded. It was felt that Abilene would be disgraced if it did not show up with a band. Thus, the modern-day version of the Cowboy Band was born.

Prior to the San Angelo performance, the band's closest thing to a uniform had been a gold sweater, given to each band member by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce a year earlier in appreciation for the band's performance at the Abilene Chamber banquet.





# About the Band



In preparation for their appearance at the convention, band director D.O. Wiley found a pair of chaps displayed in the window of Over Hardware Store on Pine Street in downtown Abilene. Next door, at Ward's Men's Store, some white ten-gallon Stetson hats were on display. Band member Gib Sandefer, the son of Simmons' president, J.D. Sandefer, modeled the borrowed hat and chaps for Grady Kinsolving of the Abilene Chamber. Kinsolving liked the find so much that he immediately ordered 36 pairs of chaps and hats for the band members to wear at the convention.

Will Rogers, America's beloved humorist, heard the band and became its friend and biggest promoter and was made an honorary member. He was the first genuine celebrity to perform with the band, followed by Bob Hope, Gene Autry, Bing Crosby, Gary Cooper, Dale Robertson, Maynard Ferguson, and the popular 21st century cowboy singing group, Riders in the Sky.

Over the years, the band has served as both icon and ambassador, marching in parades celebrating gubernatorial inaugurations, and performing for the presidential inaugurations of Herbert Hoover (1929), Franklin D. Roosevelt (1941), Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953), Richard M.

Nixon (1969), Jimmy Carter (1977), and most recently in 2001, for the inauguration of George W. Bush.

The Cowboy Band is one of the most widely traveled bands in the United States, performing in more than 40 states, visiting more than a dozen capital cities of the world, and traveling to a dozen countries, once performing as far north as 10 miles from the Arctic Circle.

The band repeated a European tour in 1952-53 as members paraded through the continent with a USO tour group. In 1963 the band traveled to Japan with the International Baptist Convention, and in 1979, toured in Montreal, Canada. In 1984 members traveled to England, France, Switzerland, and West Germany under the sponsorship of the Baptist World Alliance. In 1989, the band performed at the Winter Carnival in Nice, then again in Europe during the 1998 New Year's parade in London, and did a tour of Spain in 2001.

The band has represented the Texas Chapter of Lions International at several conventions, most recently in Boston in 2006.

Last year at the request of Governor Rick Perry, the band represented Texas at the U.S. Travel Association's "International Pow Wow" in San Francisco, the travel industry's premier event for tourism marketing.

## COWBOY BAND ENROLLMENT

*reached 55 in the fall of 2010,  
the largest since before  
World War II.*

## IN A TYPICAL YEAR

*the band will present between  
30 and 40 performances, including:*

*4 rodeos*

*4-6 parades*

*6-8 basketball games*

*All home football games*

*6-8 additional HSU*

*campus events*

*6-10 local and regional events*

## IN 2011

*12 seniors participated in  
Cowboy Band throughout  
their entire career at HSU.*

*The highest number in  
CBB history.*





One of the band's biggest annual performances is in the Children's Medical Center Holiday Parade. The band has been the showpiece in this nationally televised Dallas parade since its inception 25 years ago. The band performs live for a third-of-a-million people in downtown Dallas, with the performance broadcast from 350 affiliate television stations across the country.

Early on, the band earned a reputation as one of the top rodeo bands in the country. The Cowboy Band has played for world championship shows in Madison Square Garden and Boston Gardens, and at rodeos in Cheyenne, Colorado Springs, and Phoenix.

Each summer, the band continues to perform in Stamford, Texas, at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo, the largest amateur rodeo event in North America.

Cowboy Band members also regularly perform in the HSU Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, and other university ensembles.

For the past 10 years, the band has been led by Dr. Wayne Dorothy, director of bands and professor of music, making him the third longest serving Cowboy Band director behind McClure and Wiley. He is only the eighth person to serve as director of the Cowboy Band and the first to hold an earned doctorate in music. Previous directors, in addition to D.O. Wiley '27 and Marion McClure '33, were Lawson Hager '67, Bill Woods '54, Merle Evans, Scott Mather, and Don Hanna '64.

*The Cowgirl Band existed from 1938 until the mid-1950s. In addition to being a successful performance organization, they helped to fill the gap during World War II when the Cowboy Band discontinued operations for the duration of the war.*



Dorothy takes a great deal of pride in being one of HSU's most vis-

ible musical ambassadors, as do its members and former members. "It even goes way beyond HSU and Abilene. We are the most widely seen and heard musical organization in all of west-central Texas," he says. "And have been for the past 80 years."

Some of the band's performance routines have morphed over the years. The Cow Step is now more of a high cross-kick, and its members get to add a personal touch to their uniforms by picking their own boots and belts.

The Cowboy Band remains the perennial parade-production-show band of West Texas. So what is it about this band that makes it both enduring and endearing?

Dorothy says it is because, "It is singularly unique in the entire band world. There is just nothing else like it. We are energetic and play music at a high level."

And, Dorothy believes the key that makes it one-of-a-kind is, "We always try to engage our audience. We play on a very personal level. Band members don't just walk by in a parade playing their instruments. Members think of it as performing for individuals. What makes it so special is that personal interaction between

the members and the people who have come to watch."



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*Once an all-men's group, the Cowboy Band's membership is now 40 percent female.*





The  
Ex-Cowgirls  
perform the  
"Cowgirl Stomp"  
each year at  
New Student  
Orientation.



From perform-  
ing at football games  
to serving as hostesses for  
former First Lady Eleanor  
Roosevelt, the HSU Cowgirls  
were a tight-knit group with a  
continuing legacy.



The  
Cowgirls rode  
to performances  
in a cattle trailer  
during the U.S. involve-  
ment in World War II.



The  
Ex-Cowgirls  
gather twice a year  
for a brunch and  
business meeting.



# HSU COWGIRLS STILL STOMPIN'



The HSU Cowgirls performed in parades around Texas and across the country for nearly 50 years.

By Janlyn Thaxton

Each year during the traditions portion of New Student Orientation, 13 ladies, ranging in age from 70 to 93, quick-step onto the stage in Behrens Auditorium, whooping with excitement and waving their cowboy hats in the air. The HSU Ex-Cowgirls circle the stage to the tune of "The Old Gray Mare," line themselves into two rows, and with high-spirited enthusiasm, begin the famous Cowgirl Stomp.

The audience of new freshman and transfer students look on eagerly, sitting forward slightly in order to see what will happen next. The reaction from the students to the performance is always the same. They respectfully stand in astonished awe and heartily applaud as the Ex-Cowgirls exit the stage the same way they came in, to the tune of the "Old Gray Mare," waving their hats in the air.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Once known nationwide for rope tricks and high-stepping, the name of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowgirls remains solidly carved in the archives of HSU history. For almost 50 years, from 1925 to 1974, the HSU Cowgirls entertained audiences at football games and in parades around Texas and across the country. When this predecessor to many drill teams was started, it was the first club at HSU that was open to women.

The group of young women would march behind the Cowboy Band and perform at halftime during football games. They also attended and performed at basketball games and other sports activities.

Shortly before her death in early 2012, Katherine (Freeman) Ricks '41, then in her 90s, recalled fond

memories of marching with the band. "Those boys in the band would always try and march real fast and leave us behind," she said. "But we always kept up."

The Cowgirls were often called on as hostesses to serve during campus events and were frequently asked to sell tickets. Although the women's first order of duty was performing, it was in these early years that the Cowgirls transformed from pep squad to service organization, according to a short book, *A History of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowgirls*, authored by former Cowgirl Laura (McBeth) Thaxton '51, who serves as the current-day historian of the Ex-Cowgirl Association.

## THE WAR YEARS

In the 1940s, the Cowgirls helped to entertain soldiers stationed at Abilene's Camp Barkeley, an army base west of Abilene near the town of View, and many of the Cowgirls still remember traveling to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show to serve as hostesses to visiting First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Bee (Agnew) Shackelford '41, a senior member of the current group at age 93, was a Cowgirl at the beginning of the United States involvement in World War II and recalls riding to football games in a cattle truck.



To view a video of the Ex-Cowgirls performing the Cowgirl Stomp, scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit

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# UNIFORMS OF THE HSU COWGIRLS

**1925** A committee of three was chosen to select the first Cowgirl uniform. The first uniform consisted of a purple skirt, gold flannel button-up jacket, purple headband, and tan oxfords with purple shoe laces.



**1926** The uniform was improved by adding a cowboy hat, a purple scarf, and Russian-style boots with a cowhide cuff at the top. The boots were donated by Judge C. M. Caldwell, a Simmons College trustee who was always generous to the Cowgirls.

**1927** A purple blouse was added to the purple skirt and the scarf was changed to gold.

**1932** Russian-style boots were replaced with semi-cowboy-style boots and the full skirt became a divided skirt.



**1933** The blouse was changed to gold satin, bottoms were purple culottes, a purple scarf, boots, and a hat rounded out the uniform.

**1938** A leather belt and wrist cuffs with colored stones were added to the satin gold shirt and purple corduroy culottes. Spurs were added to the western boots.



To view a 1929 Movietone clip and a short pictorial history of the Cowgirls, scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit

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Bee explains, "Everything during those days was going to the war effort. You couldn't ride a train or take a bus, so we found a cattle trailer, put some seats in it, and we rode in it to wherever we needed to perform."

As World War II progressed, the traditional athletics program at HSU was abandoned in deference to the war and the absence of men

on campus. But Camp Barkeley had a football team and agreed to bring military-style football to HSU's football-starved students at Parramore Field.

During that time, the Cowgirls found themselves marching behind military bands, which had a much slower cadence than that of the Cowboy Band. With the help of instruction from a sergeant at Camp Barkeley, the women learned to adjust their step to military style.

## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

The Cowgirls were best known for a variety of rope tricks. Shackelford recalls, "Johnny Reagan is the man I remember who first taught us those tricks. He was an Englishman and he helped us set our ropes with clips so we could easily twirl them lasso style. Later, a man we called Hi T Rogers, a rope stuntman, taught us how to really lasso. I can remember learning to twirl the rope

around me while jumping the rope at the same time during halftime at football games."

Shackelford remembers it was around 1940 when the Cowboy Band first did its now well-known move still done during parades today. "It was supposed to look like the band members were trying to avoid stepping on cow patties," she says. "We didn't know what to think or do the first time those boys did that. But the next parade, we were ready with a move of our own. We always marched four girls across in ten ranks. When the band started that Cow-Stepping, the Cowgirls responding by making formations that looked like wagon wheels. Each rank circled up, and we put our arms out like spokes so we looked like wagon wheels turning."

## BOYS VS. GIRLS

Through the years, there was always a friendly rivalry between the Cowgirls and the Cowboy Band. Thaxton writes in her book of an incident that happened in the fall of 1942, which must have strained the relationship:

"Both groups had made a trip to the HSU vs. SMU football game in San Antonio, Texas. The next morning after the 7-6 victory, the Cowgirls and the band headed back to Abilene in their respective cattle trucks. The band stopped in Mason for lunch at a hotel. To their delight, they found a delectable meal already prepared for them. Without bothering to ask questions, band members dived in with gusto. Having finished the meal, they climbed back aboard their truck just as the Cowgirls pulled in looking forward to the luncheon they had had the foresight to order in advance."





**1940** Ropes were added to the routine.

**1952** Uniforms were changed to purple gabardine culottes, gold blouses with fringe and lace-up front with purple neckerchiefs, brown boots, tan hat, and large leather belt with large western buckle.



**1956** New uniforms consisted of purple shirt with fringe, purple gabardine skirt, gold neck scarf, white hat, and white boots.

**1969** The purple gabardine blouses and skirts were changed to gold with a purple neckerchief and a white belt. The hats and boots remained white.



**1972** The HSU Bronco yearbook shows the girls performing out of uniform. The assumption is no uniform was used.

**1973** Uniform consisted of purple western suit with white blouse and boots.

## SHEEP SHEARING

Shackelford remembers when the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* called and wanted to take a photo of the Cowgirls. "So to prove we were real cowgirls, we rented cars and drove to a ranch in Mary Neal where we sheared goats. The wind was blowing really hard and it messed up our hair for the photo," she recalls.

## THE SILVER SCREEN

In 1941, Fox Movietone Newsreels came to campus to make a movie of the Cowgirls that was shown in movie theaters all over the United States. In 1929, a similar film was made on campus. A silent clip of the older movie is still available today, featuring both the Cowboy Band and the Cowgirls in front of the original Abilene Hall. The building burned just six years later.

## CHANGING TIMES

The active Cowgirls group was disbanded in 1974. Times were changing, and despite the efforts of Ex-Cowgirls, university administration, and others to revive student interest in the group, the Cowgirls

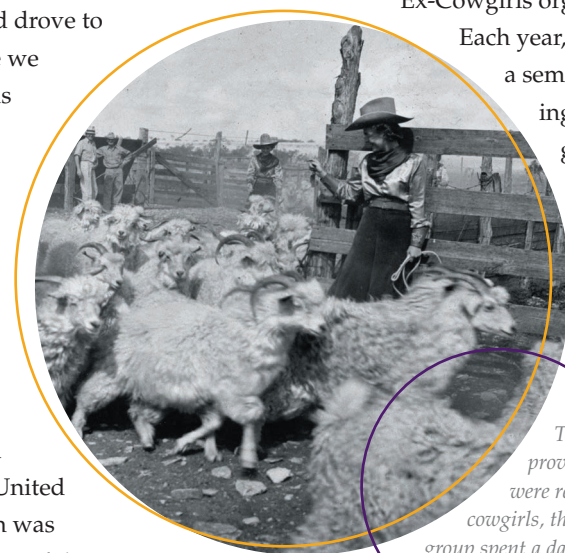
canceled plans for the 1975 spring rush just short of the Cowgirls' 50th year on campus.

The Ex-Cowgirl Association had begun in 1930, and with the active Cowgirls disbanding, the Ex-Cowgirls organization became even stronger.

Each year, the Ex-Cowgirls gather at HSU for a semi-annual brunch and business meeting. The Ex-Cowgirls have given many generous donations to the university throughout the years, which includes a scholarship fund established in 1983. During their fall meeting, the group awards numerous scholarships based on academic achievement to the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of former members.

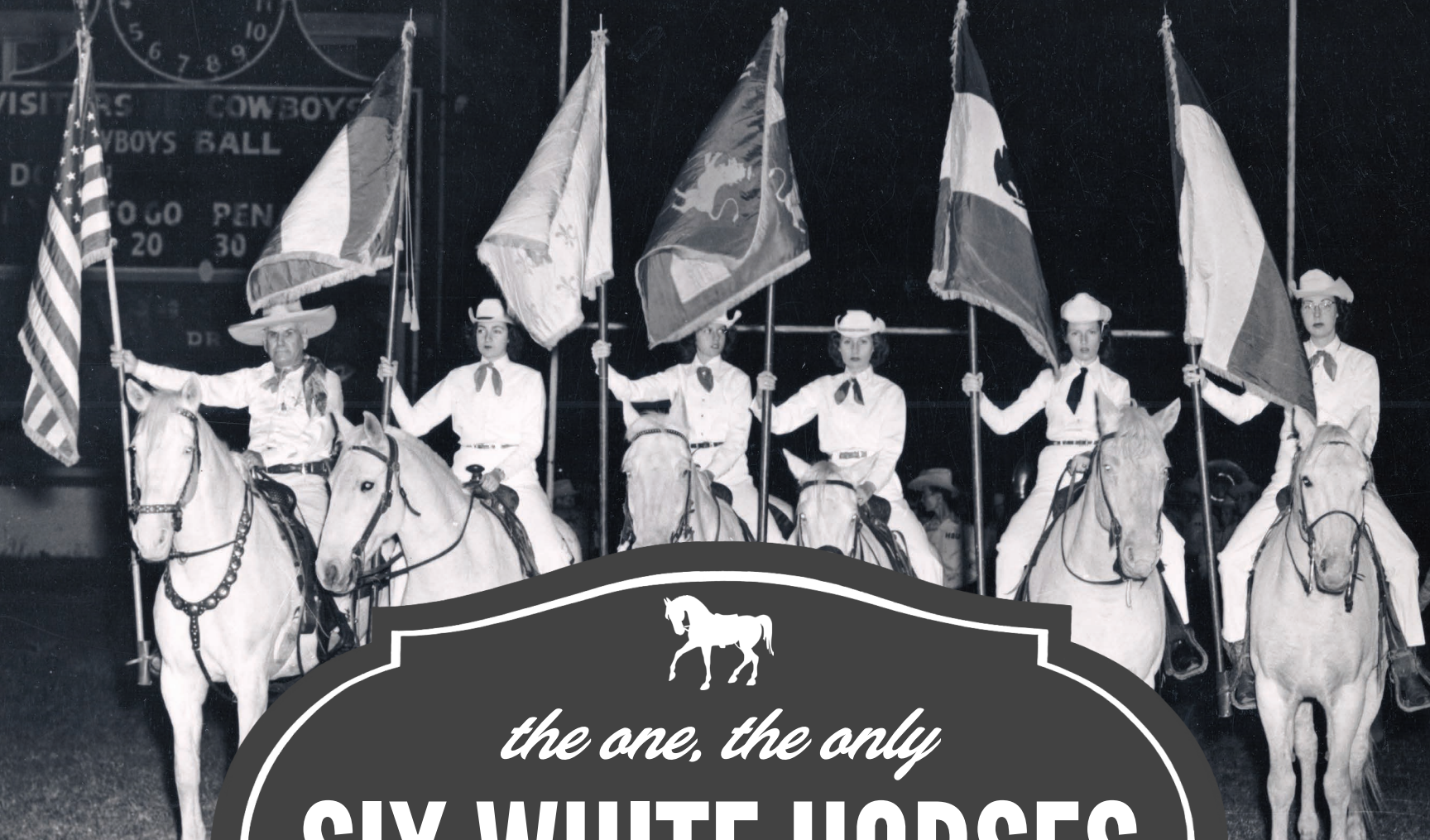
Thaxton, who was a member of the Cowgirls her junior and senior years, brings a display to the meetings that features photos, various uniforms, marching boots, and other memorabilia.

At a typical Ex-Cowgirl gathering, you will see an array of black-and-white photos spread across the room featuring hats flying in the air and lassos twirling. You will hear a roomful of lively, laughing women ranging in age from 60s to 90s. And although the lives of these women spread over decades, they share common memories. According to Thaxton, "We really are a close-knit group of women who enjoy HSU and the relationships we have. Cowgirl friendships are forever."



To prove they were real cowgirls, the group spent a day shearing sheep.





*the one, the only*

# SIX WHITE HORSES

*By Janlyn Thaxton*





The gate at the Young County Rodeo in Graham, Texas, bursts open wide as the two lead horses of the Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses Team gallop into the arena.

Over the loud speakers, to the tune of *Rock Around the Clock*, the announcer proclaims, "The one, the only, the Six White Horses!"

Across the United States, one of the images brought to mind by the mention of Hardin-Simmons is that of riders dressed in Western regalia weaving figure eights and other designs before cheering crowds of rodeo onlookers.

The Western-style riders carry the six flags that have flown over Texas, representing her eight changes of sovereignty. In between Old Glory and the Lone Star Flag can be seen the banners of Spain, France, Mexico, and the Confederate States. Children and adults alike thrill at the showiness and majesty of the perennial Six White Horses.

The team has performed since the 1930s, and has been featured in inaugural parades of six presidents all the way back to Herbert Hoover. The horses and their riders have been present at so many historic occasions, they can sometimes be spied in old news clips and Movietone films.

The Six White Horses have marched down such famous streets as NYC's Broadway, San Francisco's Market Street, Canal Street in New Orleans, Chicago's Michigan Avenue, and the famed parade routes through downtown Dallas, including the Cotton Bowl Festival Parade.

Closer to home, riders and their horses have been mainstays of the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion, the West Texas Fair parade, and the downtown Abilene Christmas parade. In 2011, the Six White Horses Team was selected to lead the Western Heritage Classic as the parade marshal. The team is featured nightly during the West Texas Fair rodeo, and performs in countless rodeos and events throughout the year.

The Six White Horses Program started when "Sheriff" Will Watson, a loyal supporter of the university who carried the United States flag during parades, decided, rather than to walk in his usual fashion, to ride his white horse Silver at the head of the "World Famous" Cowboy Band. Attired in full western dress to mirror the image of the western-clad band members, Watson's ride put into motion a precedent that has survived for almost 80 years.

His ride proved to be so popular that a decision was made to include all of the other historical flags of Texas to be carried by six students on horseback. The famous Six White Horses parade unit was born.

The Six White Horses accompanied the band on all major trips in the United States when parades were scheduled. When the band traveled by train, each horse had its own padded stall in the Palace Car. The horses also accompanied the band to out-of-town football games, but mostly stayed on the sideline because they sometimes proved to be a little messy.



"Sheriff" Will Watson



1986 Cotton Bowl



Coca-Cola's 100th Anniversary Parade



Dr. W.O. "Doc" Beazley





## *Six White Horses* **TRIVIA**

- ✱ All of the horses are male (they get along better than females—less drama).
- ✱ There are actually 15 horses, not six, that are rotated through performances.
- ✱ A papier-mâché likeness of Powder is housed in the Six White Horses Museum.
- ✱ Vanilla Fever is 33-inches tall.
- ✱ Each year 15,000 local elementary school children have an opportunity to sit on one of the Six White Horses.
- ✱ The riders carry flags that have flown over Texas, representing her eight changes of sovereignty: United States, Texas, Spain, France, Mexico, and the Confederate States.

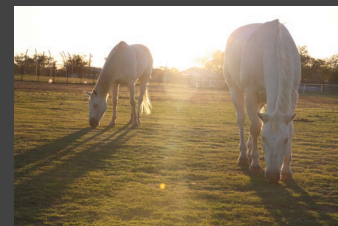
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The original horses all had interesting backgrounds. The most famous was Bear, the first of the original six, who was originally owned by Bing Crosby. Blue was presented to the school by Texas State Representative, Harley Sadler, who was also a well-known showman of the day. There was also Will Junior, named for Sheriff Watson. Leonard was purchased in Ft. Worth and later ridden by Watson. Silver was originally a circus horse trained to step to the grand march and to drink soda pop from a bottle. Lady would rear up when the band played “The Lady in Red,” and Pepper was raised and trained by champion cowgirl Doris Reid, whose daughter, Barbara, later became a rider in 1975.

In 1962, Dr. W.O. “Doc” Beazley began directing the Six White Horses Program. He came to HSU for the first time in 1948 and returned in 1960 to serve in various teaching and administrative capacities. Beazley became a widely known author of 11 books teaching children to appreciate horses. After 36 years of dedication and commitment, Doc retired from his role as director of the Six White Horses Program in 1997.

Today, the director of the Six White Horses Program is Debra Jones. While thousands of people will see the horses at public functions throughout the year, Jones believes an important part of the team’s work is to visit Abilene and Big Country elementary schools. Each year Jones introduces more than 15,000 school children to an appreciation for horses by letting each child have his or her turn riding the horses as they are led by volunteers.

Jones says, “There are times when more than 600 children have ridden the horses, and that’s before lunch! While parades and rodeos have onlookers applauding, there is



Between parades and rodeos, the 15 horses spend their time at the Beasley White Horse Center on the HSU campus.





The Six White Horses have been featured in the inaugural parades of six presidents, including Jimmy Carter, shown here.



Deborah Jones, Six White Horses Program Director



Prospective riders are required to participate in try-outs every September. The top eight riders are selected for the team.

nothing like the face of child riding high in the saddle on one of the horses. A ride on a horse around their own school yard is a memory they may recall many times in their life. Plus, the opportunity for children to ride the horses over the years has developed a love for the horses throughout the Big Country."

One of the newest members of the team is a little bit of a shorty, but a real show stealer. Vanilla Fever is a miniature white horse who often manages not only to steal the show, but the hearts of everyone who sees him. He often gets a pretty good laugh from parade onlookers as he prances with the other six horses, never noticing that he is just tad shorter.

Vanilla Fever is known better for his nicknames. "Titan is what most of my team calls him," says Jones. "I like to call him Mini-Me." The 33-inch-tall tiny horse doesn't seem to mind which name he is called.

The newest member of the team has just recently been officially named Brady. Jones says, "I was calling him Little Britches, but that may not fit him for much longer." The yearling was rescued from what surely would have been his death. "One of my volunteers, Barbara Sartain, helped with his rescue and liked the name Brady. She calls him a rags-to-riches story."

One of the horses has his own sculpture. Courtney Quijas, a psychology major from Fort Worth, as an assignment in her 3-D art class created a papier-mâché likeness of Powder, the horse she rides on the team. Powder was recently trotted over to the Frost Center for the Arts to see his likeness, but he did not seem keen on meeting the creature.

Courtney says she loves horses and loves art, so as her first-ever sculpture she decided to combine her passions. Jones says Courtney is an artist at heart. "Whenever we are traveling to ride the horses in parades or stock shows, Courtney is always crocheting or doing something artistic during the ride there."

Jones says one of the things she loves about Powder is his long mane. "Courtney really captured that uniqueness about Powder in her sculpture of him. It is just beautifully done." Courtney has donated the sculpture to the Doc Beasley Six White Horse Museum, devoted to the preservation of the history of the team, located at the Six White Horses Complex on Grape Street.

Other horses on the team include Cotton, Shine, Goose, Harley, Spirit, Oscar, Casper, Napoleon, Jake, Sandino, Pistol, and Ace. "Our old horse, Apache, has been retired, and we have a new home for him," says Jones.

To be eligible for the Six White Horses team, a student must be currently attending HSU and enrolled in at least 12 hours. Each September prospective riders are required to participate in try-outs. A panel of judges rates each rider's horsemanship, attitude, and appearance. The top eight riders are selected for the team. All returning riders are required to try out each year to ensure that the most qualified riders make up the team.

Practices are normally held two to three times per week and the hours riders and horses work doesn't slow down in the summer. "Summer is one of our busiest times," says Jones. "We go to nursing homes, kids camps, and ride in parades and rodeos. We are a busy group."



## *The 2011-12 Six White Horses Team*

**Courtney Quijas, Sophomore, Fort Worth, Texas**

**Jennifer Mitchell, Senior, Breckenridge, Texas**

**Jessie Forrest, Junior, Frisco, Texas**

**Kate West, Freshman, Denton, Texas**

**Kayla Willis, Sophomore, Granbury, Texas**

**Krystal Pence, Sophomore, Coleman, Texas**

**Rachel Newman, Senior, Paris, Texas**

**Tisha Bristow, Junior, Hawley, Texas**



# HARDIN ★ SIMMONS RODEO

## NOTICE

For more than 50 years, rodeo competition was a part of Hardin-Simmons University. It began in 1947, complete with an opening day parade. In 1949 Frontier Fracas Week was added to the festivities. Each day of that week, students had to wear three or more articles of western regalia or face the campus "sheriff" and his deputies who jailed non-compliant students. Throughout the years, contests for beard-growing, tobacco-spitting, cigar-smoking, cigarette-rolling, and greased pig contests were a part of the Frontier Fracas Week revelry.

In 1950 the HSU rodeo arena and stands were built on Grape Street. The field was later named in memory of Carl Myers, an HSU student who had spent most of his young life ranching and competing in rodeos. As president of HSU's Rodeo Association, he helped found the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). On August 4, 1949, while attending a rodeo in Big Spring, Myers was accidentally killed at the age of 23 by a bullet intended for someone else. On the rodeo's 25th

anniversary in 1971, the family of Carl Myers was honored, and the Carl Myers Rodeo Arena on Grape Street was dedicated to his memory.

Parades continued on the opening day of each annual rodeo until 1983 when school officials abandoned the parade due to an apparent lack of student interest. The parades were replaced by Western Heritage Day, held on the first day of the rodeo. Western Heritage Day continues to be a major part of the life of the HSU campus with 4,000 to 7,000 elementary school children and other visitors coming to campus each year to experience the Old West.

The last HSU intercollegiate rodeo was held at the Carl Myers Arena for three nights and two days April 23-25, 1998. Even though HSU had not fielded a rodeo team in about 10 years, HSU had hosted the event for 52 consecutive years, most of them at the Carl Myers Arena.

Although the rodeo is no longer held, it is an important link in the legacy of Hardin-Simmons University.









## HSU WELCOMES

*Prominent speakers from varied fields of expertise were on campus throughout the year to share their insights with students, faculty, and staff.*



### DR. ELLEN DAVIS

Guest speaker for the George Knight Lectures was Dr. Ellen Davis, distinguished professor of Bible and practical theology at Duke University. Her most recent book, *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*, integrates biblical studies with a critique of industrial agriculture and food production. Her subject for the Knight Lectures was “Prophets and the Created Order.”



### ANNE OLSON

Anne Olson, of Christian Life Commission of Texas Baptists, was on campus for Global Awareness Week. She is the public policy specialist and coordinator of Good News Goods, which is a part of the Fair Trade movement that is helping put food on family tables, fight AIDS, provide health care, and good, clean drinking water to people living in impoverished countries around the world.



### DR. WILLIAM PINSON JR.

The 2011 T. B. Maston Lectures in Christian Ethics featured Dr. William Pinson Jr., executive director emeritus of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Previously, Pinson was president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, and was pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls. He was also an ethics professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Pinson's most recent books include *Baptists and Religious Liberty* and *Who In the World are Baptists, Anyway?* He was co-editor for the Broadman Leadership Series and has contributed to numerous publications, including *Southwestern Journal of Theology* and the *Baptist Standard*. He serves as volunteer director of the Texas Baptist Heritage Center.



## DR. GARY HARTMAN

The Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture Series in January 2011 featured Dr. Gary Hartman, associate professor of history and director for the Center of Texas Music History at Texas State University in San Marcos.



## DR. EDWARD HIRSCH

Current president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, was the speaker for the 2011 Lawrence Clayton Poets and Writers Speaker Series in March 2011.



## KEITH JOHNSON

In March 2011, the HSU School of Music hosted a brass master class, featuring clinician Keith Johnson, Regents Professor of Trumpet at the University of North Texas.



## REV. VICTOR RODRIGUEZ '84

Rev. Victor Rodriguez, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, spoke to Big Country area pastors at HSU in March 2011.



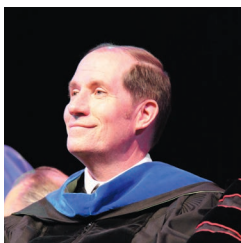
## DR. FISHER HUMPHREYS

Retired professor of divinity at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, was a guest lecturer in leading the Doctor of Ministry program's Theology and Practice Seminar in June 2011.



## DR. DUANE BROOKS

The 2011 Convocation speaker was Dr. Brooks, pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston. Brooks has been pastor of Tallowood since 1998 and serves as an adjunct professor at Houston Baptist University.



## AMBASSADOR RON McMULLEN

In an event hosted by the HSU Career Services Office in October 2011, McMullen discussed foreign service, political science, foreign affairs, and summer 2012 internships for the U.S. Department of State.



## JIM MORRIS

In September 2011, Jim Morris, whose story inspired the Walt Disney movie *The Rookie*, was the first speaker for the Last Lecture Series, hosted by the Summer Reading program of General Education Studies.



## DON VANDERSLICE

Don Vanderslice, pastor of Mosaic, an innovative church in Austin, led the Cornerstone Lecture Series in September 2011.



## PETER JANKOVIC

Peter Jankovic, internationally acclaimed guitarist, performed with the HSU Orchestra in October. Jankovic also provided a master class for HSU guitar students.



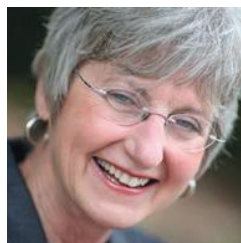
## CHUCK DAVIS '83

2011 Distinguished Alumnus, Chuck Davis, a foreign service officer serving in the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, spoke with an HSU American Government class while he was on campus in October.



## DR. DIANA GARLAND

Co-author and editor of 17 books, Dr. Garland, dean of the School of Social Work at Baylor University, spoke to HSU students about "Christians and Power," as a part of the Big Ethics Year speaker series.





# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



The Global Leadership Summit brings together world-class entrepreneurs, best-selling authors, and Christian leaders for an event that is transmitted live via satellite to more than 200 sites across the United States and is later videocast to 300 other sites worldwide. The annual two-day concentration of leaders originates at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. Participants experience live interaction with both internationally known speakers and local leaders.

James Stone '07, director of church relations for HSU, says the event is an opportunity to learn to lead where you are, even for those who may not feel they are leaders. "It's about learning how to maximize your influence, learning how to lead the people around you to a better place—leading within your sphere, so to speak." The 2011 speakers included Mama Maggie Gobran, known as the Mother Teresa of Cairo, and Erwin McManus, filmmaker and lead pastor of Mosaic, a multi-campus church in California. In addition to HSU, other university sites around the state included Baylor University and East Texas Baptist University. The interactive leadership summit had a total of 19 host sites in Texas with approximately 165,000 business, church, and community leaders attending nationwide.

Don't miss the 2012 Global Leadership Summit, which will be held on campus August 9-10, 2012. A discounted rate of \$75 is available for HSU alumni, students, faculty, staff, board members, and spouses. The standard registration rate is \$269. To get the special rate, contact James Stone at [jstone@hsutx.edu](mailto:jstone@hsutx.edu) or click the GLS button on the HSU homepage and register using the password 2012GLOBAL. Only those who can be verified as members of these groups are eligible for the special rate.

The powerful lineup of 2012 speakers includes former U.S. Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice; nationally acclaimed business thinker and author, Jim Collins; best-selling author and Pulitzer Prize winner, Sheryl Wudunn; president and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, Geoffery Canada; founder and president of The Table Group and best-selling author, Patrick Lencioni; and co-founder and senior fellow of Harvard University's Program on Negotiation, William L. Ury.

The Global Leadership Summit is not just an event for ministers. It is a time for equipping and renewal for anyone engaged in Christian leadership in any walk of life.



# WEST TEXAS HONOR FLIGHT

HSU President Dr. Lanny Hall and 1987 HSU graduate Jeff Ballenger, co-chaired the West Texas Honor Flight in April 2011.

The Honor Flight raised funds to provide West Texas WWII veterans a free trip to Washington D.C. to view their memorial. The veterans were honored by a cavalcade through Abilene as they traveled in buses to the Abilene Civic Center for a dinner in their honor. Former HSU golf coach, Jeff Goodin '60/'73 (pictured at left), shared his personal story of WWII with the group. The banner he holds had been displayed in the window of his grandmother's home during WWII, each star representing one of her four sons who were serving.





## THE KJV@400

Logsdon School of Theology hosted a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. The two-day event explored the historical significance of the KJV, its influence on the world, and its impact on culture. HSU faculty from history, English, art, music, business, and theology made presentations, with special evening sessions led by Dr. Tommy Brisco, provost and professor of Old Testament and archeology, and Dr. Jesse Fletcher, HSU president emeritus. The donors of the two HSU Bible collections held at HSU, Dr. Charles Tandy '49 and Inez Kelley '51, were special guest speakers. The collections, containing three 1611 first edition KJVs housed in the Betty Woods Fine and Rare Book Room of the Richardson Library, were opened for public viewing during the celebration event.



Brisco says his ultimate dream for the combined collections is for them to be used for research and educational purposes. "The more easily accessible we can make these Bibles to the public, given the security and the protection that they need, I think the better we will honor the two families who have entrusted them to us. They gave the Bibles to us, not to hide, but to be used. By allowing access to them, we accelerate our knowledge of the process by which the Bible comes to us." The combined Tandy and Kelley collections, which total 89 pieces, also contain a 1537 Cloverdale Bible, a 1549 Matthews Bible, a 1541 version of the Great Bible, and a 1602 edition of a Bishop's Bible.



## IABCU ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Lanny Hall, serving as chairman of the board of directors in 2011 for the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities (IABCU), welcomed college and university representatives from 14 states, Nigeria, and Japan to the HSU campus for the group's annual meeting. Presidents, chief academic officers, university development officers, chief financial officers, and student affairs representatives were in attendance for sessions and workshops held in Abilene. The guests were treated to West Texas culture with a chuck wagon meal at Perini Steakhouse, serenades by the World Famous Cowboy Band, an introduction to the Six White Horses, and 100 degree weather. Topics in plenary sessions included: "Current Issues in Christian Higher Education" by Dr. Royce Money, chancellor of Abilene Christian University; "The Greatest Book—The Life and Legacy of the King James Bible" by Dr. Michael Duduit, dean of the College of Christian Studies at Anderson University in South Carolina; "An English Garden in India: William Carey's Integrated Vision" by Dr. Bennie Crockett, professor of religion and philosophy at William Carey University.





## HSU POND GETS A FACELIFT

The remodel of the HSU pond was completed in October 2011. Originally built in 1978, the reflection pond has been one of the most impressive landmarks on the Forty Acres. The Legett Unity Bridge, a gift from the Class of 2002, not only added to the serene atmosphere that includes the gazebo, but also added functionality, allowing for east and west foot traffic to cross the pond area.

Over time, silt and erosion had caused the pond to fill in by about two feet, and the pond had lost the “reflective” properties it once had. To refresh its beauty and return it to a more environmentally friendly state, the pond was dredged out to its original depth, which is about four feet at its deepest.



The erosion of the pond’s bank had exposed some of the underground electrical lines near the pond. To correct this problem, large stones were lifted into place by forklift and positioned around its edge to help prevent further erosion. The slabs of limestone weigh between 1,800 and 2,400 pounds each, and give the pond a much more finished look.

Two new fountains were installed, which in addition to their aesthetic appeal, provide aeration to the water to help discourage algae growth.

The ducks have returned  
to the Forty Acres!

A family of ducks, including three babies, are paddling around the newly renovated pond, happy to have their habitat returned to normal.





## WiFi Access Points BOOSTED

Over the summer of 2011, Technology Services worked to install 304 additional wireless access points to the 80 existing points. This upgrade bumped bandwidth from 45 to over 200 megabits per second. Access points were installed in every other dorm room, staggering the installation on each floor above so that every room either has an access point or is surrounded on each side by them.



## NEW PARTNERSHIP IN SAN MARCOS

In August 2011, HSU partnered with San Marcos Baptist Academy (SMBA) to offer dual-credit HSU courses to academy students. SMBA is a Christian, coeducational college-preparatory school with boarding and day programs for 7th through 12th graders. The courses are taught by approved HSU adjuncts, most of whom teach full-time at the academy. Dr. Shane Davidson, vice president for enrollment and marketing management at HSU, says, "We want the dual-credit courses to help students financially with achieving their goal of one day holding a university degree. We also want to introduce the students to the same textbooks and syllabi that they would have here at HSU. Our goal is to assimilate the same university experience on the San Marcos campus as they would have in a classroom on our campus in Abilene."

## AUTOMATED DOORS INSTALLED

Fourteen new easy-access doors were added to 10 buildings, and a wide ramp replaced the front steps at Anderson Hall.



## UNDERGRAD PROGRAMS ADDED AT CORPUS CHRISTI CAMPUS

In the fall 2011 semester, the South Texas School of Christian Studies (SCS) at Corpus Christi began offering bachelor-level classes through a new undergraduate partnership with HSU. Through HSU, SCS now offers three bachelor degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts in religion, a Bachelor of Arts in biblical studies, and a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in ministry. "Hardin-Simmons University and Logsdon Seminary have had a long and fruitful partnership with the South Texas School of Christian Studies to provide graduate level theological education to the South Texas area," says Dr. Tommy Brisco, HSU provost. "With this new agreement, we look forward to increasing the undergraduate offering, especially in theological education, to students in the South Texas region."



*Tile floor mosaic located at the South Texas School of Christian Studies at Corpus Christi.*



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# NOTABLE ACCOLADES

- 1 **DR. OMER HANCOCK**, professor of church ministry, was lauded in March 2011 by his *alma mater*, Oklahoma Baptist University, with the OBU Alumni Association's Profile in Excellence Award.
- 2 On March 29, 2011, **J. L. COLE**, recently retired associate professor of social work and department head, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.
- 3 The Altom Christian Service Award for Outstanding and Exemplary Christian Service was awarded to **TERRY MINAMI**, administrative assistant to the dean of libraries. Terry was the first to receive the award since its establishment in 2000 when it was awarded to Bill and Janis Altom.
- 4 **DR. JESSE FLETCHER**, president emeritus, was honored with a community tribute for his 80th birthday on April 7, 2011, with more than 500 attendees celebrating his many contributions to the community and his extensive involvement in ministry and education. The fundraiser brought in more than \$80,000 for an initial endowment to create the Jesse C. Fletcher Lecture Series.
- 5 Led by sports information director, **CHAD GRUBBS '03**, HSU received the American Southwest Conference Sports Information Department of the Year Award for the 2010-11 academic season. Grubbs, SID at HSU since 2000, is an active member in College of Sports Directors of America and has served as chair of the ASC Sports Information Directors for the 2011-12 academic year.
- 6 **DR. TRISH TRIFILO**, associate professor of biology and director of online learning, was elected president of the Texas Blackboard Users Group at their annual conference in November 2011.
- 7 Associate professor of physical therapy, **DR. MARSHA RUTLAND '02**, was named the William R. Gould Outstanding Physical Therapy Educator at the annual Texas Physical Therapy Association meeting in November 2011.



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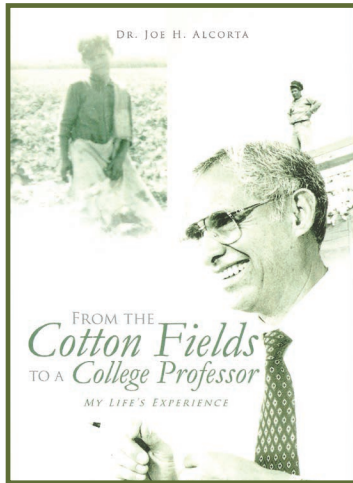
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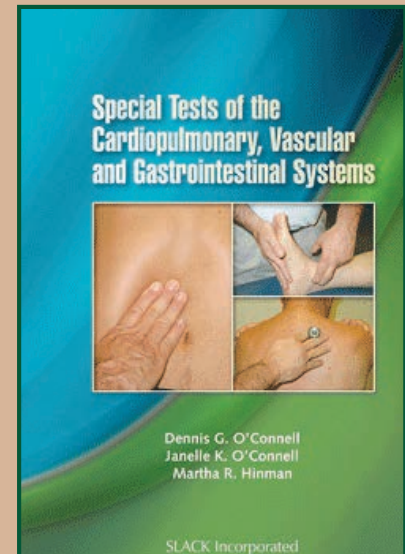


# OFF THE PRESS



## FROM THE COTTON FIELDS TO A COLLEGE PROFESSOR

*From the Cotton Fields to a College Professor* chronicles the colorful life-journey of **DR. JOE ALCORTA '64**, sharing how he found success through perseverance and hard work. Alcorta is professor of Spanish and coordinator of minority studies.



Three HSU physical therapy professors co-authored a resource book, released in March 2011. The book provides a unique, compact, and concise summary of over 95 special tests and exam procedures for physical therapy. Co-authors are **DR. DENNIS O'CONNELL '11**, Shelton-Lacewell Endowed Chair for Physical Therapy, **DR. JANELLE O'CONNELL '97**, department head and professor of physical therapy, and **DR. MARTHA HINMAN**, professor of physical therapy and head of the transitional DPT program.

## DR. SCHERR'S COMPOSITIONS

Three compositions by **DR. BERNIE SCHERR**, professor of theory and composition, were released in 2011. "Three Psalms," a duet, was performed in April by two HSU professors of voice, Dr. Lynnette Chambers and Dr. Melody Rich. "Corners," a trumpet quartet, was performed by The West Texas Trumpet Works in October, and the HSU Concert Choir performed the world premier of his "Cancioneiro Minhoto" in November.



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# NOTABLE UPDATES

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**MIKE HAMMACK '85/'89** was named vice president for institutional advancement in June 2011. Having served as a member of the HSU development team since 2007, Hammack came to HSU from a background in fundraising.

Hammack was the executive director of Gracewood with Children at Heart Ministries and has been an active member in the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

HSU president, Dr. Lanny Hall, says, "Mike Hammack is well prepared to serve in this key leadership post. He has worked in the fundraising field for 18 years. Additionally, he is a former president and member of the Board of Young Associates and former member of the Board of Development."

Hammack completed the Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible at HSU in 1985 and an M.B.A. at HSU in 1989. As an alumnus, he has served as president of the Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association and received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2006.

He and his wife, Marsha (Pruet '86), have two children, Myles (a current HSU student) and McKenna.

2

**DR. ROBERT BROOKS**, who served from 1998 to 2001 as an HSU assistant professor of church music and head of the department of church music, has returned to campus as dean of the HSU School of Music and Fine Arts. Since leaving HSU in 2001, Brooks has served on the faculty of The Juilliard School and at Dallas Baptist University.

While at DBU, Brooks was the associate dean of the Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership and served as the director of the Master of Arts in Worship Leadership program. Previously at DBU he was an adjunct professor of church music and voice, and later became associate dean of fine arts, and moved into the role of dean of fine arts in 2004.

At Juilliard, Brooks was the director of educational outreach and taught Public Service Performance: Philosophy and Practice, and was coordinator of the Cluck Community Service Outreach.

Brooks has also served as minister of music at two churches in Dallas, Wilshire Baptist Church and Valley Ranch Baptist Church.

He earned both the B.M. and B.M.E. degrees from Baylor University in 1980, an M.M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984 and the D.M.A. degree from Southwestern in 1993.

Brooks has a long history of performance, including A Broadway Gala at the Bass Performance Hall in Ft. Worth, and Amahl and the Night Visitors, performed in Dallas.



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**DR. DON WILLIFORD** was named dean of the Logsdon School of Theology June 1, 2011. Williford, professor of New Testament, had served as interim dean since 2010 when Dr. Tommy Brisco, former dean, was appointed provost and chief academic officer.

Williford began his service at HSU as director of church relations and assistant professor of New Testament in 1992. Since then, he has moved through the faculty ranks, being promoted to professor in 1999. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has served as president of the HSU faculty, accreditation liaison, associate vice president of academic affairs, associate provost, and interim vice president for academic affairs.

Prior to coming to HSU, Williford served in full-time vocational ministry for more than 20 years, including service as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and pastor in churches across Texas, including Birdville Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, First Baptist Church in Eldorado, and First Baptist Church in Brownwood. He started his teaching career at Carter Junior High School in Arlington.

4

**MRS. KACEY HIGGINS** became HSU's registrar in January 2011. Previously, Higgins was assistant registrar for graduate and special programs at Abilene Christian University, and earlier was assistant to the

dean of the graduate school at ACU. She earned the M.A. in communication in 2008 and the B.A.S. in communication in 2005 from ACU.

5

**DR. EMILY DEAN**, assistant professor of educational studies, is the new director for HSU's Center for Literacy and Learning. With an extensive background in dyslexia education, she has served as a reviewer for publications and presentations for the International Dyslexia Association and reviewer of presentations for the National Reading Conference.

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**DR. ROBERT ELLIS '77**, associate dean for academics for Logsdon Seminary and Phillips Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, was appointed as the seminary's liaison to the Association of Theological Schools in May 2011. The Association is the premier accrediting agency for seminaries in the United States and Canada.

7

**VICKI HOUSE '01/'10** joined the President's Office in January 2011 as executive assistant to the president. Vicki, who earned her M.B.A. at HSU in 2010, previously served as HSU director of admissions.





## A GROUP OF HSU HEROES

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, a group of heroes stepped forward to save the university. In spite of their individual hardships, 43 members of the faculty and staff worked without pay to keep the school open. These men and women were truly dedicated to the Christian virtues of faith, service, and self-sacrifice.

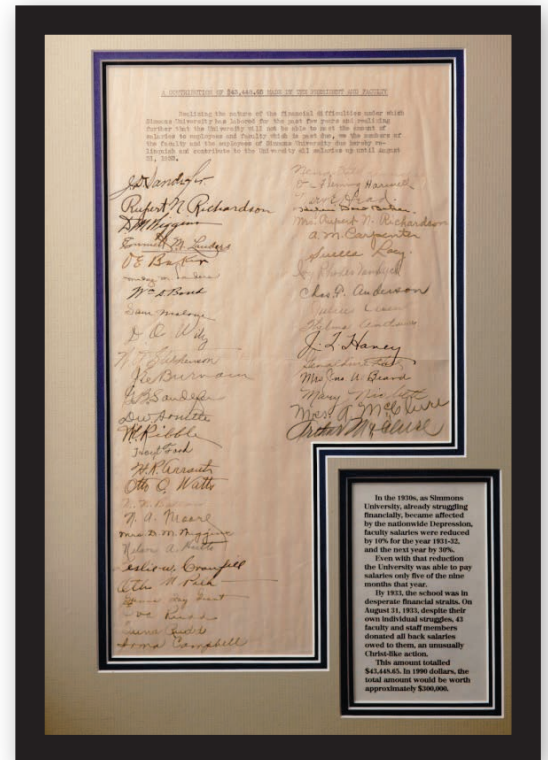
Some of the names are well known. Others are not. But where would we be today without the examples of J. D. Sandefer, Rupert Richardson, Eva Rudd, Otho Polk, and Leslie Cranfill? We have all benefitted from the rich heritage they set before us.

All of these men and women have passed away, but their legacy lives on through us. The torch has been passed. We are now setting the tone for the next generation. As we plan for our future, I pray we will remain faithful to our high calling.

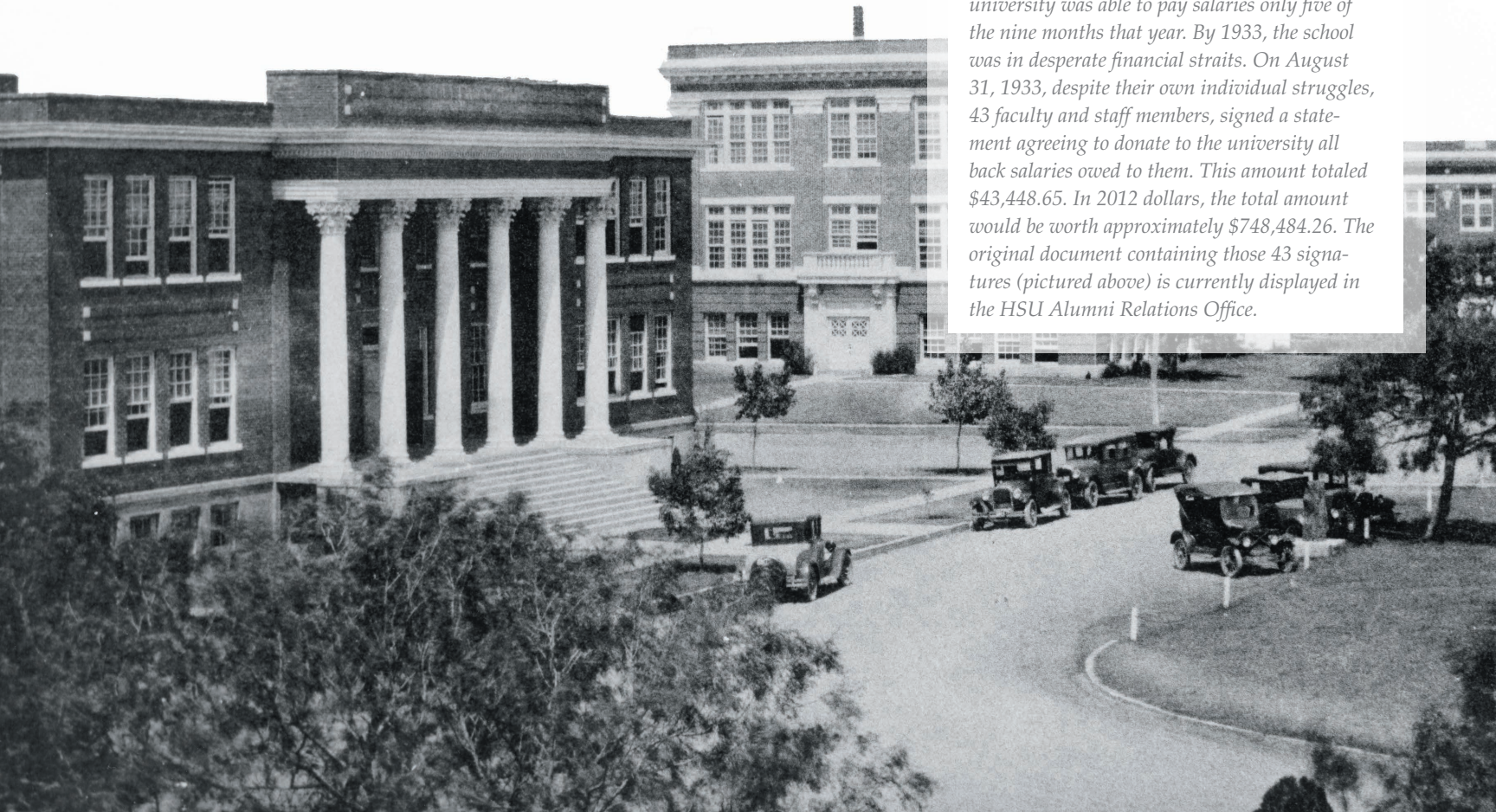
*Mike Hammack*

Mike Hammack '84/'89

Vice President for Institutional Advancement



*In the 1930s, as Simmons University, already struggling financially, became affected by the nationwide Depression, faculty salaries were reduced by 10% for the year 1931-32, and the next year by 30%. Even with that reduction, the university was able to pay salaries only five of the nine months that year. By 1933, the school was in desperate financial straits. On August 31, 1933, despite their own individual struggles, 43 faculty and staff members, signed a statement agreeing to donate to the university all back salaries owed to them. This amount totaled \$43,448.65. In 2012 dollars, the total amount would be worth approximately \$748,484.26. The original document containing those 43 signatures (pictured above) is currently displayed in the HSU Alumni Relations Office.*





# OBTAIN LIFELONG PAYMENTS WITH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

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Your age and the dollar value of the donation determine the amount you receive. You can collect these payments for your lifetime, and if you choose, you can have the payments continue for the life of a second individual. That way, for example, when you pass away, your spouse will have peace of mind knowing that the charitable gift annuity will continue to provide a fixed income for his or her lifetime.

## Find Your Gift Annuity Rate for June 2012

One Life		Two Lives	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
50	3.7%	50/55	3.3%
55	4.0%	55/60	3.7%
60	4.4%	60/65	4.0%
65	4.7%	65/70	4.4%
70	5.1%	70/75	4.8%
75	5.8%	75/80	5.3%
80	6.8%	80/85	6.1%
85	7.8%	85/90	7.3%
90+	9.0%	90/95+	8.8%

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## Your Benefits

Gift annuities offer additional benefits besides secure and stable lifetime payments.

- They provide an income tax deduction for the charitable portion of the gift.
- A portion of each payment (for a period of years) is actually income tax-free to you.
- Depending on the type of asset donated, part of the payment may be taxed at a lower capital gains rate.

## Example: The Gift Annuity in Action

To illustrate these benefits, consider the situation of Pete and Deloris, who are both 67 years old.\* They make a \$30,000 cash gift to HSU in exchange for a charitable gift annuity at a rate of 4.4 percent. The couple receives \$1,320 each year for as long as either one is living. Their payments do not stop at the death of the first spouse. In addition, \$1,043 of each \$1,320 payment is income tax-free to them—leaving only \$277 of ordinary income. (After 22.7 years, when they reach their combined life expectancy, the entire payment becomes ordinary income.) In the year they establish the annuity, the couple may take an income tax deduction of approximately \$6,331 if they itemize.

*\* This example is based on rates from the American Council on Gift Annuities, annual payments and a 1.4 percent charitable midterm federal rate.*

## What Now?

If you have further questions regarding gift annuities, please contact our office at (325) 670-1260.

CHERYL PURCELL '06/'10

Assistant Vice President for Development

RUSSELL LEAVENWORTH '98

Development Officer

MIKE HAMMACK '84/'89

Vice President for Institutional Advancement



## HSU Round Table Celebrates 100 Years & Establishes Scholarship

The HSU Round Table celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011 with the establishment of a scholarship fund to benefit female students attending Hardin-Simmons. An annual luncheon was developed in conjunction with the scholarship to help raise funds and to provide a venue for recognizing the scholarship recipients. Also at the luncheon each year, the Virtue Award is presented to a woman of distinction from the community.

The Round Table organization was created in the fall of 1910 by Simmons College first lady, Mrs. Lucile Sandefer, to cultivate friendships among faculty wives. Under Sandefer's leadership, the group undertook projects that transformed and enhanced the rugged frontier campus. For a century, the group has remained

true to Mrs. Sandefer's vision, and its mission to serve students while enhancing campus facilities and friendships. A meeting of the original group gathered at Mrs. Sandefer's round dining table is pictured below.

The inaugural Scholarship Luncheon was held February 22, 2011, with Lynda Johnson Robb, daughter of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, as the featured speaker. In an informal setting, Robb answered questions from the audience and shared with them her experiences during the presidency of her father.

In only two years, the Round Table Scholarship has been fully endowed with funds of more than \$10,000 raised.



*The 2011 Round Table Virtue Award was presented to Dr. Virginia (Hawkins) Boyd Connally '33, Abilene's first female doctor.*



*The 2011 recipients of the Round Table Scholarship were Nicole Little, a biology major from Weatherford, and Danielle Kizer, a pre-med biology major from Fort Worth.*



*As Round Table president, Nancy (McNair) Jones '75 looks on, Lynda Johnson Robb autographs a book for Round Table member Patsy (Jones) McCown '62. The copy of A White House Diary, owned by Patsy, had been autographed by Lynda's mother, Ladybird Johnson, for Patsy's mother.*



## WHY I GIVE: SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I still remember vividly being asked to give to HSU's Annual Scholarship Fund. A development officer whom I had known when I was a student worker took me out for coffee and asked if I would consider giving \$20 a month by bank draft. Asking me, of all people, to give seemed implausible. I graduated just 15 months before and had been married less than two months. My husband (a graduate of another university) and I had combined debt from student loans that exceeded our annual incomes from two full-time degree-required jobs. I was already wondering how on earth we were going to pay all of our bills. But somehow, I heard myself say "yes" when she asked. I have never regretted it.

Eight years, seven moves, and three children later, we are still giving monthly to HSU. When I think back through all we have been through in those eight years, there were plenty of months that we didn't know where the money would come from to meet our obligations—including our commitment to HSU. God is faithful, however, and He always provided and made a way for it to happen.

You may wonder why I made such a commitment in the first place. It's because I could not have made it through HSU without a lot of help from scholarships. The academic scholarships that I received through the Annual Scholarship Fund made a tremendous difference for me. At times I worked three jobs, and I didn't take for granted any help that I received. Receiving even \$1,000 more per semester meant that I only had to work two jobs instead of three.

In retrospect, even during the rough patches, the \$20 a month never hurt us. Sometimes it meant skipping a fast food meal or a slushy. With the funds coming out automatically every month, we really don't miss it.

"When I desperately needed help as a student, **I received it.** How can I not **give back** to help others?"

Diana (Scott) Richards '02



Round Table is introducing the first in a series of HSU Christmas ornaments!

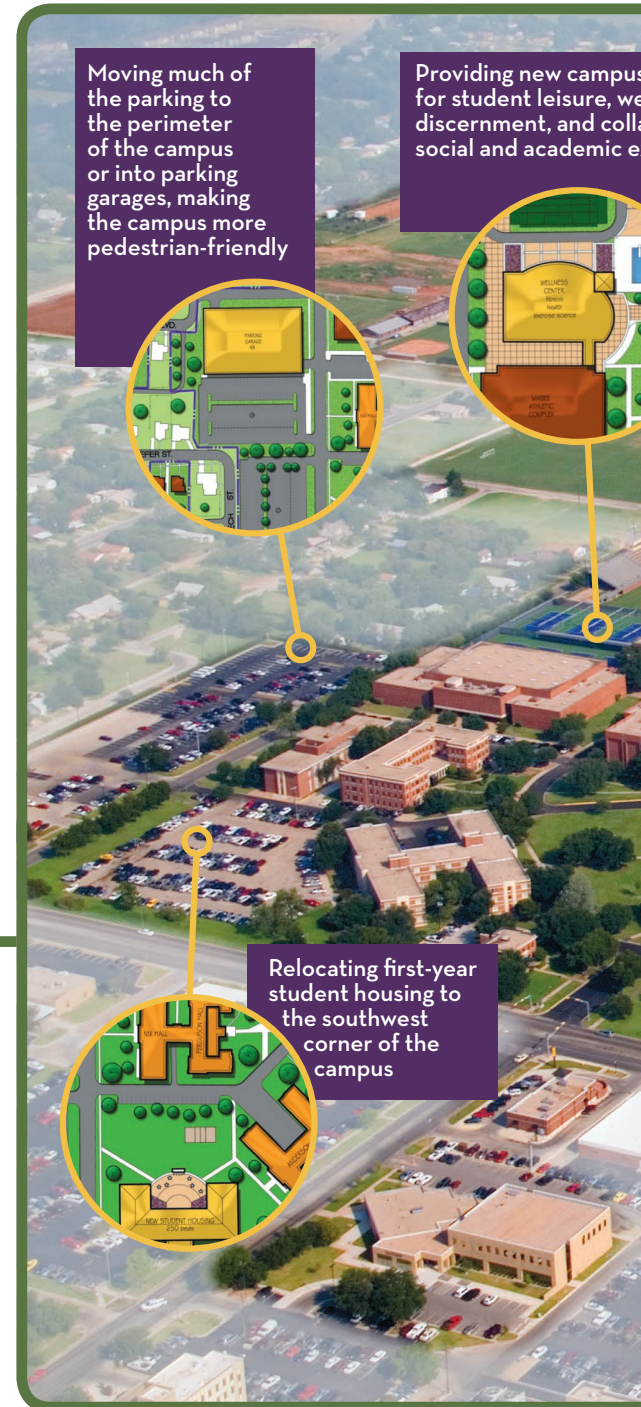
Watch for them on sale at Homecoming.

*All proceeds will go into the Round Table Scholarship fund.*



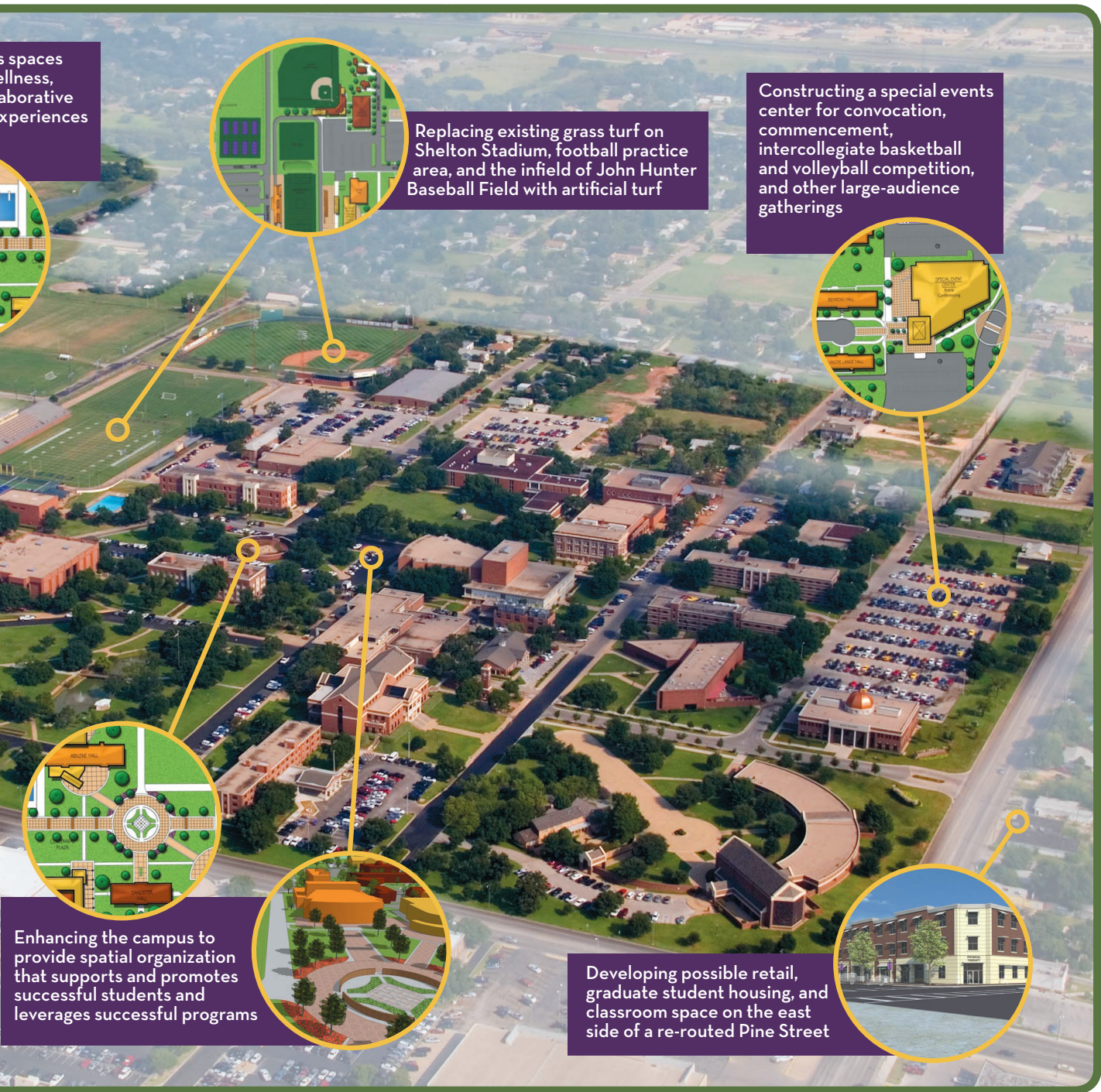
# THE HSU CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Developed over the last nine months with the expert assistance of Performa Higher Education, this data-driven plan is the result of numerous on-campus discussions and focus groups, including input from faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, and representatives of HSU support-boards. The plan will guide campus development in the next ten years – which includes the campus enhancements shown here, as well as building several new facilities and renovating several existing facilities. This is an exciting and significant planning effort, and we look forward to sharing more details as implementation of the Campus Master Plan continues.



To view the entire campus master plan, visit [www.hsutx.edu/about/cmp](http://www.hsutx.edu/about/cmp) or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



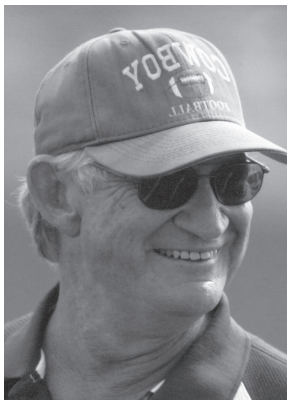




# ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## MR. JIMMIE KEELING

*Head Football Coach*

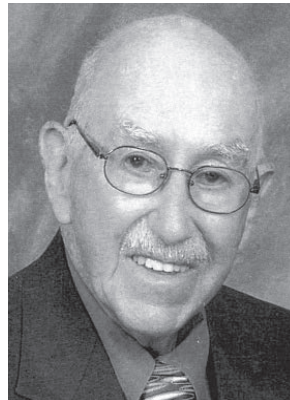


Coach Keeling led the Cowboys to the national playoffs—either NAIA or NCAA Division III—11 times in 21 seasons (1990-2011), posting a 172-53 record. In July 2003, the All-American Football Foundation presented to him the Head Football Coaching Award. In 2004, he received the Grant Teaff Lifetime Achievement Award by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Before coming to HSU, Keeling coached for 30

years at the high school level with a career record of 196-91-11. In 1995, he was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor.

## MR. GEORGE HINE JR. (Dec.)

*'49/'50, Sports Information Director*

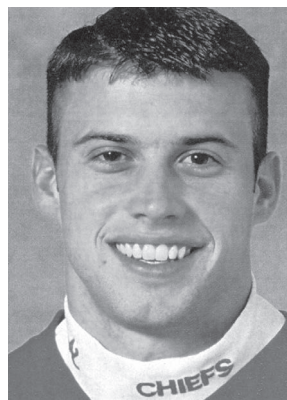


Shortly after entering HSU in 1947, World War II veteran George Hine was named HSU sports information director, a position he held through 1957. A four-time president of the Border Conference Press Assn., George received national acclaim for design and layout excellence. In 1949 his work was honored by a Resolution of the Texas Legislature. He was elected to the NAIA Sports Hall of Fame in 1974 for his significant contributions to the field of sports journalism. In 1982, while

serving as assistant to the president of Houston Baptist Univ., George was honored by the College Sports Information Directors Assn. for serving over 25 years in the profession.

## MR. KIRK ROGERS

*'01, Football*

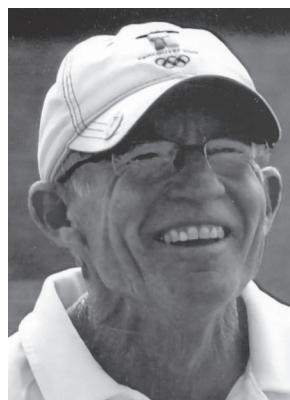


From 1998-2001, Kirk Rogers was a wide receiver for the Cowboys offensive attack. He still holds the school and ASC records for career touchdowns (50). He is the career leader in pass reception yards (4,117) and average yards per catch (20.69). He was named first-team all-American in 2000 for helping lead the Cowboys to the Division III semifinals with a 12-1 record. After his collegiate career, Rogers played for the Kansas City Chiefs organization and was a member of their practice squad. He has been the wide receivers coach at Southlake Carroll for the last five years.

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## MR. GARY MARABLE

*'77, Tennis Player & Coach*



Gary Marable played and coached tennis for HSU, playing from 1974-76, and coaching from 1979-1981. In his second season he was named the team's MVP going 16-6 in singles and 12-8 in doubles. Marable spent 29 years coaching in public schools with 23 years at Canyon High School. His Canyon High teams won the class 3A state tournament in 1991, 1992, and 2007. In addition, while at Canyon High, Marable coached five boys' doubles teams, one girls' singles player and a boys' singles player to state

championships. Coach Marable was named Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Tennis Coach of the year eight times during his career.





# FOLKS & FACTS

This issue contains submissions received in the Range Rider Office between January 1 and December 31, 2011. Because of printing deadlines, your news could be delayed by one issue. All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Email addresses are included whenever possible.



**BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS** Please include birth dates with the year and indicate whether the addition to your family is a boy or girl.



**MARRIAGES** Remember to indicate the date and place of your marriage and whether your spouse is an HSU alum.



**REUNIONS** Class years 2002, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1972 will celebrate reunions at Homecoming 2012. Golden Lariat Society reunion will be held for classes 1962 and before. The class of 1963 will celebrate its Golden Anniversary on campus April 15-16, 2013.

**1933** **Dr. Virginia (Hawkins) Boyd Connally '33** autographed copies of her biography, *Virginia Connally, M.D.: Trailblazing Physician, Woman of Faith*, written by Loretta Fulton, veteran journalist who got to know Virginia when Fulton was the religion and higher education reporter for the *Abilene Reporter-News* from 1997



to 2004. Virginia also shared her book at a luncheon where she spoke with the female pre-med students at HSU, giving each of the girls a copy of her book, and encouraging them with her wisdom gained from being the first female doctor in Abilene in the 1940s. Virginia, who lives in Abilene, will turn 100 in December 2012.

**1943**

**Steve Minas '43** ex retired as a special agent from the United States Customs Services as the regional director, Office of Investigations, New York City, NY. He previously served as U. S. Customs attaché in Tokyo, Japan. He and his wife, Eleanor, live in Boerne.



**1950**

**Elma (Rodriguez) Perez '50** was honored on her 90th birthday in 2009 with State Resolution No. 1024 recognizing her many years of dedicated service as a school teacher and voluntary church worker. Presenting the plaque to Elma was her nephew, Luis Marcos Sanches, who works in the office of Senator



Eddie Lucio Jr., who initiated the resolution. Elma, the only Hispanic woman to graduate from HSU in 1950, married **Gregorio Perez '50** soon after their graduation. While Elma taught and Gregorio pastored, the couple served as home missionaries with the North American Mission Board, retiring after 39 years of service. Gregorio died in 1990. Now at the age of 93, when asked what her secret for a long healthy life is, Elma replied, "Trust God; follow God. He is the one who directs your life." Elma lives in San Benito.

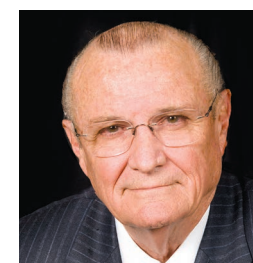
**1953**



**Jim Riddle '53** was inducted into the Irving Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Jim and his wife, Wanda, live in Irving.

**Rev. Lawrence Webb '55** tracks down his professor on **page 60**.

**1956**



**Marshall Doke '56**, a government contracts attorney and partner in the office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, has been appointed chair of the Standing Committee on Audit

following his re-election by the American Bar Association Board of Governors to a three-year term. Marshall and his wife, Betty (Orsini) '56 ex, live in Dallas.

**1957**

**Bill Neal '57** published *Vengeance Is Mine: The Scandalous Love Triangle That Triggered the Boyce-Sneed Feud* in 2011. He is the author of *Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier: Notorious Killings, Celebrated Trials, From*





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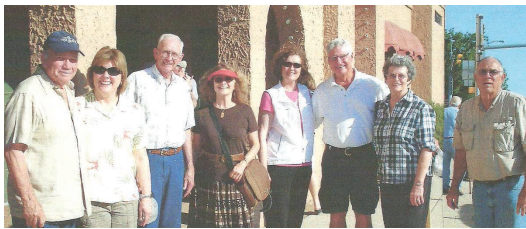


*Guns to Gavels: How Justice Grew Up in the Outlaw West, and Sex Murder, and the Unwritten Law: Courting Judicial Mayhem, Texas Style.* Bill practiced criminal law in West Texas for 20 years as a prosecutor and 20 years as a defense attorney. He and his wife, Gayla, live in Abilene.

**1958** **Charles Massegee '58** has published a new book, *The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist: Islam, Allah and the Antichrist in Prophecy*. Charles and his wife, Beverly, live in Ranger; cotbe@earthlink.net.

**J.T. Ball '58** shares his story with the SEC on page 67.

**1960** Members from the Class of 1960 met in Albany in July 2011 to enjoy the Fort Griffin Fandangle and other activities associated with Texas' Oldest



Outdoor Musical. Left to right: Don and Irene Wills, Jim Tom Butler, Nancilu McClellan, Marilyn and Jeff Goodin, and Doniece and Joe Allen.

**1961** **Dr. Stan Blevins '61**, retired as pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Lubbock, Jan. 16, 2011, his 25th anniversary with the church. He has been named pastor emeritus. His retirement ends a 52-year pastoral career. His wife, **Betty (Westfall)**, is also a '61 HSU graduate. Other alumni in the family include their son, **Ronald '84** and his wife, **Cindy (McGee '86)**; their daughter **Kristi (Blevins) Dean '90**, grandson, **Jason Dean '05**; and Stan's sister, **Judi (Blevins) Montgomery '67**; stanbet@suddenlink.net.

**Sammy Scifres '61** has retired after 44 years at Illinois Wesleyan University. He was an associate professor of voice and chairman of the voice department. He and his wife, **Maxine (Sheppard) '61**, live in Normal IL.

**1962** **James Queen '62 ex**, who serves as choirmaster and organist for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo, was recently honored by the church for his 23 years of service; jlqueen1@gte.net.

**Judy (Royal) Van Hying '62** lives in Tulsa OK and enjoyed the 1962 Golden Reunion. She would love to hear from classmates; 7306 S Columbia Ave, Tulsa OK 74136.

**1965** **Dorothy (Houston) Kiser '65/'92** who retired as HSU registrar in 2010, was awarded honorary membership in 2011 in the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers. In Nov. 2011, the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers also conferred honorary membership upon her. Dorothy has moved to 217 Sanford Lane, Abilene TX 79602; dkiser44@gmail.com.

**1967** **Josephine (Linville) Ivey '67/'97** was inducted into the Riverview High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. She has taught Spanish at Riverview for 33 years and was the 1995 Teacher of the Year. She has served as the school's activity director for 20 years and was the varsity cheerleading coach 1989-2010. She was selected National Cheerleading Coach of the Year in 2007. Josephine lives in Sarasota FL and plans to retire in 2013 after 46 years in education; jivey91534@aol.com.

**1968** **Dr. James and Betty (Burruss) Glass, both '68**, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary July 2, 2011. James has retired as professor emeritus from Huntington College in Montgomery AL, and Betty retired after teaching 32 years in elementary school. They have one daughter and one grandson; vannaglass@yahoo.com.

**Ignacio Hurtado '68** is enjoying retirement. He and his wife, **Aurora (Cardona) '71**, are traveling, renovating their home in the Houston Heights, and spending time with grandchildren; ignacio\_hurtado@yahoo.com.



## THE ANNUAL HSU TURKEY HUNT of the Old Circle K Fraternity, Athletes, and Exes for 2011

Front Row (kneeling) **Bud Crow '63**, Plano; **Paul Murrey '64**, Kaufman; **Jim Steadman '63**, Abilene; **Cecil Evans '64**, San Marcos; **Don Marler '63 ex**, Dadeville AL; **Burl Magee '67**, Weatherford; **Curtis Beard '62**, Plano; **Monte Hulse '61 ex**, Waco; **Bill Jeffries '60 ex**, Abilene; **Delbert Hollis '62**, Deridder LA; **Jeff Goodin '60/'73**, Abilene. Back Row (standing) **Joe Allen '60**, Comanche; **Charles Pope '64**, Andrews; **Richard Newman '63**, Anson; **Oren McGrew '63/'65**, Abilene; **Jim Tom Butler '60**, Albany; **Jerry Hill '65**, Stamford; **James Graham '63**, Saint Jo; **Doyle Edmiston '60**, Roscoe; **Jim Birdwell '65/'72**, Greensboro NC; **Milton Martin '61**, Stamford; **Jim Williams '62 ex**, Cahoma; **John Adams '63**, Moran; **Bill Voss '61**, Abilene; **Tom Echols '62**, Snyder; **Buddy Everett '62**, Lubbock; **Bruce Arrant '62**, Lufkin; **Bill Trainham '63**, Little Elm; **Lynn Mendenhall '61**, Abilene; **Dub Pierce '58/'62**, Abilene; **Tom Lovvorn '65**, Abilene; **Pete Hart '59**, Abilene.



# FINDING DR. BURROWS



**Rev. Lawrence Webb '55**, with the assistance of HSU asst. vice president for advancement, **Cheryl Purcell '06/'10**, tracked down **Dr. Robert Burrows**, former HSU professor, in Whitewater WI. Lawrence, professor emeritus at Anderson University, shares this story:

*Dr. and Mrs. Burrows live in the town where she taught public school English and he was on the English faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. It was 60 years ago last September (1951) when I was a freshman in his first-semester English class at Hardin-Simmons. He's lost some hair, but he is in good health: hiking up a steep hill at the edge of town every morning, active in church and politics, enjoying music, theatre, and sports events at the university. He and his wife had just driven back from a conference in Lafayette, Louisiana, the same day we flew into O'Hare. His mind is sharp. He's a great conversationalist. As my professor that first year, he was one of the first people who gave me encouragement to channel my writing into campus publications and to consider a writing career. At the time, I had no idea that, along with ministry, I would spend most of my professional life in writing and editing and teaching journalism. He helped point me in that direction.*

Rev. Lawrence Webb '55 (left) pictured with his former professor, Dr. Robert Burrows. Lawrence and his wife, Pansy, live in Anderson SC; webbtex@charter.net.

**1970** **Glenn Shaffer '70** lives in Windermere FL; ggshaffer@mac.com.

**1971** **Rick Featherston '71** is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at East Texas Medical Center. He and his wife, Janie, live in Tyler. Their daughter Kinsey is 19; feather@wildblue.net.

**1974** **Melba (Hernandez) Carmona '74** is senior assistant to the director of 6 Stones Mission Network in Bedford. She and her husband, Tony, have been involved with the non-profit organization since 2009. They live in Arlington and attend First Baptist Church in Euless. They have shared details of their journey at [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org); melbacarmona@yahoo.com.

**1978** **Jan Eastland '78** was named the January 2010 Resident of the Month at Coronado Nursing Center. Jan would love to receive mail at 1751 N. 15th St., Abilene TX 79603.

**David Gitelman II '78** is a senior engineer for Comcast in Denver CO; dgitelman1@comcast.net.

{ He's lost some hair, but he is in good health: hiking up a steep hill at the edge of town every morning, active in church and politics, enjoying music, theatre, and sports events at the university. — **Rev. Lawrence Webb '55** (story above) }

REUNION  
**1972** **Karon Cunningham '72** retired from 32 years of teaching in 2011 and now enjoys traveling across the U.S. and reconnecting with friends. Her granddaughter, Elise, had miraculous surgery and recovery from a rapid-growing brain tumor discovered in March 2011, and her son Dana has returned from deployment unscathed; karoncunningham@gmail.com.

**Janet (Conrad) Lisso '74** has retired from teaching and lives in Blackwell; mamawjanet@yahoo.com.

**David and Jackie (Rainwater '75) Smith '74** moved to Dallas in 2011 where David is director of the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry program at Dallas Baptist University; smithdavro@yahoo.com.

**1979** **Marv Knox '79**, editor of the *Baptist Standard*, received the 2011 George W. Truett Distinguished Church Service Award from the Baylor Alumni Association. Marv currently serves on the HSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was named a Logsdon School of Theology distinguished alumnus in 1996 and an HSU distinguished alumnus in 2010. He and his wife, **Joanna (Jarchow) '79** live in Coppell; marvknox@baptiststandard.com.





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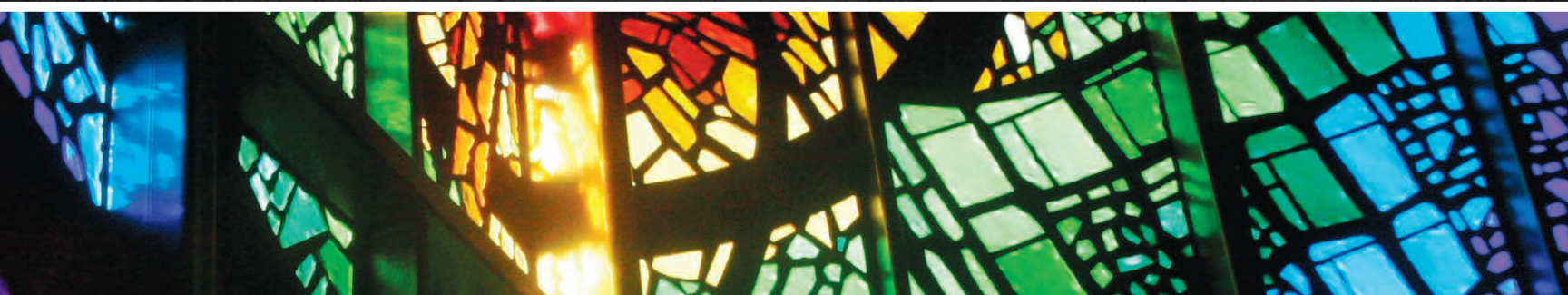
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**1980 Maurie (Miller) Hazlewood '80**

has retired after 30 years in public schools as a speech pathologist and now does contract work. She and her husband, Mel, live in Hondo; maurie\_beth@hotmail.com.

**1981 Pete Foreman '81**, who

served as chief of staff for the 75th MCTD, US Army, in Houston, retired after 30 years of active duty. He has moved to Michigan; peter.foreman@us.army.mil.

## REUNION

**1982 Gary Braudaway '82** was named a finalist in 2010 for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for his work as principal of Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth. His efforts at the school ended a four-year streak of failing to meet the state's academic standards tests; garyb2003@sbcglobal.net.

**Debra (Odom) Jamison '82** is executive assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she earned her M.B.A. in 2006; djamison0812@yahoo.com.

**1983 Michael Compton '83**

recently moved to Centralia WA; m.compton@comcast.net.

**1984 Chuck Davis '84** and family

have moved from Singapore to Tel Aviv, Israel, where he serves as a Foreign Service officer with the United States Embassy.



His wife, **Elaine (Martin) '83**, serves in the community with diplomatic spouses, and their daughter Allison attends the American International High School of Israel. Their son Daniel graduated from Singapore American School in 2010 and currently studies political science in Chicago. Chuck was also named an HSU distinguished alumnus in 2011. See related story on page 7; diplodad@yahoo.com.

**Doug Willis '84** has been promoted to dean of student development for the Central Park campus of Collin County College in McKinney; dwillis@collin.edu.

**1985 A.J. Smith '85** was elected

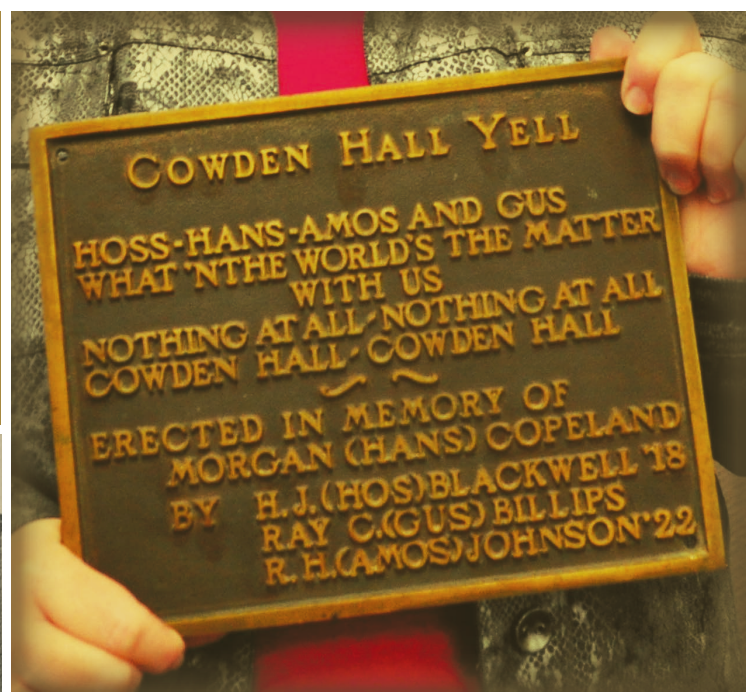
president of the Association of Baptists for Scouting in 2011. He also received the Good Shepherd Award and has been added as a member of the Boy Scouts of America's Religious Relations Task Force. A.J. is an adjunct professor of church history at Liberty University Online. He and his wife, **Michelle (McDonald) '89**, live in Alabaster AL, with their five children, Kayla (16), James (14), Victoria (11), Laura (6), and Jesse (4); smithaj2@juno.com.

**1986 Jennii (Bennett) Kamesch '86**

is director for category strategy development at MedAssets in Dallas. She, her husband, Joseph, and their daughters, Betty (15) and Olivia (11), live in Sanger; jek33@airmail.net.

**Raimundo Penaforte '86/'87** was commissioned by Brazilian guitarist João Kouyoumdjian to compose *Two Pieces*

**Jay Moore '82/'96** recently stumbled upon a piece of HSU history on eBay. He alerted HSU dean of libraries, **Alice Specht '83**, who was able to convince the seller of the Cowden Hall Yell plaque to donate the memorabilia to HSU. The artifact, most likely dating back to the early 1930s, contains the Cowden Hall Yell and the names of HSU students **H.J. "Hoss" Blackwell '18**, **Ray "Gus" Billips**, and **R.H. "Amos" Johnson '22**, and was created as a memorial to **Morgan "Hans" Copeland '19** ex who died in 1931. No one is certain where the plaque hung on campus, as Cowden Hall burned in 1922. The plaque now hangs in the Legacy Room of the Rupert Richardson Research Center for the Southwest on the second floor of Richardson Library. Jay, who teaches history at Abilene High School, and **Laura (Warren) '86** live in Abilene; jay.moore@abileneisd.org.





for *Guitar Solo*, which Kouyoumdjian performed in Nov. 2011 at Carnegie Hall. Raimundo lives in New York City; rpenaforte@aol.com.

## REUNION 1987

**Cindy (Cone) Jones '87** is on the board of 6 Stones Mission Network, [www.6stones.org](http://www.6stones.org). She was also recently selected to participate in the Leadership Grapevine program that increases awareness of the city and provides personal leadership training for her business and community involvement. She is a marketing manager with Aetna and a Mary Kay consultant; [cindyjonesandfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyjonesandfamily@yahoo.com).

**Randy Robertson '87** is currently a pediatric cardiology nurse clinician at Children's Hospital at Scott & White. He and his wife, April, have three children, Bradie (19), Payton (15), and Sydnie (11). The family lives in Gatesville; [therobline@hotmail.com](mailto:therobline@hotmail.com).

**Alan Rogers '87/'04** reported to his new duty station at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar CA where he serves as a group chaplain. He and his wife, Lisa, live in San Diego with their youngest son, Jackson. Their oldest son, Jacob, also serves in the USMC, and their two daughters, Sara and Laurin, and a son, John, currently attend HSU; [chapsfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:chapsfamily@hotmail.com).

**Miriam (Mixon) Wallace '87** (center in photo) from Cranfills Gap happened upon James and Kelly (Patterson) Farr, both '84, at the Koffee Kup in Hico. James and Kelly were returning to Arlington from a trip to San Antonio; [mirmjw@gmail.com](mailto:mirmjw@gmail.com).



**John and Cindy (Barnett '87) Bradshaw '88** live in Lubbock where John is CFO/pastor for Experience Life; [jcbradshaw6@gmail.com](mailto:jcbradshaw6@gmail.com).

**1988 Teresa (Mixon) Gomez '88** ex performed as a guest soloist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra December 2011 to a sold out crowd. Teresa and **Paul '82**, a former member of Board of Young Associates and current Board of Development member, live in Rogers AR; [teresa@paulandteresa.com](mailto:teresa@paulandteresa.com).

{ My husband and I have been associated with 6 Stones Mission Network for the last two and a half years. Suffice it say we have experienced one miracle after another since Jan. 2009! — **Cindy (Cone) Jones '87** }

**Todd and Tamela (Steele '89) Johnston '88** visited the HSU campus with their son, Brian, in July 2011.



The family lives in North Italy where Todd works for the U.S. Army and serves in the Army Reserve. Tamela serves on the European Board of the Protestant Women of the Chapel and is active in volunteer work while raising Brian (18) and Ethan (12); [johnstont\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:johnstont_2000@yahoo.com).

**LTC Tom Meyer '88** retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of active service on July 30, 2010, at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, certificates of retirement from the president of the United States and governor of Texas, and a national flag that was

flown over the Alamo, the Texas Capitol, and HSU. His wife, **Susan (Duckworth '88)**, was awarded the Yellow Rose of Texas for her dedicated service and support as an Army spouse. John Welch, who was commissioned through Tri-College ROTC along with LTC Meyer, attended the ceremony, as did LTC (Ret)



Edward Leach, former professor of military science at HSU, who commissioned LTC Meyer at HSU in 1986. LTC (Ret) Meyer currently works for the US Army Intelligence and Security Command in San Antonio. Daughter **Julia** is a student at HSU; [tom.meyer@us.army.mil](mailto:tom.meyer@us.army.mil).

**1989 David Tatum '89** is minister of music and media at First Baptist Church in Van Buren AR; [dtatum@firstvb.com](mailto:dtatum@firstvb.com).

**1990 Zach Richardson '90** is



owner of Drama Kids of Volunteer Valley in the Knoxville TN area. With a focus on communication skills, children ages 5-18 learn voice projection, creative movement, improvisation, and character development. Zach and his wife, Maria, have one daughter, Christina (12); [sparrow777@juno.com](mailto:sparrow777@juno.com).



**1991** **Gina (Garner) Lunsford '91** lives in Anna where she is special education department coordinator for Denison High School; smygigi1997@yahoo.com.

REUNION  
**1992** **John and Tracy**

**(Kimbrough '91) Carl '92** live in Garland with their two children, Christopher (15) and Melody (10). John is senior pastor at Northlake Baptist Church and completed his D.Min. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2010; johncarl3@verizon.net.

**Allan Gray '92** has started a new career with RBC Royal Bank and RBC Financial Group. He is a sales and service rep for Royal Direct, the telephone and online part of the customer service group. Allan, a former Board of Young Associates member lives in Winnipeg Manitoba; algray7260@yahoo.com.

**Cara Naizer '92/'94** became head choral director at Cooper High School in Abilene in fall 2011. She has taught music in the Abilene area for 18 years. She and her husband, **Ronnie '87**, a nurse at Hendrick Medical Center, live in Clyde with sons Hayden (13) and Kellen (15). They are active in First Baptist Church Clyde where Cara is a frequent soloist; cnaizer@aol.com.

**1993** **Karen (Thompson) Boyle '93**, her husband, John, and their seven children live in Abilene. The family attends Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, and Karen is a homemaker and homeschool teacher; kboyle796@yahoo.com.

**Arthur and Terri (Rogers '94/'97) Smith '93/'96** have adopted Makaylee (7) from foster care. The family lives in Ft. Worth; asmithspeech@yahoo.com.

**1994** **Nikki (Hooker) '94** married James Gillis Jr. on Apr. 9, 2011. They live in Garland where Nikki is a project manager for Varolii Corporation; ngillis11@gmail.com.

**Jay Lester '94** was named Employee of the Month in Sept. 2011 for Victoria ISD where he has been director of fine arts. He has





been with the district for four years and perhaps most notably helped with the research and design of the 1,483-seat fine arts center that opened in Feb. 2011. Jay and his wife, **Lisa (Brunner) '95**, live in Victoria and have two sons, Michael (12) and Brian (10); jonjaylester@yahoo.com.

**Keith Williams '94** is a missionary/member care consultant for the International Mission Board. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Singapore; kwilliams@mymailworld.com.

{ West Nairobi School is an international Christian school in Nairobi, Kenya. We have 280 students from missionary families, international business and diplomatic families, and local Kenyan families. — **Duane Jobe '97/'99** }

**1995** **Barbara (Plummer) Manton '95** is owner of Home Incarceration Services, LLC. in Covington LA. She has one daughter, one son, and two grandsons; rdhd143@yahoo.com.

**Julie (Brown) Wood '95** and her husband,  Darin, are happy to announce the birth and adoption of their son, Joshua David, on Apr. 11, 2011. The family lives in Jacksonville where Julie is a homemaker, freelance writer, and part-time pianist for JISD, while serving with her husband who pastors Central Baptist Church; juleswood1027@gmail.com.

**1996** **Brian and Sonja (Couch '97) Bessent '96** and daughters Jenna (8), Molly (7), and Caroline (4) welcomed  Will on July 6, 2011. Brian received HSU's Outstanding Young Alumni Award in Feb. 2012, is a former Board of Young Associates officer, and a current Board of Development member. The family lives in Abilene; bessent5@yahoo.com.

**Jennifer (Melgar) Coleman '96** and her family recently moved to Lubbock; jenn2nc@aol.com.

**Stephen Currie '96** works full-time in partnership development with Wycliffe Bible Translators. When fully funded, he will join a recruiting advance team working from Nashville TN recruiting new missionaries from a four-state region that includes Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Mississippi. Stephen and his wife, Penny, have three children, Anna (5), Ella (3), and Zachary born Aug. 18, 2011; stephen.currie@yahoo.com.

**Laura (Horne) Langley '96**, her husband, Jonathan, and their children, Keely (9) and Jadon (5), recently moved to Logansport LA where Jonathan is associate pastor of worship and students; jnllanglely@hotmail.com.

**1997** **Brad and Audra (Haveman '99 ex) Butler '97** along with their children Ben (6) and Olivia (2) live in Longview where Brad is an anesthesiologist and flight surgeon. Brad, recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Audra, who serves on the HSU Board of Development, are members of the HSU Presidents Club; bbutlermd@yahoo.com.



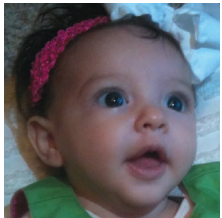
**Stephen and Amy (Potts '99) Cloud '97** recently moved to Austin where he is minister to students at Hillcrest Baptist Church. They have two children, Meaghan (11) and Meredith (7); stevecloud75@gmail.com.

**Duane Jobe '97/'99**, his wife, Wendy, and their children, Andrew (5) and Julia (3), recently moved to Nairobi, Kenya. Duane is the director of the West Nairobi School, an international Christian school that is part of the Network of International Christian Schools (NICS), a mission agency operating 20 schools around the world. Duane worked with NICS in Japan from 1999 until summer 2011; gdjobe@yahoo.com.

**Linda (Valerio) Means '97** lives in Lewisville and is financial aid coordinator for Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy in Carrollton; valerio\_linda@hotmail.com.

# 1998

**Simon Keizer '98** and his wife, Heather, welcomed their third child and first daughter, Lizzy, on Aug. 17, 2010. The family lives in Denison, and Simon is college/young adults pastor at Legacy Bible Church in Sherman; simonkeizer1@gmail.com.



**Shelby and Keri (Kinerd '99) Murphy '98** have moved back to Richmond VA where Shelby is music and arts director for Redemption Hill Church. Keri is staying home with their three boys, Preston (7), James (5), and Cillian (2); herekit-tykitty814@hotmail.com; shelbymurphy@hotmail.com.

**Brannon Revel '98**, his wife, Erica, and their children, Caris (6) and Collin (4), have moved to Deer Park where Brannon is pastor of Golden Acres Baptist Church in Pasadena; bkrevel@yahoo.com.

**Brent Wallace '98** completed his Ph.D. at Texas Tech in 2010 and is vice president of

instruction for North Central Texas College in Gainesville; drgbrentwallace@hotmail.com.

# 1999

**Samuel Johnson Jr. '99** completed an M.Div. at Regent University in 2011 and is senior pastor for the Reflections of Christ Kingdom World Outreach International in Alvin. He lives in Pearland; kbifinancial@gmail.com.

**Maggie Sumner '99 ex** lives in Coppell and is an athletic trainer for Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD; msumner.atc@gmail.com.

research on the ethnic groups of New York City. His book, *ethNYcity: The Nations, Tongues, and Faiths of Metropolitan New York*, was released in April 2010. Information about the book is available at <http://ethnycitybook.com>; chrisclayman@hotmail.com.

**Lindsey (Clark) Harrington '01**, her husband, Matthew, and son Jack welcomed daughter Priscilla Faith on Oct. 22, 2010. The family lives in Tallahassee FL; lindsey.harrington@gmail.com.



My new book was released in April 2010. *ethNYcity: The Nations Tongues, and Faiths of Metropolitan New York*, can be found at <http://ethnycitybook.com> — **Chris Clayman '01**



# 2000

**Crystal (Buford) Senzig '00**, husband, Eric, and sons Ryan (6) and Richie (3) welcomed Maelynn Elaine in Feb. 2010. The family lives in Groesbeck where Crystal is a stay-at-home mom and volunteers with the middle school band where Eric is a band director; crystalsenzig@yahoo.com.



**Devon (Kearby) Wince '00** and her husband, Terrence, welcomed Ethan Cole on April 5, 2011. The family lives in Lewisville; devonwince@hotmail.com.



# 2001

**Chris Clayman '01**, his wife, Nichole, and their two children live in New York City where they are North American Mission Board missionaries. Chris recently finished four years of leading

**Brian and Carole (Jarry) Hunt, both '01**, welcomed daughter Emory Faith on May 29, 2009. They live in Olton where Brian is principal at Olton High School; huntfamily30@gmail.com.



**Carey Kitts '01** and his wife, Sheila, welcomed Jackson Edward and Carter William on Apr. 12, 2009. Carey teaches music at College Heights Elementary in Abilene; cekitts@yahoo.com.



**Josh Small '01** is an agency director for Performance Training Services of Texas and lives in Terrell; joshuaryan44@gmail.com.

**Scott and Jennifer (Rucker '02) Woodard '01** and daughter London (3) welcomed Mollie Kendall on July 14, 2010. The family lives in Abilene; jenncate@hotmail.com.





**Somer (Paxton) Yocom '01** completed her doctorate in educational leadership at Tarleton State Univ. in 2010. She is an elementary principal for Joshua ISD.



She and her husband, **Lance '00**, welcomed their third child, Evelyn Rose, on March 15, 2011. The family lives in Burleson; somer.yocom@gmail.com.

## REUNION 2002

**Staci Blevins '02/'04** recently returned to Abilene to be closer to family and friends. She is an HR business partner for the Toro Company; staci.blevins@toro.com.

**Shane and Hanna (Nicks) Mize, both '02**, moved with Gracie, Gibson, Hayden, and Landry to the Houston area where Shane is the recreation superintendent in Missouri City and Hanna teaches music at San Jacinto Elementary in Deer Park. Shane recently won the state's Young Professional of the Year Award for the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. He also has articles



published in the March, April, and September 2011 issues of NRPA's *Parks & Recreation* magazine; hannahmize@yahoo.com; shanemize@me.com.

**Andy and Katie (Smith) Schmeltzer, both '02**, welcomed their first child, Ryne Andrew, on Feb. 7, 2011. The family lives in Murfreesboro TN where Katie is a real estate agent and Andy teaches English III and coaches baseball in Wilson County; akschmeltzer@hotmail.com.



**Jason Snyder '02** and his wife, Janet, live in McKinney where he is an actuary. Jason earned his Ph.D. from the University of North Texas in 2009; jes0082@gmail.com.

**2003 Alan and Ashleigh (Auer '09) Conway '03/'06** recently moved into a new home in Grand Prairie as part of a program to help reintegrate wounded veterans into society. The two-year program will help pay down their debt, and they will be awarded the house at the end of three years provided they meet program criteria; alanconwaytx@gmail.com.

**Shea Leech '03** and his wife, Courtney, welcomed daughter, Shealeigh Joyce, Sept. 23, 2010. The family lives in Abilene; jshea79@hotmail.com.



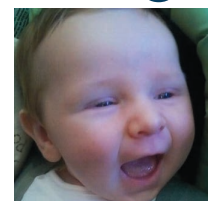
**2004 Brian Albert '04** and his wife, Maygan, welcomed son Behr Thomas on Feb. 16, 2010. The family lives in Jacksonville FL where Brian works in supplier development for The Albert Companies; brianthomasalbert@gmail.com.



**David Krake '04** and his wife, Lauren, welcomed daughter Chloe Siena on April 9, 2011. The family lives in La Habra CA; kraketopus@gmail.com.



**2005 Lindy (Morff) Dickson '05** and her husband, Gavin, welcomed son, Elijah Jordan, on Feb. 21, 2011. Lindy, who taught school, is now a stay-at-home mom and is training to become a DONA certified doula; mrsdickson2508@yahoo.com.

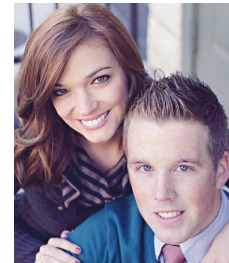


**Jeff and Alicia (Duke '06/'10) Lee '05/'10/'10** were commissioned as Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel on June 21, 2011. The family, including son Ethan, will live in Macedonia ministering among the ethnic groups of Skopje; jeffandalicialee@yahoo.com.



**Drew Rice '05** is a datacenter infrastructure manager for IBM and lives in Irving; aricejr@yahoo.com.

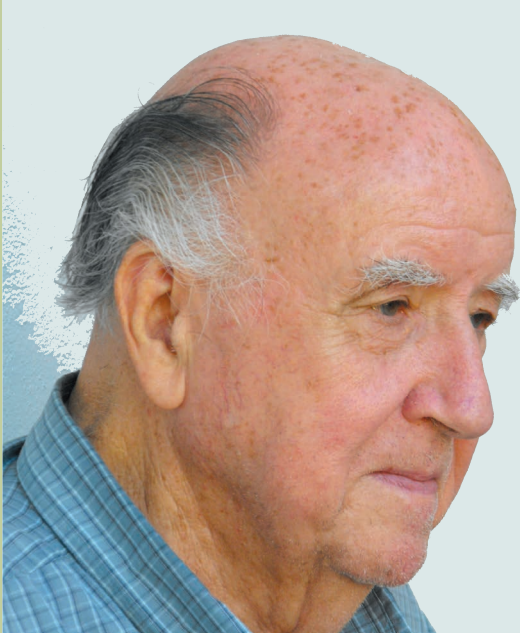
**2006 Krissie (Lain) '06** married Eric Garland on March 12, 2011. Krissie also completed an M.A. in marriage and family counseling in 2010 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; krisjoy1983@yahoo.com.



Hadley Jones, daughter of **Brad and Kendall (Scott '05) Jones '06** of Burleson, enjoyed Homecoming 2011. Proud grandparents are **Jim and Nancy (McNair) Jones, both '75**, and aunt and uncle **Ryan and Sarah (Jones) Thornton, both '02**. bradley.jones@lmco.com.







## THE ACCOUNTANTS' Accountant

**J.T. Ball '58** was interviewed in 2011 by the Securities and Exchange Commission Historical Society in Washington DC for an oral history to include with the J.T. Ball Collection established by the SEC in their virtual library available at [www.sechistorical.com](http://www.sechistorical.com). J.T. entered HSU in 1955 after serving two years in the U.S. Army. While at HSU, he was an instructor in the elementary accounting lab for two semesters and worked part-time for HSU's independent auditor. After graduating, he taught elementary accounting at HSU for a semester and worked for W.P. Wright, who was chairman of the HSU Board of Trustees at the time. He earned a master's degree in accounting at Abilene Christian College (now University), received his Texas CPA license, and earned a Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also taught accounting. He graded the CPA examination in New York City one summer and taught accounting and income tax at the University of Florida in Gainesville for three years. He joined the staff of the American Institute of CPAs in New York City in 1966 to supervise the preparation and grading of the CPA examination, and in 1969, began working with the AICPA's Accounting Principles Board, authoring *Interpretations of APB Opinions*. In 1973, he joined the staff of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in Stamford, CT, when it was formed and served in various senior staff capacities, primarily dealing with emerging problems, implementation of accounting standards, and special industry accounting issues. Until he retired in 1997, J.T. represented the FASB in dealings over accounting questions with major corporations, major public accounting firms, numerous government agencies such as the SEC and banking regulators, the AICPA's Accounting Standards

Executive Committee, and the International Accounting Standards Committee in London. He directed the FASB's Fellows program and worked extensively with the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force. J.T. is a life member of the American Accounting Association and the American Institute of CPAs. He has given numerous speeches, and his publications include the book *Computing Earnings per Share* and the chapter on "Accounting for Income Taxes" in several editions of the *Accountants' Handbook*. He is co-author of several editions of *CPA Examination Questions and Unofficial Answers*.



J.T. and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, live in Treasure Island FL. Left to right in photo: J.T. and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, were joined at a family reunion in 2010 by his brother and sister-in-law, Lonnie and Martha (Daniel '48/'61) Boggs, and Jeff and Paula (Herring '78/'82) Boggs '81 ex. Martha, who retired in 1992, is HSU asst. professor of woodwinds and music literature emeritus. Jeff and Paula live in Albuquerque where Paula works in speech pathology at the VA hospital and Jeff is an RN in dialysis.



**Ryan Gibson '06** has been promoted to auditor supervisor for Condley and Company, LLP. He was also selected as one of Abilene's Top 20 Under 40 for 2011. He and his wife, **Libby (Connel) '08**, live in Clyde; ryugibs@hotmail.com.

**Chris and Ashley (Rahrig '05) Gordon '06** have relocated to Dallas where Chris is an attorney with Thompson Coe Law Firm, and Ashley is a business analyst for Chase; agord0818@yahoo.com; cgord1120@aol.com.

{ Alicia, our son Ethan, and I will be moving to Macedonia in June 2012. We will seek to be the presence of Christ by engaging in holistic, relational and healing ministries among the ethnic groups of Skopje. — **Jeff Lee '05/'10/'10** }

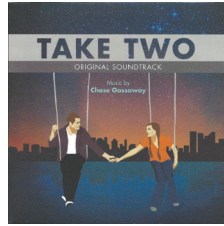
**Bobbilynn (Howie) Medley '06** and her husband, Cevin, welcomed daughter, Kaitlyn Ella, on Jan. 12 2011. Kaitlyn joins big brother, Caleb Lucas, born Aug. 29, 2008. The family has returned from the United Kingdom and live in Valdosta GA; medleys2@yahoo.com.



**2007 Paul and Kandi (Frazier '05) Austin '04/'07** along with **Rachael (Singletary) Frazier '07** and her husband, Jared, shared this photo of their children, Riker Paul Austin (13 mos) and Charlee Kai Frazier (7 mos) that was taken on the HSU campus. The Austins live in Salina KS where Paul is director of worship arts at First Covenant Church; pkamusik@yahoo.com. The Fraziers live in Abilene where Jared is the youth minister at Wylie United Methodist Church and Rachael teaches English at Madison Middle School.



**Chase Gassaway '07** has released a new album, *Take Two*, which is an original score for the short film of the same name. It contains pieces for string quartet, classical guitar, and mixed pop ensembles and is available in digital stores. Chase and his wife, **Kassie (Hudson) '08** live in Austin; chasegassaway@gmail.com.



**Daniel '05 and Jennifer '07 Julian** welcomed daughter Gwyneth Charlotte May 27, 2011. Daniel works with Masterscapes as a commercial applicator and Jennifer is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom; daniel2jen@gmail.com.



**Tyler and Shea (Sims '06) Moses '07** welcomed daughter Kensington on Jan. 29, 2011. Big sister is Anslee (3). Shea serves as vice president on the HSU Board of Young Associates. The family lives in Brownwood, where Tyler is a trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety; shea.moses@gmail.com.



**Daniel and Ellen (Cook '10) Rogers '07** welcomed William "Liam" Stephen on July 6, 2011. The family lives in Abilene; elc5587@gmail.com.



**2008 Rachael (Tucker) Lampkin '08**, her husband, Patrick, and their daughter Kadence welcomed Korvin Ash to the family on June 30, 2011. The family lives in Aubrey; rachiekatie@yahoo.com.



**Rebekah Law '08** is completing her master's degree and working full-time at the University of Oklahoma. Visit her web design business at [www.facebook.com/bekahlaw-productions](http://www.facebook.com/bekahlaw-productions); bekahlaw@gmail.com.

**Shanna Smith-Snyder '08** received the Rising Star Award from the Texas Travel Industry Association in Sept. 2011. She was also selected as one of Abilene's Top 20 Under 40 for 2011. As of Nov. 2011, Shanna is the director of marketing and communications for the City of Granbury where she now lives. She previously was communications director for the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau; shanna.a.smith@gmail.com.

**2009 Mandy (Heyse) Begley '09**

is currently senior meeting planner for the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. She and her husband, Jim, live in Houston; mandy.begley@tasb.org.

**Philip and Katy (Wilson) Crumpton, both '09**, welcomed their third child on Feb. 17, 2011. Solomon joins Deron (7) and Jude (2). The family lives in Abilene; katycrumpton@gmail.com; philnkt@gmail.com



**Kalli Donaway '09** received the 2011 Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Young Leadership Award. Kalli lives in Abilene; kdonaway@gmail.com

**Michael and Alyssa (Lesinski '06 ex) Payne '09** live in Ft. Worth where Michael is recreation programmer for the City of Ft. Worth; michael.j.payne@hotmail.com.

**Kassia (Jackson) '09/'11** married Brent Waggoner on May 7, 2011. They live in Ft. Worth; kassia.d.jackson@tcu.edu.





**Ryan Waters '09 and Lisa (Mertz '11)**

were married on July 16, 2011.

They live in Corpus Christi where he coaches high school tennis and she is a registered nurse with CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline; lisamertzwaters@gmail.com; rwaters759@hotmail.com.



## 2011 **Spencer Williams '11** married **Lara (Clapp '09)** on June 11, 2011.



The Abilene ceremony was conducted by Lara's brother and current Logsdon graduate student **Will Clapp '06**; lkclapp415@gmail.com.

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mother of Susan Compere '72

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widow of Van Ellis '21 ex, former trustee

*Hattie Elmore* 10/26/2011

wife of Oran Elmore '53

*Hilton Keeter* 10/12/2011

brother of Guy Keeter '55 and  
the late Virginia (Keeter) Haynes '51

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*Virginia Osborne* 5/15/2011

mother of Fran Adkins '70

*Mayme Prevost* 8/24/2011

mother of HSU professor of church  
ministry Ronnie Prevost '71 ex

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mother of Dr. Mark Puckett, HSU  
professor of piano and artist in residence

*Sandra (Quittman) Walker* 10/20/2011

wife of Clifford Walker '71

*Cam Webb* 6/1/2011

husband of Cindy (Millican) Webb '83

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*Glen Melin* 6/28/2011

Logsdon Seminary Student at Corpus Christi Campus

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HSU senior professor of psychology emeritus

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Ethel (Shaw) Fischer '26 4/2/2011

Elizabeth (Porter) Jennings '29 4/3/2011

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Kermit Finlay '32 ex 9/13/2011

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Mary (Patton) Currie '35 ex 12/20/2011

Gaines Shults '36 3/28/2011

Doris (Cassle) Smith '37 9/4/2011

Iva (Koen) Fann '38 ex 3/30/2011

Viola (Brumfield) Benson '39/'50 6/7/2011

Mildred (West) Winter '39 11/23/2011

## 1940s

Zona (Horn) Evans '40 8/6/2011

Koma Beryl (Mahler) Fields '40 10/1/2011

Julian Olsen '40 6/9/2011

June (Braham) Pettis '40 ex 11/16/2011

Jewette (Patton) McLaughlin '41 9/24/2011

Bitsie (Lynn) Williamson '41 5/20/2011

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Dottie (Shaw) Parker '42/'72 5/11/2011

Margie (Sears) Wells '42 ex 10/8/2011

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Lorene (Dowell) Palmer '46 4/21/2011

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Tommye (Newton) Howe '47 9/18/2011

Moveta (Wallace) McLaughlin '47 6/29/2011

Lynon Owens '47 11/13/2011

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Roy Ginn '48 ex 7/4/2011

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Juanita (Hood) Scott '48 ex 9/24/2011

OraLee (Alexander) Tomes '48 12/31/2011

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 Rev. Oscar Fanning '50 10/28/2011  
 Mary (Duke) Loika '50 6/1/2011  
 Thad McDonell '50 7/5/2011  
 Byron Tankersley '50 ex 5/1/2011  
 Nellie (Choate) Wills '50 5/17/2011  
 Nelson Allison '51 6/6/2011  
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 Nancy (Loworn) White '51 ex 3/21/2011  
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 Russell Coffee '52 12/12/2011  
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 Dr. Joe Randel '53 12/13/2011  
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 Loyd Hester '61 ex 11/14/2011  
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 Eddie McHaney '65 4/11/2011  
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 Ford Farr '67 3/28/2011  
 Noel Welch '67 11/20/2011  
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 Dan Newberry '68/'74 7/25/2011  
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 Rilford Quattlebaum '69 8/31/2011

## 1970s

Wade Dabney '70 9/1/2011  
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 Anne (Graves) Bargelski '76 11/23/2011  
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## 1980s

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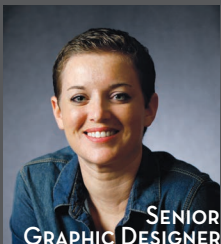
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