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## Texas Tidbits

**HSU names minority recruiter.** Aaron Ashford has been named assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Hardin-Simmons University. The 1995 HSU graduate primarily will recruit minorities to the school. He previously worked at Abilene Christian University as an admissions counselor and as associate director of admissions for multicultural enrollment. He has spent the last two years in sales management.



Aaron Ashford

◆ **UMHB taps Harrison.** George Harrison has been named director of student relations and community services at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The new office will focus on planning and coordinating special events such as chapel programs, Crusader Leadership Conference, spring revival, Welcome Week, and special ethnic events including Black Heritage Week and Cinco de Mayo. Harrison is pastor of First Baptist Church of Waco, National Baptist Convention, where he has served 16 years. Previously, he was pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church in Belton. He worked 12 years at Baylor University and was the first African-American

community and student relations associate.

- ◆ **HSU scholarship will aid students from small schools.** A 1997 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University has established a scholarship in honor of an Abilene couple who served as mentors to him during his

undergraduate work. Josh Bowerman, now regional manager of capital giving for Bucknell University, created the Charles and Carlene Spicer Endowed Scholarship. The fund will provide scholarship to students who come from high schools with graduating classes of 150 or less.

- ◆ **Scholarship is anniversary present.** Jack Rumbley of Dallas gave his wife, Rose-Mary, a 50th wedding anniversary present she won't ever get to use personally. However, the gift will benefit some people she cares deeply about—students at Dallas Baptist University. Rumbley created a scholarship in honor of his wife, who served as the head of the DBU drama department from 1965 to 1977 and currently is a distinguished adjunct professor.



Brittany May, a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, receives an award signifying her first-place finish in the national Southern Baptist Youth Speakers' Tournament. The award is presented by Gordon Davidson of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

- ◆ **Dunham receives honorary degree.** Houston Baptist University has presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Archie Dunham, chairman of ConocoPhillips Inc. He and his wife, Linda, are members of Second Baptist Church in Houston, where he is chairman of deacons.
- ◆ **UMHB names education dean.** Marlene Zipperlen has been named dean of the School of Education at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. A 1967 graduate of the university, she has been a superintendent of schools for nearly 20 years. She most recently served as superintendent of the Clifton Independent School District for 10 years. After receiving her undergraduate degree from UMHB, she received a master's degree in education a doctor of education degree from Baylor University.
- ◆ **Music conference planned.** The Gulf Coast Music Leadership Conference is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at South Main Baptist Church in Houston. Four class periods will furnish training in preschool music, younger children's music, older children's music and youth music. Classes also will be offered for drama in Worship, praise team

basics, praise band basics and the top 10 ways to make a choir sound better. Lunch and a reading session are included in the \$25 fee. Childcare is available for a small fee. For more information, contact Thomas Coker at (713) 529-4167 or Bill Ingram at (281) 731-4193.

- ◆ **Nursing Fellowship plans mission trip.** The Texas Baptist Nursing Fellowship plans its first mission trip to the San Carlos area of the Rio Grande Valley Sept. 10-14. Volunteers will provide health assessments and screenings, as well as education classes for people living in the area and at an orphanage across the river in Mexico. For more information, contact Texas Woman's Missionary Union at 333 N. Washington, Dallas 75246-1716 or by calling (888) 968-6389.

- ◆ **LifeWay acquires Amarillo store.** LifeWay Christian Stores has acquired the High Plains Religious Bookstore in Amarillo. The 16,000-square-foot store is located near I-40 and Soncy Road in Westgate Plaza. The store will celebrate its grand re-opening as a LifeWay Christian Store this week. Special events will include appearances by Veggie-tales' Bob and Larry, new Christian artist Jim Witter and Jay Jay the Jet Plane.

- ◆ **Correction:** A recent article introduced Tom Robuck as a new Church Starting Center consultant for Central Texas. One statement was not fully accurate. He earned his doctor of philosophy degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently pursuing the doctor of ministry in missions degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

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