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<p>As Kara Lea Oliver receives her degree from East Texas Baptist University, her family honors the letter of a request to hold applause until the ceremony's end by silently holding homemade signs. Oliver graduated summa cum laude.</p>

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DBU names missions professor. Southwestern Seminary missions professor Robert Garrett is joining the faculty at Dallas Baptist University. As the first professor of missions at DBU, he will develop the university's missions studies curriculum at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as coordinate student missions programs.



Robert
Garrett

A former missionary to Argentina, Garrett was a professor at the Seminario Internacional Teologico Bautista in Buenos Aires from 1981 to 1994. He served as a guest professor at Southwestern Seminary in 1994, prior to his election to the faculty the following year. He served as director of the seminary's World Missions Center from 1996 to 1999 and has held the George W. Bottoms Chair of World Missions since 1999.

ETBU graduates 69. Lynn New, psychology professor and dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences at East Texas Baptist University, delivered the charge to the 69 graduates at the school's commencement ceremony last month.

Baylor social work grads get high marks. According to the Texas State Board of Social Work, graduates from the Baylor School of Social Work Bachelor of Arts program achieved a 100 percent passing rate on its licensing exam. Graduates from the Baylor Master of Social Work program

achieved an 88 percent passing rate. The overall passing rate for Texas schools is 69 percent.

HBU celebrates Founders' Day. Voddie Baucum was the featured speaker at Houston Baptist University's Founders' Day convocation last month. The event also featured the debut of "Christ is Our Foundation," a hymn composed by Ann Gebuhr, music professor and director of the HBU School of Music.

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TOGETHER: BWA merits Texas Baptists' support

Voices from around the world sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." This is how each meeting of the Baptist World Alliance begins, and it always is one of the most spiritually moving experiences of my life.

Many years ago, I pastored an English-speaking Baptist church in Baumholder, Germany, for two years and learned to appreciate the challenge that Baptists face when they are a small minority in a sea of official but nominal Christians.

Later, I gave an address to a work group at the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. Since coming to serve Texas Baptists, I attend BWA meetings and am overwhelmed with gratitude for and amazement at the profound faith and commitment of our Baptist brothers and sisters. There are 211 national Baptist unions and conventions involved in the BWA, representing 110 million Baptists around the world.

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Voucher bill awaits Congress

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Several significant church-state issues will be

hanging in the legislative balance when Congress reconvenes late this month.

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Addison Road takes a ride into Christian music

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

RICHARDSON-With a fresh sound and youthful enthusiasm, the worship band Addison Road is breaking new ground as they make their way into the Christian music scene.

Wimberley church helps brings Christmas to nursing

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Wimberley church helps bring Christmas to nursing home

By George Henson

Staff Writer

WIMBERLEY—The elderly woman's eyes lit up as she saw the baby doll on top of a pile of plush animals. She scooted across the room as quickly as her paddling feet could pull her wheelchair, never taking her eyes from her prize.

Cybercolumn for 1/05/04: New Year's Resolutions by Brett Younger_11204

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CYBERCOLUMN

New Year's Resolutions

By Brett Younger

New Year's Day is lost on some of us. I never understand the fascination with the descending ball in Times Square. I am too cheap to buy any fireworks more impressive (or more flammable) than a sparkler. Dick Clark is dull. I eat black-eyed peas all year long. Baylor is in a New Year's Day Bowl with the frequency of Halley's Comet.

I am especially tired of New Year's resolutions. The effectiveness of this practice is questionable at best. Most resolutions are completely unreasonable:

