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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

ARLINGTON—Many advertising executives fail to see any ethical implications of their work, and if they do see moral problems, they refuse to talk about them, a University of Texas professor has discovered.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-As the battle over same-sex marriage and other gay-rights issues rages across the country, both supporters and opponents of gay rights logged several important victories in recent weeks.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)—At their recent semi-annual meeting, directors of Associated Baptist Press agreed to enter into a new educational and fund-raising partnership with two sister Baptist organizations.

Board members approved entering into a partnership with the Washington, D.C.-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Georgia-based Baptists Today news journal, pending final approval by both of those organizations.

The agencies would provide churches with educational materials about the historical Baptist and biblical emphasis on religious freedom and freedom of speech. The effort would include joint appeals to Baptist congregations for annual offerings or church budget line-item contributions that the three agencies would then divide evenly.

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Baptist student ministries at the United States armed service academies want to contact incoming cadets and midshipmen, campus ministry leaders emphasize.

At the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Baptist Student Union representatives are willing to provide special services to men and women who arrive early.

“For those arriving June 30, we will meet them at the airport, provide free lodging, meals, transportation, and take them to the academy at the appointed time on July 1. For those arriving July 1, the Air Force Academy buses will meet them, but we would like to know of their coming so we can make contact once they have arrived,” said Dwain Gregory, director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries at the Air Force Academy.

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DAYTON, Ohio (ABP)-The Alliance of Baptists has adopted statements of concern about "the politicization of same-sex marriage" and the United States' relations with Cuba.

The statement on same-sex marriage explicitly condemned the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, which would add a provision to the Constitution banning same-sex marriages in all 50 states.

The resolution objected to that proposal and similar amendments to state constitutions "that would enshrine discrimination against sexual minorities and define marriage in such a way as to deny same-sex couples a legal framework in which to provide for one another and those entrusted to their care."

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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)-Alma Hunt, who led the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union from 1948 to 1974, has received the Judson-Rice Award for leadership with integrity.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-Incidents of anti-Muslim bias in 2003 jumped 70 percent over the previous year, a study by an Islamic civil rights group says.

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Around the State

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor recently recognized faculty and staff with service awards. **Max Hart**, associate professor of mathematics, was recognized for 35 years on the faculty. **Corky Johnson**, professor of biology, and **Linda Pehl**, dean of the School of Nursing, have served 30 years. Celebrating 25 years were **Gary Brinegar**, electrician, and **Frances Dixon**, library technician. Marking 20 years were **Bobby Johnson**, director of alumni development, and **Keith McPherson**, assistant vice president of finance and controller. Recognized for 15 years of service were **Steve Alexander**, professor of biology; **Bruce Bolick**, associate professor of accounting, economics and finance; **Teresa Buck**, associate professor, library; **Mike Frazier**, director of auxiliary services; **Diane Howard**, professor of communication and performance studies; **Randy O'Rear**, vice president of external relations; **Steve Theodore**, vice president of enrollment management; and **Donna White**, secretary for business and finance. **W.D. English**, professor of management and marketing; **Jim King**, dean of the School of Business; and **David Sloan**, associate professor of English, each marked 10 years of service.



University of Mary Hardin-Baylor nursing graduate Carolyn Curry is pinned by Suzanne Beltz during the chartering ceremony that marked the school's inaugural induction of students into Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society for nursing students. Curry was one of 173 nurses inducted.

◆ **Lexi Langley** of Elysian Fields has been named Senior Girl Call-Out at East Texas Baptist University. Sponsored by the University Women's Club, this is the 57th year for the award to be bestowed.

◆ The department of history and political science at Houston Baptist University held its inaugural induction ceremony of Phi Alpha Theta, the national collegiate history honor society. Student inductees were **Carrie Puryear, Christi Swift, Jami Parsons, Renee Ledoux** and **Kathryn Bowser**.

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Associated Baptist Press

WACO (ABP)—For the second time in a year, Baylor University's Faculty Senate has voted “no confidence” in President Robert Sloan.

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The early stages of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' "revisioning" process have given its top two leaders reason for hope.

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Texas Baptists are getting out of their church buildings and moving into mission fields, church data analyzed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas shows.

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Charles Wade, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' Executive Board, will be chair the BGCT's strategic planning committee.

The committee will hold its first meeting May 17 and hopes to complete most of its work by the fall, said Sherrill Spies, the organizational consultant who is helping to guide the committee.

The 17-member strategy committee is comprised of nine members who were part of four revisioning teams, which began the convention's strategy process a few months ago.