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Hardin-Simmons faculty president elected. Ronald Smith, senior theology professor in the Logsdon School of Theology, has been elected faculty president at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Smith has been on the Hardin-Simmons faculty since 1979. Other new faculty officers are Donathan Taylor, associate professor and head of the history department, as vice president, and Allyn Byars, associate professor of physical education and director of the aerobics and human performance lab, as secretary.

Donaldson named Wayland VP. Wayland Baptist University has named Betty Donaldson vice president for institutional advancement. She will oversee development and fund-raising for the university, as well as the alumni services and communications/public relations offices. Donaldson earned both her undergraduate degree and a master's degree in education administration from Wayland. She was vice president of Learning Bridges Educational Company in Arizona and has served in administrative posts with several school districts.

HBU offers workshop. Houston Baptist University and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies will present a workshop on ethical and risk management concerns in Christian psychotherapy April 23 on the HBU campus. Randolph Sanders of New Braunfels, executive director of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, will be the featured

speaker. For more information, contact (281) 649-3000, ext. 2316, or rnero@hbu.edu.

Convocations yield new Baptist Men's groups. After the first three Hispanic Baptist Men regional training convocations in Dickinson, Tyler and Fort Worth this spring, 14 new Baptist Men chapters have been started in Texas Baptist Hispanic churches, and men in 17 other churches have announced commitments to begin chapters, said Eli Rodriguez of Dallas, coordinator of the convocations. Organizers of the regional training events are challenging laymen to organize Baptist Men chapters in 100 Hispanic churches across Texas by the end of this year. The next regional training event will be April 24 at the Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio.

Performance marathon set at UMHB. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Conservatory will present a 13-hour "perform-a-thon" April 24. The on-campus event includes 125 solo performances featuring piano, voice, strings, French horn and organ, along with 130 ensemble performers in five choirs and three orchestras.

Baylor makes wireless computing list. Baylor University is one of only three Texas universities named in Intel Corporation's "Most Unwired College Campuses" survey that ranks the top 100 schools for wireless computing access. Baylor made the list at No. 32, while the University of Texas was rated third and Trinity University in San Antonio 74th. Baylor's "AirBear" wireless network covers more than 90 percent of the university's academic buildings, as well as commons areas in residence halls and outdoor locations. AirBear is free to Baylor students, faculty and staff with a valid Bear ID and password and allows them to connect their laptop computers to the Internet without being tied to an office, a computer lab or residence hall room.

Scholarship endowed at Wayland. The family of Marilyn Mansdoerfer has endowed a scholarship in her memory at Wayland Baptist University. It will benefit junior or senior young women preparing for teaching careers in Christian schools, with primary consideration given to those planning to teach preschool.

Baylor opera director bound for Armenia. Richard Aslanian, opera director at Baylor University and artistic director of the Lyric Opera of Waco, has been invited to Armenia as the first American guest conductor at the Armenian National Opera. With the assistance of Baylor's Center for International Education, Aslanian will travel to Armenia in May to conduct "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.