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The Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex has opened on the Baylor University campus in Waco. The "Cabinets of Curiosities" in the Natural History Exhibits houses favorites from the former Strecker Museum, such as the tree-slice timeline and the humpback whale skull.

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Mayborn Museum opens at Baylor. The Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex has opened on the Baylor University campus in Waco. The Strecker Museum's natural history collection, previously housed in the science building, and the Ollie Mae Moen Children's Discovery Center, formerly located in downtown Waco, now are under one roof in the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center. The center features 17 themed discovery rooms with interactive learning activities and traditional exhibits. It also includes walk-in dioramas such as the Waco mammoth exhibit, where a see-through floor enables guests to view casts of mammoth bones displayed exactly as they were unearthed five miles from the Baylor campus. For more information, call (254) 710-2517 or visit www.MaybornMuseum.com.

BUA offers Spanish instruction. The Baptist University of the Americas Center for Cultural and Language Studies will offer intensive immersion courses in conversational Spanish and an introduction to Hispanic culture, June 7-18 and Oct. 11-15. Courses include morning and afternoon classroom instruction and field trips. The two-week session includes a weekend with church members in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Cost is \$375 for the two-week session and \$200 for the one-week session, not including off-campus lodging. The Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions provides a \$100 scholarship to each participant who is a member of a Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated church. For more information, call toll-free (800) 721-1396, ext. 216; e-mail valmartinez@bua.edu; or visit www.bua.edu.

Valley Baptist to buy Brownsville hospital. Valley Baptist Health System has agreed to purchase Brownsville Medical Center from Tenet Healthcare. Brownsville Medical Center is a 243-bed hospital with about

900 employees. Valley Baptist has agreed to offer employment to substantially all Brownsville Medical Center employees in good standing. The purchase is expected to be completed by June 30.

UHMB schools become colleges. Trustees at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor unanimously voted to change the names of all academic divisions on campus from "school" to "college." The designation is more representative of UMHB's university status, said President Jerry Bawcom. Each college functions as a separate body under the umbrella of the university, including respective accreditations. The six new academic divisions are the College of Business, College of Christian Studies, College of Education, College of Fine Arts, College of Nursing and College of Sciences and Humanities.

Cassle Scholarship established at HSU. The James and Mickey Cassle Endowed Scholarship for Christian vocational ministries students has been established at Hardin-Simmons University. The scholarship was endowed by the Cassles' daughter and son-in-law, Molli and Gary Elliston of Dallas. Recipients may be either graduate or undergraduate students. The Logsdon School of Theology dean will select recipients, in consultation with appropriate Logsdon committees.

ETBU yearbook honored. The East Texas Baptist University yearbook received honorable mention in its category, and staff members won numerous individual awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention.

Owens named Piper Professor at UMHB. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation named Carolyn Allison Owens, associate professor of education and director of field experiences at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, a

2004 Piper Professor. Each year, the foundation selects 15 professors in Texas for the award. Owens is the fourth UMHB professor to receive the honor. The award is based on nominations of peer-faculty, and professors are selected on the basis of their lasting influence on students. Owens is a UMHB graduate who taught in public schools in Wolfforth, Holland and Temple at all levels, including special education. She has taught 30 years in the UMHB School of Education.

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