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By Robert Marus & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP)—Even if a genetic cause for homosexuality is found, gay behavior would still be “sin,” and Christians should support a genetic cure for it too, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Al Mohler claimed.

Comments by Mohler in a column on his personal website are prompting strong reactions from the left and right. His column—titled “Is Your Baby Gay? What if You Could Know? What if You Could Do Something About It?”—appeared on www.albertmohler.com.

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FORT WORTH (ABP)—Former professor Sheri Klouda has sued Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, charging fraud, breach of contract and defamation for forcing her out.

Klouda, who was hired in 2002 to teach Hebrew in a tenure-track position at the Fort Worth school, [lost her job last year](#)—allegedly because of her gender. She filed the lawsuit in federal court.

Sheri Klouda
pictured at
Southwestern
Seminary's
convocation
August 29,
2002,
affirming her
adherence to
the 2000
Baptist Faith
and Message.
(The photo
appeared on
[Wade
Burleson's
blog](#)).

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Powell to retire; Garland named dean at Truett Seminary

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Paul Powell to retire; Garland named dean at Truett Seminary

Paul Powell has announced his plans to retire as dean of Baylor University's [Truett Theological Seminary](#) May 31, and New Testament scholar David Garland has been named his successor.

Randall O'Brien, provost and executive vice president at Baylor University,

announced Garland's appointment, effective June 1, noting he was the unanimous choice of the Truett faculty.

	
David Garland	Paul Powell

Garland is associate dean for academic affairs and the William B. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures at Truett Seminary.

In February 2001, Powell, the retired president and chief executive officer of both the Robert M. Rogers Foundation of Tyler and the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board was appointed as Truett's dean. During Powell's six-year tenure, Truett Seminary's enrollment more than doubled to 381 students, while the seminary's endowment increased to more than \$38 million.

Christians join war protest in Washington

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Thousands of Christians braved frigid temperatures, icy conditions and even arrest in Washington to protest the Iraq war.

The “[Christian Peace Witness for Iraq](#)” began with a service at Washington National Cathedral and ended with about 200 protesters being arrested in front of the White House March 16. It kicked off a weekend of demonstrations marking the four-year anniversary of the war, which has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000 American military personnel and thousands of Iraqi military and civilians.

Anti-war
protesters
walk from
the
National
Cathedral
to the
White
House on
the fourth
anniversary
of the
United
States' war
with Iraq.
(RNS photo
courtesy of
Ryan
Beiler/
Sojourners)

**Hammond
president,**

**elected
plans**

**NAMB
closer**

relationship with IMB

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Hammond elected NAMB president, plans closer relationship with IMB

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (ABP)—In a unanimous vote March 21, trustees of the [North American Mission Board](#) elected Geoff Hammond president of the Southern Baptist Convention's stateside mission body.

Hammond, 49, will start full-time work for NAMB May 22. Hammond is currently senior associate director of the [Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia](#). Trustees recommended him for the new position March 1, after a nine-month search to replace disgraced president Bob Reccord.

Geoff Hammond

Baylor engineering team to

bring electricity to Honduran village

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Chris Matcek
of Katy, a
graduate
engineering
student at
Baylor
University,
and Brian
Thomas,
Baylor faculty
adviser for
Engineers
with a
Mission, take
measurements
of a river near
Pueblo Nuevo,
Honduras.
(Photos
courtesy of
Brian Thomas)

Baylor engineering team to bring electricity to Honduran village

By Matt Pene

Baylor University

WACO—Baylor University graduate student Ryan McGhee has spent nearly every free minute the last several months doing one thing—trying to build a device that will bring a basic necessity to people in need.

“It’s an act of worship for me,” said McGhee, who is pursuing his master’s degree in engineering at [Baylor](#).



Baylor engineering students (left to right) Jonathan Crabtree, Leah Richter and Ryan McGhee explore the feasibility of installing a hydroelectric generator on a small river near Pueblo Nuevo, a remote village in north central Honduras.

Generous Arkansas family receives generosity from TV makeover

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By Stella Prather

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

MURFREESBORO, Ark. (ABP)—Thanks to a popular network television show and an eclectic array of others, one Arkansas Baptist family now has a lot more room to breathe.

Dennis and Kim Collins, their son, Mitchell, and the five young cousins they've cared for during the past few years recently received the keys to

their new five-bedroom, 4,900-square-foot home. The massive new manse is the focus of an episode of ABC's [Extreme Makeover: Home Edition](#).

The story of the Collins family of Murfreesboro, Ark., will be featured on ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, April 22. (Photo courtesy of www.realsteelhomes.net)

Teens look to parents, clergy for guidance on sex

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (ABP)—More than three quarters of teens think religious leaders should do more to help prevent teen pregnancy. And

that's even more than the 64 percent of adults who think the same.

But while 76 percent of teens think religious leaders should do more to educate them about the risks of teenage sex, teens consistently say parents most influence their decisions about sex, according to an independent study commissioned by the [National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#).

"One of the primary findings here is really good news for parents—that they are more influential on the topic than they thought they were."

Author wrote a book he can no longer read

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Dallas Baptist University professor David Naugle's thoughts and views are being read and discussed by students in a language he can neither read nor understand.

Naugle's book, [*Worldview: The History of a Concept*](#), has been translated and published by Peking University Press for student use in China.

David
Naugle, a
philosophy
professor
at Dallas
Baptist
University
and
member of
Wilshire
Baptist
Church in
Dallas,
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(DBU
photo by
Tim
Gingrich)

Around the State

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Around the State

- **The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** will perform its 68th annual Easter pageant at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 4. All performances will be outdoors in front of the Luther Memorial arches on Vann Circle Drive. The free student production draws 5,000 people each year.

- **Baylor University** will hold a symposium on congregational renewal May 11. The topic for the 9 a.m. session will be "Assessing the Current State of Religion in America," and the 10:45 a.m. session will investigate three versions of congregational renewal—small church, multi-ethnic church and downtown/suburban church. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge. To register or for more information, call (254) 710-4677.

Anniversaries

- **Bill Wright**, 15th, as pastor of First Church in Plains, March 25.
- **J.D. Templeton**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Cotton Center, March 31.

Baylor University
presented the 2007
Baylor University
Founders Medallion to
Ralph Storm of Corpus
Christi and,
posthumously, to his
wife, Jean, during the
university's annual
Founders Day. The
Founders Medal is
reserved for men and
women whose service
and contributions have
been unusually
significant to the life
and future of the
university. He has been
a Baylor trustee and
regent 27 years, is a
lifetime member of the
Baylor Alumni
Association and
Founders Association,
and a member of the
Medallion Fellowship,
Heart of the Order, Old
Main Society, Heritage
Club, Development
Council, Baylor Bear
Foundation, Friends of
Truett Seminary and
the Endowed
Scholarship Society. He
was named a
distinguished alumnus
in 1978 and was
awarded the Herbert H.
Reynolds Award for
meritorious service to
students in 1985. He
also has been greatly
involved in the
ministries of First
Church in Corpus
Christi, as was his wife
prior to her death in
2003.

Baylor fraternity brothers serve God in the Ozarks

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On a
spring
break
mission
trip, 65
members
of Baylor
University
fraternity
Kappa
Omega
Tau
enjoyed
the
serenity
of the
Arkansas
Ozarks
while
rebuilding
a stairway
to an
outdoor
chapel.

Baylor fraternity brothers serve God in the Ozarks

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO—Armed with pick axes, drills, shovels, chainsaws, rakes and a mission-minded attitude, 65 Baylor University fraternity brothers traveled to Ponca Bible Camp in the Ozark Mountains over spring break to renovate the encampment.

Members of Kappa Omega Tau, a Baylor service-oriented fraternity, spent three days climbing 20-foot ladders up hills, restoring cabins, building retaining walls, burning leaves and improving the Christian camp. Mission Trip Chair Alex LaRue helped plan the spring break effort.

**Students Minister at
Spring Break**

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brothers serve God in
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