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**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Standard*

LUBBOCK-At the end of his junior year at the University of Tulsa, Steve Winger was eager to head home for the summer. But as he walked outside and began to load up his car, he found something out of the ordinary.

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## Texas Baptist Forum\_122203

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**TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:**

# Claim the name

Every day, the name of Jesus becomes a “rock of offense” to more and more Americans.

In an effort to offend no one, timid church members-especially politicians-are using a new term to escape the scorn of the “politically correct.” Instead of “I’m a Christian,” it’s now, “I’m a person of faith.” This brings no criticism from those who don’t like the name of Jesus.


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Saying, “I am a person of faith” is just a bit vague.

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## Louisiana College restricts textbooks\_122203

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### Louisiana College restricts textbooks

PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)-In a move that already has generated considerable outcry, Louisiana College trustees will now require college administrators to approve textbooks for classes at the Baptist school.

Previously the selection of textbooks and other classroom materials was at the sole discretion of faculty members. Trustees said the change will bring accountability to the process.

Under the new policy, approved by trustees after a lengthy executive session, all materials used at the school must be approved by department chairs and the vice president for academic affairs.

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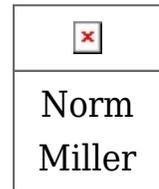
Norm Miller is chairman of the board of Interstate Batteries System of America and is widely known for his appearances at NASCAR racing events with driver Bobby LaBonte and the race car sponsored by Interstate. More than that, however, he is an outspoken Christian. A one-time alcoholic, he testifies to God's power to change people's lives. Miller is a member of the Dallas Theological Seminary board, the Dallas Seminary Foundation and the Overseas Council. He is co-founder of the Great American Race, a premier vintage car event. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Tracey and Scott, and five grandchildren. They attend Highland Park

Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

**Q.**

**What are your responsibilities as chairman of the board of Interstate Batteries?**

Primarily what I am doing is looking ahead, seeing where Interstate can grow and where we can do better and kind of being an out-front-looking person. Of course, we have our board meetings every few months where I preside and look at our plans and how we are stacking up.



**Q.**

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## **On the Move\_122203**

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### **On the Move**

**Byron Ayres** to Mildred Church in Corsicana as interim youth minister.

✘ **Chris Baggett** has resigned as minister of youth at New Hope Community Church in Venus.

✘ **Bob Baldwin** has resigned as pastor at Oletha Church in Thornton.

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## **Pornography snares women as well as men today\_122203**

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**By Mark O'Keefe**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-After putting her daughter to bed, Maggie, 42, routinely sat at her computer for hours, mesmerized by an online world of erotic stories and real-time sexual discussions.

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# **Pastors encouraged to be shepherds rather than executives\_122203**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

The pastor is no longer the chief executive officer of the church, but a minister who serves as the shepherd of his members, gathering them and moving with them toward a goal, according to Texas Baptist leadership experts.

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## **Texas Tidbits\_122203**

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# Texas Tidbits

✘ **HSU graduates 198.** Tommy Brisco and Pam Williford were keynote speakers at winter commencement ceremonies at Hardin-Simmons University Dec. 13. Brisco is dean of HSU's Logsdon School of Theology. Williford is dean of the Irvin School of Education. Aileen Culpepper, retired residence hall director, received the honorary doctor of humanities degree. Bachelor's and master's degrees were awarded to 198 students.

✘ **Spanish course offered.** The Baptist University of the Americas will offer a Spanish-language immersion course Feb. 9-13. Participants will learn conversational Spanish through a variety of classroom and practical experiences during a week of training on the San Antonio campus. Tuition is \$100, but members of churches and missions affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas receive a full-tuition scholarship provided through the Mary Hill Davis Offering. For more information, contact Mary Ranjel at (210) 924-4338 or mranjel@bua.edu.

✘ **Potter receives UMHB honor.** Clark Potter of Belton received the honorary doctor of humanities degree during the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's winter commencement Dec. 13. Potter served on the university board of trustees 27 years and twice was elected chairman of the board. He also served twice as the mayor of the Belton. Degrees were awarded to 279 students.

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# **TOGETHER: True joy follows obedience to God\_122203**

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## **TOGETHER: True joy follows obedience to God**

Happiness is now an academic discipline, complete with a scholarly publication, The Journal of Happiness Studies.

Studying happiness, joy and pleasure is becoming a big business. It has implications for people who sell insurance, market entertainment, hire a lot of people, develop drugs or try to move merchandise out the door. Someone already may be lurking behind the Christmas tree to study what we really mean when we say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

What makes you happy? What brings you joy? As you celebrate Christmas and contemplate the New Year ahead, are you excited and grateful? Or are you depressed and frustrated?

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## **Powell stays on as Truett**

# **Seminary dean\_122203**

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## **Powell stays on as Truett Seminary dean**

WACO—Although he had intended to retire at the end of the current academic year, Paul Powell will stay on as dean of Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary.

Baylor President Robert Sloan announced Powell's decision Dec. 5.

Powell came to the post in February 2001 with a commitment to serve up to three years.

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# Texas Baptist volunteers help spur Baptist growth in Vermont

By **John Hall**

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Working hand-in-hand with Texas Baptists, Vermont Baptists witnessed record membership and baptisms during the past year.

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## WorldConneX adds staff and adopts budget\_122203

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### WorldConneX adds staff and adopts budget

DALLAS-The WorldconneX administrative committee has added two part-time staff to the new missions network, adopted a preliminary budget for 2004 and agreed to secure office space near downtown Dallas.

Meeting in Dallas Dec. 9, the committee selected Frank Dang of Keller to join the network's staff as part-time ethnic and emerging church associate.

Dang is a first-generation Vietnamese-American who has been an associate

pastor at NorthWood Church in Keller for three years. In January, he will begin serving as bivocational pastor of the Vietnamese Church of Fort Worth, a mission of Travis Avenue Baptist Church.