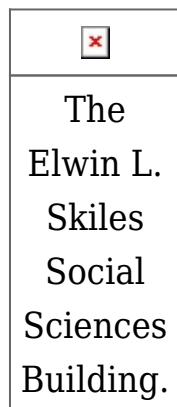


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Hardin-Simmons University dedicates science building, rededicates music hall

ABILENE—Hardin-Simmons University dedicated its state-of-the-art Elwin L. Skiles Social Sciences Building and rededicated its historic Caldwell Music Hall after classes resumed this fall.

The festivities helped kick off a semester in which Hardin-Simmons celebrated achieving Tier One status in the U.S. News & World Report's 2004 ratings of comprehensive universities in the Western United States.



HSU's
Caldwell
Music
Hall.



James
Flamming,
pastor of
the First
Baptist
Church of
Richmond,
Va., speaks
during the
ceremonies.

The Abilene school, one of eight universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, also recorded its second-highest enrollment, with 2,333 students on campus this fall.

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Hispanic Baptist Theological School gains accreditation

SAN ANTONIO—Hispanic Baptist Theological School has received initial accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

Accreditation is the second significant academic accomplishment this year for the San Antonio-based school, which is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

In January, the Texas Board of Higher Education certified HBTS to offer a bachelor of arts degree in biblical/theological studies. At the end of the spring semester, the school granted seven bachelor's degrees, the first in its 56-year history.

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**Denison says Baptist University of the Americas
name gives insight into institution's**

future

SAN ANTONIO—The new name proposed for Hispanic Baptist Theological School provides insight into its future, Dallas pastor Jim Denison stressed during the school's fall convocation.

Hispanic Baptist Theological School is to be re-named Baptist University of the Americas, pending approval by the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its annual session in November.

"Fulfilling each part of this new title is the key to fulfilling your future and destiny in the kingdom of God," said Denison, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church.

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Residents (left)
investigate the
ruins of the historic
Harrison Fishing
Pier on Norfolk's
Chesapeake Bay
waterfront Sept. 19.
The 450-foot-long
pier was destroyed
by Hurricane
Isabel's storm surge
the day before.

Workers (right)
from the Baptist
General Association
of Virginia and the
Salvation Army plan
disaster-relief
efforts in the wake
of Hurricane Isabel
Sept. 19 in Norfolk,
Va. They are:
volunteer Aaron
Lee, a member of
Bon Air Baptist
Church in
Richmond and a
student at the
University of
Richmond; Terry
Raines, missions
mobilizer for the
BGAV's Glocal
Missions and
Evangelism Team;
and Maj. Gene
Hogg, the Salvation
Army's Tidewater
Area commander.
(ABP photos by Rob
Marus)

Baptists respond with relief in aftermath of Hurricane Isabel

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

NORFOLK, Va. (ABP)-Even as Hurricane Isabel was damaging Baptist churches and leaving many church members homeless along the East Coast, Baptists from other churches and regions were responding to the call for help.

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