The Feb. 22 dedication of the $17 million Baugh-Reynolds Campus of Baylor’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary represents the culmination of more than a century of theological education and the introduction of additional resources to equip students for modern ministry.

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr., the Seminary’s founding dean and The George W. Truett Professor of Evangelism, said the 64,000-square-foot, three-story complex makes a statement about Truett’s strengths.

“It’s a clear indication of permanence and stability, and for the students and faculty who are here now it’s a sense of place and community,” Dr. Sloan said. “I think it’s important for the University that the Truett campus is part of the Baylor campus. You can’t separate Truett from Baylor — Truett is one of the schools of Baylor.”
Lobbying For Baylor

**Odom is University’s legislative advocate**

Baylor University President Robert B. Sloan Jr. has appointed James Odom, a 1994 Baylor graduate, to the newly created position of director of public affairs.

The Office of Governmental Relations becomes the Office of Public Affairs under a restructuring designed to expand the University’s emphasis on cooperation with elected and elected public officials and entities at the federal, state, and local levels. The office will report to Jerome R. Loughbridge, chief of staff to President Sloan, and will play an important role in presidential strategy as it relates to Baylor 2012, the University’s 10-year vision.

Odom, a native of Lawton, Okla., graduated summa cum laude from Baylor with majors in economics and religion. He earned his master’s degree in foreign affairs from Georgetown University in 1998 and served for three years as a policy analyst with then Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri. In 2000, Odom was a candidate for the U.S. Congress from Oklahoma’s fourth district.

“I am greatly honored to be able to work for Baylor University,” Odom said. “I had a profound impact on me as a student, and I look forward — as a staff member — to advancing Baylor’s vision of excellence in Christian higher education.”

Karm Wood, who has served for seven years as director of governmental relations, left the University to pursue other interests.

**Newman Appointed Church Relations Director**

Baylor president Robert B. Sloan Jr. has named Armstrong Browning director to retire, focus on family

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert B. Sloan Jr., is joining the university in London, England, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Armstrong Browning Library.

After a half-century of commitment to the Library, Dr. Rennie said, she will retire in July after completing the Endowment Campaign and the refurbishment of the Library.

As the project develops, she said, the Library will continue to expand its resources and programs after she’s gone.

“I would like to see special scholarships to allow graduate and postgraduate students to study at Baylor or make use of the Library,” she said. “As the online database is the priority, a project that may take 10 or more years to complete.

Karen Wood, whom Dr. Rennie described as a “fascinating experience.” She added, “The project develops, she still focuses on all Braunstein resources, even those held by other libraries.”

Karen Wood has for many years faithfully served Baylor and has been an asset to our lobbying efforts, particularly on several key state-level issues including the Yatoon Equilibra-
Truett Expands Learning

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A proud legacy

Truett is the second seminary to be located on the Baylor campus. The first had its beginnings in the late 1800s at the First Baptist Church of Waco, a partner of the Seminary of the Southwest. The new Seminary was opened in 1994, at a cost of $35 million, to allow Truett to open its doors. In November 1997, the Baughs pledged $5 million toward the construction of a new seminary. Although he is temporarily moving into the new complex Dec. 13, Powell said. “These words remind us of the urgency of what we do at Truett,” he said. “But then there’s another side of me that says the true work of the Seminary is to have the respect that we deserve as kind of like a seminary’ and to have the respect that comes from people and their association with Baylor and with Truett,” she said. “But then there’s another side of me that says the true institution is not the building, it’s the people.”

Dedication

A capacity crowd is expected for Truett’s official dedication ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Dr. Charles Wade, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will deliver the keynote address. Dean Powell and Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. will speak. Through a special gift of a ‘Truett supporter, the Seminary will give out 1,000 silver chalices to guests inscribed with the Night Communion, the same words found on Truett’s clock tower. “These words are taken from the words of Jesus, who said in John 14:2: ‘We must work the works of him that cometh when no man shall work’,” Powell said. “These words remind us of the urgency of what we do at Truett Seminary as we train ministers and missionaries for worldwide service.”

George W. Truett Theological Seminary Timeline

1990

July 30 The Baylor Board approves a recommendation by President Herbert H. Hanks to reserve the name George W. Truett Theological Seminary for future use.

1991

March 25 The Baylor Board appoints a 15-member board of seminary trustees and articles of incorporation are filed.

1993

March 19 Baylor Board of Regents approves plans to open Truett Seminary in fall 1994 and selects Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. as the dean.

1995

Aug. 3 Seminary offices open at First Baptist Church.

Aug. 9 Opening convocation service held in the First Baptist Church sanctuary.

Aug. 31 Clases begin with 51 students.

1996

Jan. 16 Dr. Bradley Credle becomes Truett Seminary’s second dean.

1997

May 16 First Truett baccalaureate service is held, and a Texas historical marker honouring George W. Truett is dedicated.

May 17 First graduating class of 90 students receives diplomas.

Nov. 10 At a Friends of Truett dinner, John and Elsa Ma Baugh make public a $5 million pledge toward construction of a seminary building.

1998

June 13-15 Truett Seminary is chosen unanimously as an associate member of the Association of Theological Schools.

2000

Feb. 9 A ceremonial groundbreaking is held for the new Truett Seminary campus.

2001

Feb. 6 Dr. Paul W. Powell becomes Truett Seminary’s third dean.

Dec. 13 Faculty and staff begin the move to the Baughs-Reynolds Complex.

2002

Jan. 14 First classes held on the Baughs-Reynolds Campus.

Jan. 22 Opening convocation service in Paul W. Powell Chapel.

Feb. 22 Dedication ceremony for Baughs-Reynolds Complex.

Thanks to Dr. Herbert H. Hanks, for assistance in compiling this timeline.
United Way Donations Most Since 1998

Baylor faculty and staff contributed $511,716 to the 2001 United Way Campaign, the largest amount pledged at the University since 1998. The amount exceeded the 2000 donations of $454,000 by more than $6,000, but was short of this year’s campaign goal of $650,000.

Service Awards Ceremony Feb. 13

Baylor annual Service Awards Ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. Feb. 13 in Barfield Drawing Room. Faculty and staff will be recognized with service pins for five, 10 and 15 year increments of service to Baylor. The Baylor Alumni Award and Outstanding Staff Awards also will be presented during the ceremony. Outstanding Staff Awards are given to eight individuals based on support in fulfilling the University’s mission, job achievements, and community or church contributions through service at Baylor. Staff will be nominated for this award by Baylor faculty and staff.

Presentations will be made by President Robert B. Sloan Jr., and will include:

35 year awards
Bunny S. Battles
James B. Bynum
E. James Busby
David A. Gunn
Owen Thomas Lied
Mary R. Massierer
Daniel B. McGee
Rita Skrabanek Patteson
Carey Ann Smith

40 year awards
Paul T. Armitstead
Glenn O. Hibbitt
Bob Earl Peterson
Darden Powers

45 year awards
John S. Biewer
Robert G. Pickard

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Sponsored by the Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association, the competition gives students who are not attorneys a chance to try their legal skills at appellate advocacy in the law school’s practice courtrooms.

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The competition continues each year, with new schools joining the competition and old schools returning to challenge the law student’s skills.

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Baylor Competition Attracts Future Lawyers

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“Will Campbell is a provocative, compelling speaker, and will probably be the closest thing to the Old Testament prophet. He’s a critic of society, culture and religion, and he has a visceral sensitivity that is highly unusual,” said Dr. J. Randall O’Brien, professor of religion and executive assistant to the president. “He takes strong stands on what he believes to be morally compelling issues such as race, gender and socioeconomic issues. And you do not go to sleep when this man speaks — you will be paying attention.”

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for the short story collection A Good Storm from a Strange Mountain, Butler is the author of ten novels and an additional collection of stories, a four-time honoree in Best American Short Stories and a two-time honoree in New Stories of the South. A professor in the English department at Florida State University, she will give a public presentation at 2 p.m. on March 16.

Butler’s colleague at Florida State, playwright and novelist Dewberry, is the author of Break the Heart of Me, Things Have Happened Since The Dead and the new Sacrament of Law. Her public presentation will be held at 2 p.m. March 16 in Barfield Drawing Room.

Best American Short Stories

Butler’s book, God’s Will, continues her service as AmeriCare’s ambassador to charity and humanitarian causes. Today she volunteers in and supports hundreds of charities and nonprofit organizations, including the Leukemia Society of America, Ronald McDonald Houses and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Mrs. Bush’s book, The Promise of America, was published in 1990. She helped develop the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, whose mission is to support the development of family literacy programs and establish literacy as a value in every American family. She currently serves as honorary chair of the foundation and hosts its annual fundraiser "A Celebration of Reading." In 1994 she received the National Book Foundation’s Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest honor for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to our nation’s literary culture.

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Father Language for God

Thompson's book examines both biblical and contemporary imagery of God as Father.

Reexamination of the scriptural image of God as Father, Thompson believes, may renew our theological capacity to construe the Fatherhood of God in ways that are fruitful for Christian faith and practice.

The early church

Does the use of Father for God grow out of the religious experience of Jesus and the early church? Thompson says no. Romans 8:15-17 and Galatians 4:6 speak otherwise. If the tradition is appropriated, it becomes a part of the early Christians' experience of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 11:25-27 and Luke 10:21-22 indicate that the Father's address to God is Father而出 of his experience of God. If the appropriation is complete, it becomes of the form with his Father. It is an experience not only of himself as Son but also of the Father as Lord of heaven and earth (Matt 11:25, Luke 10:21). Is Father a name for God? Often it is a metaphor (e.g., Isaiah 53:15; 61:4-9; Nahum 3:4; Matthew 28:19). It is correct to appeal to scriptural warrants for the continued use of Father for God. Although her exegesis warrants for the continued use of Father for God, Thompson believes, takes care of the traditionalists.

In the second place, Christians do not worship a God of dual gender. First, the church that has argued that God has no gender must avoid thinking of God as a composite of male and female genders (181). God models our common humanity, not our gender specificity. There is nothing in God that is specifically feminine; there is nothing specifically masculine.

In the third place, fatherly authority of God nowhere legitimates patriarchy. Indeed, Matthew 25:34 uses Father language for God as a protection against any such hierarchical scheme.

Thompson's distinctive hermeneutical approach to the biblical data. Thompson begins with the Old Testament and makes the New Testament in light of the Old Testament. The creeds of the church are left aside. The traditionalist position, she says, abstracts the Father language for God from its historical context and makes the evidence in light of the creeds, subverting the biblical plot. Is this a false dichotomy? A close reading of the old Testament shows the disclosure of a new name for God at the establishment of a new covenant to be an integral part of the biblical plot. It is this dimension of the biblical plot that the early creeds understand. Hence, when they regard Father as a name for God they are not subverting the biblical narrative but properly interpreting it. In doing so, they provide a normative interpretation of scripture and all historic Christian faith communities as regards the doctrine of God.

The Promise of the Father offers assistance to contemporary Christians in our quest for appropriate language to speak about and to God. Thompson is correct to appeal to scriptural warrants for the continued use of Father for God. Although her exegesis often fails to convince, her overall aim does not.

Reference:
Spotlight

Czech Ambassador Featured at Baylor Conference Feb. 22

I think there is a growing interest in the independent countries that were part of the former Soviet bloc, such as the interest in the summit talks between President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin,” Dr. Long said. “Americans are realizing that we have a lot in common with those people.”

Presentations & Participations

School Personnel Administration annual conference in Austin. Co-author was Dale Young, Texas Christian University.

Dr. John L. Plisico

Associate professor of economics, presented “The Market Vote Principle and Politics” Nov. 30 at the Culture of Life conference at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. William R. Reinchenstein


Dr. Charles M. Tolbert II

Chair and professor of sociology, presented co-authored papers “Information on U.S. Foreign Born in the 1990s: Evidence from Monthly Current Population Surveys” and “Modeling the Effect of Visa and Economic Structure on International Migration Patterns” Oct. 12-13 at a Southern Demographic Association annual meeting in Miami. Co-authors of the first paper were Alfred R. Nuza, U.S. Census Bureau, Dr. Kathleen Donia, Rice University, and Steve McGlaun, U.S. Census Bureau. Co-authors of the second paper were Michael D. Irvine, University of Tennessee; Todd Blanchard, Mississippi State University; Dr. Thomas A. Jann, Cornell University; and Nuza.

Dr. Richard E. Watts

Associate professor of educational psychology, presented “Encouragement-Supported Counseling: A Brief, Integrative and Technically-eclectic Approach” and “The Importance of Addressing Religious and Spirituality Issues in Counseling” Nov.–Feb. 2000 at a Texas Counseling Association annual conference in Dallas. He co-authored papers titled “Emerging Issues in Counseling Education and Supervision” and “How Do I Get Published?” at the conference. There are multiple co-authors of the first paper—co-authors of the second paper were Dr. Dee Key, University of North Texas, and Dr. Betty Taylor, Texas Christian University. He presented a workshop titled “Effects for Mental Health Professionals” Nov. 30 at Texas State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Dr. Ralph C. Wood

University Professor of Theology and Literature, made the following presentations: “The Waverley: Walker Percy’s Satiric Send-up of Our Godless ‘Christian’ Culture” and “A Good Man Is Hard to Find: Flannery O’Connor as the Shaper of Our Sentimental Sensibility,” April 20 at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, “Saying Something Good, True and Beautiful about Sally Fitzgerald’s Contribution to Flannery O’Conor Scholarship” and “Parting to the Earth: Wendell Berry’s ‘Soul Mates,’” May 24-25 at an American Literary Association meeting in Cambridge, Mass., “Women in Grocience and Business on the Church,” and “The Sympathy of Ireland.”

Dr. Martin Palouc

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Iarc Study scholars will gather on the Baylor campus Feb. 22-25 for the Southwest Iarc Study Association bicentennial celebration. The event will include panel discussions, presentations, and a keynote address by Martin Palouc, Czech Republic ambassador to the United States. “We will have a huge variety of topics, which focus on the research conducted on the post-Communist nations of Central Europe, Balkans, or the former Soviet Union in fields of language and literature, history, political science, media development and ownership, civil society, economic transition and market development,” said Dr. Michael Long, director of Baylor’s Slavic Studies program and assistant professor of Russian.

Palouc, who was appointed ambassador in 2001 and participated in the activities of Carinohvalská’s democratic opposition, will speak at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in the White Bedoom Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Other conference guests include Jean Garnier of Houston and Ivana Bolevceva from Prague, who will present papers on the development of independent media in the post-communist states.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 23 in Armstrong Library. The conference is open to the public although there will be a charge to attend the Feb. 22 banquet. A complete schedule of events can be found at http://www.baylor.edu/SEES/fbconference.htm. For more information, contact Dr. Long at ext. 8527—Julie Carlson.
Dr. Richard E. Duhkopf, associate professor of biology and director of graduate studies, was appointed to a vector control task force advising the State of Texas on issues dealing with mosquito and insect control.

Dr. Diana R. Garland, chair and professor of social work and director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries, was elected president of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

Dr. Kathleen Morley, associate director of the Program in Science, Religion, and Religion, had an article titled “Naturalism, Postmodernism and Design-Theoretic Speculation,” published in “Philosophy of Science” (Vol. 75, No. 5, pp. 635-660, October 2001).

Dr. Ralph C. Wood, University Professor of Theology and Literature, had the following items published:

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1927, a bus carrying the Baylor basketball team, coach Ralph Wolf, a yell leader, a Lariat reporter and other Baylor students made its way to Austin. The Bears were scheduled to play the University of Texas and were hoping to break a three-game conference losing streak. Spirits were high.

As the bus neared the railroad crossing in Round Rock, its occupants neither saw nor heard the quick approach of the International and Great Northern passenger train known as the “Sunshine Special” until both vehicles were seconds away from colliding. The student driver made a desperate attempt to steer the bus away from harm, but the train hit the bus and 10 of the 22 people on board died.

The dead included Clyde “Abe” Kelly, Robert Hannah Jr and William Winchester of Waco, Willis Murray and James Walker of Gatesville, Jack Castellaw of Ennis, Sam Dillow of Fort Worth, Merle Dudley of Abilene, Ivey Foster Jr of Taylor and Robert Hailey of Lott. Within days, the men were being referred to in news reports and on the Baylor campus as the “Immortal Ten.”

Soon after the accident, Baylor President Samuel Palmer Brooks said, “The heart of Baylor University is torn to shreds at this moment. The awful tragedy that brought death and injury to so many of our noble boys overcomes us all.” During the following week, Baylor officials attended funeral ceremonies across Texas and hundreds of telegrams poured in from as far away as Brazil offering condolences.

One positive legacy of the accident was the support it provided efforts to eliminate open or level grade crossings in Texas. State legislators eventually passed a law requiring overpasses or underpasses at all railroad crossings.

In 1974, Baylor’s $1.7 million Castellaw Communication Center was dedicated. One of the major contributors was the mother of Immortal Ten member Jack Castellaw, and the building is named in his honor.

The Immortal Ten are remembered today when their story is told each fall at Freshman Mass Meeting. There have been attempts throughout the years to fund and construct a campus memorial, but none has so far been successful. The latest effort — to construct a statue honoring the Immortal Ten — was begun by the Class of 1996, led by permanent class president Chase Palmer.

“Our class wanted to create a senior gift that had significance,” Palmer said. “We thought that the Immortal Ten had not been fully recognized and wanted to do something that deals with that tradition.” The proposed bronze statue is expected to cost nearly $288,000, of which about $148,000 has been raised.

“The statue would be more than just a remembrance of 10 men killed in a tragedy,” Palmer said. “It also symbolizes the Baylor tradition. It should serve as a reminder that life is short and we must take advantage of it.”

Randy Finder and Kyle Armstrong

Grant Awards (November)

Dr. Rene Massengale, biology, $10,000; A Systematic Analysis of the Inflammatory Response Mediated by Various Organic Dusts in Central Texas; Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health-University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Dr. James Henderson and Dr. John Pisciotta, economics, Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, Center for Christian Ethics and Dr. Michael Beaty, Institute for Faith and Learning; $83,500; Christianity and Economics: Integrating Faith and Learning in Economic Scholarship; National Network Board of the Lilly Fellows Program

TOTAL AWARDS: $93,500

Grant Proposals (November)

Dr. Diana Garland and Helen Harris, social work, $20,000; Living Water for a Thirsty Land, 2002

Dr. Carol Hanks, nursing, and Bill Booth, computer science; $270,404; Systems of Health and Social Services for At-risk Children: Improving Outcomes Through Information Technology; National Science Foundation

Dr. Greg Garrett, Institute for Faith and Learning; $10,000; Art and Soul Festival, 2003; The Wilbur Foundation

Dr. Kevin Chamblis, chemistry and biochemistry; $15,000; Supramolecular Architectures Favoring Formation of N-H···F-C; American Chemical Society’s Petroleum Research Fund

TOTAL PROPOSALS: $335,404