

Blessed be Your glorious name

Fall 2007

# Insight



## Great Start to the New Semester



Pres. Timothy W. Eaton

# I Want to be a Warrior Saint

The Hillsdale Saint Mascot is misunderstood within the ranks of both students and supporters. The confusion comes from the fact that we do not have a clear idea of the imagery used. Many misunderstand a saint to only be an angelic believer or a pious person who is so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly value. The Hillsdale Saint is taken from Paul's imagery of the

Believer in Ephesians who is commanded to put on the whole armor of God (two times) in order to stand (four times) against evil attacks (Eph. 6:10-20). This Christian soldier in Paul's day, more often than not, was being sent into the arena as entertainment for the mob and as a martyr for the faith.

Even after the number of converts grew the Christian soldier was not secure in his position. In the legend, St. Sebastian was an officer of high regard in the legions of Diocletian. Then it was discovered that Sebastian was giving aid and comfort to the Christians that the Emperor was persecuting. Sebastian was called before Diocletian to renounce Christ. The sentence for his refusal was that he be executed by the Emperor's archers. After Sebastian was left for dead, the surprise was that he actually survived. Not only did he survive, but when he had recovered sufficient strength he reported for duty. The Emperor Diocletian was enraged by Sebastian's sense of responsibility and ordered him to be beaten to death. Sebastian, a fearless soldier of Rome, was martyred twice for being a faithful soldier of the Cross.

In the book, "Battle Cry for a Generation," Ron Luce offers a reminder that an important strategy for reaching and fortifying young people for Jesus Christ is to establish an esprit de corps, where friendship and commitment to a common cause brings shared accountability.

Young adults need a community where the things of Christ are exalted and genuine relationships are formed. With the help of God and His people, Hillsdale can continue to be such a place. Our Hillsdale Alma Mater states: "We shall not fear the battle, for God is by our side."

The challenge is for the word saint to move beyond a symbol or mascot and for us to become true soldiers of the Cross. Warrior Saints must be distinctive in discipline, duty, and decisions. Many may be like the nameless martyr heroes of Hebrews 11:33-38 of whom the world is not worthy. Join the Hillsdale staff in our commitment to help this growing generation put on the whole armor of God in order to fight the good fight.

I WANT TO BE A WARRIOR SAINT,  
DON'T WANT TO BE A SAINT WHO AIN'T,  
IN LIFE'S BATTLE I'LL NOT FAINT,  
TO THE END A WARRIOR SAINT.



The Warrior Saint Logo is a bold capital 'S' covered by the helmet of salvation.

## EXECUTIVE TEAM SET FOR 2007-08:

Dr. Mark Braisher, Vice President of Administration. Dr. Braisher will be the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the College. He will oversee campus operations and serve as Graduate Dean. This will include supervising the masters program and non-traditional adult studies. Dr. Craig Shaw, Vice President of Academic Affairs. As Chief Academic Officer (CAO), Dr. Shaw will be over traditional student services, academic affairs and faculty. Reverend Bob Thompson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Rev. Thompson will be giving most of his time to fundraising. He will be assisted in representing the College by our Missionary in Residence, Reverend Jeff Sloan and Reverend Darrel Nichols.

President Eaton said this arrangement will allow him to spend more time on behalf of the College in both church and community relations, and become better acquainted with students.

PRAYER NOTE: You may remember that the Executive Team was comprised of five to six members in previous years. Since the Team has been reduced this year, your prayers are very necessary for each of these men, and the workload they will be carrying.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

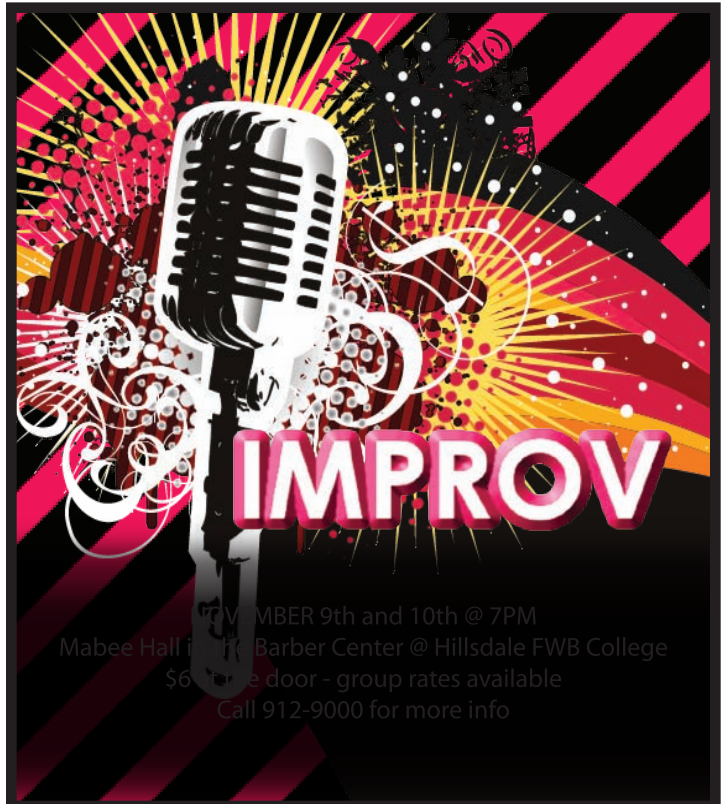


*Senior Saints Day*

**Registration, coffee and donuts, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 8. Special Chapel service at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the cafeteria.**

**Please RSVP no later than November 5, 2007 to 405-912-9452 or [development@hc.edu](mailto:development@hc.edu)**

*We look forward to seeing you!*



**IMPROV**

NOVEMBER 9th and 10th @ 7PM  
 Mabee Hall in the Barber Center @ Hillsdale FWB College  
 \$60 per person - group rates available  
 Call 912-9000 for more info

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
October 15 - 17, 2007	OK State Meeting @ Hillsdale
October 22 - 23, 2007	Theological Symposium
November 8, 2007	Senior Saints Day
November 9 - 10, 2007	Drama Production Presents "Improv"
November 21 - 25, 2007	Thanksgiving Break
December 8 - 14, 2007	Final Exams
January 12, 2008	Dorms Open
January 14 - 15, 2008	Registration for Spring Semester
January 16, 2008	Classes Begin
February 7, 2008	Pastors Day
March 15 - 23, 2008	Spring Break
April 19, 2008	Hillsdale's Island Luau Auction
May 3 - 9, 2008	Final Exams
May 9, 2008	Commencement

## Pastors Day

Thursday, February 7, 2008  
 9:30 a.m. in Mabee Hall

Join us for a day of fellowship and learning. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the Office of Development at 405-912-9452 by February 4, 2008.

**Speaker: Steven Smith**  
 Associate Dean for Doctor of Ministry

**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Communication, Regent University, 2003
- M.Div., Southeastern Seminary, 1994
- B.S. Communication, Liberty University, 1989

**EXPERIENCE**

- Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric, Emmanuel University, Oradea Romania, 2004-present
- Senior Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., 1995-2003
- Associate Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1991-93

# JEFF AND SHERRI SLOAN NEW MISSIONARIES IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Jeff Sloan and his wife, Sherri, are joining the Hillsdale staff for the fall of 2007 to serve as our Missionary in Residence. Jeff will serve as our Campus Pastor



*Sherri & Jeff Sloan*

and direct the Christian Service Program and Chapel. Sherri will be the Executive Assistant to the President (Nadine Followill retired at the end of the last

academic year) and helping in the training of the Hillsdale public relations groups (i.e., New Life). Both Jeff and Sherri will be involved in representing the College to our supporting churches.

President Eaton says that "This ministry couple is a living example that ministry is missions and I am delighted that they will be serving with the Hillsdale family."

Jeff and Sherri met when they were students on the Hillsdale campus in the early 1980's. They were married in May 1986 and have three children: Caleb Jeffrey (who is enrolled this fall at Hillsdale), Christian Joy, and Joshua Edward.

Jeff served as the Youth Pastor at the Holdenville FWB Church, the Associate Pastor at the Allen FWB Church, Pastor of Ardmore First FWB Church, and as a National Home Missionary for 7 years while planting the Harvest FWB Church in Fort Wayne, IN. He has been pastoring for 12 years. Jeff is known as an outstanding Biblical preacher.

Jeff has been active in the broader work of Free Will Baptists by serving:

- Oklahoma Christian Education Board
- Indiana State Youth Board
- Moderator of the Indiana State Association of FWB

Sherri has been active as a pastor's wife and in women's ministry. While in Oklahoma she served as Member-at-Large of the Oklahoma Women Active For Christ. In Indiana Sherri served as a Member-at-Large of the Indiana Women Active For Christ (5 years) and as President (7 years). She is also a well-known speaker for groups, meetings, and retreats in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Virginia.

When asked to express their feelings about moving to Hillsdale (Jeff was on an overseas mission trip in one of the former Soviet block countries) Sherri shared the following:

"We are excited to come and be used of God in the ministry at Hillsdale. When we left Oklahoma, I didn't know if we would ever get to come home to Oklahoma, but what a thrill to be able to come back and serve those who have so faithfully stood by us throughout our ministry. We know that we could never have planted the work in Indiana without the help of our friends in Oklahoma and now we have a chance to come back and serve Oklahoma once again. Jeff and I attended Hillsdale, where we met and fell in love. We have a love for Hillsdale and want to see it continue to grow and send out young people to serve the Lord in the areas He calls them. As hard as it has been leaving the work we started here in Ft. Wayne, we are excited for the challenges ahead in this new ministry."



*Josh, Sherri, Jeff, Christian, and Caleb*

# DR. MARK BRAISHER: NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Mark Braisher has joined the executive team of Hillsdale as the Vice President of Administration. This position will encompass two major responsibilities. First, he will function as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) replacing Dan Arnold who retired last year. Second, Mark will replace Steve Ashby as the Graduate Dean. Dr. Ashby, the founding Dean of the Graduate School, had requested reassignment from his administrative duties in order to concentrate on teaching his graduate courses. The result: Mark has a tremendous job that is vital to the future success of the College. President



*Dr. Mark Braisher*

Eaton stated that "Mark receives high praise from his colleagues for his administrative expertise and financial management. This was true for both his church and school assignments."

Mark Braisher has been married for 23 years to Shelly (Lewis) Braisher. They have a son, Jeremy, and a daughter, Blake. They moved to Hillsdale

from Overland Park, Kansas where they have served for the last 7 ½ years as church planters for the National Association of Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department.

Mark has ministered in a wide array of capacities during his 27 years of ministry. He has served local churches in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas as a Senior Pastor,

Church Planter, Executive Pastor, Youth Pastor, Minister of Christian Education, and School Administrator. He has served the Free Will Baptist denomination as a board member at the District, State, and National level. Mission endeavors have included participating and leading mission teams to Romania, Russia, and Brazil.

Mark's community involvement includes the Chamber of Commerce Board, Crisis Response Teams, and Police Chaplaincy.



*Jeremy, Blake, Shelly and Mark*

Mark received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology with minors in Pastoral Ministries and Christian Education from Hillsdale, a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri with emphasis in Church Growth and Organizational Consulting. In addition to his college and seminary training, Mark has received training in Stewardship and Fundraising by the Development Marketing Associates and the Christian Stewardship Association.

## Frances Wade: New Business Department Chair

Mrs. Frances Wade joins Hillsdale as the Business Department Chairman after a twenty-six year tenure of teaching in the public schools and a two-year term with the International Mission Board through the Southern Baptist Convention. She will head our Business Department and will work closely with President Eaton and students in Rotaract at our school. While previously teaching business, marketing, and leadership at Moore High School and Noble High School, she developed significant business, industry, and community connections in Moore, Norman, and South Oklahoma City which will serve as an important basis for our Business Internship Program capstone courses.



*Mrs. Frances Wade*

Frances is married to Bob Wade, City Manager of Noble. Both are active in the community and at First Baptist Church of Noble.

Frances has a heart for missions as she was influential in developing new ministries in Rome, Italy, during a two-year term with the International Mission Board. While working in Rome she led many teams of volunteers from the U.S. to prepare the area for a church planting movement. Leading people to the Lord was the greatest blessing while on the mission field, and it is still the greatest blessing as we minister to our students, family, and neighbors right here in Oklahoma.

She is very excited, pleased, and blessed that God has called her to be a part of the Business Department. Can we be Christian AND business leaders? YES! Can we have a world view that encompasses our Christianity? YES! Her favorite scripture she embraces with students, children, and those with whom she has contact is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." With God's direction, she is planning great growth and personal development for Hillsdale business students.

# NEWLIFE AND PLAYERS ANNOUNCED

Sherri Sloan, instructor for NewLife Singers says: I am very excited about the talented students God has brought to NewLife this year. They are a wonderful group. We will be sending out two trios and a chorale, as well as the drama group. You will not want to miss having them in your local church. To schedule one of the groups just call us at (405) 912-9453 or (405) 912-9452.

## Hillsdale Players

(Left to Right in the picture)

Dustin Huff – Wichita, KS

Karen Couch – Wichita, KS

Lindsey Moody - Choctaw, OK

Seth Moon - Hartville, MO

## New Life Singers

(Left to Right in picture)

Jordan Basham – Mesa, AZ

Caleb Sloan – Fort Wayne, IN

Ryan Bilby - Sapulpa, OK

Colin Miles – Manitoba, Canada

Wesley Coats – Ada, OK

Christa Valentine – Tulsa, OK

Jacque Sharp – Noble, OK

Lindsey Barentine – Edmond, OK

Michelle Fink – Plano, TX

Erin Hale – Mutual, OK

Anna McDonald – Moore, OK

Megan Rial – Pryor, OK

Brittany Real – Yukon, OK

Mandie Holder – Tulsa, OK



## FRIENDS OF HILLSDALE COOKBOOK

A virtual cookbook featuring recipes from friends of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College around the world will be available next spring. The book will be available for downloading on individual computers, where it can be stored or printed by the purchaser.

The Hillsdale Auction Committee is currently seeking recipes for the cookbook, "Friends of Hillsdale". Recipes should be submitted electronically if possible. Each recipe should list ingredients first, then directions for preparation. Names and locations (churches or towns) should also be included with the recipes. Current and former Hillsdale students should also include the years they attended and/or graduated.

Recipes can be e-mailed to Auction Director Dorothy Harris at [dharris@hc.edu](mailto:dharris@hc.edu). Deadline for submitting recipes is Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Funds raised from the sale of the virtual cookbooks will be a part of the auction proceeds.

For additional information please contact:

Dorothy Harris • P.O. Box 7208 • Moore, OK 73153 • 1-405-912-9022



# FRIENDS HALL TAKES ON A NEW LOOK

It all began in late April when it became obvious that our fall enrollment was going to exceed our expectations. Traditionally Hillsdale has enrolled more men



*Newly remodel room in Friends Hall.*

than women, and fall 2007 would be no different: decisions had to be made to rearrange campus housing. In order to better accommodate the enrollment patterns of the men and women residents, the

decision was made to move the men to Yandell Hall (traditionally the women's dorm) and the women to the smaller housing on the south side of campus. To facilitate the move it was necessary to remodel the nearly 52,000 square feet of housing.

The most significant remodeling project was the demolition of the interior of Friends Hall (4-plex). This was done for esthetic, safety, and security reasons. The electrical system was upgraded to accommodate the needs of the modern student. New heating, air, and windows were installed. The sheetrock and floors were replaced, and the bathrooms were upgraded. Security in the form of access control and surveillance is being added. The access control requires that a student use his/her ID to gain access to any of the dormitory buildings.

The months of July and August went by all too quickly – there didn't seem to be enough time to complete the enormous tasks. However, after many long days and nights, and thousands of hours of labor invested by students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and friends



*Michelle Fink works on some of the final touches in Friends Hall.*

of Hillsdale, the remodeling project became a reality. Tana Bray (1986 BA graduate) came to the administration after the Hillsdale reception at the



*Ray Paxton lays new carpet in one of the dorm rooms in Friends Hall.*

National Convention and said, "We don't have much money to give but we do have time. We will be at the school ready to work next week." The Bray family and friends were true to their commitment and worked many evenings and weekends leading up to the beginning of school. They hung ceiling fans, painted, removed floor tiles, installed ceiling tiles and did numerous other jobs. The Bray family is planning to make this an annual part of their family's contribution to the College "because we love Hillsdale."

The backbone of the remodeling work force was made up of students and faculty. Colin Miles, student and Rick Neumann, faculty member provided oversight and expertise for the completion of the remodeling. Jerred Vandivort, Director of Maintenance, did the HVAC installations and upgrades and provided all-around support for the project.

The college family is sincerely grateful to the many individuals who diligently worked toward the completion of the dorm remodeling project.



*Colin Miles working on some of the construction of the dorm.*

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