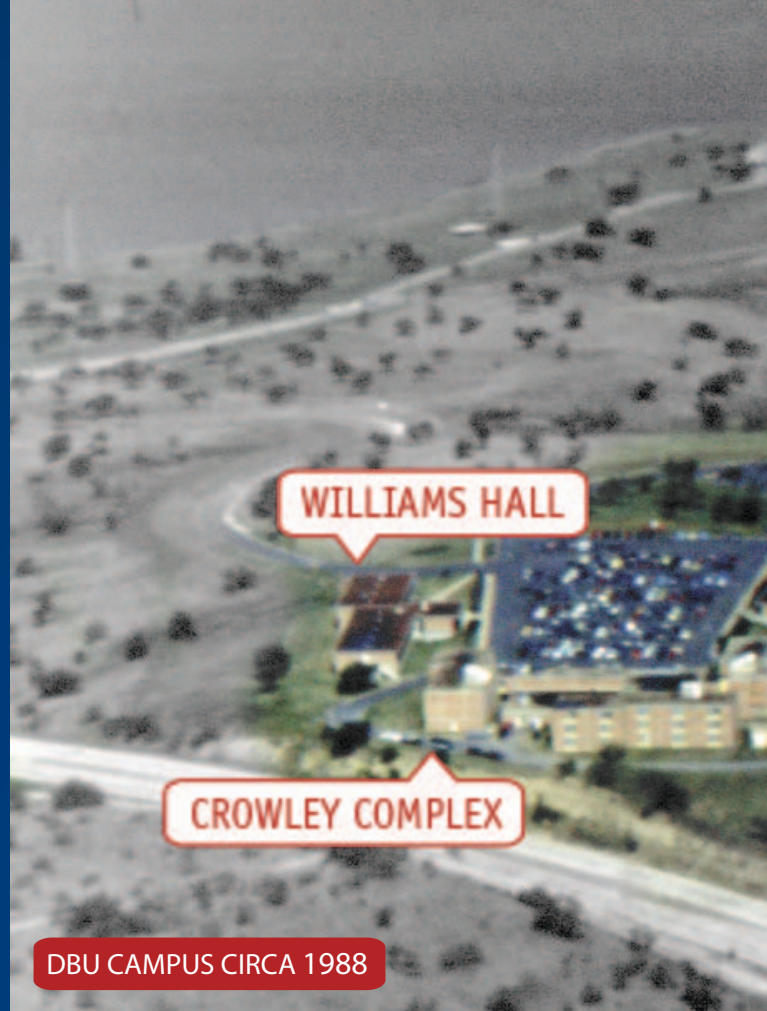


DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS



The DBU campus in April of 1988, when Dr. Gary Cook accepted the job as president, would not be recognizable to someone who only knew the campus now. The existing buildings merely consisted of the Strickland Building (1965), the Roberts Science Building (1965), the Blanche S. and Fred M. Lange Hall dormitory (1965), the Carroll and Tyretha Williams Hall dormitory (1965), the Mary C. Crowley Complex (1967), the Kenneth E. Burg Gymnasium (1967), the Collins Learning Center with an unfinished third floor (1970), and several temporary buildings. Not only were the buildings an orange brick, but they were also all in great need of updates and repairs that the University could not afford to complete. There were no shrubs or flowers or ponds; and in many ways, the physical appearance of the campus only served as a tangible

MAJOR BUILDINGS IN 1988

Strickland Building
Roberts Science Building
Carr P. and Ruth Collins Learning Center
Mary C. Crowley Complex
Blanche S. and Fred M. Lange Hall
Carroll and Tyretha Williams Hall
Kenneth E. Burg Gymnasium



representation of the dire circumstances in every area of DBU.

Due to financial constraints at the time, the much needed repairs of buildings fell by the wayside, along with campus beautification projects. Dr. Cook, however, understood the importance of improving the aesthetic appeal that would make the campus more welcoming. One of his first initiatives as president was to invite the faculty and staff to participate in a special project designed to embellish the campus grounds. Dr. Cook asked those willing to bring from their own homes water hoses and gardening tools, along with monkey grass and periwinkles that would be planted across campus. Each person adopted a flower bed on campus and became responsible for planting and taking care of their plants. In an August 1988 edition of the *DBU Report*, Keith Pendergrass, former Director of Student Services, summarizes the sentiment on campus by saying, "I believe that the landscaping is a tangible sign of the commitment that the new administration has to making DBU an even better university."

Another significant advancement for the University landscape was the donation of 1,000 trees by Trammell Crow. Comprised of live oak, red oak, and cypress trees, the donation added much-needed beauty to the existing mesquite trees, which sparsely populated the campus without much appeal.

Alongside the landscaping improvements, faculty, staff, and local volunteers also worked on the Mary C. Crowley Dorm Complex during the early years of Dr. Cook's administration, helping with painting, maintenance, and needed updates. This coincided with a pledged donation in late 1988 for the John G. Mahler Student Center (*continued*)



**"MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS;
THEY HAVE NO MAGIC TO STIR MEN'S BLOOD
AND PROBABLY WILL THEMSELVES
NOT BE REALIZED. MAKE BIG PLANS;
AIM HIGH IN HOPE AND WORK,
REMEMBERING THAT A NOBLE, LOGICAL
DIAGRAM ONCE RECORDED WILL NOT DIE."**

-DANIEL H. BURNHAM, AMERICAN ARCHITECT

DR. GARY COOK
DBU PRESIDENT
25TH
ANNIVERSARY

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

\$1 million renovation of Collins Learning Center third floor;
Fitness Center expanded, renovated, and refurbished;
New wrought-iron fence installed around perimeter ;
Every classroom updated to a smart classroom;
Expansion of the Vance Memorial Library to 229,246 volumes as of 2012;
Wireless network availability in every part of campus;
Construction of new main entrance;
29 new parking lots added, totaling 2,107 new parking spaces.

RSITY TODAY



NEW BUILDINGS ADDED

John G. Mahler Student Center
Tom and Alicia Landry Welcome Center
Ebby Halliday Center
David and In Sun Moon International Center
Harold and Mildred Sadler Patriot
Baseball Clubhouse
Henry Blackaby Hall
Patsy and Herman Smith Center -
at DBU Hurst-Colleyville
Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel
Douglas K. Tabor Athletic Clubhouse
Joan and Andy Horner Hall
Jeannette and Cletys Sadler Global
Missions Center
Joan and Andy Horner Ballpark

which was to be the first new building in more than 20 years. In a Winter 1990 *DBU Report*, Dr. Cook is quoted as saying, "The Mahler Student Center will be the cornerstone of all future buildings on campus." With the beautiful architecture inspired by Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the new building certainly represented a change for the growth and stabilization of the University. For many, it inspired a new-found pride and admiration to be part of the DBU family.

The next significant improvement came with the completion of the third floor of the Collins Learning Center within the first 1,000 days of Dr. Cook's administration and included the addition of 27 new faculty and staff offices and 16 new classrooms that could accommodate over 700 students. Other projects within the Learning Center included the Gaston Chapel, the Corrie ten Boom Room, the Estes Prayer Room, and the Mary C. Crowley Room.

Within the next few years the state of the University continued to advance, and many of the marked improvements came by finally being able to update the worn and aging infrastructure of the old buildings. By the time Dr. Cook had been president for 75 months, roofs on nine of the 10 original buildings from the late 60s and 70s had been replaced, as well as adding updated heating, air, parking, and plumbing for various buildings. The campus was growing, and the improvements were a great reflection of the hard work of Dr. Cook and his administration.

JOHN G. MAHLER STUDENT CENTER

The dedication of the John G. Mahler Student Center in 1992 marked the first new building on the DBU campus in over 20 years. The Mahler Student Center also began the development of Colonial-inspired buildings that are now campus-wide.





Today, 25 years after Dr. Cook's first arrival on campus, University Hill has transformed from its early days of dilapidation into a beautiful and inviting campus. Physically, the grounds, which are today full of life and color, provide a welcoming and exciting environment—one that serves to reflect the current morale and vibrancy of the people who comprise the DBU family.

During Dr. Cook's tenure, the new buildings and additions on campus include: the John G. Mahler Student Center (1992), the Bush President's House (1992), the Tom and Alicia Landry Welcome Center (2001), the Ebby Halliday Center (2002), the David and In Sun Moon International Center (2004), the Harold and Mildred Sadler Patriot Clubhouse (2006), the Henry Blackaby Hall (2008), the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel (2009), the Douglas K. Tabor Guesthouse (2009), the Joan and Andy Horner Hall (2011), a new physical plant complex (2012), the Jeannette and Cletys Sadler Global Missions Center (2013), and the Joan and Andy Horner Ballpark (2013). Likewise, new resident living spaces include: Spence Hall (1999); the Colonial Village Apartments: Noble and Jane Hurley Hall (2002), D. Harold Byrd Hall (2002), Fred and Mary Lou White Hall (2003), Sheila Cook Hall (2005), J. Blair Blackburn Hall (2005); the Williamsburg Village, comprised of ten townhomes (2007, 2008, 2010) and three Brownstone residences (2011, 2012, 2013).

At the center of each of these buildings has been the desire to develop and enhance the DBU community and the

student experience, which is at the heart of the University. Certainly, the great increase of on-campus, student housing has contributed to the University's growing atmosphere of academic pursuits, attitudes of service, and faith in the Lord, as students are able to live out their daily lives in the midst of a Christian environment. Among the community, DBU has become known today for its picturesque, colonial buildings; but more than that, it has become known for the outward



DBU has been blessed with individuals who have spent so much time serving the University. Among those include Harold Norris, former trustee and former senior vice president for financial affairs (1988-2000); Mitch Bennett, assistant to the president and director of gift accounting (1988-present); Dr. Alva G. Parks, current trustee and former executive vice president (1990-96); Dennis Linam, director of denominational and governmental relations (1988-present).

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

Divine Servant Statue® • Mike Arnold Fitness Trail • Jim and Julie Turner Park
 2,000 new trees planted • Schulmerich carillon bells • *The Great Commission* bronze statue
 Two *Fisher of Men* bronze statues • New Buena and Wayne Stevenson Fountain
 Three new ponds and a waterfall • New lake and irrigation system



workings of what is imparted inside its walls, namely a foundation and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and His principles of love and service.

Throughout the halls and entrances to these various new buildings, verses of Scripture fill the walls, reminding students, faculty, and staff alike that Christ is the reason for the University and the ever-present teacher in all the classrooms. Coming from orange-colored buildings and dying mesquite trees 25 years ago to a present-day arboretum has been nothing short of miraculous. In many ways, the root of the transformation can be traced back to Dr. Gary Cook's arrival at DBU and ability to cast a vision for what he believed the University could become; however, the ultimate explanation for DBU's growth and success can only be attributed to the Lord, from whom all blessings flow.



NEW RESIDENT FACILITIES

Spence Hall Dormitory

Colonial Village Apartments:

D. Harold Byrd, Jr. Hall; J. Blair Blackburn Hall;

Sheila Cook Hall; Noble and Jane Hurley Hall;

Fred and Mary Lou White Hall

Williamsburg Village Townhomes and Brownstones

THEN AND NOW

Pictured right is Horner Hall, Spence Hall, and the Joan and Andy Horner Ballpark. Each picture is taken near the same location from page 15, illustrating the change on campus in the past 25 years.