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*In this issue of **SBU Life**, you will read about how much your financial support for scholarships impacts the lives of our students and the lives they influence as students and alumni. Christian higher education truly is an investment in the talents God gives our students. Instead of my column this month, I have reprinted excerpts below from Christian Consultant Steve Henderson's study, "A Question of Price Versus Cost."*

-Sharina Smith, Executive Editor

Recommendations for Students

DON'T BE BLINDED BY DOLLAR SIGNS—

Consider college choices wisely. The bottom-line, out-of-pocket price is one factor. But the price tag is not the only issue and should not be the main issue. Your spiritual life has an eternal value that a temporal education should not undermine. Many Christian colleges go to great lengths to attract the best and brightest with substantial scholarship offers. Make sure you compare the bottom-line financial package carefully before deciding. The "sticker price" is rarely the actual price for those who need financial assistance.

DON'T GET COMPLACENT WITH YOUR RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE—

Don't abandon your religion or its practice without careful and prayerful thought. If anything, going to college should drive a person to come to know God more. Putting your faith and values aside to be "cool" or "in" is to sell your soul for less than nothing. No matter where you go, commit to an ongoing devotional life. Be accountable to your home church leadership and Christian peers.

GET IN CHURCH AND GET INVOLVED—*Be faithfully involved in local religious groups and campus ministries. The most important thing you can do to maintain and increase your religious commitment is to get involved with a local fellowship. Second, find campus ministries that involve you in Christian service and fellowship. Nearly all those who show any religious commitment as college seniors at public or secular private colleges have been involved in local fellowships and campus ministries.*

FIND GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND CONNECT WITH CARING CHRISTIAN FACULTY—

Find peers who share your same concerns and values. Christian peers are critical to the development of any believer—more so for the college freshman. Connecting with life mentors during the educational quest can be life changing. Finding these mentors should begin with Christian faculty advisors within your major field.

Recommendations for Parents

WEIGH THE POTENTIAL RISKS TO YOUR CHILD'S FAITH ALONGSIDE THE FINANCIAL COSTS. *There is too much at stake in your child's spiritual life to settle for less than the best place for him or her. Christian students need to grow spirituality as well as academically.*

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE RELIGIOUS SERVICE/CHURCH ATTENDANCE. *Remember that this is the most important sign that a student's religious commitment is maturing. Find a way, beyond demanding to see each week's church bulletin, that will encourage attendance and involvement. While considering colleges, perhaps make church visits a part of your time. Help connect your student to a local fellowship of believers.*

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPUS MINISTRIES. *This is the best way to get your child involved with peers who will support the quest for spiritual growth in the college years. Many marriages result from relationships formed in college. Especially if your child is not attending a Christian college, involvement in a campus ministry may be the best way for your child to find an ideal son or daughter-in-law. So, if for no other reason, encourage involvement for the sake of your grandkids!*

STAY INVOLVED WITH YOUR COLLEGE KIDS. *To the extent possible, stay in touch with your college son or daughter in meaningful ways. Visit the college prior to your child's enrollment and during the college years. You will want to avoid becoming what Tom Wolfe, in his recent book *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, has described as a "helicopter parent," one who hovers over every aspect of the student's life—not a good plan. But you must stay involved, connected, and informed. So visit as often as reasonable. Make sure you meet your child's friends; perhaps invite them to your home on breaks and vacations.*

The excerpts above are from the article "A Question of Price Versus Cost," which first appeared in *Christianity Today International*. The full text of Steve Henderson's study, as well as an updated listing of related resources, can be accessed at www.christianconsulting.net. Steve welcomes inquiries and responses via e-mail at steve@christianconsulting.net.



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Bridging the Gap:

Why your Giving Matters to Our Students



BY SHARINA SMITH AND HOLLY STOCKARD '08

At SBU, we are dedicated to preparing our students for servant leadership, a life of purpose, and a fulfilling career. All of us, including the families considering sending their students to SBU, have been forced to make difficult financial choices the last few years. We don't want the quality, Christian education at SBU to be sacrificed due to tough economic times for our students and their families.

When you give to SBU's Unrestricted Student Aid (U.S.A.) Fund, you are investing in the lives of SBU students. Every gift to the SBU U.S.A. Fund helps bridge the gap between financial need and attending SBU. It is more than an investment into students' academic endeavors; it is a statement that you believe in them and in the Christ-centered future to which God has called them.

We want to help make the life-changing, Christian education at SBU more affordable for those students with great potential and great financial need. By giving to the SBU U.S.A. Fund, you help support University-wide scholarships: academic scholarships, education scholarships, church-and-ministry related scholarships, and more.

SBU Director of Admissions Darren Crowder said for fall of 2011, the average SBU family was left with a gap of \$7,763.50 to pay

after federal and state aid, and SBU's average gift in aid was \$9,167.00.

While some believe families should not accrue debt for student loans, borrowing money for a higher education is often a necessity, but it should not necessarily be considered a negative, Crowder said.

SBU Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Stephanie Miller agreed, "Many families believe they shouldn't accrue debt. That is unrealistic if they are expecting their children to go to college. Taking out a loan as an investment in higher education should not be considered the same as accruing credit card debt or a car loan for a depreciating asset.

"In addition, students with student loans are better able to establish credit in their name after they graduate, which they will need in order to purchase a home or car. Compared to loans for cars or even homes that can depreciate in value, the value of higher education increases over time," Dr. Miller said.

Gifts of all sizes make an impact. Crowder said, "If we have more funds to give students, we can help families close the gap to affording higher education."

More than 90% of SBU students currently receive scholarship support. Even small gifts to the U.S.A. Fund can impact students in a big



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MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO
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“SBU has really allowed me to pursue my passions and interests. It’s definitely created opportunities and opened doors I would have never been able to access. Part of that is the true friendships I’ve formed with people — students and professors — here.”

“Our business students learn how to integrate faith in the decision-making process in the board room. Our science students learn how to articulate their faith through science. Our teachers learn how to model their faith in the classroom.”

way. Students’ lives are being molded and shaped at SBU, and as SBU alumni they are going out and impacting the world around them.

The Value of Education versus The Cost

Crowder is often asked by prospective students and their families, “Why SBU?”

“There are a lot of really good Christian schools, but there are not a lot that have done a good job combining academic excellence with a Christian worldview,” Crowder replied.

“Sometimes Christian colleges are not perceived as being very strong academically. SBU is Christ-centered, and we are very strong academically,” Crowder said. “Our students are successful, because they have the book smarts plus the moral compass that makes them good employees.”

Dr. Miller added, “A lot of institutions talk about a caring environment. I have evidence that caring happens here. Students may pay a little less at other schools, but they do not get the same treatment as they would here.

Our service offices -- financial aid, admissions, student services -- really do care about students and their families.

“When you compare the actual costs for private school, ours is one of the lowest in the Midwest,” Dr. Miller said. “I would put our quality of education and services up against any other school. Our people are called to be here. Our lower costs are a testimony to the type of people who work here and help keep our costs down.”

“The other thing,” Crowder added, “is when we talk about the spirituality aspect of a Christian education, it’s not just in chapel and Bible studies here. It’s in the classroom. For example, our business students learn how to integrate faith in the decision-making process in the board room. Our science students learn how to articulate their faith through science. Our teachers learn how to model their faith in the classroom.”

Dr. Miller said, “Our students are having a positive impact on society. We have to make sure they graduate. We know that a college education influences their ability for higher earnings throughout their lives. We also know that a Christian higher education impacts students’ faith.”

S o u t h w e s t B a p t i s t U n i v e r s i t y

2011 *President's
Report*

As a senior in high school,

I was looking for an affordable university in which I would grow in all areas of my life. SBU was academically excellent, spiritually challenging, and offered substantial scholarship support. It was a perfect fit for me.

The faculty and staff at SBU have been incredibly helpful in my academic success. The professors have been readily available to answer questions, give advice, and help with future career options. I have also been able to depend on the staff to help with the financial assistance I have needed. It is comforting to know that the people here truly care about my relationship with Christ, as well as my educational success. I have been prepared intelligently to live in a global society with a servant heart.

The scholarships I have received through the Unrestricted Student Aid Fund have played a huge role in the continuation of my education at SBU. I would not have been able to attend SBU if not for the financial assistance I received. Giving to scholarships makes a huge difference in the lives of hundreds of students each semester. Your gift helps students come to a university where they can learn and grow in order to go out into the world as a servant for Christ.

KATELYN DONLEY

RAYMORE, MO
BIOLOGY MAJOR



Approximately 98% of SBU students receive some type of financial aid. We have many students who desire and deserve a quality Christian education who have financial challenges. There are many stories like Katelyn's.

Numerous studies have shown that a quality university education is a worthwhile investment, but it is expensive for our families and students. It is our goal to maintain strong academic programs and quality student-life activities while

keeping tuition and fees as low as possible. We are good stewards of our resources, but our expenses at SBU have increased while our median student family income has decreased. Each year we must increase our endowed scholarships and direct student aid to assist these families in order to stay competitive with other universities.

In order to help students like Katelyn, we must continue to grow our endowment for student scholarships, and we must continue to increase the amount of direct student aid annually. We need to have the most competitive academic merit scholarships in the region to attract the best and brightest Christian students. Also, we need to assist students who cannot afford to attend SBU without financial assistance. Your gifts to endowed scholarships and SBU's Unrestricted Student Aid Fund help many students afford an academically rigorous Christian university education.

We sincerely appreciate each and every gift of prayer, time, and money you have given in support of SBU. We have many stories of how your gifts directly impact our students and how our students impact the world while they are enrolled at SBU and after they graduate.

God has blessed SBU with many great students and it is our goal to provide each of our students with an affordable, quality Christian education.

C. Pat Taylor
President



REVENUE BUDGET

Financial Aid Revenue	\$1,154,811	2.39%
Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue	\$6,717,973	13.92%
Investment Earnings	\$112,960	0.23%
Other Undesignated Gifting	\$900,000	1.87%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$435,828	0.90%
Missouri Baptist Convention	\$1,200,000	2.49%
Tuition & Fees	\$37,728,428	78.20%
Total Revenue Budget	\$48,250,000	100.0%

EXPENSE SUMMARY

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

Total Instructional and Departmental	\$13,185,901	27.3%
Organized Activities	\$2,730,397	5.7%
Total Library	\$1,221,121	2.5%
Total Student Services	\$2,495,802	5.2%
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	\$3,538,254	7.3%
Total Administration	\$1,570,567	3.3%
Staff Benefits	\$1,154,364	2.4%
Total General Institutional	\$2,851,999	5.9%
Total Student Aid	\$14,313,034	29.7%
Debt Retirement	\$732,429	1.5%
Total Educational and General	\$43,793,868	90.8%

AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

Total Auxiliary Enterprises	\$4,436,132	9.2%
Contingency	\$20,000	0.0%
Total Expenses	\$48,250,000	100.0%

UNIVERSITY

FACTS & FIGURES 2011-12

Total students	3,633
Men	1,300
Women	2,333
Undergraduate	2,872
Graduate	761
Average GPA for incoming freshmen	3.48
Mean ACT for incoming freshmen	23.10
Tuition (undergraduate)	\$17,400
Total Faculty (Full-time)	137
Total Staff (Full-time)	191
Student-to-faculty ratio	14:1
Percentage of full-time faculty with a doctorate or other terminal degree	71%

MISSION STATEMENT

Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The mission statement of the University implies there will be a fusing of the liberal arts with career preparation and the Christian faith with learning. Recognition also is given to the enduring values of the liberal arts as the foundation of critical thinking, decision-making, and the high literacy required for responsible careers in the contemporary world.



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2011 *President's Report*



“Stephanie is an extraordinary person. I count it a great honor to have had the opportunity to serve as her teacher and to still call her my friend. Her intellectual curiosity and desire to work hard is what every professor dreams of in a student. She did her course work exceptionally well, but what really set her apart was her ability to engage ideas and make demands on me as a teacher. When higher education is working at its best, everyone is growing through the process; it should never just be a one-way street.”

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"I'm thankful to have had the joyful opportunity to meet Vince as an undergraduate and to get to know him. Vince is a quick-study, a holistic thinker, and is kind in his regard to others. Most importantly, Vince's greatest treasure is Christ. It is because of these things that he will be well-equipped to exhalt God as a practicing physician and beyond."

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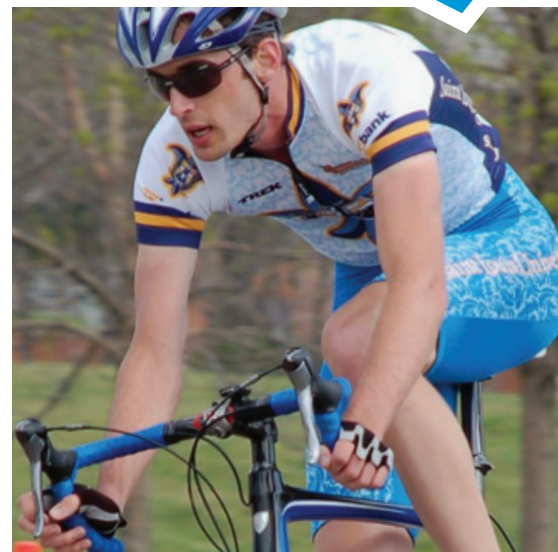
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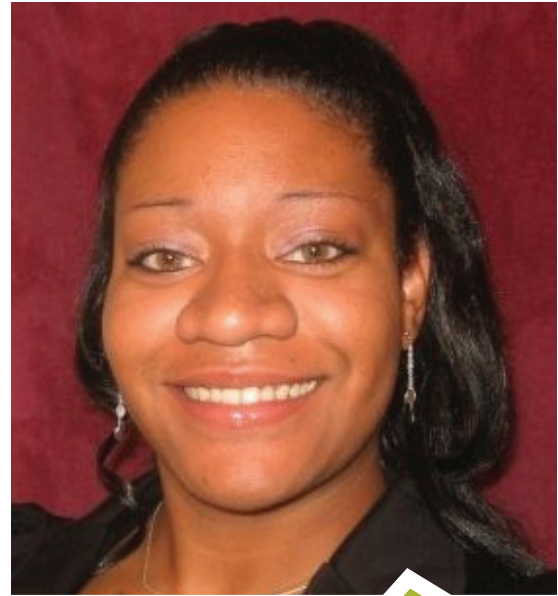
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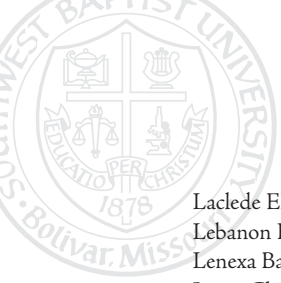
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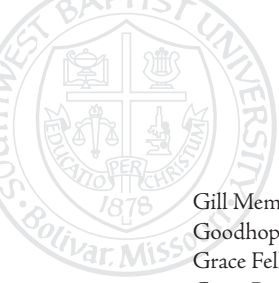


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AMBER YBANEZ '11

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Mid-Lakes Baptist Association, Bolivar, Mo.
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Sarver Charitable Trust, Smith Center, Kan.
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Shewmaker Family Scholarship Trust, Bentonville, Ark.
Siloam Springs High School Scholars, Siloam Springs, Ark.
Skaggs Foundation, Branson, Mo.
Smart Insurance Agency, Marionville, Mo.
Southern Sun Electric Corporation, Springfield, Mo.
Southside Christian Church, Mexico, Mo.
Stained Glass Players, Ozark, Mo.
Stanberry R-II High School, Stanberry, Mo.
Stephens Pharmacy, Bolivar, Mo.
Sterling Acres Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Strafford R-VI School District, Strafford, Mo.
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Vedas Jackson Scholarship, Purdy, Mo.
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 Family Worship Church, High Ridge, Mo.
 Fellowship Baptist Association, Warsaw, Mo.
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 First Baptist Church, Keller, Texas
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 First Baptist Church, Pevely, Mo.
 First Baptist Church, Sedalia, Mo.
 First Baptist Church, Warsaw, Mo.
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 First Southern Baptist Church, Garden City, Kan.
 Forum Realty, Hawthorne, Calif.
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 Grace Bible Church, Warrenton, Mo.
 Graceway Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.
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 Gentry High School Scholarship Fund, Gentry, Ark.
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“The private scholarships we received while attending SBU were a tremendous blessing to both of us. They were instrumental in minimizing our college debt and allowed us to put our future family in a better position financially. We will be forever grateful.”

Nichole (Hull) and Brandon Ogden '06

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Saturday, March 24, 6:30 PM
Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant
8210 Highway 121
Frisco, Texas 75034
\$10 per person
Please RSVP by March 12

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Saturday, March 31, 7:00 PM
Grand St. Café
4740 Grand St
Kansas City, MO 64112
\$18 per person
Please RSVP by March 21

Lake of the Ozarks Area Alumni Dinner

Saturday, April 21, 6:30 PM
Lil' Rizzos
929 Chef St
Osage Beach, MO 65065
\$10 per person
Please RSVP by April 13



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SBU Night with the Springfield Cardinals

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 PM
Tickets are \$6 per person
All current students and alumni are welcome!

Topeka Area Alumni Dinner

Thursday, May 3, 6:30 PM
Boss Hawg's BBQ
2833 SW 29 St
Topeka, KS 66614
\$10 per person
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Saturday, May 5, 6:30 PM
Rockyard American Grill
880 Castleton Rd
Castle Rock, CO 80109
\$12 per person
Please RSVP by April 27

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Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 PM
Larkspur Bistro & Bar
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Wichita, KS 67202
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Please RSVP by April 30





Scott Dill, Ms.Ed '08, Ed.Sp. '11
(began SBU's new Ed.D. program Jan. 2012)

A servant leader

BY JEFF MCNIELL

Dill models his leadership style and goals after the book, "The Way of the Shepherd"

A shepherd staff sits in the corner of Scott Dill's office. It's a constant reminder of the type of leader he wants to be. The type of leadership portrayed in the book, "The Way of the Shepherd."

Dill says the book changed his life. He has modeled himself after the philosophy of servant leadership as an administrator. He says it is the blueprint to who he has become. His professional playbook.

He has loaned his copy of the book to many people around him. The

administrators at the Houston School District recently began studying it together. They discuss it at weekly meetings.

It's the type of leader Dill says he will be as the face of Houston Schools.

"The shepherd uses the staff to guide a flock, protect his flock and when necessary, a staff of correction when we need to guide and redirect," Dill said. "Those are my expectations for myself and what I want from my people."

Dill, who has been the middle school

principal since 2007, was hired Sunday as the new superintendent of the Houston School District. He will complete the remainder of the current school year as "acting superintendent" -- a position he was assigned in December after Dr. Dan Vandiver requested a professional leave of absence. Vandiver later resigned.

"I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to work in this time at this place with these people," Dill said. "I recognize the school and community have

gone through a rough patch. But fortunately for all of us, these storms don't last for long.

"This is a good school district. I want us to take that next step and be a great school district. I want people to look at Houston and think, 'That's where I want my kids to go to school. I want to teach there. I want to be a part of what's going on there.'"

A California native, Dill moved with his family to Humansville, Mo., when he was five years old. His parents purchased a farmhouse and 40 acres to raise cows, horses and other farm animals. "Everybody laughed at us because we were California farmers," Dill said.

It was during high school that Dill determined he wanted to enter the education field. He was inspired by a science teacher.

"He was probably one of the most dispassionate people I've ever met in my life," Dill recalled. "I patted him on the back once to wish him 'happy birthday,' and he turned

Dill's first teaching job was the library media specialist and technology director at Macks Creek Schools. During his 10-year stint with the district, he began pursuing his graduate degree through SBU.

He said he was surprised in 2007 when the Houston school board selected him from a talented pool of candidates to be the next middle school principal.

"Coming to Houston has been one of those watershed moments in my life and career," Dill said. "When I came to Houston, I felt at home almost immediately."

Five years later, Dill's name again stood out when the school board was filling a position. One of 13 candidates for the vacant superintendent position, Dill and four others were interviewed Saturday as finalists. Dill received a phone call later that night from Dr. Tom Dunn, school board president, offering him the job.

Dill revealed Monday afternoon that he had applied for the superintendent's job at

fifth grades.

"They factored heavily into my decision," the 38-year-old Dill said. "We've had other opportunities. But I want my kids in this school district. I've seen the quality of education and know the rigor and excellence students receive. I want my kids educated in this community. There's a reason I chose to be here as well."

Dill, who was hired with a 6-1 vote, said he plans to be visible in the community as "an unceasing voice for the good things that are going on in this district." He said the public should expect to see him at ballgames and community events. He is the keynote speaker at next month's annual chamber banquet.

"I have visited with and met superintendents all across the country," said board member Sharon Horbyk. "I believe he will be one of those superintendents who is considered a superstar. He has a passion for education, kids and the community. I think he is the total package."

Dill's approach is a direct reflection of "The Way of the Shepherd." He said it forms his personality both at home and work. Shortly after he was hired as middle school principal, Dill was sharing his leadership style and goals for himself as a leader with his stepfather. A few weeks later, he surprised Dill with the staff.

It was the first item he moved over from his old office to his new one in the superintendent's building.

"I'm not promoting Scott Dill. That's not what this is about," Dill said. "I'm promoting the Houston School District. I'm promoting these kids and the value of the work my teachers do."

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"As I thought about the direction for my life, I wanted something purposeful. I wanted to make an impact."

After graduating from Humansville High School in 1991, Dill enrolled at Missouri Southern University. He transferred to Southwest Baptist University and graduated in 1997 from Southwest Missouri State with an undergraduate degree in social studies and library science.

Macks Creek before the position at Houston became available. He was offered that job and turned it down -- with no guarantee he would be extended the same position at Houston.

"I knew where I wanted to be. Come what may, I was going to stay in Houston," Dill said.

That includes his family. His wife, Amy, is completing her second year as elementary principal. They have two daughters, Maura, 6, and Caroline, 10, who are in the first and

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