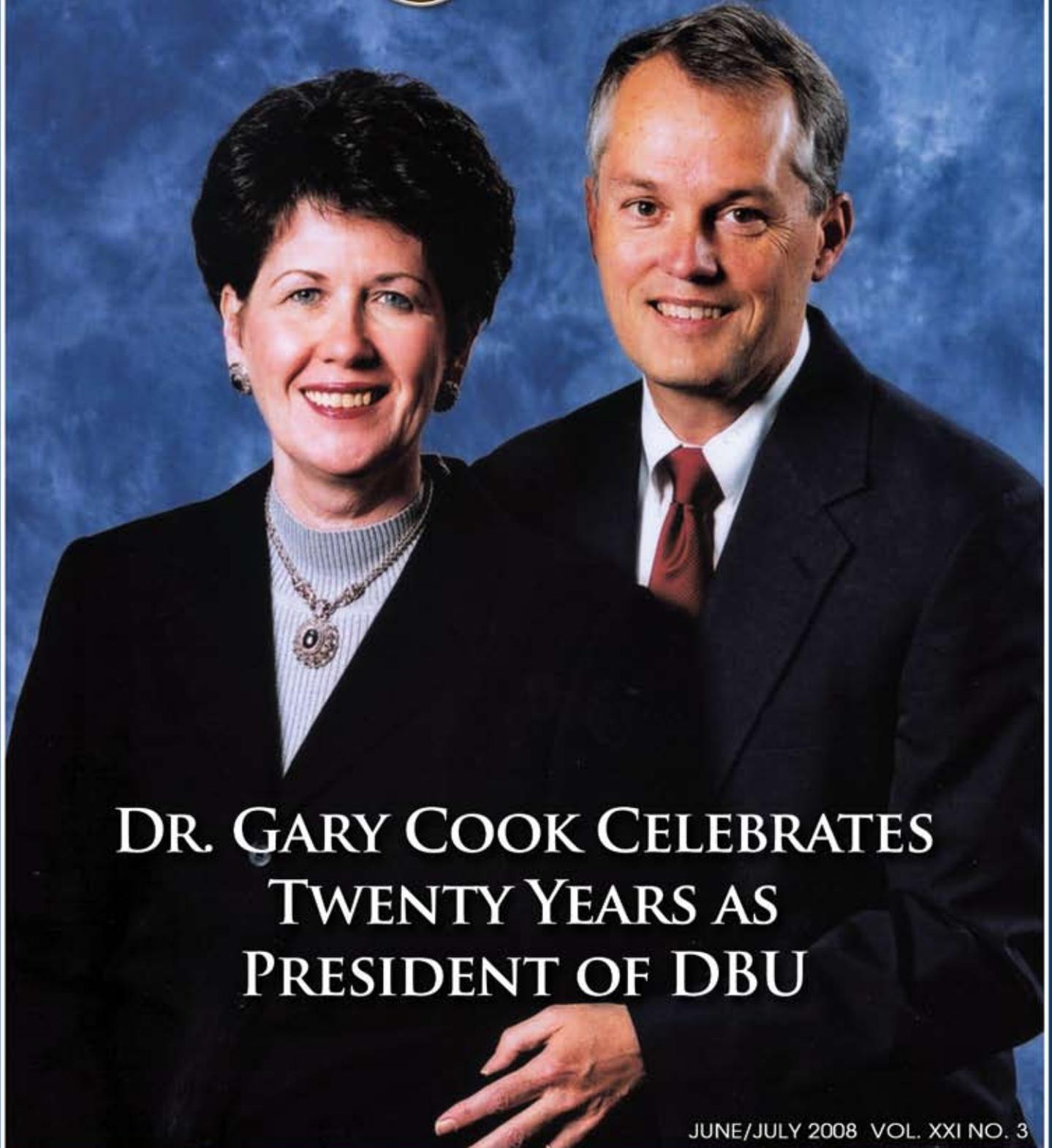


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DR. GARY COOK CELEBRATES
TWENTY YEARS AS
PRESIDENT OF DBU

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This special issue of the *DBU Report* commemorates 20 years of service at Dallas Baptist University by President Gary Cook. Over the last 20 years, the Lord has blessed DBU under Dr. Cook's leadership, and the University has grown to become a leading institution of higher education in Texas, the United States, and throughout the world.

Throughout the following pages, the progress of the last 20 years is highlighted, and the men and women who helped achieve these wonderful goals are mentioned. But above all else, as Dr. Cook continues to proclaim, the credit for anything good that has come about at DBU goes to God alone.

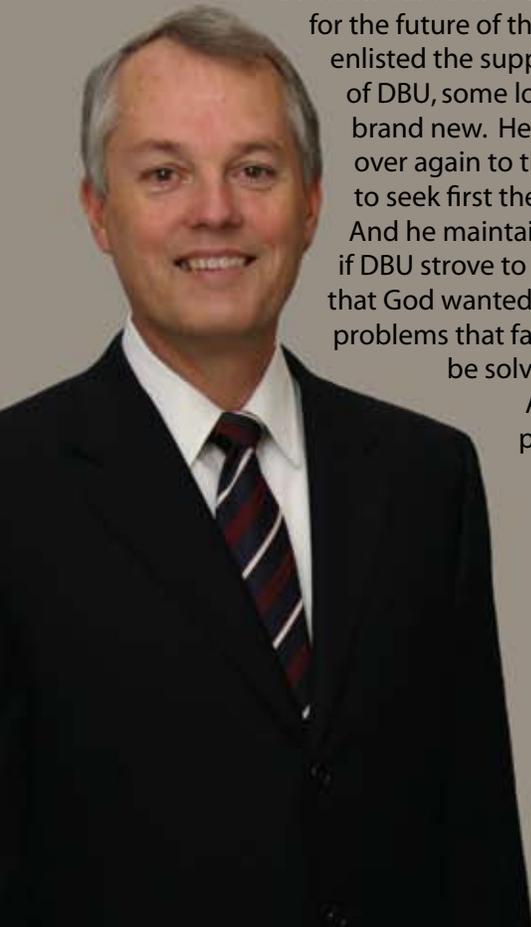
When Dr. Cook arrived, the University faced severe debt, low student enrollment, and criticisms from many who believed University Hill should be shut down.

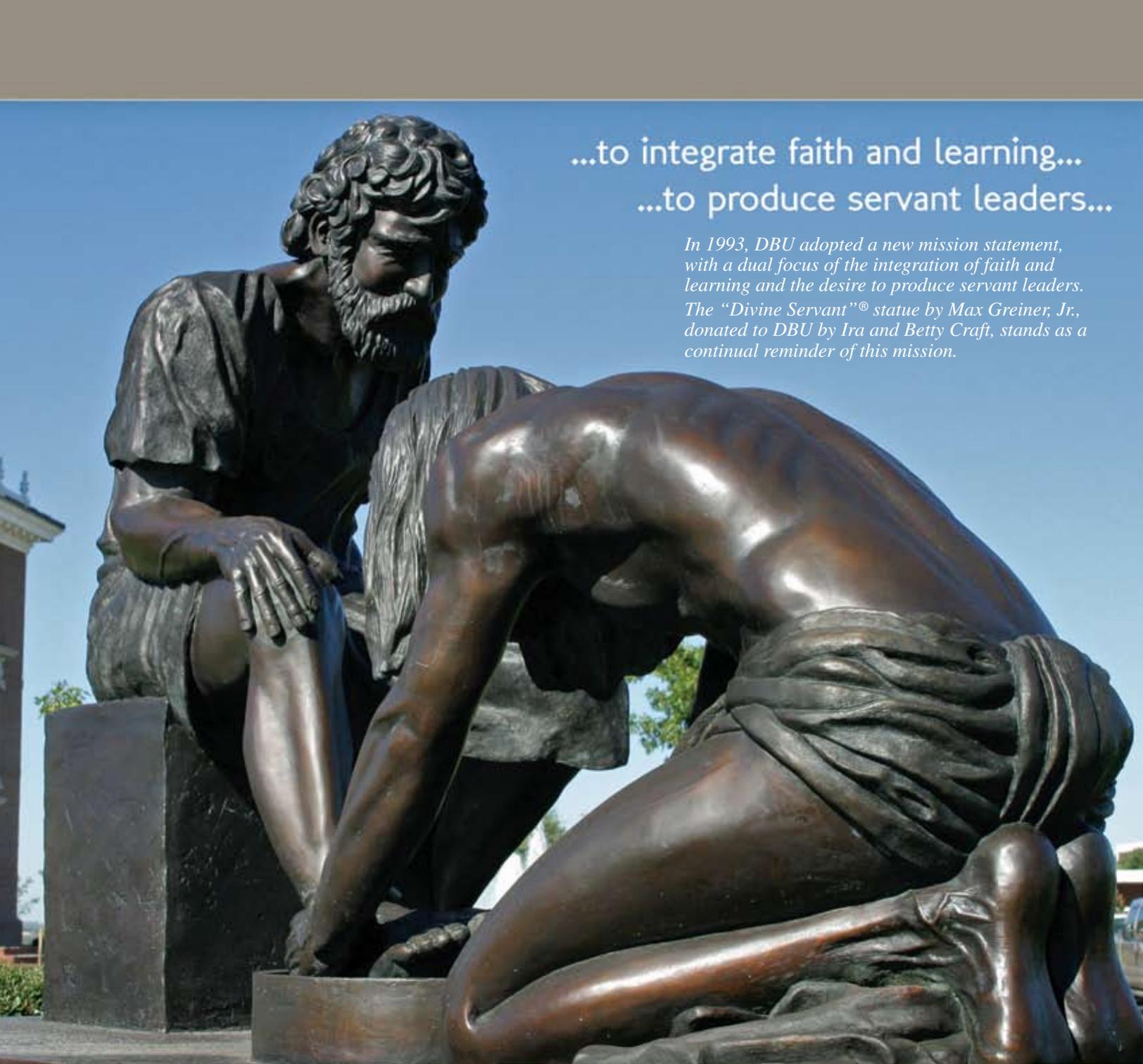
Sensing God's direction and believing in His plans, Dr. Cook called the University to prayer for the future of this institution. He enlisted the support of many friends of DBU, some long-time and some brand new. He stressed over and over again to the students the need to seek first the Kingdom of God. And he maintained a firm belief that if DBU strove to be the University that God wanted it to be, then all the problems that faced the school would be solved.

After 20 years of prayerful leadership, the results speak for themselves. Enrollment has risen, debt has been paid off, scholarships have increased, endowment has grown, buildings have been

constructed, new programs have been added, the number of faculty has enlarged, and the University is set to continue this success in the years to come.

However, Dr. Cook has continued to stress that success by the world's standards is not always success by God's standards. In fact, the University has committed itself to not only the mission of producing servant leaders, but also to the vision of building a great Christian university that is pleasing to God. As Dr. Cook has stated, "There is no reason for DBU to exist if it ever abandoned its calling from God."





...to integrate faith and learning...
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In 1993, DBU adopted a new mission statement, with a dual focus of the integration of faith and learning and the desire to produce servant leaders. The “Divine Servant”[®] statue by Max Greiner, Jr., donated to DBU by Ira and Betty Craft, stands as a continual reminder of this mission.

To emphasize this point, the University has placed throughout the campus reminders of its Christian mission, including scripture plaques, religious paintings, and monuments such as the “Divine Servant”[®] and “Fisher of Men”[®] statues. In buildings all over campus, students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff read these words, “Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this University. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in classes. He is the model for its faculty and the inspiration for its students.”

Throughout the following pages, we invite you to explore all that has been accomplished at DBU in the last 20 years. With gratitude, we want to honor the diligent leadership of Dr. Cook and his commitment to the University. We ask that you would join with us in thanking all those who have helped along the way. Above all, however, we pray that these pages will bring glory to the One for whom this University exists as we celebrate the miracles that have happened at DBU and look forward to continuing years of God moving on University Hill.