



Carol (Jackson) Kunkel '55, Diane Strickland, Charles Strickland '61, and Bill Harvey '55



Decatur alumni and family gathering in the Hoblitzelle Patriot Café

2005 Decatur Spring Reunion

Decatur Baptist College alumni gathered at Dallas Baptist University to reminisce and catch up with old friends and former DBC faculty and staff. This year the Class of 1955 celebrated its fiftieth class reunion, and Mr. Dennis Linam and Dr. Gail Linam were named Honorary Decatur Alumni. Since coming to DBU, the Linams have worked to plan and host each Decatur Reunion as well as faithfully keeping in touch with DBC's alumni.

Mr. Dennis Linam has served at DBU for almost 17 years and currently is the Vice President for External Affairs, Director of Alumni Relations, and Director of the John G. Mahler Student Center. In addition, he serves DBU with church, denominational, community, and governmental relations. Mr. Linam attended Baylor University for two years, majoring in pre-engineering and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor's degree in architecture. A retired architect, Mr. Linam has worked on many important

projects, such as restoring the Waco Suspension Bridge, designing Indian Spring Park and the Waco Freedom Fountain, and serving as the planning coordinator for the Lake Brazos Corridor.

DBU Provost Dr. Gail Linam is a graduate of Baylor University with a B.A. in elementary education. She also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and earned a Master of Arts in Religious Education degree and a Ph.D. She has filled a number of roles at DBU, including Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs and Academic Dean, Dean of the Dorothy M. Bush College of Education, Director of the Associate Degree Program, Faculty Member, and Director of Special Programs. From 1993 to the present, she has also served as the Executive Director of the Women's Auxiliary Board. In 1995, Dr. Linam was the recipient of the Ruth Award. The Linams have three children, Angela, Diane, and Brooks, and one grandson, Spencer, and are active members of First Baptist Church in Arlington.



Shirley (Cearley) Weidner '57, John Weidner '58, and Louise Glenn '58



DBU President Dr. Gary Cook with Dr. Gail Linam and Dennis Linam