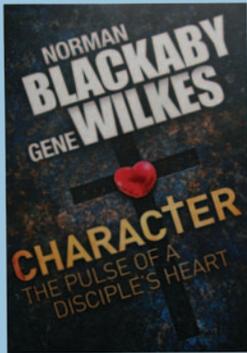




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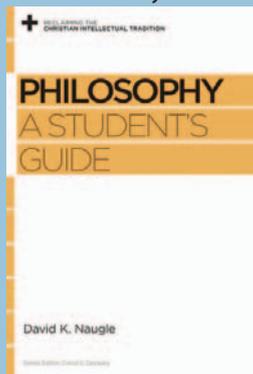
DBU Professors **Dr. Norman C. Blackaby** and **Dr. Gene Wilkes** released a book on Christian spiritual development entitled *Character: The Pulse of a Disciple's Heart*. The work began as a result of co-teaching a Biblical Servant Leadership course at DBU. Through case studies of Biblical characters, as well as reflection on cultivating character in the 21st Century, the two present a guide for Christians to develop godly character.



Dr. Blackaby serves at DBU as Associate Professor of Biblical Studies in the Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership and is the author of several books. Dr. Wilkes has served for more than 20 years as Senior Pastor of Legacy Church in Plano, Texas, and has taught as an adjunct professor at DBU for several years.

DBU Professor **Dr. David Naugle** recently authored *Philosophy: A Student's Guide*, part of the *Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition* collection series by Crossway Publishing.

Designed as an introductory text to the topic, Naugle's work provides an overview of the basic issues concerning the discipline of philosophy. In addition to covering the major philosophers and the various sub-categories of philosophy, Naugle pays special attention to the ways in which Christians engage philosophical thought.



Dr. Naugle is Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Philosophy in the Mary C. Crowley College of Christian Faith. He is also the author of *Worldview: The History of a Concept* and *Reordered Love, Reordered Lives: Learning the Deep Meaning of Happiness*.



DBU Gathers 3500 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The DBU community joined together this year to prepare 3,500 shoeboxes for children through Operation Christmas Child. DBU has partnered with OCC for many years and serves as a relay center drop-off location for the surrounding community. DBU and the other local relay centers collected and shipped over 40,000 boxes this year to children in impoverished countries around the world.

"These boxes carry with them the Gospel message of Jesus," said Mark Hale, OCC coordinator for DBU and Director of the Master of Education in Higher Education and Assistant Professor of Higher Education. "Operation Christmas Child has become a great way for our students, faculty, and staff to be involved in international missions without ever leaving home."

Many student organizations worked to fill boxes, and the DBU Athletic Department also joined with over 200 student-athletes gathering for the annual wrapping party. Representatives from all 21 intercollegiate athletic teams brought a shoebox filled with gifts and then wrapped over 300 boxes throughout the night.

"For the ninth year in a row, we have had a remarkable turnout from our student-athletes and coaches for our Operation Christmas Child wrapping party," said DBU Director of Athletics Ryan Erwin. "I know the work they did will make a difference in the lives of many young children around the globe. I am so thankful that we have student-athletes at DBU who are willing to sacrifice their free time to help individuals in need."

Dan Heefner Named to *Baseball America's* Top 10 Coaches Under 40

Patriot Baseball Head Coach Dan Heefner (pictured right) has been named as one of the Top 10 Coaches in College Baseball Under 40, according to *Baseball America*, in consultation with coaches and scouts in and around college baseball. As explained by *Baseball America*, who listed Heefner in the number five spot, the members of this list "constitute the next wave of marquee coaches in college baseball."

According to the website, which cited Creighton Coach Ed Servais, Heefner was chosen because, "He's as good a hitting instructor as there is out there. He has passion, and he's such a level-headed, good person, he's such a natural fit for that institution. He's definitely a rising star, there's no doubt about it. He's well balanced, too. There's no knee-jerk reaction with Dan. He's going to deal with whatever situations come up, he's going to give himself time, he's going to think through it, he's going to be incredibly fair to players. He's got this coaching stuff figured out as a young coach."



GIVING THANKS IN DALLAS

Student Athletes Participate in Feast of Sharing

For the fourth consecutive year, the DBU Athletic Department took part in the Feast of Sharing, hosted by H-E-B/Central Market. The sixth annual event was provided to thousands of people at Fair Park, many from different area shelters and community centers.

The Thanksgiving feast featured approximately 2,500 pounds of sliced turkey, 350 gallons of mashed potatoes, 1,800 pounds of dressing, 9,000 rolls and 900 pumpkin pies. The goal was to feed over 13,000 people.

Over 175 DBU student-athletes, coaches, and staff from all 21 of the Patriot Athletic teams joined hundreds of other volunteers at Fair Park to offer their services throughout the afternoon and evening. Student-athletes served food, bused tables, took out trash, and visited with thousands of homeless and less fortunate people from all over the Dallas area.

"Feast of Sharing is always a wonderful experience and definitely puts things in perspective on how blessed we really are," commented junior Cheerleader and Diamond Belle, Stevie Shirley. "It was a fantastic experience to serve with other athletes from DBU. I enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the children and to be able to share the joy of Christ with others."

Visitors were treated with Thanksgiving plates along with pumpkin pie, ice cream, and drinks. Aside from a traditional holiday meal, the event also offered various health services, a Kids-Zone with a bounce house, and several crafts, along with music concerts performed by various artists.

"The DBU student-athletes had the unique privilege to serve at the Feast of Sharing for the fourth straight year. This event is a great opportunity for our student-athletes to show Christ's love in action," said DBU Director of Athletics Ryan Erwin. "H-E-B and Central Market always do a great job in organizing the event, and it was a blessing and truly amazing to watch these young men and women serve as 'Champions for Christ' in the community."



Men's Soccer Completes Inaugural Season

The DBU Men's Soccer program (pictured below), under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Crawford and Graduate Assistant Coach Austin White, finished their inaugural season in November with a trip to the NCCAA Central Region Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Sophomore David Balyeat (midfield) was named to the Heartland Men's Soccer All-Conference First Team. Along with Freshmen Landon Lacy (midfield) and Brian Robertson (forward), Balyeat led the Patriots offensively throughout the year.

