

## 2007-08 FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

# BOB BURGIN

**B**ob Burgin has been named the recipient of the 2007-08 Faculty Member of the Year Award. Burgin has taught in the DBU Dorothy M. Bush College of Education since 1999, serving as associate dean of the College, as well as assistant professor of education and director of the secondary education department.

Burgin and his wife, Tillie, are former missionaries, serving in Korea from 1966-1978. Upon their return to the United States, the couple began to work in the Arlington Independent School District, Tillie in administration as director of personnel and Bob in the schools as assistant principal and principal for Nichols Junior High School and principal of Arlington High School. In 1993, Burgin retired from Arlington ISD, but he returned in 1999 to help DBU train the next generation of teachers.

The Burgins have been married for over 50 years, and they have two children, Jim and Rick. They are active members of First Baptist Church of Arlington, where Tillie founded a local outreach ministry in 1986. Over the years, this ministry has grown to become Mission Arlington, a model for other community outreach efforts throughout the nation.

## Faculty Reflections on the Importance of CHRISTIAN SCHOLARSHIP

### **Dr. Deborah McCollister**

*Professor of English*

“Any meaningful work suffers without the refreshment that play contributes. Similarly, the vocation of ‘professing’ requires the refreshment of scholarship—reading, writing, and thinking in the discipline. When I chisel out pockets of time for the life of the mind, I rediscover my passion for learning, and I can’t wait to play with ideas along with my students. May the Lord always show me the balance He desires in my life as a DBU professor.”

### **Dr. David Naugle**

*Chair, Philosophy Department*

“We would do well to remember that Christian higher education is not just about information, but transformation. It is not merely data transfer from the mind of a professor to the mind of the student. Rather it is about the in-depth, comprehensive renovation of the embodied heart as the seat and source of the intellect, affections, will, and spirituality. In other words, Christian higher education seeks to assist in the restoration of students as whole persons made in the image and likeness of God.”

### **Dr. Michael Williams**

*Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of History*

“I believe that the primary functions of higher education may be illustrated by a triangle comprised of teaching, research, and service. If any one side of the triangle is missing, the picture is incomplete. I believe that my research and writing richly inform my ongoing teaching here at DBU. I think it sets a good example for our students that we are still studying and learning. It demonstrates that we are doing what we are asking them to do—that is, to study and research, think critically and analytically, and write. I have never written anything that I have not used in class in some way. Additionally, it demonstrates to the broader academic community the good things that we do here, enhances DBU’s academic reputation, and helps me to grow as a person and as God’s servant.”