

Dear DBU Family,

The following is a story about an encounter that Dr. Rick Davis had with a stranger visiting Dallas. I saw Rick recently, and he shared this story with me. I then asked Rick if he would write it up so that I could share it with you. I'm so proud of our DBU family. Jesus taught us to be servants: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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-Dr. Gary Cook, President



The Stranger and the DBU Pen

by Dr. Rick Davis

At the airport in Dallas, I wandered into a newsstand to get a paper. Ahead of me in the checkout line was a young businessman trying to buy a pen. All he had to choose from were either too expensive or too crude.

I had two pens in my coat pocket. I offered him one, saying, "You could have this one and use with my compliments." He took the pen, a DBU "gimme" pen my wife or son brought home from the school. The young man reacted visibly.

"Can I ask you something?" he said. I nodded, and he continued. "Is everyone from DBU just automatically kind, or is it some kind of institutional requirement?"

Being a businessman in town from Chicago for a week, the young fellow told me I was his third encounter with someone who treasured some association with Dallas Baptist University. He had trouble with his rental car and someone with a DBU decal stopped to help, mentioning they were on their way to school at the college. Later, lost on a city street, someone in a DBU shirt took him in hand, a stranger, and led him to a familiar place.

I explained to him that I really have no official relationship with the school. My wife works at DBU, and my children attend DBU. I do know that Dr. Cook and the DBU family stress servant leadership in all things. It is, therefore, not a surprise to hear that someone could spend a week in Dallas and meet wonderful people from DBU.

