

ROBINSON *continued*

Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He died on October 24, 1972.

Major League Baseball declared April 15, 2007, Jackie Robinson Day in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers debut. His wife Rachel Robinson, was presented the Commissioner's Historical Achievement Award for the Jackie Robinson Foundation. *

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Baseball teams throughout the league celebrated the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier on April 15, 1947, by wearing No. 42 on their uniforms.

CHARTER DAY *continued*

The Old Administration Building, once described as "statuesque but dilapidated," "abandoned but not forgotten," and one of three buildings remaining from Tillotson College, reopened with a new name and purpose. Constructed between 1913-1914, Tillotson College students in the Industrial Arts program made the cinder blocks from which the structure was built. These students also assisted with the construction of the building.

Robert G. Stanton, Class of 1963, and immediate past director of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, who facilitated a \$525,000 restoration matching grant that jump started the \$3.1 million campaign, shared with the crowd on a picture perfect day that the eyes of Washington, D.C. were upon Huston-Tillotson University. "These funds don't come easy, and you performed!" Stanton said.

Once the center of campus activities with its administrative offices, library, and classrooms, the building sat vacant from 1969 to August 2004 when the Institutional Advancement offices occupied the edifice. During the grand opening the Wachovia Business Resource and Training Center, Bertha Sadler Means African American Heritage Resource Center, Dell Computer Laboratory, Austin Community Foundation Conference Room, Coe-Robinson Alumni Conference Center, and a Heritage Wall of Investors were showcased.

The 93-year old, three-story structure is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated with a Texas Historical Marker as a Texas Historical Site. The exterior contains its initial subtle, but majestic splendor depicting the distinctive "Modified Prairie" school of architecture developed by Frank Lloyd

Wright and typical of the urban Southwest during the early 20th century. The interior of the building displays the pressed tin ceilings, hardwood floors, prominent wooden staircases, and door trims reflecting the past.

"We thank God for all of you and for this day," Earvin concluded before cutting the ribbon, allowing everyone to enter the building. *

LEONARD *continued*

the Brown vs. Board of Education Equity Commission. He participated on a panel during Charter Day 2004 at Huston-Tillotson that examined the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case. He returned the following year as the Charter Day speaker.

Although the jobs in the nation's capital have been different the "pace has been very similar and very quick." His days are long but Leonard gives his full attention and devotion to the person or issue before him when he stops. His start at Huston-Tillotson and "my knowledge of history prepared me for the work of the CBC," he concluded. *