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I view the world through the lens of a mother with four teenagers (at least until our eldest turns twenty later this month). I am not convinced that the world is a scarier place than when my husband and I were teens, but with the advance of social media and the instant news cycle, I think we hear of bad news more often. Not only do we hear bad news more often but we have access to it 24/7, often in the palm of our smartphone-gripping hands.

So, while I believe the world has always experienced extreme weather events, adults who abuse children, adults who abuse each other, and governments that let their people down, I am not discouraged. Every day at SBU, I work with caring faculty and staff who have the best interests of our students in mind. I also see first-hand the sacrifices made by parents who invest time and money in their children's education.

As a result of these sacrifices, more than 8,000 young men and women have graduated from SBU in the 21st century alone. More than 400 students will go on short-term mission trips nationally and internationally this academic year. SBU students have been prepared to be servant leaders in a global society, and the difference they make in their chosen career and life paths is felt around the world. As President C. Pat Taylor often says in regards to having graduates in every time zone, "The sun never sets on SBU."

This fall, we welcomed 444 new freshmen and 115 transfer students to campus (see story on p. 3). We also had some exciting announcements in regards to recruiting next year's class – we will begin offering men's soccer and women's golf in the fall of 2012! This will increase our number of NCAA Division II sports to 18, and allow us to recruit student-athletes who might not have considered SBU without the new sports.

In October, we surprised President C. Pat Taylor and First Lady Judy Taylor with a celebration of their 15 years of service at the University. While I think Dr. Taylor grew suspicious as the number of unexpected guests at the October Trustee luncheon increased, the Taylors were truly surprised and honored with the recognition (see story on p. 8).

Later in October, Homecoming: Cirque du Southwest was great fun! I think the Class of 1951 wins for most enthusiastic alumni in attendance (see story on p. 12). The dates for 2012 have been announced, so mark your calendars for October 5-6!

As the fall semester winds down, we send you this **first online-only edition** of *SBU Life* in order to cut costs. If you would have preferred to receive a printed publication, please drop us a line so we know how to plan for next year. We want to know how we can best communicate our good news to you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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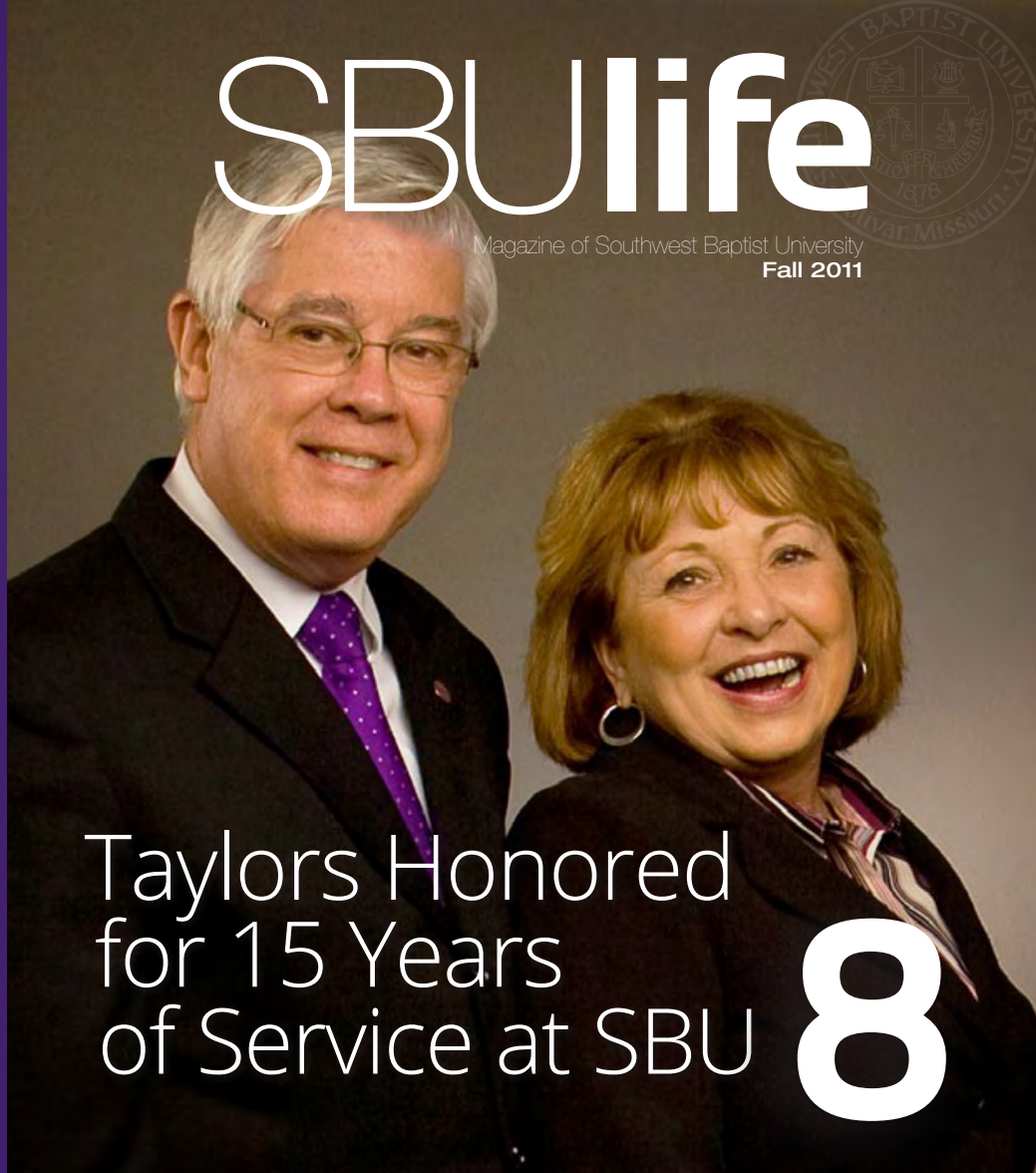
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We have had a great start to the 2011-2012 academic year at SBU. We certainly have had challenges, but when I analyze the current state of affairs for higher education, I feel very fortunate to be in our position. Even though we face numerous challenges each year, we are blessed in that we have found solutions to the problems we face.

The biggest challenge we faced this past spring and summer for enrolling this year's class was "uncertainty." Much of the uncertainty has been created by our society, our government and other entities over which SBU has no control. The debacle in Washington, D.C. over the debt ceiling and the threat of the United States government being unable to meet commitments made to programs, including Pell Grants, was very unsettling to students and families dependent on need-based financial aid programs. The gridlock and inability to reach logical, appropriate decisions in the best interest of the country created a negative climate during the summer months.

Many of our students are dependent on government financial aid programs as we do not attract a large number of affluent students. SBU is influenced by our geography and by our desire to educate deserving students regardless of their socio-economic standing. Students' ability to pay during uncertain economic times is a real challenge for SBU and all of Christian higher education.

When I analyze the challenges we have faced enrolling this year's class, and all of the uncertainty we faced this summer, I thank God and I feel that we are very blessed at SBU to have 444 outstanding freshmen and 114 transfers and 1,013 returning students on the Bolivar campus.

Even though there are many changes, for 133 years, since our founding in 1878, there have been constants at SBU – the importance of a Christian environment and the importance of academic quality.

SBU provides outstanding academic programs for our students. We are blessed with an outstanding faculty and excellent students. As we recruit new students, we must constantly share the success of our academic programs.

And we must answer the question about Christian environment by letting everyone know that "Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society."

I have no doubt that God will continue to bless our University and our University will continue to grow stronger as we offer students quality academic programs that are Christ-centered in every way.

Yes, we have challenges, but, we have good news and much to celebrate. My message to you is that Southwest Baptist University is doing well.

Lamentations 3:22-23 assures us that "The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness."

Thank you, alumni and friends, for your support of SBU.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Pat Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President



SBU enrollment holds steady against economic challenges

BY CHARLOTTE MARSCH '97

In spite of uncertainty created by the federal government this summer concerning the country's debt ceiling, enrollment at Southwest Baptist University is holding steady, SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor recently told community leaders in his State of the University address during the President's Breakfast.

Undergraduate enrollment at the Bolivar campus is down by 17 students, or 1 percent.

"When the economy is bad, people do go back to school, but they don't necessarily come to places like SBU," Taylor said. "I think we should be very thankful we have 444 first-time freshmen."

Economic uncertainty, including parents losing jobs, kept some students from returning, Taylor said, but the number of first-time freshmen is up by seven from 2010 but below the record of 459 first-time freshmen set in 2006 and 2009.

Taylor noted that the average ACT score of incoming freshmen this year is 23.1, up nearly 1 percent from last year's freshman class.

Taylor said the university plans to increase recruitment of transfer students.

"More and more students are choosing to go to community colleges," he said. "We have to adjust to that."

Dual credit enrollment is down. Taylor said that while dual credit

courses are a "great buy" for students, most parents consider the tuition to be discretionary spending.

Elementary education continues to be the top major, pursued by 10 percent of students, and about one-third of students are in the College of Education and Social Sciences. The second most popular major is biology, which includes pre-med students, Taylor said.

Of the 1,571 students on Bolivar's campus, 1,132 are from Missouri, with 176 of those students being from Polk County. Sixty-seven students are from Kansas and 66 from Illinois — a number that Taylor said has dropped sharply because more students are staying closer to home.



Sixty-one percent of students at the Southern Baptist university say they are Baptist, down from about 70 percent 10 years ago.

“Today’s students are not showing denominational preference,” Taylor said. “There’s something exciting about that, but I worry about losing heritage.”

“Unknown” and “Non-denominational” account for 20 percent of students.

Taylor also gave an update on building renovations and new academic programs.

RENOVATIONS

Physical Therapy Center: Taylor invited everyone to an open house for the Warren Davis Family Physical Therapy Center which was held Monday, Sept. 26.

The university purchased the former Consumers building on South Springfield Avenue from the Davis family Aug. 17, 2010, and began renovations of 27,000 square feet of

the 40,000-square-foot facility in January.

The University’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program moved to that building from the Wheeler Science Building, where the program had 9,000 square feet of space. The move allows the program to double the number of students, admitting 80 students each year to the three-year program for a total of 240 students in two years.

Mabee Chapel: The chapel that was originally built in 1978 was remodeled during the past school year, with all new seating — and 175 additional seats for seating of 1,323.

NEW PROGRAMS

Social work major: A Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree program passed its first accreditation visit in January, with the first students being admitted this fall.

“That program fits our mission statement very well,” Taylor said.

Master of Nursing: A Master of Science

in Nursing degree program began this year with 10 students enrolled in the program at the Springfield campus.

Future programs: Taylor said the University is planning to add an educational doctorate in school administration and a master’s degree in theology.

Another new area will be expansion of online courses, including offering complete programs online.

“Students, especially non-traditional students, demand convenience,” Taylor said. “We are looking at doing more and more online.”

Article originally appeared in the Bolivar Herald-Free Press.



New faculty 2011

From left to right, top row: Timothy Richmond, Kezia Lilly, Josh Welker, Jonathan Wehmeyer, Susan Kromrie, and Jena Whetstone.
From left to right, bottom row: Amanda Keys, Rebecca Koe, and Bethany Messersmith.

SBU Welcomes New Faculty and Honors Newcomers

Southwest Baptist University began its official academic year with a formal convocation on August 24, 2011, in Pike Auditorium on the Bolivar main campus. The annual convocation address was presented by Dr. Rosalyn Snellen '73, senior professor of biology, and recipient of the 2011 Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award.

The Distinguished Teacher Award is chosen by the current and three previous graduating classes and is presented annually to a faculty member for "outstanding teaching ability and personal guidance."

Dr. Kevin Hopkins, professor of mathematics, was recognized for receiving the 2011 Parkway Distinguished Professor Award. The Christian College Education Committee of Parkway Baptist Church in Saint Louis awards this honor annually to faculty members from each of the four Missouri Baptist colleges who have made outstanding contributions to Christian education.

The faculty and staff Newcomer of

the Year awards also were presented during the formal convocation.

The 2011 Faculty Newcomer of the Year is Dr. Robert Carney.

Dr. Carney has a Bachelor of Music degree from Missouri State University, a Master of Music degree from Louisiana State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas. He currently serves as an assistant professor of music on the Bolivar campus.

He taught at his own private piano studio in Keller, Texas, played the piano for First Baptist Church Smithfield in North Richland Hills, Texas, and worked at the Master's Touch School of Music and Performing Arts in Grapevine, Texas, prior to coming to SBU in August of 2010.

Dr. Carney's dean, Dr. Jeff Waters, said the following about him: "He has shown himself to be a gifted teacher and faculty colleague, who demands high standards of himself and of his students. During his first year on the faculty he was very active as a pianist in numerous

musical performances on campus and in the region, and in adjudicating events for Music Teachers National Association and other professional organizations; he was appointed State Honors Auditions Chair by the Missouri Music Teachers Association; and Missouri State University presented him with the Outstanding Music Alumnus award last spring. He developed and taught the first SBU music course to be delivered completely online during the summer of 2011."

Dr. Carney is married to Lisa, and they have two sons: Jayden and Jonathan. They are members of First Baptist Church in Springfield. He enjoys watching vintage Star Trek episodes and grilling.

The 2011 Staff Newcomer of the Year is David Ginnings

Ginnings graduated from SBU in 2004 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in history, and received his master's of science degree in education from SBU in 2007. He is currently the assistant



Faculty & Staff Newcomers with President (left to right) David Ginnings, President Dr. C. Pat Taylor, Dr. Robert Carney

director of extended learning. Prior to working at SBU he was a special education teacher and case manager for Marion C. Early High School.

Dr. Allison Langford, assistant provost, said the following about him: "He is courteous, helpful, and goes above and beyond to help people. He hosts a weekly small group meeting associated with his church, and organizes monthly service events for this group. He constantly looks for ways to serve others." He is known among his colleagues as professional, humble, graceful, and a Christian role model."

He attends Alliance Fellowship in Bolivar. He enjoys cycling and the outdoors. He is married to Melissa and has one daughter, Sophia, and a son, Sam.

Dr. Rosalyn Snellen
2011 Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher

Dr. Rosalyn Snellen began her career with SBU as a student graduating with a degree in biology and mathematics in 1973. In 1978, soon after the completion of her Ph.D. from North Texas State University, she became a full time faculty member at SBU. Throughout her tenure at SBU, Dr. Snellen has served the University in a variety of capacities including: senior professor of biology, assistant dean of the college of science

and mathematics, dean of the college of science and mathematics and associate provost. Additionally, Dr. Snellen has been both the assistant and head coach of SBU's softball team and has led University mission trips to East Asia.

Dr. Snellen successfully led the University's self-study for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) leading to the HLC re-accreditation. Additionally, she has overseen the University's general education committee since 2001. She has been a part of many other University committees over the years including: University Planning Advisory Council, Graduate Council, Deans Council, an Ad Hoc Committee for Gender Equity in Athletics and many others. Additionally, Dr. Snellen was instrumental in the formation of the joint nursing program with St. John's Hospital and was a part of the Institutional Coordinating Committee for the Associate Degree in Nursing.

Dr. Snellen is or has been a part of many professional organizations including The Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, Women's Leadership Development Institute, the American Association for Higher Education, the National Science Teachers Association, the National Association of Women in Education, the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society, and the North American Benthological Society. Dr. Snellen has continually been active



Teacher Awards (left to right) Dr. Kevin Hopkins, President Dr. C. Pat Taylor, Dr. Rosalyn Snellen

in attending national meetings, assisting high school and middle school students in learning science, and in judging science fairs and other community-based events.

A member of Way Point Church in Bolivar, Dr. Snellen has volunteered at many local organizations such as the Salvation Army, Exodus Ministries, Alpha House, and International Friends.

Dr. Kevin Hopkins
2011 Parkway Distinguished Professor

Dr. Kevin Hopkins joined the faculty and became the chair of the mathematics department in 1989. He has overseen several revisions of the mathematics curriculum during his tenure. In addition to serving as the mathematics department chair, Kevin teaches upper level mathematics classes and general education mathematics classes. He is a former recipient of the SBU Faculty Life Beautiful Award and received the College of Science and Mathematics Faculty Service Award in 2007.

Dr. Hopkins consistently organizes multiple mathematics contests each year in which hundreds of students visit the SBU campus to compete. He also organizes and leads multiple mathematics contest camps in the summer at SBU where many students learn mathematics within a Christian environment

In 1983 Dr. Hopkins earned a Bachelor

of Arts in mathematics and physics from Greenville College. He earned a Master of Science in 1986 and a Ph.D. in 1980 in mathematics from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign.

Dr. Hopkins attends and presents at numerous state and national conferences. He has been a grader of AP Calculus tests for the last several years. Kevin is a member of First Baptist Church in Bolivar. He sings in the choir, plays in the hand bell choir, publishes his Sunday school class email newsletter, and is the secretary of the fellowship of deacons.

Dr. Hopkins is married to Lori, and they have two children, Megan, a junior at Oklahoma Baptist University; and Eric, a freshman at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

The following new faculty members also were introduced during the formal convocation:

Amanda Keys is the new instructor of social work and director of field

education. Amanda holds a M.S.W from Missouri State University; and has a Ph.D. in progress.

Rebecca Koe joined the SBU staff as Lecturer in communication Arts. Rebecca has a B.A. in communication from Southwest Baptist University and is working on her M.A.

Susan Kromrie is the new assistant professor of library services in the position of reference librarian/university archivist – college liaison. Susan holds a M.A. in library science from the University of Columbia.

Kelzia Lilly is the new Assistant Professor of Nursing. She has a M.S.N in nursing and MBA with emphasis in healthcare administration from University of Phoenix.

Bethany Messersmith is the new assistant professor of library services in the position of information literacy librarian – college liaison. Bethany has a M.L.S. in nursing and M.A. in Journalism

from Indiana University-Bloomington.

Timothy Richmond joins the Southwest Baptist University staff as the new assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Richmond holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Jonathan Wehmeyer is the new instructor of theatre. Jonathan has a M.A. in theatre from the University of Central Missouri – Warrensburg.

Josh Welker is the new assistant professor of library services in the position of electronic/media services librarian- college liaison. He has a M.A. in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Jena Whetstone is the new assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Whetstone holds a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. Bob Derryberry Honored by the Speech & Theatre Association of Missouri

The late Dr. Bob R. Derryberry, a former senior professor, chair of the Derryberry School of Communication Arts, and director of forensics at SBU, was posthumously honored by his colleagues in the Speech & Theatre Association of Missouri (STAM) with the organization's "Emeritus Award" at their annual convention on September 23, 2011, in Lake Ozark, Mo.

STAM's Emeritus Award is given to retired members of the organization who have exhibited exemplary service to the organization and excellence in teaching throughout their careers.

The Speech & Theatre Association of Missouri Director of Publications Gina Jensen of Webster University said, "STAM was pleased to honor Dr. Derryberry in this way. The recognition was a reflection of the love, respect, and high regard in which he was held by his colleagues in the organization."

SBU's Provost Dr. William Brown accepted the award



Left: SBU's Provost Dr. William Brown and The Speech & Theatre Association of Missouri Director of Publications Gina Jensen of Webster University.



Right: The late Dr. Bob R. Derryberry

on behalf of SBU and its forensics team while they were competing in Kansas that weekend. Dr. Brown said, "It was a moving tribute to Dr. Derryberry, and I was honored to see further evidence of his extraordinary influence."

Dr. Derryberry served at SBU for forty-six years. He passed away in April of 2010.

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Left to the right at Podium: President C. Pat Taylor and Chairman of the Board Mark Rains

The Taylors Honored for 15 Years of Service at SBU

BY SHARINA SMITH WITH ASHLEY DINWIDDIE

Southwest Baptist University President Dr. C. Pat Taylor and First Lady Judy Taylor were surprised during the SBU Board of Trustee's luncheon on Tuesday, October 11, with a program of celebration for their 15 years of service at the University.

President and Mrs. Taylor have served the University since October 21, 1996.

Those honoring the Taylors with commendations, resolutions and letters of congratulations during the luncheon included:

Dan Wadlington who presented a personal letter and U.S. Congressional Record of commendation on behalf of U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt (Senator Blunt is an SBU alumnus and a former president of SBU.)

Allen Palmeri who presented a letter from the Missouri

Baptist Convention President Jay Hughes (Palmeri is a senior reporter from the MBC newspaper, *The Pathway*.)

Mike Stephens who presented a resolution on behalf of Missouri Sen. Mike Parson's Office (Stephens is owner of Stephens Pharmacy in Bolivar, Mo.)

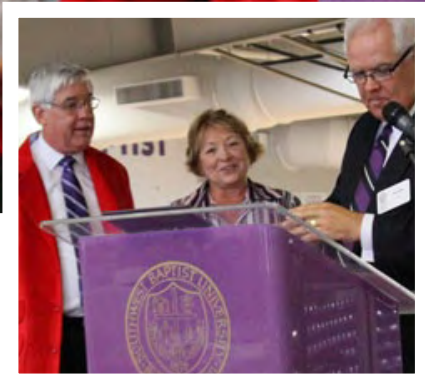
Diana Leslie who presented a letter on behalf of the Bolivar Area Chamber of Commerce (Leslie is executive director for the Chamber)

Rep. Shane Shoeller who presented a resolution on behalf of Rep. Sue Entlicher (Schoeller is also an SBU alumnus. Entlicher represents District 133 which includes Bolivar.)

Jordan Taylor who presented a letter on behalf of the SBU Student Government Association (Jordan Taylor is president of the SGA.)



Left to the right at podium: trustee and SBU graduate, Jim Evans. President C. Pat Taylor and Chairman of the Board Mark Rains



Dr. and Mrs. Taylor with Mark Rains



Dan Wadlington from U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's Office

Dr. William Brown who presented a resolution on behalf of the SBU Faculty Senate (Dr. Brown is SBU's provost.)

Stella Cunningham who presented a resolution on behalf of the SBU Staff Council (Cunningham is staff council president.)

Trustee Mark Rains who presented a humorous and an "official" resolution on behalf of the Board of Trustees (Rains is Chairman of the Board.)

Trustees Rick Moore and Don Fahrni also presented letters to Dr. Taylor.

Sandra Maupin honored Judy Taylor with a gift on behalf of the SBU Women's Club (Maupin is club president).

Several additional congratulatory letters, notes, and cards from SBU Trustees, college presidents, and other officials were presented to the Taylors in a purple portfolio.

Biography of President Dr. C. Pat Taylor

Dr. C. Pat Taylor was selected as the 24th president of Southwest Baptist University by the board of trustees on Aug. 20, 1996, after a seven-month nationwide search. He assumed his duties as president on Oct. 21, 1996.

Prior to becoming president of SBU, Dr. Taylor served as chief academic officer at Oklahoma Baptist University for 10 years. As senior vice president and provost, Dr. Taylor was responsible for OBU's five colleges and schools as well as student development, admissions, religious life, library services and athletics.

Dr. Taylor previously served as associate vice president for academic affairs at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., from 1979-86. From 1975-79, he was an assistant professor of education at Belmont University in Nashville,

Tenn. While at Belmont, he served as head resident of Pembroke Hall, a men's dormitory housing 150 men. His experiences also have included community college and high school teaching and coaching.

A native of Salem, Kentucky, Dr. Taylor received his doctor of education degree with emphasis in history and philosophy of education from Memphis State University. He received a master's degree in history from Western Kentucky University and a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from the University of Tennessee-Martin.

Dr. Taylor and his wife, Judy, have been married since 1968 and have two children, Marijo and Charla. Marijo is a 1994 OBU graduate and in 2000 received an Executive MBA from the University of Missouri. She is a criminal investigator for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement of Homeland Security. Marijo is married to Tom Gronewold who also



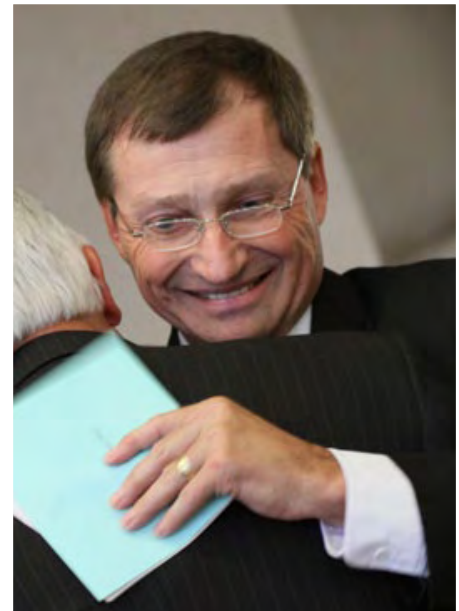
Provost Dr. William Brown



First Lady Judy Taylor with Sandra Maupin



Sharina Smith, Dr. Taylor and Mark Rains



Trustee Don Fahrni

is a criminal investigator for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement of Homeland Security. Charla, also an OBU graduate, completed her master's degree in physical therapy from SBU in 2001 and her doctorate in physical therapy in 2007. Her husband, Adam Austermann, is a 1999 SBU graduate. He earned his master's degree in physical therapy from SBU in 2001 and his doctorate in physical therapy in 2006. Dr. Taylor and Judy have two grandsons, Drew Charles Austermann and Luke Taylor Austermann.

Biography of First Lady Judy Taylor

Judy (Couch) Taylor received a master's degree in counselor education from Western Kentucky University and a

Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from the University of Tennessee-Martin. Mrs. Taylor taught elementary school from 1968 to 1976 before becoming the dean of women at Belmont College. She began her university teaching career in 1980 as an instructor of education at Oklahoma Baptist University and served as an assistant professor of education from 1986 to 1996.

Through her career Mrs. Taylor has taught English as a second language in China, Hungary, Russia, and Brazil. From 1997-2006, Mrs. Taylor served as an assistant professor of education at Southwest Baptist University. She is faithful and dedicated to SBU and continues to serve the University in numerous ways, including overseeing landscaping across campus.

MEN'S SOCCER



SBU Announces the Hiring of Chris Dinwiddie as New Men's Soccer Coach

BY JEFF WESELOH '09

Southwest Baptist University announced the hiring of Dr. Chris Dinwiddie as the new men's soccer head coach. Coach Dinwiddie will be the first head coach of men's soccer since the sport was reinstated at SBU earlier this fall.

"I am very pleased and excited that Chris Dinwiddie has accepted our offer to be the head coach for the new men's soccer team," SBU President Dr. Pat Taylor stated. "Chris is an excellent teacher and has a deep commitment to students. He is well-respected by the SBU faculty and staff. For many years Chris has been a student of the game of soccer and I look forward to the success he will bring to the men's soccer program."

Coach Dinwiddie has been the SBU men's club soccer coach for the past six seasons, and is also currently an instructor of psychology. Coach Dinwiddie is married to Ashley Dinwiddie, who is the administrative assistant to the president at SBU. Coach Dinwiddie received his undergraduate degree from Langston University, his master's degrees in marriage and family counseling and in Christian education, and a Ph.D. in psychology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"I am very pleased to announce that Chris Dinwiddie will lead our men's soccer program effective immediately," SBU Director of Athletics Mike Pitts commented.

"Chris was the obvious choice from the earliest conversations we had about men's soccer. He is already very involved in the soccer world, and also well connected on the academic side of the SBU family. Chris is a guy who will come in and give student-athletes a great opportunity to grow not only as soccer players, but also in the classroom. He is a perfect fit - and couldn't be happier that he is leading the newest Bearcats on campus."

Coach Dinwiddie is excited and ready for what lies ahead: "I am excited that SBU has reinstated men's soccer, and I am looking forward to the challenge of building a competitive team."



"How exciting it is to see momentum build across campus as news of the coming men's soccer team spreads! A strong soccer community exists at SBU that eagerly anticipates the first time that the new team will take the field in fall 2012. As a former captain of the men's club team, I anticipate Coach Dinwiddie will assemble a competitive group of high-paced, strong players and keep spectators on the edge of their seats."

-Brandon Griffin '11

SWBC class of 1951:

60 YEARS AND COUNTING

BY PAT BAKER '51

Long before this year's SBU homecoming started, the class of '51 made plans to come together for their 60th year reunion Friday, Oct. 28.

In 1949, the class made their Bolivar/SWBC entrance. Many of them hardly knew where Bolivar was located, but even after all these years they still admit they are pleased to know that they found Bolivar and made her their home for the next two years.

This year, 10 of the graduates met at Blue Home, which was a girl's dorm in 1949, and is now owned by Wes and Alice Gott. A tour was given of the house and then the "remembering" began. Zip, which was a standard college dessert during the late '40s and early '50s, was served. It consisted

of vanilla ice cream and maple syrup. No one remembered where the word "Zip" originated. Santa appeared, complete with his "Ho ho hos," and handed gifts to all who were present. These gifts had been confiscated from Santa's basement and attic!

Sad Sacks were given to each person. They represented the sacks that were served to the student body on Sunday evenings when the cafeteria was closed. Each sack contained a peanut butter sandwich on white bread, a cookie and an apple.

This was the year the '51 class chose to get together to recall the past. It was evident that each person still had enough energy to slowly climb the stairway to tour Blue

Home, to enjoy a surprise visit from Santa, to laugh, to relive the simplicity of college life at that time, to enjoy friendships that are still going strong and to be grateful that, in the scheme of things, lives were brought together to remember that neither time nor distance could diminish what the class experienced together while living and learning on the "Campus of Christian Ideals" 60 years ago.

At the end of the Blue Home visit, the class took a vote and unanimously decided not to wait another 10 years to celebrate another SBU homecoming together!

Pat Baker lives in Bolivar and is a member of the SWBC class of 1951.



Santa Claus showed he has a sense of humor when he presented this gift of size 70 shorts to Pat Baker during the SWBC class of 1951 reunion. He said that with the influence she had in getting him to make an appearance out of season — before Halloween — and with her receiving an award during Southwest Baptist University homecoming events, Baker was getting "too big for her britches."



Members of the Southwest Baptist College class of 1951 who met Oct. 28 for a 60-year reunion are, from left, row 1 — Alma Amsler Jefferies; row 2 — Pat Kaiser Betteridge, Wayne Hutchins, Mary McGehee Simmons; row 3 — Richard Propes, Georgia Walberg Moore, Pat Hoffmeister Baker; and row 4 — Beth Toppass Snowden, Tom Boudinot and Billie Hendrickson Hutcheson.

(Photos by Charlotte Marsch '97)



Richard Propes '51, Mel Skinner '85,
Pat Hoffmeister Baker '51, Alice Garner Davis '73,
Emma Karr Bishop '47, President C. Pat Taylor

SBU HOMECOMING 2011

Cirque Du Southwest

Southwest Baptist University celebrated Homecoming 2011 on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29. The following alumni awards were presented in a special Honors Chapel on October 28.

Alumni Awards Life Service Award

Inspired by the Life Beautiful Award presented each year to one male and one female graduate, President John Dowdy suggested to the Southwest Baptist College Board of Trustees in 1955 that the Life Service Award be given annually to graduates whose lives have exemplified the principles, which are upheld at Southwest.

Currently, the SBU National Alumni Association Board nominates a maximum of six names of prospective recipients from business, missions, church-related vocations, education and other fields of service. The recipients are ratified at the May meeting of the SBU Alumni Board. The award, presented during Honors Chapel at Homecoming by the president of the University, is the highest recognition that the University can bestow upon an alumnus or alumna.



EMMA KARR BISHOP '47

"Thank you for the Life Service Award from Southwest Baptist University. It is an unbelievable honor for me to receive this award. The

two years I spent at Southwest Baptist College were probably the most fun and maturing years of my life. I thank God for those past years. I was a backward country girl from Iberia, but meeting and socializing with other Christian young people was priceless to me and my growth. The education I received at Southwest Baptist College was more than academic. The classes with special, unique professors were exceptional; but the social life with the students was wonderful and maturing too.

"The various organizations and activities were important to me then, as I know they are to you students today. Working in the kitchen was a special and necessary experience for me. The memories of outstanding fun times with my roommate and other friends have lasted through the years. I thank Jesus for precious memories of all the experiences at Southwest Baptist College. God Bless Southwest Baptist University."

- A.A. from SWBC in 1947; B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1950.
- Was married to the late Floyd Bishop, a professor of aviation for LeTourneau University.
- Retired from Longview Independent Schools (Longview, TX) after 19 years of service.
- Has five siblings who also attended SWBC.
- Proud member of the Happy Hookers crochet club.
- Attends Chambers Road Baptist Church in Aurora, CO, where she volunteers and is involved in the seniors group.



RICHARD PROPE'S '51

"I am deeply humbled and honored to be nominated and selected to receive this cherished Life Service Award. While at Southwest, it was never in my wildest dream that I would be standing here today receiving this award.

"After graduating from high school, I had a job but seemed to be searching for something more fulfilling. With encouragement from my father to get an education, I found myself enrolled here at Southwest. I will always be grateful to all the professors and staff who created a wonderful Christian atmosphere. Also, my association with prayer mates, roommates, and other Christian students had a big influence in my life.

"I have always believed that God called me into the teaching profession. God opened doors for me to spend my life in the field of education. I found great satisfaction working with elementary students trying to instill good morals and values in many young lives. My prayer is that I have made a difference for many of my students.

"God has a plan and a purpose for each individual and there is a place for everyone to serve. The really important things we do in life, we do for others. Volunteering can help to change the world. It has always been my motto "to serve God is to serve His people."

"As I receive this Life Service Award, I want to share this honor with all of those who helped bring me to this point. I thank God for leading me to Southwest.

Thank you and God bless Southwest!"

- A.E. from SWBC in 1951; B.S. in 1955 and M.A. in 1959 from Southern Illinois University.
- Married to Marge, a retired music teacher.
- Retired elementary school principal, 36 years of service.

- Served in the Korean War and earned a service medal.
- Has been honored with a Hometown Hero Award, a Lions Club Achievement Award, and Retired Teacher of the Year Award.
- Attends Main Street United Methodist Church in Godfrey, IL, where he serves as his Sunday school class president and as an usher.



ALICE GARNER DAVIS '73

"I want to thank you so much for this honor. The award and even the nomination came as a complete surprise and caused me to ask, "why me?". It is awesome to think of the people I have met through the years who have called Southwest/SBU home at some time or another, many of whom should be receiving this award today.

"As I reflect on my time at Southwest I can see how it was a time that not only changed my life then but formed the years to come. It was a time of a new kind of acceptance, a time of learning and growing, a time of opening my life to the future God had planned for me. Having teachers who cared about me as a person made the lessons I learned even more invaluable. Added to this was the environment Southwest gave me, the people I met and the experiences I had only because I was here.

"The biggest blessing for me was that I met my husband and life partner here, and we started the adventure of our lives together. While we were here we had the privilege to begin a ministry to the hearing impaired at First Baptist. I praise God for Maggie, a deaf lady in Bolivar, who showed us so much patience. We were two young people who had no idea what we were doing, but Maggie taught us and loved us as we



2011 Homecoming Queen,
Maddie Walker



grew in our understanding of the language and ministry. This formed a foundation for a life of ministry among the deaf and gave us the heart that later helped us start deaf churches.

“Through our years of ministry, starting and pastoring churches, and now as we serve in Associational Missions and my service to Ministry Wives, I have been thankful to Southwest for the foundation and training it gave. Thank you SBU!”

- Graduated from SWBC in 1973 with degrees in sociology and psychology.
- Married to Duane, a 1975 SWBC graduate.
- Career missionary with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) from 1978-1984 and 1998-present.
- Serves as Women’s Missionary Union (WMU) director for the East Central Illinois Baptist Association.
- Member of Gibson City First Baptist Church
- Enjoys crocheting and crafts.



MEL SKINNER '85

“Thank you for choosing me to receive the Life Service Award. I am humbled to receive it and am grateful to Jesus Christ who

changed my life. When I was a young boy, He forgave my sin, called me to be His child, and gave me a relationship with Himself. When I was a young man, in

rebellion to His will, He pursued me to the point of repentance and called me to be His servant. When I was a middle-aged man, living under the burden of “secret” sin, He graciously intervened and would not let me be satisfied with living like the world. He is giving me victory daily to live a holy and separated life. If there is any good that comes from my life, it is thanks to the Lord Jesus.

“It is also humbling because of the incredible opportunities God has availed to me. He let me be born at a time and place where I might hear and respond to the gospel. He let me receive an education at an institution like SBU, where He used godly professors to shape my theology, philosophy of ministry, and character. He let me have a wife that loves, supports, encourages, and forgives me and is willing to go wherever the Lord would call us. He’s allowed us the privilege of living, working, and serving at a very exciting time in human history.

“Finally, it is humbling, because serving Him is my privilege and responsibility. As Jesus said, “... when you have done everything you were told to do, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty’”(Luke 17:10). When I think about all that Jesus has done for me, I wish that I had been more faithful in my service to Him.

“May God grant each of us grace to live a life that would ‘... show forth the excellencies of Him Who called (us) out of darkness into His marvelous light’ (1 Peter 2:9 ASV).”

- B.A. from SBU in 1985; MDiv. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988.
- Career missionary with the International Mission Board (IMB) for 20 years. (Currently on leave of absence from active service).
- Married to Nancy. Two children, Sarah Boecker and Anna Skinner, both college students.
- When they return to the field, the Skinners will be moving to the Chuvash Republic to work with the Chuvash people, the largest non-Muslim people group in Russia.

Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award

The Alumni Association presents the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award annually to an alumnus or alumna who demonstrates the ideals personified by the late Edwin Lightfoot ‘40. The award criteria include alumni leadership in the University, dedication to the education and welfare of youth, and demonstrated support for SBU.



**PAT
HOFFMEISTER
BAKER '51**

"To have my name associated with the Dr. Edwin Lightfoot Award is a distinct honor. I have often heard people talk about his love for SWBC while

he was a student and about how he continued that love long after he graduated from the "Campus of Christian Ideals."

"I have had my own on-going love affair with SWBC/SBU for sixty years. It started on a Sunday afternoon in September 1949 as I moved my life's belongings into Blue Home. It was there that I would live with thirty other girls for the next two years.

"Upperclassmen created ways to help me become acquainted quickly with other students and with campus life so I wouldn't have time to get homesick. I would eventually

meet teachers who would encourage me to be more than I ever believed I could be. I was chosen to sing in the girls' quartet and presented concerts in churches across Missouri. Relationships started happening during chapel services and around meals that were served family-style in Muirhead Dining Hall. Basketball games, concerts, drama, and revival services in old Pike Auditorium were highlights of campus life."

"Ten years after graduating, God provided a way for my family to come back to SWBC where my husband Don, an SWBC alumnus, would work in administration for ten years and later, as a professor in the School of Theology for twenty-five years.

"I fell in love with SWBC in 1949. I am still in love with her. I drive slowly by Blue Home at least once a week and reminisce. I enjoy walking around campus or yelling at basketball games, or attending drama productions or listening to vocal and instrumental

concerts. I have had the privilege of seeing one of our daughters and two grandchildren graduate from this school. Their time here helped shape their future just as it has helped shape mine.

"I graduated from SWBC in the spring of 1951. As I packed up my accumulated belongings and headed for my first teaching job, I knew that what I had experienced on the "Campus of Christian Ideals" could never be taken from me. And it hasn't!"

- A.A. from SWBC in 1951.
- Married to Don Baker, a 1950 SWBC graduate and retired SBU professor.
- Serves on the SBU National Alumni Board.
- Member of First Baptist Church of Bolivar, where she serves on the Worship, Senior Adult and Nominating Committees and also sings in the choir.
- Enjoys landscaping, gardening, cooking, reading, and traveling.





Lindsay (Lewis) Schindler '04, M.B.A. '09
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Thank you to all of you who joined us for *Homecoming 2011 – Cirque du Southwest!* We had a wonderful turnout, fabulous weather, and a great weekend of reunion. SBU proudly honored four graduates with the Life Service Award – Mrs. Emma Karr Bishop '47, Mr. Richard Propes '51, Mrs. Alice Garner Davis '73, and Mr. Mel Skinner '85. Dr. Pat Hoffmeister Baker '51 was the recipient of the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award. If you missed out on this year's festivities, I hope you'll make it a priority to join us in 2012. Next year's reunion classes will be 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, and 2002. If you are a member of any of these classes and would be willing to help make plans for your class, please contact me. Planning has already begun, and we hope you'll be here to help us celebrate!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Lindsay Schindler".

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Mark your calendar and make plans now to join us for Homecoming 2012, October 5-6!

Nominations are in order . . .

The SBU Alumni Relations Office requests nominations from alumni and friends for the 2011 Life Service Awards and Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award. If you have nominated a person who has not yet been selected, it is not necessary to re-submit their name. New nominations will be processed and combined with nominations currently on file. Please include a letter indicating why you believe this nominee deserves to receive the award and the name of the person making the nomination.

LIFE SERVICE AWARD - Final selections are made by the Life Service Award committee of the National Alumni Association Board and then ratified by the entire board. A nominee should be at least 50 years of age. Nominees must be graduates who: (1) have lived exemplary Christian lives; (2) were in good standing as students at SBU (SWBC); (3) are or have been outstanding in their field of service; and (4) are or have been making a significant contribution to mankind.

LIGHTFOOT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD - The National Alumni Association Board annually selects a recipient of this award. The recipient of this award is a graduate who has: (1) remained enthusiastically and actively involved in leadership within the Alumni Association; (2) continued to support SBU in a variety of ways, including financially; (3) demonstrated genuine interest and concern for young people; and (4) been faithful and active in the work of a local church. This award is distinct from the Life Service Award in that nominees must have been continuously involved with the University through alumni activities since graduation.

The deadline for nominations is February 10, 2012. Please send your nomination(s) to: SBU Office of Alumni Relations, 1600 University Avenue, Bolivar, MO 65613. Or email them to lschindler@sbuniv.edu. If you have any questions please contact Lindsay Schindler, Director of Alumni Relations, at 417.328.1806.

1962

Rev. Roger Allen Stinnett and his wife Sherrie celebrated their 48th anniversary on November 30th, 2011. They lost their home to the EF-5 Joplin tornado and now live in Carthage. Rev. Stinnett is undergoing radiation for prostate cancer but continues to minister in the pulpit and altar occasionally at Grace Episcopal Church. He has wonderful fond memories of his days at the former SWBC, and would love to hear from classmates. Rstinnett1@sbcglobal.net

1960

Bonnie Burgdorff has been retired since 1994, and works part time for Ottawa University. Bonnie was married to **Thomas '60** who has passed away. They had two children. 9938 Oakdell Dr., Kansas City MO 64114.

1964

Aubrey Burk retired June 26, 2011, after serving 26 years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, Mo., and completing 51 years in the ministry. He served rural churches while attending Southwest Baptist and during the time he completed his degree at William Jewell College. He also pastored a rural church in Texas while attending Southwestern Seminary and receiving his MDiv. He also served First Baptist Church, Milan, Mo.; Main Street Baptist Church, California, Mo.; and Northeast Baptist Church, Clinton, Mo., before coming to Lexington. Aubrey and Nila have been married 45 years and have three grown sons and five grandchildren. anburk@embarqmail.com

1969

Rev. Dr. Leroy Tucker was called as Pastor of Strasburg Southern Baptist Church in Strasburg, Ill., as of September 25, 2011. He will be living in his hometown of Altamont, Ill. Rev. Dr. Leroy Tucker would like to hear from his friends at SBU. PO Box 39, Altamont, IL 62411. Flt769@aol.com

1971

Clarenita (Brooks) Brack retired from the Shawnee Mission School District in May of 2011. She worked for Shawnee Mission for 25 years as a Reading

Specialist. Clarenita served in the Kearney R-8 and Lakeland R-III School Districts for 15 years, totaling 40 years of dedicated service to children. She is married to John and has two daughters, Sonya Pappas and Kara Brack. Sonya is married to Alex; they live in Olathe, Kan., and have a daughter, Miranda. Kara resides in Overland Park, Kan. clarenitabrack@hotmail.com

1972

Ron Blount recently celebrated 10 years of marriage to Jean and 10th anniversary as Associate Pastor of Worship (Instrumental) at Community Bible Church in San Antonio, Texas. CBC (since org. in 1990) has grown to average weekly on-campus attendance of 14,000. We've published more than 10 choral/instrumental collections of print music for choir/orchestra from more than 20 recording projects produced in-house at CBC studios. 1-communitybible.com 2-worship with us at CBC online -<http://live.mediasocial.tv/cbc> 3-friend us: CBC Music (Facebook) 4-wordpress.com (blogs) CBC Cafe (CBC worship music 24/7) - (<http://live.mediasocial.tv/cbccafe>) Also iTunes (or purchase direct from Prism Music and Lillenas Music) God is so good to have given us this awesome opportunity to carry out Matt. 28:19-20. To date, CBC Internet broadcasts are getting hits in 140 of the 195 countries of the world!"

1975

James R. Ferrell III (Rusty) is currently in an Ed.D program online at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz. His wife Miriam Woodard (Hammons) Farrell '78 passed away on November 22, 2008. They had two children. James works as a band director. 940 W. Gordon Terrace #203, Chicago IL 60613. Jeremiah813@yahoo.com.

1976

Carol (Browning) Allen recently moved to Florida to be closer to her 88 year-old mother, and to help out with her dialysis. Carol's husband, Arthur passed away on April 23, 2011. They were married for 27 years. "Life is very lonely without my husband and soulmate, but I rest on God's promise that we will be reunited one day with Him in



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“Being a leader isn’t as much about power as it is influencing others.”

Pam Holt, a registered nurse, also teaches the Young Traffic Offenders Program at St. John’s for 16-24 year olds. She has helped the city of Nixa pass and implement a seatbelt ordinance, and she volunteers as a nurse with Camp Barnabas and at North Point Church for summer camps and group outings.

“Using local injury data, I develop comprehensive programs and prevention strategies to target high risk groups.”

Holt is passionate about keeping kids safe in cars. In 2006 she wrote a bill that became Missouri child passenger safety, or booster seat, law.

“I was able to hire certified driving instructors and develop a curriculum for behind-the-wheel driving lessons.”

Armed with a grant from Kohl’s Department Stores and the Kohl’s Cares for Kids Foundation, Holt launched what she says is Missouri’s first hospital-based driving education program, which to date has taught nearly 160 students how to drive.



**DAVID
THIESSEN '01**
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION '95,
MASTER IN ADMINISTRATION -
HEALTH CARE '97 and
MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

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“My goal is to become more involved and continue to contribute by being the best servant leader I can be. I strive to become the best advocate I can be and do whatever I can to ensure that persons with disabilities have the same civil rights, options and controls over choices in their own lives as do people without disabilities.”

Thiessen, was born and raised in southwest Missouri, says he cares a great deal about the community, but he admits a special calling to help the disable. A member of the Missouri Brain Injury Association, serving on its education committee, he also serves as vice president of the executive board for Southwest Center for Independent Living, a Springfield nonprofit organization that supports individuals with disabilities.

Thiessen manages the operational, financial, and personnel activities of departments within the support service division of Missouri Rehabilitation Center, a 79-bed hospital that serves as a part of the University of Missouri Health System.

Heaven!” Carol has two children, Daniel 27, and Christina 24. 11405 Windsor Pointer Drive #104, Brandon, FL 33511. Daughteroftheking4ever5@live.com

1977

Dr. Jim Spurgeon has become the director of skills center tech prep at Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas. Jim has also become pastor of Kempner Oak Hills Baptist Church. Dr. Spurgeon is married to **Donita '77**. 494 Thomas St. Copperas Cove TX 76522. spurgeman@hotmail.com

1986

David Smith has been the instructor of music at Neosho County Community College in Chanute, Kan., for 10 years. He has been Honors Program Coordinator since 2007; Co-advisor of the Omega Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa since 2010, and recently named Liberal Arts Division Chair for the College. 613 Sinclair, Independence, KS. 67301. dksmith@neosho.edu

1987

Mark Outlan is working and living in the Saint Louis area would love to reach out and stay in touch with old friends from back home and college. mao2165@yahoo.com

1988

Lori (McElroy) Scheidler has been divorced for over five years, and has moved to Ozark, Mo. She has been working for Mihfeld & Associates for almost eight years. Lori would like to keep in touch with the friends she made while attending SBU. Starduster65@hotmail.com

1990

Warren Kelley completed an MBA at Fontbonne University. He also recently finished a mission trip in Kosovo teaching American sports. Warren is a merchandiser for Home Depot, and has a son, Daniel. Warrenk8@charter.net

1991

Russel Walje is serving in the greater Houston Area at River Bend Baptist Church

as their first full time Student Minister. Russel and his wife **Kristen (Giesler) Walje '91** have two children, Ethan Walje 16, and Lexi Walje 13. They have enjoyed living in Texas “God has so richly blessed our family” 26011 Pagemill Ln, Richmond, TX 77406. rwalje@riverbendbc.org

1994

Brad Woods has recently been called to serve at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla. as the worship pastor. Brad and his wife Jodi '96 have three children; Katie 14, Natalie 11, and Nicole 11. 2526 Marple Way, Cantonment FL 32533. Mofan71@gmail.com

1995

James Bledsoe earned a PhD in Christian Missions from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. James, his wife Diana (Livingston) '96 and their three children Caleb, 10; Isaac, 9; and Micah, 1; live at 1200 Wilshire Drive, Mount Vernon Ill. 62864. Jdbledsoe0519@gmail.com.

1999

Kent Burchyett recently began ministering as Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where his main areas of emphasis are Worship and Student Ministries. 4116 E 230 N Rigby, ID. 83442. Kent.burchyett@gmail.com

2002

Mike Hurtgen has just been called to be the senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Vienna, Mo. This will be his first pastorate as he has been primarily in student ministry for the past 11 years. Mike is married to Jamie who works at Gasconade County R-2 School District. They have two children, Ethan 5, and Abbi 1. PO Box 317, 1108 Hwy 63 S, Vienna MO, 65582. mhurtgen@hotmail.com

2004

Austin Griffith lives in Springfield, Mo., and currently works for Target. Austin graduated from Southeastern Seminary in 2008 and would love to reconnect with old Bearcat friends. Feel free to e-mail him. Go Bearcats!!!! ROWR!!!! Jesuanyc23@yahoo.com

Brian Seagraves recently performed as Charles Jesse "Buffalo" Jones in the world premiere of "Dream Your Dreams: The Buffalo Jones Story," written by Garden City, Kan., local Duane West. Dream Your Dreams chronicles the extraordinary life of the man who saved the buffalo from extinction and helped found the town of Garden City, Kan. Brian is currently the Arts Director for the Garden City Recreation Commission. 1207 Old Manor, Garden City KS, 67846. normalshakespeare@yahoo.com

Tere (Adkins) Herzog and her family are back in Missouri after living in Colorado for 3 years. She is working as an RN at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. Tere and her husband Aaron have two children, Kaitlynn 3, and Jadon 2. "We are excited to have my sister-in-law starting SBU in the fall of 2011!!!" 511 Brome Dr. Grain Valley MO, 64029. atherzog@hotmail.com

2006

Kayla Hawthorne graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December of 2010 with a Master of Arts in Christian Education and a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling. She is currently employed at Hulen Street Church as a Ministry Assistant and Staff Counselor.

2007

Jaclyn (Stadt) Davis is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University. She completed her M.A. in Clinical Psychology on May 29, 2010. Jaclyn married Tyson Davis on July 17, 2010 in Fullerton, Calif. They met in their first year of Rosemead. Her husband is pursuing his Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Rosemead School of Psychology. They are living in the Los Angeles area as they complete their education. Jaclyn86@gmail.com

The ABA Journal Chooses SBU Grad's Blog as one of America's Top 100 Law Blogs



NEW YORK, NY – Editors of the American Bar Association's magazine, *The ABA Journal*, today announced that they have selected a blog written by Russell Jackson, a Southwest Baptist University graduate, as one of the 100 best law blogs by lawyers, for lawyers. His blog – www.consumerclassactionsmasstorts.com – was one of only five selected in the tort law category. This is the second year Jackson's blog has been an *ABA Journal* "Blawg 100" honoree.

Jackson's blog is now in competition for the top blog in its category. Anyone may register for free and vote at <http://www.abajournal.com/blawg100>. Voting ends Dec. 30, 2011.

"Blogging has become an important, even vital, source of information, education, entertainment and inspiration in the legal community," said Allen Pusey, editor and publisher of the *ABA Journal*. "And choosing just 100 of the best from our directory of over 3,500 legal blogs is becoming an increasingly daunting task."

"I am truly gratified by my readers' strong support," Jackson said. "They nominated me for this honor, and hopefully their continued actions will help me win the honor of top blog in the torts category," Jackson said.

While he was at SBU, Jackson was the *Omnibus* opinions editor and competed on the SBU debate team.

He received his B.A. in Communication and Political Science, graduating as valedictorian in 1987. He received his law degree from the College of William & Mary in Virginia, and has practiced in New York City for more than 20 years. He is a partner at one of the world's largest law firms: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Jackson also taught products liability as an adjunct professor at two New York City law schools, and recently completed his term as Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Products Liability Committee.

Besides just covering legal developments and new decisions, Jackson's blog has a feature unique to legal blogs: a photo diary in which he chronicles his travels and life in New York. His office is in Times Square, directly across from where the ball drops on New Year's Eve.

About the ABA Journal:

The ABA Journal is the flagship magazine of the American Bar Association, and it is read by half of the nation's 1.1 million lawyers every month. It covers the trends, people and finances of the legal profession from Wall Street to Main Street to Pennsylvania Avenue. *ABAJournal.com* features breaking legal news updated as it happens by staff reporters throughout every business day, a directory of more than 3,000 lawyer blogs, and the full contents of the magazine.

About the ABA:

With approximately 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

For more information contact Russell Jackson at 212.735.7839 or russell.jackson@skadden.com.

Marriages

Wendy (Doyle) Arriaga '93 married **Ric Arriaga '92** on June 12, 2011 in Troy, Mo. Ric is a bilingual system analyst for Citigroup, and Wendy is completing her master's degree in counseling and psychological examiners license this year. 8108 Applerock Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368. wendycdoyle@gmail.com

Melissa (Leck) Warden '01 married Rick Warden on July 23, 2011. Melissa works at Lee's Summit High School, and Rick is employed by Quintiles. 600 20th Avenue, South Greenwood MO 64034. mgleck@hotmail.com

Sara (Mayberry) Blaue '07 married Rusty on July 9, 2011 in Bolivar, Mo. They are currently living in Springfield, Mo. where Sara is employed as a science teacher with Springfield Public Schools while Rusty is pursuing his master's degree in church ministry from Baptist Bible College. Smayberry72@yahoo.com

Jessica (Gibler) Purser '08 recently married Andrew Purser; they now reside in Atlanta, Georgia. She has spent the past 3 years working for Chick-fil-A's corporate headquarters in sponsorships & event marketing. Andrew works for Cooper Wellness. 3405 Grey Point Cove, Decatur GA, 30034. Jessica.purser@chick-fil-a.com



Joshua, Benjamin, Hannah, Leah, and Rachel Mayfield

Future Bearcats

Mike Mayfield '89 and his wife **Sandy (McNeely) '87** would like to announce the adoption of two daughters from Ethiopia. Leah Hope Tachawut, 5, was born May 22, 2006, and adopted May 27, 2011. Rachel Faith Geneme, 1, was born August 26, 2009, and adopted February 25, 2011. They have two older brothers, Joshua, 17; Benjamin, 15; and an older sister, Hannah, 13. Mike is a project manager and H&R Block World Headquarters, and Sandy is a help desk technician at Tallgrass Technologies. 1303 Ada Street, Kearney, MO 64060. Sandy_mayfield@hotmail.com

Robin Cole '90 would like to announce the birth of her three grand-daughters, Sophia Elizabeth Milton (Rashad) born October 29, 2010; Adrianna Elizabeth Cole (Rashad) born November 9, 2010; and Aliyah Renee Cole (Rashon) February 15, 2011. 3528 Sugar Crest Dr Florissant, MO. cole.robin4@gmail.com

Cory Scheer '98 and his wife Jamie announce the adoption of their sons Evan Blake Scheer who was born August 31, 2010, and Levi James Scheer, born April 15, 2011. The couple also has Caitlyn 8, and Isaac 6. 1435 Buckey Ct., Liberty MO, 64068.cjscheer@msn.com

Brian Daugharty '00 and his wife **Jill '99** announce the birth of their son Judah James on July 27, 2011. Judah has two sisters, Olivia 7, and Eva 4. bdaugharty@yahoo.com

Tammy (Brittingham) Maasen '00 and her husband Matthew celebrated the arrival of their first son Joshua Thomas Maasen on

September 1, 2001 at 6:19 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs 9 oz. 707 Fall Creek Circle, Belton MO, 64012. tammymassen@yahoo.com

Kelli (Fulton) Garrett '01 and her husband Jason announce the birth of their son Silas Jason Garrett on December 30, 2009. He weighed 9 lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long. Silas has an older sister, Lydia 3. 5802 W. Charleston, Peoria IL, 61607. kelligarrett@yahoo.com

Brian Gardner '01 and **Hope (Taylor) Gardner '00** announce the birth of their second child, Alden Isaiah, on December 16, 2010. He weighed 9 lbs and 2 oz. Alden has a sister, Aria Creah 3. Hope is teaching Title I reading at Weableau Elementary, and Brian is a sixth grade teacher as well as the Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach and JV Girls Basketball coach at Weableau High School. 714 E. Freeman St. Bolivar, MO 65613. gardnerific@hotmail.com

Kami (Goad) Gollhofer '04 and her husband Jim announce the adoption of their first son Isaiah James Golhofer. Isaiah was 11 months old when he was adopted on September, 2001, in Springfield, Mo. kgollhofer@victorytradeschool.edu

Olivia (Spires) Howard '06 and her husband **Zachary '06** celebrated the arrival of their first daughter, Brooklyn Mae Howard on April 12, 2011 at 1:04 p.m. She weighed 7lbs. 13 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. 120 Castlewood Dr. Troy, MO 63379



Judah James Daugharty



Brooklyn Mae Howard

In Memory

Winnie Lorene (Wright) Brack '41

Winnie Lorene (Wright) Brack of Clinton, Mo. passed away on August 28, 2011. She was born May 8, 1920 and Graduated from the former SWBC. Winnie showed much interest in SBU and influenced several grand-daughters to attend SBU. Winnie was mother to five children and leaves 10 grand-children and 8 great-grandchildren. She was married to John Howard Brack in 1945.

Robert Ray Stone '56

Robert Ray (Bob) Stone passed away on October 15, 2010, in Alexandria, Va. He received the A.A. degree in 1956 as well as the A.B. degree from William Jewell College in 1958. He received a jurist doctor degree from George Washington University Law School and practiced law in the Washington DC/Virginia area. He has one son, Robert Ray Stone, Nashville, Tenn.

Charles Ray Sang '38

Charles Ray Sang passed away of natural causes on August 23, 2011, in Chicago Heights, Ill. at age of 90. He received the A.A. degree from Southwest Baptist College. Charles is survived by his three sons; Richard, Barry, and Gary. His spouse of 64 years, Betty, passed way four years ago. As a WWII veteran (Purple Heart) - Navy - he received a military funeral and was interred at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery southwest of Chicago on September 8, 2011.

Larry David Inman '64

Larry David Inman, 67, of Springfield, Mo. passed away Friday, July 29, at St. John's Hospital. He was born May 18, 1944, at St. John's. Larry graduated from Bolivar High School and Southwest Baptist University. He received a full basketball scholarship to California Baptist College at Riverside. While a student at California Baptist College, he worked as a coach at the California Indian School. On returning to Springfield, he worked for the *Springfield News-Leader*. He retired after twenty-five years of service. He was also employed by the Marian Center at St. John's Hospital.

Over his lifetime, he used his basketball and baseball skills to train children and young adults in the sports. He was preceded in death by his wife Sandy; his parents J.C. Inman and Alma Lougeson; his stepfather Bob Lougeson; and a young sister, Sharon Lee Inman.

He is survived by his son Joshua Inman, his daughter April Farlander, one brother John Lougeson; three sisters' Carol Inman Wilson, Joyce Brock, and Alice Powell, two grand-children; Morgan and Logan Farlander; several nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Larry taught teen boys in Sunday school over the years and was a member of National Heights Baptist Church.

Sherry (Cook) Owen '80

Sherry (Cook) Owen passed away July 5, 2011. Sherry was admitted to St. Johns Hospital on February 26, 2011, and spent 130 days in the hospital. Sherry got to see her granddaughter that was born on January 30, 2011. She is survived by her husband William Eldon Owens '80. They were married for 33 years as of June 24, 2011.

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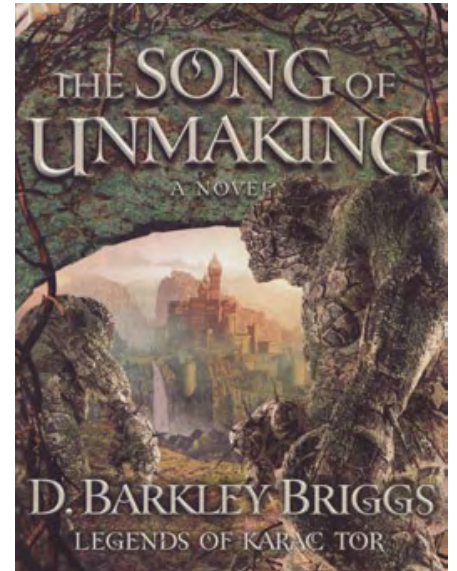
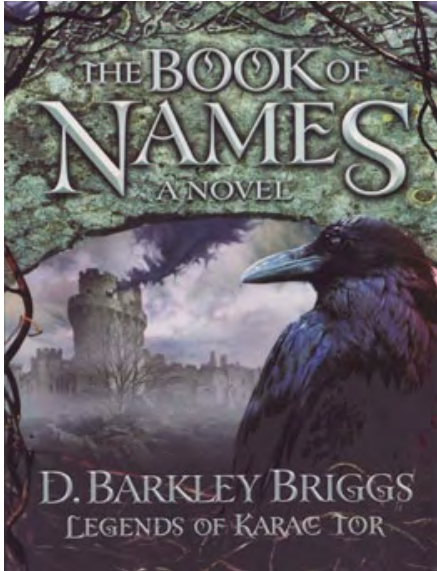
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Alumni

Legends of Karac Tor: The Book of Names

D. Barkley Briggs '91

A magical scroll. A cry for help. Will two teenage brothers find the courage to answer the call? – “If you’ve even suspected, as I have, that you might find a gateway to another world in your own backyard, then you’ll find the call of Dean Briggs’s “speculative archaeology” irresistible. The Book of Names springs from the same mythic source as the great epics from Lewis, Lucas, and Lawhead. Briggs braids ancient strands of Arthurian myth together with his own homespun thread into a complex tapestry of magic and meaning, bravery and brotherhood.”- Jeffrey Overstreet (Author: The Auralia Thread)

“D. Barkley Briggs has a fresh story to tell, and he delivers it in a fresh, unique voice. His writing style brightens every page. The lyrics prose suits his intriguing tale and heightens the feel of another world. The Book of Names is sure to gather a following among young and old fantasy lovers.” – Donita K. Paul (Author: The Dragon Keeper Chronicles)

“Magic and folklore as its very best.” – G.P. Taylor (New York Times best-selling author)

“In the same vein as such master fantasy writers as J.R.R Tolkien and C.S. Lewis , author D. Barkley Briggs has penned a superb fictional tale... The Book of Names is fast-paced and compelling, and readers will be clamoring for Briggs’ next installment in this exciting and worthy news series.” – Teenreads.com

“Good vs. evil, wondrous landscapes and settings, intriguing characters, mysterious magic, and action scenes galore. D. Barkley Briggs works his own brilliant magic as he weaves all of these elements together into a dazzling journey that leaps off the pages as each new chapter unfolds. Themes of faith and redemption ring loud and true.” – Fictionaddict.com

“D. Barkley Briggs has penned a rousing fantasy packed full of Norse and Celtic mythology with a hearty dose of Athurian legend. With a wide range of emotions, he moved me from the sadness of loss to the giddiness of comic relief, all the way to the excitement of heart-pounding tension. Strap on your armor, pull out your sword, and get ready for an adventure.” – M.C. Pearson, Fiction in Rather Short Takes

“Unique... awesome... amazing. The plot is extremely well-developed.” – Flamingnet Book Reviews

Everything... about the story is fascinating and intriguing.” –Christian Fiction Review

Legends of Karac Tor: Corus the Champions

D. Barkley Briggs '91

He was once the greatest champion in the land. Then he disappeared – With Nemesia’s defeat, the Barlows have helped turn the tide in the Hidden Lands. But the victory is short-lived. An even greater evil stirs in the north with a fierce new army bent on destruction. As the twins, Gabe and Garret, discover their own special powers, a thin thread of hope emerges:

long ago, a fabled king was rescued from death on our world and hidden on Karac Tor. Who is he?

Each brother has their part to play. Hadyn must travel north to warm the land rulers, which leaves Ewan with a bitter choice. Will he sacrifice what is most precious to discover whether Corus lives? Even more important, if Corus is alive, can he wake the Sleeping King of legend... before it’s too late?

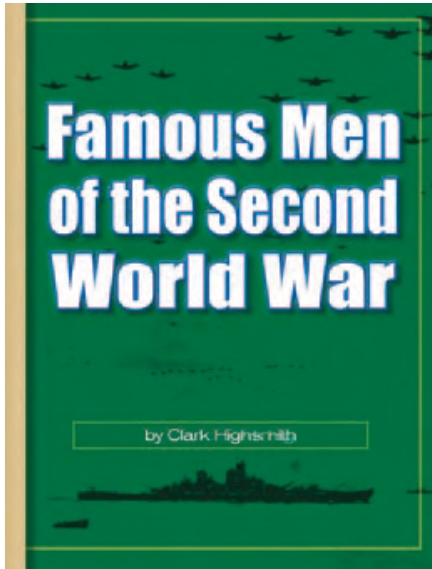
Legends of Karac Tor: The Song of Unmaking

D. Barkley Briggs '91

In the bitter north, hope and fear collide- The dreadful Goths have invaded Röckval, testing the strength of Bitterland’s beautiful, widowed ruler. Meanwhile, the Barlow brothers are growing stronger and stronger in their powers – all except for Ewan, who traded his gift away to save the life of his friends.

Soon it becomes clear that the Goths are the least of their worries. A terrible machine is being built high atop Mount Vishgar, above Röckval, where the raging winds never cease. If the machine really does release the Song of Unmaking, what will happen? Can Arthur lay aside his grief and once more become a great leader of men? And what is the mysterious Doorless Tower, Nein Dyrr?

As Kr’Nunos grows more bold, the Barlow brothers take their stand with the viks of the north. Yet it is Ewan alone who must answer the question: Is any music stronger than the most powerful song of destruction the world has ever known?



Alumni

Famous Men of the Second World War

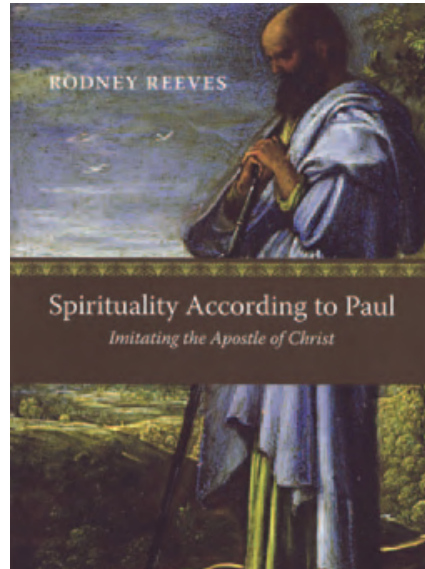
Clark Highsmith '92

World War II was one of the most complex events in history, the consequences of which are still being felt today. Believing that one of the best ways to learn history is through biography, *Famous Men of the Second World War* tells the story of the war through the lives of 31 men, investigating prominent individuals such as George Patton and Winston Churchill, as well as lesser-known individuals, scubas Carl Mannerheim and Chiang Kai-shek. The contribution of women to the war is also emphasized.

Famous Men of the Second World War covers D-Day, the Battle of the bulge and other high profile events, as well as topics often overlooked in the World War II texts, giving insight into the important roles of China Russia's Winter War with Finland, the rescue of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust, and the epic clash between Germany and the Soviet Union on the Eastern Front. Review questions are included for each chapter to supplement home or classroom study.

About the author:

Clark Highsmith lives in Midlothian, Texas along with his wife and son. He enjoys hiking, reading, wargaming, teaching Sunday school and spending time with his family. This is Clark's second book.



Faculty

Spirituality According to Paul: Imitating the Apostle of Christ

Dr. Rodney Reeves '79

Spirituality often evokes images of quiet centeredness, meditative serenity and freedom from life's pressures. Contrast Paul, who promotes a cross-shaped spirituality for fools making their way through life's trials. The brand images are crucifixion, burial and resurrection – surely a counterintuitive marketing program for living spiritually!

Dr. Rodney Reeves explores this ancient spiritual path, probing our understanding of what Christ spirituality should be and illuminating its transformative power.

Dr. Reeves is professor of Biblical studies and dean of the Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry at Southwest Baptist University. He is coauthor of *Rediscovering Paul* and author of *A Genuine Faith*.

"[Reeves] helps us rediscover Paul's spirituality... in a rigorous, immensely practical, how-to-live-your-life sense. In a day when we are advised not to put people on pedestals, Reeves insists that we place Paul squarely on a pedestal – head and shoulders above the rest – and imitate him."

- David B. Capes, Houston Baptist University

"Imitating Christ is too often reduced to the classic spiritual disciplines. While not inherently wrong, it superimposes an artificial framework on Paul... Dr. Reeves... highlights the essential elements of following



Christ, letting Paul use the framework Paul chose... here is the spiritual formation textbook you were looking for."

- E. Randolph Richards, Palm Beach Atlantic University.

"I am convinced that my friend Rodney Reeves writes to challenge, confound and sometimes irritate! ... This is a great book to read, study, digest, meditate on and, as a result, imitate the apostle of Christ."

- Rex M. Horne Jr., Ouachita Baptist University

"This book is an outstanding resource for anyone who yearns to know Christ more deeply and follow him more completely... A rich resource for pastors, lay leaders and all believers who want to grow in their relationship with Christ and to live out their faith each day."

- Mark D, Roberts, Foundations for Laity Renewal




STEINWAY & SONS

Piano Dedication Recitals Celebrate Arrival of New Steinway Grand

Southwest Baptist University's Department of Music presented a concert to dedicate the new Steinway grand piano on September 27, 2011. This new concert grand promises to help prepare SBU's students for their musical careers. As an industry standard, the Steinway brand is used in concert halls throughout the world. It is noted for its exceptional handmade quality and enduring value.

Bolivar musician, Charlie Long, and SBU faculty members Jeff and

Renee Waters, Melinda Smashey Jones, Bill Brown, and Robert Carney shared in the celebration by performing piano works on the new Steinway. Harry Reed, Senior Piano Sales Specialist from Schmitt Music in Kansas City explained why Steinway pianos are trusted by musicians throughout the world. In addition, the piano selection committee shared stories and pictures from the selection process at the Steinway factory in New York.

Dr. William Brown (pictured above), SBU provost and professor of music, also presented a faculty piano recital on October 4, 2011. The program was titled "An Evening of Encores," and included well-known compositions by Chopin, Schumann, Barber, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Ravel.

SBU WARREN B. DAVIS FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER



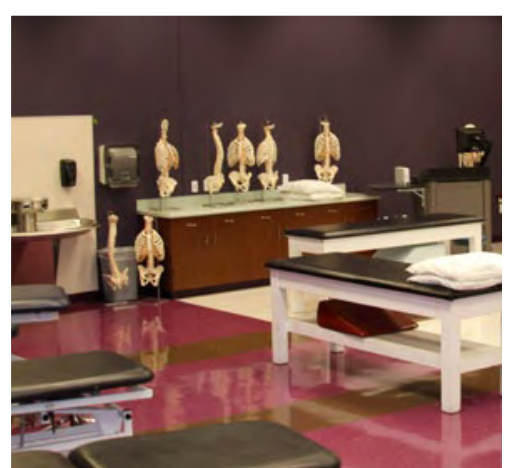
SBU's New Physical Therapy Center Open and Ready for Learning

Southwest Baptist University's President C. Pat Taylor and First Lady Judy Taylor hosted a public open house for the newly renovated SBU Health Sciences, Davis Family Physical Therapy Center on Monday, September 26. The facility opened to students and faculty at the beginning of the academic year in August.

The building's opening extends the Bolivar campus south on Springfield Avenue. SBU purchased the former Consumer's building with the help of a major gift from the Warren B. Davis family, the previous property owners. The property is located at 2103 S. Springfield Avenue approximately one block from the University. The 40,000 square-foot building will house the University's doctoral program in physical therapy.

SBU President Pat Taylor said, "The current physical therapy space on the main campus allowed for only 40 doctoral students to be admitted each year for a total enrollment of 120. Now the program will be able to admit 80 students per year, which will increase the total number of doctoral students to 240 after three years."

Plans for the building renovation were designed by GHN Architects in consultation with the SBU physical therapy faculty. The Killian Group handled the construction. The building's current tenant, Dollar General, will remain in the building.



From left to right at the open house: SBU College of Science and Mathematics Dean Dr. Perry Tompkins, SBU Department of Physical Therapy Chair Dr. Steven Lesh, Mark Davis, Kim Davis Harrington, Patrick Harrington, Anne Davis, Warren Davis, and SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor.



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