

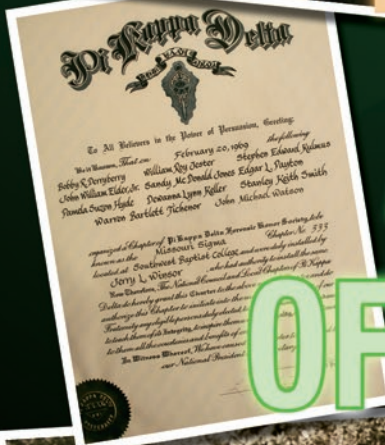
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Pi Kappa Delta



A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



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“Mom, did you hear about the shooting at a college?”

My twelve-year old daughter was the first to tell me the news of the Virginia Tech massacre of April 16, 2007. When she checked in with me after school, my daughter told me about the shootings. I had spent the day in meetings and hadn't yet heard the news. As a university administrator, the news was shocking, to say the least. All of us on university and college campuses around the world could not help but think, “What if that happened here?”

Like other institutions, we met for hours in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy reviewing SBU's safety and security measures, and we issued a statement to reassure the students that our security team would be joined by the Bolivar police force in protecting our campus. The city of Bolivar was generous in offering an extra presence during a student-led prayer vigil and promised extra patrols on campus for a few days. Other security measures to further protect our community are planned and you will learn more about these on page 27 of this magazine.

As we celebrate the end of a great year at SBU, we continue to pray for the Virginia Tech students, faculty, staff, and families of the victims. No doubt the usual celebrations at the end of the school year and at graduation were more somber for the Hokies this year.

In this issue of *SBU Life*, you will read about the legacy of excellence inspiring our Pi Kappa Delta team founded by Dr. Bob Derryberry. The West Point Military Academy may have the long gray line, but SBU has the long green line, which you will learn more about in the feature story about our PKD team! Other stories highlight the excellence of our alumni families, our students, faculty, and staff, and our newest graduates. In addition, you will read a memorial to a beloved First Lady of SBU, in whose memory a campaign has begun for the library.

We have begun a new feature of the magazine to acknowledge that our readers are among our very best recruiters. As you flip through the following pages, you will find a purple bookmark and postcards asking you to “Spread the Word” about SBU. As alumni and friends of the University, you have the opportunity to influence the next generation of Christian scholars by encouraging them to attend SBU, where we feel they will experience one of the highest quality and affordable Christ-centered academic programs available.

If you haven't been back to campus in awhile, I hope you will put Homecoming (October 5-6, 2007) on your calendar this year. The newly renovated Jim Mellers Center, home of the Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry is beautiful, and there are many other building projects you might not have seen since your time at SBU. We are planning several new events as well as the usual favorites for your reunion with old friends and teachers. “There is No Place Like Home: Follow the Purple Brick Road” is the theme, and we think you'll agree, there is no place like SBU.

I invite you to send in story ideas along with your personal updates and address changes. We like to keep in touch with our alumni and are planning many regional events to re-connect with you, so you won't want to miss these invitations and the chance to fellowship with SBU alumni and friends in your area. You'll read about some of these events in this issue.

We strive to make each issue of *SBU Life* better than the one before, so please do not hesitate to send us your feedback!

As I took one last read through of this magazine from cover to cover, I realized it sums up what SBU has been about since its founding in 1878: A legacy of excellence in academics coupled with an intense passion for building Christ's kingdom.

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We Will Stand Guard

"I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what God will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the Lord answered me and said, 'Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.'" (Habakkuk 2:1-3, NASB)

These words were written more than 2,600 years ago by the prophet Habakkuk. The people of Judah had rebelled against God and Habakkuk asked God a series of questions. God's response was for Habakkuk to record the vision so everyone could see it and then God assured him that the goal will not fail. It will happen. God's words through the prophet are clear. It is our responsibility to stand on guard and be vigilant and when God speaks to us, we should record the vision and then do all we can to accomplish our goals. And if we do, we will not fail.

As I write this column, SBU is preparing to begin the 130th school year since our founding in 1878. Our founding fathers, James Rogers Maupin and Abner Smith Ingman, had a vision from God and they dedicated their lives toward the goal of establishing a Christian university in Southwest Missouri. Since 1878, hundreds of Christian scholars have dedicated their lives to this University. The core values for our University established at the beginning are the same values we hold today.

As president, I am often asked the question, "What is my vision for the University?" My initial response to this question is we must not change our core values or our Baptist identity. We are who we are and who we always have been. We are committed to being the best evangelical Christian university that we can possibly be. We are committed to our Baptist heritage and we are unapologetically Christian. Our primary goal is to be Christ-centered in everything we do. It is our goal to live out our mission statement in our daily activities. We should remind ourselves every day that "SBU is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society." This is who we are and who we always have been, and we must not change.

There are many threats to our very existence today. We live in an increasingly secular world that has very little appreciation for Christian values. Today, we have many challenges, and I must hasten to tell you that if we do not stand guard and if we do not dedicate ourselves to the mission and core values of the University; and if we do not successfully plan and record our goals and objectives, we can fail at any time.

The 2006-2007 academic year has been a great year for SBU. Our students have enjoyed tremendous success this year. Our computer students have excelled in regional and national competitions. Our forensics team has once again captured the Pi Kappa Delta national championship. Phi Beta Lambda members have excelled in state competitions and have represented our university and the College of Business and Computer Science very well. Our cross country and track athletes have had the best year ever and T. Jay Sanderson, once again, has been recognized as an All-American. Our golf team made the NCAA National Tournament. Our theater and music students have entertained the SBU community with outstanding performances all year. The Omnibus, our university paper, won numerous awards, and Alyson Browning, the editor of The Omnibus, served as president of the state wide organization for student newspapers. For the second consecutive year, the SBU missions program received the Courts Redford Award from the North American Mission Board for sending the largest number of students on mission trips. We literally send students, faculty, and staff all over the world to share the gospel.

Our faculty has enjoyed many successes this year. Numerous faculty have published books and articles. Many have presented at conferences and served in leadership roles for various professional organizations. It amazes me how much our faculty accomplishes each year. Another milestone accomplished this year is the creation of the SBU Staff Council. Under the leadership of David Bolton and Allison Blamey, the staff council is successfully operating and is making significant contributions to the SBU campus.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment this year was the graduation of 328 outstanding students. It always is gratifying to see students accomplish their educational objectives. This is an outstanding graduating class, and they will accomplish many great things.

During the recent honors banquet, SBU Provost, Dr. Gordon Dutile, issued a challenge to our graduates to make a mark on the intellectual world. For many years now, Christians have basically forfeited the intellectual world to secular scholars. This is unfortunate, because Christian scholars have much to offer. Good scholarship and biblical principles go hand-in-hand and we Christian scholars need to make our mark. Dr. Dutile challenged our graduates to go out into the world with a strong Christian worldview and recapture the intellectual world. This graduating class definitely has the ability to make significant contributions to the intellectual world.

Since graduation, I have traveled many miles, and literally to the other side of the world as I recently returned from a trip to Tomsk State University in Siberia, where SBU has entered into an agreement for a student exchange program. We had a productive time at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, where we had the opportunity to re-connect with many of our alumni, meet prospective students and their parents, and share our vision for SBU.

As we conclude our 129th year, I can assure you that Southwest Baptist University is strong and healthy. Yes, we have challenges. However, we will join our hands, our hearts, and our minds during the upcoming summer planning process and we will develop strategic initiatives, goals, and objectives for the next five years that will meet the challenges of today and that will meet future challenges. We will stand guard and we will record our vision so all can see who we are as a Baptist, evangelical, Christ-centered University offering affordable, top quality academic programs for our students.

C. Pat Taylor
President

SBU News

Commencement & Founders Day: Beautiful Days On and For Campus

The Southwest Baptist University spring commencement was held on a beautiful Saturday, May 19, on the Merrill Burnidge Memorial Forum on the Bolivar campus.

More than 350 undergraduate and graduate students received their degrees during the ceremony. The commencement address was given by guest speaker Gary Black '67. Following graduation from SBU, Black was employed by Fireman Insurance Company, located in Northern California, for thirty-five years. Black retired in 2002 as president of claims.

In 2004 Black joined OneBeacon Insurance Company, headquartered in Boston, as managing director. He held this position until his second retirement in December 2006. He has served on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards and has just completed a ten-year term on the board of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California. Black and his wife, Jane, also a graduate of SBU, have retired and spend their time at their homes located in Novato, California, and Springfield, Missouri. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

During the ceremony, retiring staff and faculty were recognized and the student recipients of the Life Beautiful Award were named.

Life Beautiful Awards

Mark David Kellogg, a chemistry/chemistry education major, and Whitney Jeanne Pre-witt, a psychology major, received the 2007 Life Beautiful Awards. The Life Beautiful Awards are presented annually to an outstanding man and woman in the Southwest Baptist University spring graduating class. The award was established in 1937 by Rosalee Mills Appleby, a career missionary to Brazil.

Staff Recognition for Retirement

Ed Hanna has served as coordinator for the graduate studies program in the St. Louis area for the past thirteen years. Through the years, Hanna has been instrumental in the development of two new locations in Pacific and in the Lindbergh School District, St. Louis. Through his efforts, the SBU graduate education program has grown in the St. Louis area and enrollment from the three sites accounts for approximately forty percent of the total of all graduate education programs.

Hanna received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southeast Missouri State University. He taught social studies and physical education at East Prairie High School, Ste. Genevieve High School and De Soto Public Schools. He served as head football and track coach at East Prairie and Ste. Genevieve and head baseball coach at De Soto. In addition to other duties, Hanna served as assistant principal at De Soto Junior High School and DeSoto High School from 1976 to 1994.

Hanna and his wife have two daughters: Theresa Jane and Lucinda Lee, who received her master's degree from SBU in 2005.

Faculty Recognition for Retirement

Dr. Eric Moore has been part of the SBU family for over forty years. While employed at SBU, Dr. Moore served as assistant debate coach, directed the SBU alumni program, developed the CAMEO mission program, and served as president of faculty senate. He worked to develop and coordinate the first SBU graduate courses taught over a fiber-optic distance education system in northeast Missouri.

Dr. Moore earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southwest Baptist College in 1970. He earned a master's degree from Central Missouri State University in clinical audiology in 1975 and a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1992.

He began his professional career at Butler High School in Butler, Missouri, teaching for three years. He has served as pastor and interim pastor for several churches in and around the Polk County area. In 1975, he was hired as an instructor of education at SBU. Since 1996, he has served as professor of education. He has received the SBU Faculty Life Beautiful Award, the SBU Pioneer Mission Award, and the SBU Edwin Lightfoot Outstanding Alumni Award.

Dr. Moore and his wife, Geri, have been married for 38 years. Their daughters, Erica Noyes and Heather Moore, are SBU graduates as well as their son-in-law, Tim Noyes. Dr. Moore and Geri, who recently retired from teaching, have three grandchildren.

Dr. Joanne Vaughan earned a bachelor of science in education and a master of education at the University of Memphis. She



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Spring Commencement (continued)



completed a Specialist in Educational Administration at Missouri State University.

After twenty years of teaching elementary school, Vaughan became the Director of the University Learning Center at SBU in 1985. In 1998, she joined the athletics department as assistant athletics director/academic support and senior women's administrator. She was advisor to freshmen student-athletes.

"For the past twenty years, I have enjoyed teaching freshmen at SBU and watching the educational process in action. Graduation day is so rewarding when you see former students walk across the stage to receive their degrees. Some come back to visit and share what meant the most to them during their student days at SBU. I am glad that I have been able to stay at SBU to see the maturing of my former students."

Vaughan and her husband John are members of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Missouri.

Dr. Etta Sellars is a professor of education at Southwest Baptist University in Mountain View, Missouri. She began her associa-

tion with SBU in 1999 when she became a member of the faculty as an associate professor of education. In 2004, Dr. Sellars was promoted to professor of education.

Dr. Sellars earned a bachelor of science degree in education from University of Central Arkansas in 1968. In addition, she earned both a master's degree and a doctorate from Indiana State University. She began her teaching career at public schools in Marengo, Indiana, and Clinton, Arkansas. For several years, she served as director of student teaching in Oakland City, Indiana. From 1994-1999 she was an instructor of education at Henderson State University.

Dr. Jimmy F. Sellars has been a professor of education in the teacher education program at the SBU Mountain View Center since 2002. He earned a bachelor of science degree at University of Central Arkansas in 1966. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master's degree in 1981 and a doctor of divinity degree in 1983. Also, he earned a doctor of education degree from Indiana State University in 1989. He began his professional career in teaching at Oakland City University in 1983, and later taught at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. In 1994, Dr. Sellars joined the SBU faculty as an associate professor of education. In 1997 he became the coordinator of the SBU teacher education program in Mountain View. In 2002, he was promoted to professor of education.

Etta and Jimmy Sellars have a daughter, Marla. They attend First Baptist Church of Mountain View.

Two Honorary Doctorates Awarded



Left to right – SBU president, Dr. C. Pat Taylor; SBU vice president for administration, Ron Maupin; Charles Graham; Norma Bishop; Pat Baker, author; and SBU provost, Dr. Gordon Dutille.

The University awarded two honorary doctorates during a formal Founders' Day chapel program on March 14 in Pike Auditorium. Honorary degree recipients were Norma Tally Bishop '36 and Charles Edward Graham. Dr. Bob Derryberry, senior professor of communication arts, gave the Founders' Day address during the chapel service. Bishop was introduced by author Pat Baker, and Graham was introduced by Ron Maupin, SBU vice president for administration.

Norma Tally Bishop, a native of Missouri, was born in a small community east of Lowry City known as Tally Bend. In 1927, Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Tally moved their family of six to Bolivar in order for him to attend Southwest Baptist College (SWBC). Dr. Bishop was nine when she was first introduced to Bolivar.

While living in Bolivar, Bishop graduated from the eighth grade, attended the SWBC Academy for one year and then graduated from Bolivar High School in 1933. While attending the SWBC Academy, Bishop was named the "tiniest" but "happiest" girl on campus. She began her lifelong teaching career when she was 17, while she was completing her undergraduate degree at SWBC. Following graduation in 1936, she continued teaching in rural one-room schools for several years.

In 1936 Norma Tally met Lucas Bishop on a blind date, and they were married one year later. The Bishops raised five children (three of whom attended SWBC): Lucia, Delynn, Zelda, Laurel (deceased) and Vaughn. During her marriage, Bishop was a stay-at-home mother until 1954 when she returned to the classroom. She taught at the elementary school level for eight years. She taught

English and reading at the secondary level for twenty years and was recognized as a "Master Teacher" during several of those years.

Bishop earned a bachelor's degree in education graduating cum laude from Southwest Missouri State University in 1959. She worked as an adjunct faculty member at Southwest Baptist University (formerly SWBC) teaching in the education department from 1971 until 1982 when she became a full-time faculty member. During her tenure as an adjunct at SWBC, she completed a master's degree in education and reading at Central Missouri State University. She finished her teaching career at the International English Institute in Fresno, California, where she taught for seven years.

Bishop is widely traveled having visited the 50 United States and 36 foreign countries. Her mission trips have taken her to Mexico, a Navaho reservation, Korea, Brazil, New Zealand, Siberia and Africa. In addition, she has experienced three Olympic mission trips to Australia, Utah and North Carolina. Church involvement has always been a priority to Bishop. She has taught Sunday school since she was 17 and has held numerous church positions over the years. Currently, Bishop is a member of the SBU National Alumni Board, Redford College Curators Board, Habitat for Humanity Board and Life International-American Mission Board. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Bolivar and works part-time at SBU.



Charles Edward Graham shares the Gospel through music. He is a native of Arkansas, born and raised in the south-east part of the state. He is the fifth of thirteen children raised by his parents, Ollie Graham and the late Willie Graham.

Graham attended Southwest Baptist University for two years, and during his second year (1976), he felt God's call to a full-time ministry. He later transferred to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri, to continue his college education. In 1984 he graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Graham's music ministry has taken him throughout the United States as well as overseas ministering in several countries including England, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Germany, France, Canada, Israel, Africa and South America. In addition, he has ministered at the governor's mansion in Atlanta,

Georgia, and at various prayer breakfasts throughout the United States. Most recently, Graham accepted an invitation by the president of Burundi, Africa, to minister for a week of worship.

God has gifted Graham with the unique ability to minister across denominational, socio-economic and racial lines. He particularly enjoys the opportunity to minister to young people in group settings such as camps and retreats, or one-on-one helping them to develop a more personal relationship with God. Graham has produced eight recordings, including his latest release, *You Amaze Me*. His repertoire includes contemporary tunes along with favorite standards appealing to a wide range of ages.

Charles Graham Ministries is headquartered in Murrieta, California, where Dr. Graham resides. When he is not traveling, he attends New Covenant Fellowship Church. One of his favorite scripture verses of the Bible is Psalm 40:3 (NAS) "And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear, and will trust in the Lord."

Founders' Day Address: Remembering Those Who Led You By Dr. Bob Derryberry

Thank you, Dr. Taylor, very honored guests, fellow scholars, and colleagues. With the encouragement of a thoughtful and humorous student who recently asked me if I was present at the founding of the University, I approach this moment with excitement, fear, and an increasing sense of senior awareness! But, I am delighted to speak with you about those who have led us at Southwest.

I like to paraphrase Irvin Cobb when he defines a good storyteller as an individual who has a good memory and hopes that others do not. In reflecting upon our founders today, I express gratitude to wonderful friends who have shared many pieces of the SWBC-SBU story during my short decades as a part of the Southwest family. I'm grateful for our university archives where I continue to learn of those who made their entrances and left lasting memories on the stage of this campus and in the lives of thousands.

Significantly, examples of SBU servants and scholars provide a medium for preserving our heritage and giving us inspiration for new dedication to the calling of Christian higher education. Accounts of God's servants give us perspective. They tell us about who we are and where we have been. They set purposes before us and provide "heart" for our journeys. As professor Daniel Taylor writes: "A genuine story will not leave us alone. It insists sometimes in the most impolite terms on changing us." The Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 13, speaks clearly of the value of backward reflection to provide focus and inspiration. The passage reads: "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the outcome of their way of life, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever."

Thus, on Founders' Day, it is very appropriate for us to ask two questions: Who are those who have led us? And, what qualities did they possess that serve as models or standards for us in 2007?

Of course, we must remember the early founders. But, who were they? What were they really like? You glance at their pictures in our library. Can you describe them? They were only a few years older than most of you when they began translating their "air castles" into reality.

James Maupin was born in 1852. As a young man, he attended the old LaGrange College and later served as pastor of the Ten Mile Church in Lewis County, where he met his future wife, Alice Jane Sta-

ples. He acquired a year of seminary study in Chicago before beginning the dream of building a school with his friend and former college roommate Abner Smith Ingman. During the time that Thomas Edison proudly demonstrated his first practical incandescent bulb and the approaching decade would bring over five million immigrants (including some of your great-great grandparents), to a burgeoning America following the Civil War, J. R. Maupin and Abner Ingman were gathering students and support for a school on six acres of land in Bolivar, Missouri.

Since Maupin was a skillful orator, preacher and debater, he was always in demand for speaking occasions. A talented and insightful builder, he personally supervised the construction of the first building on the new Southwest Baptist campus. He also advocated the extension of rail transportation from Kansas City to Springfield, an act that would assist students choosing to attend the new SWBC.

Mr. Maupin was very human! Yes, you are correct if you identify the first president as a wrestler. Reportedly, young men would occasionally line up to challenge the young president to demonstrate and test his physical strength. James Maupin's daily schedule was rugged. With a sense of commitment, he rode his horse throughout Southwest Missouri in search of students and funds for SWBC. After a day of speaking and travel, his common practice was to stay in the saddle through the night and depend upon moonlight to guide him through the rugged Ozarks trails. He would often arrive back to campus in time to teach his Greek and science classes in the morning. His colleagues described him as quick in wit, loving, generous, and as courageous as a lion.

Early founders certainly included the first First Lady, Alice Jane Maupin. Her title at the new SWBC was the Director of the Female Department and Instructor of Music. But, we should know more, and we must admire her courage. A year after the Civil War ended, she attended Christian College, now Culver Stockton. Her entry to the school was not met with enthusiasm. Some citizens expressed doubt about Alice and other young women attending the college. Critics even questioned if women should be admitted to the college and asserted that ladies would not be able to complete the required work or that they would slow the progress of classes. Alice showed them. She proved herself equal to her male counterparts, and the next year, the college became coeducational with fifty-one women attending! Alice Staples-Maupin became a successful teacher, musician, and devoted mother.

Co-founder Abner Smith Ingman became the personality that administered the small college while Maupin directed the building. He was not only professor of Latin, but he was also an able speaker. His voice was strong, and his presence was commanding. His beard was always neatly trimmed.

In 1885, typhoid fever hit the small town of Bolivar. The school term at Southwest was in session for only a month when Abner Ingman took the fever. He did not see the college for 60 days. A devoted faculty member, J. M. Willard, died of the disease. While he was ill, Ingman learned of the death of his long-respected friend, James Maupin. Maupin was then living in Kansas City, but his body was brought to Bolivar for burial.

After a rugged time as an academy, Southwest Baptist lost its treasured educational building to fire in 1910. The campus was even rented for cattle grazing, and days were dark for the Bolivar school. Rev. C. W. Fisher launched efforts to rebuild Southwest with the proclamation: "We open session in 1913." Often termed the savior of Southwest Baptist, the first issue of the *Mozarkian* was respectfully dedicated to him. While the nation held its breath with news of war in Europe and fears of influenza outbreaks continued, Fisher and his friends rebuilt. By 1920, the College Department had only a small number of students.

When you think of Pike Auditorium, do you think of John Calvin Pike? He led SWBC through almost a third of the twentieth century. Some members of our audience knew him as professor, dean or president. Pike studied with Maupin and Ingman. As a teacher, he never let even the smallest error go uncorrected. One of his favorite themes was "Waste is

wicked." Reportedly, when a blank piece of paper was found on the floor, some scholar would pounce on it and exclaim: "Waste is wicked!"

If we picture the survival of Southwest during depression years and following, we quickly supply the name of Courts Redford (*pictured under this story*). Known for his ability to gather dollars and make friends far and wide, his sermons accompanied by musical groups brought critical support for Southwest. The leadership dreams of Redford were passed on to devoted trustees, faculty and administrators with names including Dowdy, Craig, Sells, Spurgeon, Blunt, and our Dr. Taylor. The list of professors grew from the first group of seven to later add names such as Weaver, Beasley, Hamlett, Tucker, Stewart, Clark and hundreds more. Today's faculty join the ranks of a great legacy.

With the strengths of those who have led us as our models, what qualities should we identify and imitate on Founders' Day of 2007? Can we delineate affirmations that stand the tests of time?

First, we can affirm our founders' commitment to optimism that they consistently blended with genuine faith. We must agree that President Maupin exhibited great courage in even advertising the new school and its location: The first catalog proudly read: "It (Bolivar) is accessible, though having no railroad, yet is connected with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad at Springfield by daily stage, both ways." By 1925, students were urged to travel by rail to Fair Play and told to take a short auto trip over to Bolivar and Southwest Baptist.

Next, we remember the sense of pride that was consistently blended with high expectations by our founders. Upon completion of the first building, Maupin declared: "A commodious and beautiful brick edifice is now complete in all its parts. It contains seven large recitation rooms and a chapel with seating capacity of six hundred. It is regarded among the very best in the Southwest."

High expectations were declared for early students as well. The first regulations declared: "Students must attend all recitations," and "disrespect from teachers will not be tolerated."

In 2007, we can rightfully emulate the dedication exhibited by early graduates. Among the scores of educators, business leaders and denominational examples are the records of Emma Young. A graduate of 1883, Emma was appointed to serve in China by the Southern Baptist Convention Mission Board. After months at sea, she served as an administrator for a school, and as a scholar, she translated Bunyan.

Significantly, one of the first graduates of SWBC was R. K. Maiden, one the founders of *The Word and Way*. He was a faithful editor and served Missouri Baptists for many years.

Today, we can certainly derive new and heart-felt inspiration from the faith our founders expressed that was often expressed with deep commitment. Such a faith was repeatedly underscored by J. C. Pike with William Cullen Bryant's poem as a basis: Pike noted that life is a certain flight from birth to death, and there is nothing uncertain about it. It is all in God's plan.

Finally, we can resolve to love our university today as the founders so clearly loved it. President Maupin once voiced the deepest devotion to Southwest when he declared that he would rather the Ozark winds sing their sad requiem over his grave than for the Southwest Baptist College to fail.

In the nineteenth century, the gifted orator and statesman Daniel Webster was asked to defend the charter of Dartmouth College. The case went to the Supreme Court. In his closing remarks for the college, Webster engaged in his best logical-emotional appeal in describing his respect for the school: "It is, sir," he said, "a small college. And yet there are those who love it."

On this Founders' Day, 2007, our love and devotion for Southwest Baptist University remain firm as we remember and treasure the dedication, faith, and commitment of our founders. Remembering them, we still imitate their faith.

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BEARCAT Sports Report

2007 SBU MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Meet / Location
9/7	Central Missouri Mule Run Warrensburg, MO
9/15	Missouri Southern Stampede Joplin, MO
9/29	Oklahoma State Jamboree Stillwater, OK
10/6	Southern Illinois Border Wars Edwardsville, IL
10/20	MIAA Championships Truman State / Kirksville, MO
11/3	NCAA Regionals
11/17	Missouri Southern / Joplin, MO NCAA Nationals Missouri Southern / Joplin, MO

JARRED SCHUMPERT

2007 SBU BEARCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	at Harding	6:00 p.m.
9/8	at Southeast Missouri State	6:00 p.m.
9/15	at Emporia State *	1:00 p.m.
9/22	Missouri Southern *	6:00 p.m.
9/29	at NW Missouri State *	6:00 p.m.
10/6	Truman State* (HC)	2:00 p.m.
10/13	at Missouri Western *	1:30 p.m.
10/20	Pittsburg State *	1:30 p.m.
10/27	Central Missouri *	1:30 p.m.
11/3	at Fort Hays State *	1:30 p.m.
11/10	Washburn *	1:30 p.m.

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game
 Home games in **BOLD**

2007 SBU LADY BEARCAT VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/24	MO Southern Tournament (Central Oklahoma, Angelo State)	2:00, 7:00
8/25	MO Southern Tournament (Drury, MO-St.Louis)	12:00, 5:00
8/31-9/1	Texas Women's Tourney (Denton, TX)	TBA
9/5	at Pittsburg State *	7:00
9/7	NW Missouri St. Tournament (Texas A&M International, Augustana)	11:00, 3:00
9/8	NW Missouri St. Tournament (South Dakota, Kansas Newman)	9:00, 1:00
9/12	at Northwest Missouri State *	7:00
9/14	at Central Missouri *	7:00
9/15	at Missouri Rolla	6:00
9/19	at Drury	7:00
9/21	Truman *	7:00
9/22	Missouri Western *	11:00
9/25	at Rockhurst	7:00
9/29	at Missouri Southern *	TBA
10/2	at Emporia State *	7:00
10/5	Pittsburg State	7:00
10/9	Fort Hays State	7:00
10/12	West Florida	7:00
10/13	Washburn *	TBA
10/16	Northwest Missouri State *	7:00
10/18	Central Missouri *	7:00
10/24	Drury	7:00
10/26	at Truman *	7:00
10/27	at Missouri Western *	7:00
11/2	at Washburn *	7:00
11/10	MIAA Tournament	TBA

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game
 Home games in **BOLD**

2007 SBU LADY BEARCAT SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
8/24	at Texas Woman's Univ. (Dallas)	2:00
8/25	at Texas A&M-Commerce	12:00
8/31	Missouri Southern *	5:00
9/7	at Central Oklahoma	4:00
9/8	at Midwestern State	4:00
9/14	Northwest Missouri State *	4:00
9/15	Truman State *	4:00
9/21	Missouri Western *	4:00
9/22	Central Missouri *	4:00
9/27	at Washburn *	7:00
9/28	at Emporia State *	7:00
10/2	at Drury	7:30
10/5	at Missouri Southern *	7:00
10/12	at Central Missouri *	7:00
10/13	at Missouri Western *	7:00
10/19	at Truman State *	2:00
10/20	at Northwest Missouri State *	2:00
10/26	Emporia State *	4:00
10/27	Washburn *	4:00
11/3	MIAA Tournament (Opening Round)	
11/4	MIAA Tournament (Final)	
11/5	NCAA Tournament Selection	

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game
 Home games in **BOLD**

BEARCAT Sports Report

By Mike Pitts '85

Brad Mountjoy baseball

There is no other sound quite like it in all of sports. It's a little like the 'ping' of a well hit golf ball by a titanium driver, but louder. And with more resonance. This sound is deeper. And maybe longer. It's the sound of an aluminum bat crushing a fast ball. It's the kind of sound that immediately makes you look up from your conversation to begin scanning the field, trying to find the ascent of the ball. And if this is happening to you at an SBU Bearcat game, chances are, the hitter is Brad Mountjoy.

Mountjoy's hits just sound different. Nobody knows this better than opposing pitchers. Mountjoy knocked them around this season for a .378 average, 68 hits, 8 homers, and a whopping .606 slugging percentage. Near the end of the season, after hitting five home runs in six days, he was selected as the MIAA Hitter of the Week. Mountjoy was also selected as a first-team member of the All-MIAA baseball team.

"He plays with passion and puts his heart into it," says Coach Sam Berg. "He has defensive skills that don't always show up in the box score. Brad closes well on shots to the outfield. And he's a strong Christian with great character. He represents SBU very well. We're looking to Brad to be one of our key leaders next year."

Mountjoy believes, with all his heart, that God brought him to SBU to prepare him for something bigger than college baseball. "God brought me here to teach me that there is more to life than playing baseball. My dream is to play pro ball. I believe my time here at SBU is the first step toward that dream. The team didn't do as well as I'd liked, but I've learned to play as well as I can, no matter what is going on around me."

Obviously, Mountjoy is a focused athlete. As he steps into the on deck circle, he has a particular routine. He looks at the same place on the field. He takes the same practice swings. He ignores the crowd. He's just focused.

"I go up to the plate with confidence, knowing that I can hit anyone I face. I step into the box, and see the pitcher – nobody else. I'm so locked in that I see every move the pitcher makes. It gets me ready to stay back on any pitch that he delivers. I'm patient to see my pitch, but I know he wants to get ahead in the count, so I'll look for a good pitch early. But even if he gets ahead, I'll sit and drive the ball where it's pitched."

Mountjoy has both elements required for greatness: (1) God-given talent and, (2) an incredibly strong work ethic. Coach Berg agrees.

"Lots of guys love to play. But Brad is a baseball player."



Brad Nipper golf

Brad Nipper wants you to know that he loves chicken sandwiches and waffle cut fries. That he enjoyed going to the Mall of America in Minnesota; and that on April 10 he won the Kansas City Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at the Swope Memorial Golf Course.

"Going into the last hole, I was two under for the day and I knew that I was leading by two strokes. I hit my tee shot left of the fairway into a group of trees. I didn't have a shot at the green, so I just chipped the ball into the fairway, knowing I only needed to make bogey to win."

The previous day, Nipper had carded a 67 to lead the field by three strokes. But today, Central's Justin Yoder was challenging Nipper for the lead. Nipper knew the score, and just what he had to do.

"I was in the middle of the fairway about 100 yards out. All I needed to do was hit the green, then 'two putt' for the win. I aimed for the middle of the green, and that's exactly where I hit it. I was 20 feet away from the hole. I lagged my putt a foot away, then tapped in for the win."

Nipper's win didn't catch SBU golf coach, Kevin Cribbs, by surprise. "Brad has been consistent all year for us. Very solid. He came back from a disappointing match to win this one. We were thrilled to see him at the top."

Nipper chose SBU, because he wanted to play golf for the Bearcats. So it was a particularly happy occasion for him, as he celebrated his victory.

"Winning my first college tournament felt great. What made it even better – my parents and grandparents were there to see it."





McKenzie Mortimer softball

“**A**nd she’s just a freshman.” That five-word phrase usually emerges in conversations about McKenzie Mortimer, a freshman on the Lady Bearcat softball team. And no wonder. In her first season, she led the Lady ‘Cats in seven offensive categories.

Mortimer chose SBU because of the “great atmosphere” and so she could be close to her home in Pleasant Hope, Mo. In early May, she was picked as an honorable mention selection to the All-MIAA softball team.

Her favorite moment of the season was hitting a home run in her first game back, after missing a stretch with a broken ankle. She had never hit an “out of the park” home run, until this year.

Head Coach Christy Capner is quick to point out that “McKenzie led our team in six or seven categories this season. That’s just great for a freshman. And her RBIs would have been higher if we could have had more runners in scoring position during the season. I’m happy she was recognized. She carried us offensively this season, and we look for more great things from her next season.”

The categories? Despite missing part of the season with her broken ankle, she led the Lady Bearcats in batting average (.318), runs (15), triples (2), home runs (5), total bases (51), slugging percentage (.600), and on base percentage (.341).

And she’s only a freshman.

Jolee Cook tennis

This year, Jolee Cook received an early acceptance into SBU’s doctoral program in physical therapy. It was the “academic” part of SBU that helped draw Cook to Bolivar and play tennis for the Lady Bearcats.

“I’m excited, it’s a little bit more of my future that I’m a little more certain about. I was looking for a strong academic school. I’ve always thought a lot of Coach Bryant – I really wanted to play for him. My sister was already here. I actually never did an on-campus visit. I didn’t have to. There were enough positive factors in place for me to know that SBU was the place for me.”

Cook’s teammate and roommate, Johanna Olsson, says that Cook is a “team player” with great individual skills. “She hit the ball really well this year. I remember when she played Drury’s #1 (Alejandra Miranda-Sanchez). Jolee ended up losing a close battle (7-6, 6-3), but she played some great tennis against a great player that day.”

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T. Jay Sanderson cross country/track

SBU Athletic Director, Brent Good, said it best. “In the recruiting process, there are so many unknowns. You see the potential of a student-athlete, but it’s up to them to realize their potential. But every so often, it happens. A student-athlete comes through your school, who is the epitome of what you’re all about. They seem to excel in all areas: athletically, academically, relationally, and spiritually. He becomes the bar by which other student-athletes are measured.”

T. Jay Sanderson is that student-athlete.

Most athletes would trade their career accomplishments for one year of Sanderson’s. During this year alone, he was MIAA Athlete of the week seven times. He was All-American in the mile. Sanderson won the 800 meters at the Arkansas Invitational and the mile at the Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville), primarily against Division I competition. Not only did he set school records in the 5000-meter run and the 3000-meter steeplechase, he is an NCAA Division II Championships qualifier in both. In cross country, he helped SBU to their highest ranking (#10 nationally) for NCAA Division II.

But when you hear Sanderson talk about his time at SBU, you quickly

understand that his athletic accomplishments, although important, are just part of his worldview.

“During my time at SBU I have been truly blessed. I was really given a chance to attain my goals and desires, including my spiritual, educational, and athletic pursuits. The faculty and staff were always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty for their students and athletes.”

“I’ve really been able to stretch myself at SBU and test the waters of what God had in store for me while in college. First off, He’s blessed me with a godly wife that compliments me very well and has been the biggest answer to prayer. And academically and athletically He’s really done the same. I was very fortunate to be able to pursue a degree in education and compete in cross country and track at the same time. Again, I feel so blessed to have received my degree in education and been able to excel in running as well. It’s been a great experience to run at the Division II level and be successful in both track and cross country - advancing to compete at nationals six different seasons.”

“I feel as though my time at SBU has really prepared me for future endeavors and I don’t regret a single moment I’ve had here.”

Cook remembers this match in much the same way. "That match was fun to play. It was an awesome match. I was exhausted – but I thought – this is what I wanted college tennis to be about – the competition."

Cook is only the second freshman to play in the #1 position in the history of SBU. But knowing, up front, that she would be playing #1 or #2 for the Lady 'Cats didn't intimidate her.

Growing up, playing tennis all my life, it sort of prepared me for it (playing #1). I accepted the challenge. I love competing at

the highest level I can compete at. I knew that I could get better matches playing #1 or #2, so I was excited."

Cook really enjoyed her first season at SBU. She especially was fond of the times with her teammates, traveling to matches. "We all really get along well together," says Cook. "There is no drama on our team. No jealousy. We encourage each other, help each other, and offer advice. Everyone has been so caring and interested in each other's progress. It's just been great."

This summer Cook plans to work more "off court" by running and working with weights. She feels that if she can "become stronger physically," it will translate into a "stronger mental game" for her. For exercise, she will run a few miles or play basketball to clear her head.

Her advice to younger players? "Keep training hard and don't ever be satisfied with where you're at – You can always be better. There is always another level."



Jennifer Gillespie track and field

On Thursday, May 10, the SBU track team traveled to Joplin, Mo., to participate in the Linebacker Invitational Last Chance meet hosted by Missouri Southern State University. Eleven SBU athletes made the trip, hoping to qualify for nationals.

One of the athletes, Jennifer Gillespie, clocked a 1:02.60 in the women's 400-meter low hurdles. A 1:03.30 was needed to qualify provisionally. Gillespie's race moved her to #19 on the national list. Ultimately, Gillespie missed the nationals by only two positions. But the race in Joplin stands out in her mind as one of the great highlights of her freshman year.

"After the race, I didn't feel like my time was very good at all," said Gillespie. "I wasn't leaning over. I wasn't breathing very hard. I just knew my time would be slow. But I did better than I thought."

SBU's track coach, Corey McElhane '06, believes Gillespie leads by example. "Jennifer is a true example of a leader. She stays late after practice to work on hurdles. She never complains and does her best, even in the

worst conditions. She supports all the other athletes on the team and she's very humble when God blesses her with success. Just this weekend, Jennifer ran a national qualifying time in the rain with one other competitor in the race. I truly believe that she is driven by a passion for the sport and a determination to run at the national level. She is a true freshman that has a bright future ahead of her. I am very happy to be able to say that I'm one of her coaches."

Gillespie's favorite moment came at the Emporia State D-II Challenge, when her team ran a 3:58 in the 4x4.

"Work hard and concentrate," Gillespie tells younger athletes. "Get into good habits. Because once you break good habits, they're hard to get back on track."

Not only is Gillespie a freshman, this is the first year she has ever tried hurdles. "Learning the hurdles was a new challenge. That's why I stay after practice – it was learning something new."

When asked if hurdles were her favorite event, Gillespie smiled.

"They are now!"



Alex Kacamakis tennis

On May 9, Alex Kacamakis was recognized nationally as the 2007 Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Rookie of the Year for Division II. "People started saying 'Good job Alex' and 'Congratulations!' I felt really proud," says Kacamakis.

And he should have felt proud. Winning the national Rookie of the Year is a great honor for the player from Budapest. As SBU Tennis Coach, John Bryant, described the evening, he offered some information about the award itself.

"Each region has its own Rookie of the Year. And we don't know even the regional winners until the night of the national

banquet. Since Alex was the co-MVP of the entire league, I had a good idea he would be our regional winner. In fact, I would have been disappointed if he hadn't been selected as Rookie of the Year for the North Central region."

"And he was picked. One by one, they asked all eight regional winners to stand. Then as they are all standing, they announce who is the national Rookie of the Year. And this year, it was SBU's Alex Kacamakis."

"At that moment," Bryant continued, "I noticed that the Northwest Missouri State and Emporia State tables exploded with applause. They were delighted, as we all were,

that someone from our region had received such a high national honor."

Kacamakis favorite part of the season, however, isn't the night he was awarded. When asked to pick one moment, as his favorite, he picked a team accomplishment instead of an individual accomplishment.

"My favorite moment is when we went to Joplin and defeated Washburn. They were undefeated before we played them. It was a great day for our team."

Kacamakis is only the second freshman to play in the #1 position in the history of SBU.

Leaving a Legacy

First Four-Year Graduates Celebrate Forty Years

Forty years ago, 100 students became the first four-year class to graduate from Southwest Baptist College (SWBC). Little did they know their accomplishments have left a legacy that lives on today.

Until 1967, SWBC served as a two-year junior college. When Dr. Joe Dillsaver, a professor at Northwestern State University in Oklahoma, came to SWBC in 1963, he had no intention of staying more than two years.

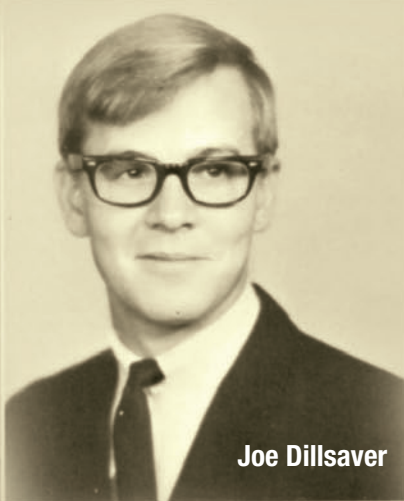
"[SWBC] laid a foundation for me morally which still impacts my life every day," said Dr. Dillsaver. "I was simply at the right place at the right time. I needed a place like Southwest that would nurture me. I had not intended to stay since it was only a junior college at that time, but it fit. It gave me a solid foundation from which my whole life has come."

According to Dr. Dillsaver, many of the first graduates went on to accomplish great things. Some serve as attorneys, teachers, basketball coaches, superintendents, missionaries, pastors, and one graduate worked in the secret service. Because 2007 marks the forty year reunion for the class of 1967, Dr. Dillsaver hopes that many will come back to SBU this fall for Homecoming.

"One of the things we are striving to do is reconnect with the good things that happened while we were [at SWBC]," said Dr. Dillsaver.

When asked what SWBC was like when he was a student, Dr. Dillsaver said it was much different than it is now.

"Everything was new," said Dr. Dillsaver. "It was kind of a testing time. It was all that way. The faculty and students were all involved in something for the first time. We went to Chapel four days a week and it was pretty bad at times. Every pastor gave their previous Sunday speech. Once we had a chicken farmer from Clinton [speak.]"



Joe Dillsaver

Chapel was not the only thing different at SWBC in the '60s. Residence life was different also.

"During our junior year, four students and I became the first students to ever live off-campus," said Dr. Dillsaver. "I think the only reason we were allowed was because there was a professor that lived next door."

During his time at SWBC, Dr. Dillsaver was involved in the speech and debate team, a group that today has won many awards, including a national championship. (See pages 16-19 of this magazine for a feature on the SBU "Legacy of Excellence" in forensics.)

"In some ways, we were the foundation class," said Dr. Dillsaver. "We started it. We stayed at Southwest and began the whole tradition of a four-year institution. A lot of us look back with a smile knowing that we were the first. The ones that came after us saw that we were successful; they continued on and passed it down."

Dr. Dillsaver said the things he learned at SWBC have carried on with him throughout his life. He encourages students that there is only one way to live your life.

"I had been teaching at Oral Roberts for three years when I decided to leave," said Dr. Dillsaver. "I took a job at Northwestern and shortly after was offered a job at a major university. When I did not get that job, I had no idea what God wanted me to do. Then I heard three words - 'I will provide.' The bottom line is when you're struggling with anything, if you remember these three words, then it will be okay. In the past twenty years, this has made a world of difference in my life."

Editor's note: If you were a member of the first four-year class of 1967, please mark your calendars to attend your 40th reunion during Homecoming 2007: There's No Place Like Home, October 5-6. For details, see www.sbuniv.edu/alumni.

by Jessica Oliver, Class of 2008 • Photo courtesy of 1967 Mozarkian yearbook

SBU, A Family Tradition for the McGlaughlins

In these times of constant change, long-held family traditions seem increasingly rare. The ranks of Southwest Baptist University alumni include many wonderful families; however, the McGlaughlin family stands out from the rest. In their forty-six years of marriage, Doug and Janet McGlaughlin, along with the six McGlaughlin children and their respective spouses, have had a collective forty-three year presence on campus at SBU. Now grown, the McGlaughlin children and their spouses include: John '86 and Sherry (Edwards) '86, Deb (McGlaughlin) '85 and Brad Mashburn '83, James '88 and Rhonda (Carlson) '89, Deanna (McGlaughlin) '93 and Travis Miller '95, Jesse '96 and Alicia (Hamilton), Dorothea (McGlaughlin) '97 and Jason Lee '95.

Doug and Janet began the family's legacy in 1953 when Southwest Baptist University was still a two-year school known as Southwest Baptist College. When Janet came to campus as a sixteen year old freshman, tuition was a mere \$400 per semester. Doug and Janet met as students, soon began enjoying the long walks to Dunnegan Park together and later married. Janet said, "I thought I didn't want to marry a preacher, but I did!"

Five of the McGlaughlin's six children met their spouses at SBU. Even Jesse's wife, Alicia, who completed her education elsewhere, did not completely escape the SBU experience. As a high school student, Alicia completed a lifeguard course on campus. Many of the siblings agreed that having brothers and sisters on campus provided a unique experience. Deb recalled relying on her older brother during her first days on campus, "As a freshman coming to SBU, John was the only person I knew, and he had the car. We would go to church together, and we often met for meals. John's friends became my friends. I met my husband [Brad] through John. Brad was John's roommate that year." John also recalled Deb and Brad's courtship from his own perspective, "My roommate, Brad Mashburn, married my sister and then 'kicked me out' of his trailer. It was fun going to school with my brother and sister because their friends were my friends and vice versa." Jesse and younger sister, Dorothea shared a similar experience. "I was excited when she [Dorothea] decided to date and marry one of my best friends, Jason Lee," Jesse said. Dorothea added that, "It was nice having an older brother at SBU at the same time I attended. [He was] someone to watch out for me and loan me twenty bucks! He often loaned me the car for late night outings with my friends. We also hung out together and shared friends. He actually introduced me to my husband, Jason!"

In addition to providing match-making services, the siblings supported one another in other ways. Jesse credited Deanna for



Brad & Deb Mashburn & family



John & Sherry McGlaughlin & family



Jason & Dorothea Lee & family

keeping him "out of trouble" and added, "Plus, she took great notes when we took courses together." Deanna said, "I was often running around campus turning in my younger brother, Jesse's assignments or looking for my car that he had borrowed the night before. However, I wouldn't trade how much closer we grew or the friends we made together, although I could do without being called "Jesse's sister" now and then!"

"At school, we had mostly separate groups of friends, but it was great to have a free ride home when I needed it," James said.

At a time when putting one child through college is daunting enough, the idea of having six children at a private university will strike fear in the hearts of even the most prepared parents. Doug and Janet worked hard during their time as students, and their children followed in their footsteps. Janet remembered working in the dining hall as assistant waitress chief during her years at SWBC. "I worked summers, did work study, had a scholarship and borrowed with my dad's help. I owed about \$350 after two years, and thought I was deeply in debt."

Doug also spent many hours in the dining hall in the days before automated dishwashing systems. He said, "I stacked dishes in cupboards after other had washed and dried them. I got \$45 a semester for doing that three times each day." Janet suggested that this hard work approach to paying for higher education is one that continues to apply, "I think a lot of kids should consider working as they go through instead of accruing such a high indebtedness. The discipline of using your time wisely is a life skill that should be learned early."

Doug added that students should "put a quality education over cost." Janet agreed saying that students must "consider the importance of Christian friends, mission opportunities, revival teams, more personal help and encouragement from faculty, social activities and sports with less pressure to follow the

wrong crowd." She said, "I felt much less apprehensive about letting the kids take off for college when they had siblings or other friends already there." Following their parents' example, the McGlaughlin children held many jobs on and off campus. Jesse said, "I WORKED everywhere and anywhere I could." Deb remembered her father saying, "You can go to school anywhere you want, but your money is going to SBU."

The McGlaughlin family has embodied the SBU mission statement: "Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant-leaders in a global society." Creating their own unique legacy of excellence, this family has multiplied the investment made by SBU faculty, staff and students.

After years of serving on the mission field with the Baptist General Conference in Senegal and The Gambia, Brad and Deb (McGlaughlin) Mashburn are enjoying a time of furlough before returning to Senegal this August or September. Younger sister, Dorothea and her husband Jason Lee are also preparing to leave for Senegal sometime this summer to work with the International Mission Board. Dorothea shared, "The most important thing I did at SBU was to become involved in short-term mission trips. God began to open up my eyes to expand my world view. I began my search to join God in His work during my time at SBU through mission trips, music tours and godly, Christian professors like Susan Baker and Dr. Gordon Dutile."

James echoed these sentiments saying that a mission trip to Gainesville, Florida

"opened my eyes to thinking about how I could participate in missions." Jesse said, "The character of the people and faculty I met at SBU as well as supportive opportunities such as Revival Teams and "Ministers in Education" Sundays gave me experiences that were invaluable as I have served as youth pastor and attempt to live out the

great commission in my life today. While some have been called to full-time Christian service, others have become Christian examples in other arenas serving as teachers, professors, president of the local PTA, godly mothers, and even as a computer systems analyst.

Doug said that his children have "blessed us many times over by their commitment to Christ." He went on to say, "We tried to raise them from their beginnings to live responsibly at all times. We believed we need to love our children, and then raise them so that others will love them. They not only needed to know not to abuse person or property, but to protect others' person and property, and above all, to honor God by being obedient to Him in their lives." With a third generation of McGlaughlins on the horizon and some beginning their own college experience soon, it seems that this mission has been accomplished even as the legacy continues.



The entire McGlaughlin family at Jesse and Alicia's wedding



James & Rhonda McGlaughlin & family

During his/her time at SBU, a McGlaughlin was...

- Outstanding Church Music Major (Dorothea)
- Voted Mr. Southwest (Jesse)
- Outstanding Computer Science Student (James)
- On the cross country team (Deb)
- Voted Freshman Mozarkian Prince (Jesse)
- Awarded the Life Beautiful Award (Sherry Edwards McGlaughlin)
- Voted "Most Athletic Girl" (Janet)
- Voted "Most Humorous Boy" (Doug)
- Music Assistant at FBC – Bolivar (Dorothea)
- Seasonal help at Windermere Baptist Assembly (all siblings)
- Employed as a dorm resident assistant (most siblings)
- Lab Assistant (James)
- Redford School office assistant (Deb)
- Safety Monitor (Jesse)
- Algebra lab teaching assistant (John)
- Chemistry lab instructor (Deb – post-graduation)

SBU Grads in the District: Work, Work, Work in the Nation's Capital

Approximately ninety Southwest Baptist University alumni live and work in the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The emphasis in the nation's capital area is always on work. Though the area affords tremendous cultural resources and many of the country's national treasurers (not the least of which is the nation's other statue of Simon Bolivar), people come to the District to work. Politicians, national news and some of the nation's worst traffic problems may grab the headlines from this bustling city, but the pulse of the city is powered by employees of government agencies, government contractors, the military and high tech industries.

One local SBU graduate is Marsha Powell who graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Music in music education degree. Originally, Powell came to the national capital area (by way of Dallas) to teach. She now works at the Federal Aviation Administration as a program analyst administering maintenance contracts for air traffic control equipment. Powell is also employed part time

events. When asked how SBU prepared her for life, Powell stated, "The excellent academics and nurturing spiritual environment were the exact combination of what I needed. When I look back now at my undergrad education, I see how much of a growing experience it was for me. It was a time for God to show Himself as my provider. I was on my own with little help from my family financially and emotionally. I had no choice but to trust God to show me the way to provide for me in every area of my life. How great is our God! I've been here in the Washington area sixteen years and now I'm financially stable and my church is my family. I have recently attained a Master's degree in Aeronautical Science."

Marjorie Northington, (better known in her college years as one of the Dean twins) has lived in the national capital area for twenty-three years. Her husband, Bob, is from nearby Baltimore. As she looked back on her SBU experience she shared, "I loved my Bible and Baptist history classes and would not

exchange them for anything." Marjorie graduated in 1973 with a degree in sociology and Christianity. Currently she substitute teaches in the public schools. She wrote, "I love being involved with the kids. Many of them I have known since kindergarten and it has been interesting following them to graduation. I am appreciative that I have been able to be an open witness [for Christ] in the public schools."

Jackie Puckett, a 1983 graduate, grew up on the Maryland side of Washington D.C. She chose SBU because of the new and innovative degree in Church Recreation. After graduation,

she returned to the D.C. area. Puckett shared that her undergraduate work gave her a tremendous foundation to be an effective children and youth volunteer at her church. Prior to her SBU experience, she had worked in the telecommunication field and now is employed in Networking/Telecommunications with the National Security Agency. Puckett loves recalling some of the fun experiences from SBU: camping out in Dungen Park in pouring down rain, t-ping a house, back packing with the Church Rec majors, and Muirhead Hall. "Life at SBU was great!"

This author was a 1975 speech major, and came to the greater Washington area in 1998 to become associate pastor of a multi-ethnic church in Alexandria, Va. I moved from Crystal City, Mo., which is 98% white to a school district where 65% of my son's classmates didn't speak English at home. Sometimes I pinch myself to think, after growing up in small towns in Missouri, that I live on the edge of our nation's capital. As I look back on my experience at SBU, theater productions helped me develop confidence. My experiences at Southwest also broadened my view of the world. One of my special memories since living here was officiating the wedding for Shun Zhang, SBU class of 1999. We have had several SBU alumni gatherings since living here and they have always been great fun.

Many SBU grads have come and gone from the national capital area. Career military professionals almost always have a tour that takes them to the Pentagon or to one of the numerous military bases or agencies. Students and young adults come and go working as interns on Capital Hill. When you think of Washington D.C., remember the White House, Capital Hill, the monuments, the museums, and the numerous SBU grads who live and work in this great city.



Jerry Frazier with members of his youth group

at Immanuel Bible Church, one of the larger evangelical churches in northern Virginia, as music librarian and director of a women's ensemble. In addition, she serves on the women's ministries board and serves as music director for special

(Left)
Stephanie
with John
Glenn. (Right)
Stephanie
at the NASA
Vehicle
Assembly
Building



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I've been asked to share a few life impressions with SBU. I am in the midst of my sixth month at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington, D.C., where I live in a furnished studio sublet in Adam's Morgan and work during the week. I commute to my husband Brandon on Manhattan's Upper West Side for the weekends. He is earning his master's degree in cinema studies from New York University and spends the rest of his time as a film critic.

My short time at NASA has been far from dull. In my first week, one of the main instruments on the Hubble Space Telescope broke. In my second week, I got to meet John Glenn. In my third week, we released the budget for 2008, and prepared for it to be the story. Instead, we responded to queries about astronaut Lisa Nowak, accused of attempted first-degree murder. In April, we experienced a tragic murder-suicide at the Johnson Space Center. In June, we got back to the business of launching space shuttles with the successful STS-117 mission.

Moving from a small nonprofit of 40 employees where I WAS the communications department to a large government bureaucracy where our department is more than 40 is quite a transition. But to the best I can tell, I have joined an outstanding team.

Many of our public affairs officers are embedded directly in departments such as Space Operations and Science, but I work in the newsroom. My cube neighbor David and I edit and issue all the press releases (an average of five each day). We answer and direct media calls. We anticipate three more space shuttle launches this year (August, October and December) and several science launches, which should keep us plenty busy. We also will be working on a year-long communications plan for NASA's 50th anniversary in October 2008. Recently, I served as press secretary to Deputy Administrator Shana Dale on a trip to Colorado and Arizona.

When I have not been busy in the newsroom, I have been navigating my way through the bureaucracy. Thankfully, I have help: David has worked here 15 years and is a scholar of the bureaucracy. He's also very funny, which helps immensely when faced with stacks of forms. Perspective also helps. Spaceflight is the most technologically advanced thing we do as a nation – and as humans – and it is both sobering and thrilling to know I work here.

So how did I get here?

class for the internship that led to my first post-college job.

After SBU, I returned to Colorado to work for the Space Foundation, where I had interned. Ultimately, I became its director of communications, for which my SBU education, particularly classes with Dr. Brett Miller, prepared me well. In that position, I worked closely with NASA and many Fortune 500 companies in the aerospace industry. When NASA asked me to apply for a job at its Washington headquarters, I

Working in the District Living in the Big Apple Portrait of an SBU Grad Stephanie Schierholz Fibbs '01

I grew up in Colorado Springs, Colo.; I'm actually a rare native of the state. I decided to attend SBU largely because it fit my needs and desires: a smaller university where I could know my professors, the opportunity to study abroad (a life-changing experience) and to play NCAA women's soccer, and enough scholarships that I could earn a degree without incurring massive debt.

I found SBU through a college fair. I joined about 20 other prospective students from the West for an SBU-hosted weekend bus trip. We stayed in the dorms, ate in the cafeteria, toured the campus, and even took a field trip to Springfield to visit Bass Pro and go "barn swinging."

I earned two degrees at SBU: English and Business Administration, with a concentration in Public Affairs. Having both has given me an edge in public affairs. The most valuable way in which SBU prepared me was the interaction and mentor relationships I formed with several professors. I still stay in touch with several. And those professors were supportive when I missed

jumped at the opportunity. I have been very lucky to see three space shuttle launches, and I am well on my way to becoming a bona fide space geek.

I really appreciate living in cities with as many cultural opportunities as New York and Washington, from the museums to the Broadway shows to the monuments and Central Park. Washington routinely is voted one of the best cities for young professionals. It is full of young, intelligent, career-oriented individuals who provide an environment in which you can thrive and make great friends. And sometimes, when you have a friend at the British Embassy, you get to see Queen Elizabeth II when she comes to town.

I hope all my SBU friends are doing well and having as much fun as I am. If you are coming to either city or would just like to reconnect, please e-mail me at slfibbs@yahoo.com.

Cheers,
Stephanie



1973 team:
(left to right)
Tim Triplet, Bill
Wallace, Clyde
Elder, Carl
Camden, Sam
Dyle, Gordon
Upchurch

by Sharina Smith

At the United States Military Academy at West Point, first-year students soon learn they are being trained for the legacy of excellence known as the “long gray line” of West Point graduates. At SBU, speech and debate students on the Pi Kappa Delta forensics team soon learn that they, too, are part of a legacy of excellence, but at SBU, they are part of the “long green line” that has produced ten national championship teams and scores of individual accomplishments.

Pi Kappa Delta A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



Above, 2006-07 team with Dr. Bob Derryberry, Dr. Josh Compton and Dr. C. Pat Taylor. Right, a copy of the original Pi Kappa Delta charter from 1969.



Being Green

Dr. Bob R. Derryberry, senior professor of communication arts and director of the SBU speech and debate team, explains “being green” at SBU: “Being green is a means of coaching that keeps us organized with 10-50 team events. We have a poster board with all the names of the competitors listed under their events. If you achieve in practice session a highlighting of your name in green, you are ready in our eyes to compete. If you are not highlighted in green, you’re not ready whether a freshman or a senior.”

Dr. Josh Compton ‘97, assistant professor and department chair of communication arts, added, “A green marker is taken to every tournament.”

“Sometimes we are still listening to events in the hotel room and the students are sheepish, because this is an academic embarrassment.” Dr. Derryberry said. “Ideally everyone is green by the time they get on the bus.

“There are actually different levels of being green: September green is different than Christmas green. Some are almost green, some pale green. They like marking themselves when we tell them they are green. Our co[extra]-curricular forensics program is not divorced from academic control. The students go to classes and demonstrate their speeches for me and to other classes and stand for criticism.”

“Forensics students definitely learn about the art of taking criticism,” said Dr. Compton, himself a product of the forensics team discipline at SBU.

In an era where “forensics” is more often associated with crime-solving shows and not with the communication arts,

Dr. Derryberry explained the PKD organization and the art of forensics:

“Forensics means to ‘determine the truth’ by investigation. We want the best idea to prevail in academics. In this sense, forensics is ‘the art of persuasion beautiful and just.’ Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) is a national organization and is the largest forensics honor-

ary. PKD has over 200 chapters in the United States and it also is the oldest forensics organization. PKD’s goal is to promote forensics. We have been members for over 40 years. The SWBC speech and debate program began in 1963-64. We entered our first PKD competition in 1968. The PKD organization was hard to get into in those days. By the way, the new president of PKD, Tom Huebner ‘87, is a graduate of our forensics program.”

When asked how one teaches the “text-message” generation to think deeply and analytically in pursuit of truth, Dr. Compton said, “Our focus is idea over style no matter the electronic device. We do see students wanting to memorize the rough draft rather than developing the idea.”

Dr. Derryberry said, “Technology can be a short cut to writing and speaking well.”

“We are teaching occasion and audience, too” said Dr. Compton. “The forensics tournaments require weeks of preparation and then endurance to face one to three, sometimes even five days of competitive events, poetry reading, rhetoric, memorized forms, debate -- if you’re

willing to put in the hours they can be competitive. PKD team members must attend meetings as a group as well as individual sessions. They put in an average of 5-10 hours a week practicing, preparing, and meeting as a team and researching. The typical student takes three to four events and they have three to four rounds; most have an hour of memorized material.”

Dr. Derryberry said he and Dr. Compton “are always at every event. PKD tournaments take a lot of energy and patience from students and coaches. We try to go to at least eight tournaments per year. The bad weather hit us hard this year.”

Memorable Tournament Experiences

Dr. Compton recalled that while he was a student at SBU there was a 17-year old student who was married with an infant son. “He was a music major from Colorado and took the main intro class, a first-year public speaking class. He thought he would like to try forensics. He and his wife would hand off their baby son in the parking lot before tournaments and he ended up being one of our best competitors. The grandmother moved here to take care of their baby when they both went to school here. He went to law school and now works for the Justice Department in D.C. He was my best friend on my team. I was his best man in his wedding.

“As a competitor, my first tournament is my most vivid memory. To be asked to try to be on the team as a freshman from a rural community... that someone recognized I had a tiny bit of talent and the aptitude and ability. I took one event. It wasn't even a very good speech as I recall... I brought home a sixth place trophy. It is a PKD tradition for seniors to give back one award to SBU. This trophy from my first tournament was the one I gave back.”

Dr. Compton is soon to start his tenth year teaching at SBU; he came back in 1998. In contrast, Dr. Derryberry has spent 43 years here at SBU. “It was such a nice, quiet junior college in those days,” Dr. Derryberry said with a wistful smile as he recalled his favorite tournament memories: “The times we have been fortunate to win the top sweepstakes trophies-- they call the [school's names] in ascending order to the championships. I tell the students always to be kind and gracious; even if we did our best and win 17th place. Be kind and gracious and humbled.”

Another memorable moment came for Dr. Compton in 2001: “It was the highest honor when Dr. D. was inducted into the PKD Hall of Fame. It was a wonderful ceremony, and all our kids went to see Dr. D. get his award. It was the top honor. That was exciting!”

Dr. Derryberry recalled less glamorous moments from past years, “Our trip to Fargo,



Above, the 1985 team. Below, SWBC's first PKD National Superior awards.

North Dakota, was so cold that the condensation froze on the inside of our university vehicle. It was 13 hours and a grueling trip. We had no budget [in past years]. We'd ask students, 'would you like to be in a little debate?' We were housed in people's homes (good Baptists and Methodists) and later in cheap hotels. Mom Ferris prepared our sack lunches in church yards and in station wagons. We spent more on plane tickets to Michigan this year, than my salary in past years!”

Dr. Compton said, “We have stopped in roadside parks on the way to recent tournaments to remember this part of our history. No one ever really leaves this program. My generation of alums emails and calls after a tournament to ask how we did.”

Another forensics team tradition is the annual banquet held each year for students, alumni, and guests on the first Saturday in May. “It is a celebration of activity and teamwork and our growth,” said Dr. Compton. The speaker this year was speech and debate alumnus, Dr. Randy Arnett '78, who serves with his wife as a missionary in West Africa with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Art of Persuasion Beautiful and Just

In the communications arts, appearance is as important as what is said, so the forensics team is encouraged to dress professionally for



Above, SWBC's first PKD officers: Bart Tichenor, Sandy Jones & Bill Jester. Left, members of a mid-90s team including Mike Mohler, Matt Morrow and coach Todd Fuller “celebrate.”



Bob Derryberry, circa 1967.





Above, the 1988-89 squad. Right, Dr. Josh Compton.



tournaments. Dr. Compton said, "We tell them to look professional, but don't go into debt. We try to find clothing for students who can't afford it — the students share. That is what this program is all about. I wore a hand-me-down suit when I competed. Our kids are known for looking nice."

A much-loved, much-feared, and much-honored teacher, Dr. Derryberry said his students have taught him through the years. Dr. Compton was one of Dr. D's students when he was at SBU, and now he is in a position to reflect on nearly a decade of his own teaching excellence:

"You ask 'Why did I go into education?' Seeing growth in my class in that first public speaking class. Young adults who choose words carefully -- you are so vulnerable in that

class. We [teachers] are here to equip them and it is the kids and seeing their growth and success that equips us. I have a heart for kids who do not even know what forensics is and come from a rural area; they're scared. To see them grow and do well and become high achieving [is why I teach]. Senior members of the team see their accomplishments.

"Our focus is on ethical considerations such as citing research accurately. To listen to diverse religious viewpoints and political ones as well. To consider you might be wrong, trying to teach ethics, teamwork, time management, ethics and faith well-integrated. It's hard to teach a teenager to thank a judge for difficult criticism."

Sounding much like his mentor, Dr. Compton said of the team's focus on being beautiful and just, "You don't have to be mean to be competitive."

Continuing the Legacy

Interviews by Courtney Brooks '07

The beginnings of the forensics program at Southwest Baptist University started with the school year in 1963-1964 with a small group of students and a coach. In 1968, the group officially sent a petition to the National Pi Kappa Delta office, to be considered for official membership in the national honorary group. Since that time the award-winning group, lead by Dr. Bob Derryberry, has brought a long legacy of excellence to Southwest Baptist University. The following are interviews with team members; Jessica Kershner, Shannon Klousia, Nathan Ross, Vandl Eslit, and David Van Bebber, from the 2006-2007 squad, which recently brought home another Pi Kappa Delta national championship win.

Did you come to SBU knowing that you would participate in forensics?

Kershner: Yes, I came to SBU knowing that I would participate in the forensics program. I came from Nixa High School where I competed in Speech and Debate.

Klousia: When I came to SBU I had no intentions of participating in forensics — I didn't even know what forensics was.

Ross: I did know that I was going to participate in forensics when I came to SBU. I actually completed a scholarship audition. Participating in forensics at SBU seemed natural to me because I competed in speech and debate at Riley County High School in Riley, Kansas.

Eslit: I did know that I was going to compete in the forensics program at SBU; it was actually a lot of the reason I chose to come to SBU.

Van Bebber: I also knew that I was going to participate in the

forensics program at SBU. Nathan Ross and I auditioned for a forensics scholarship on the same day. Nathan and I also competed together as a team in high school.

What has being part of Pi Kappa Delta taught you?

Kershner: Motivation and tradition come together to form success.

Klousia: I have learned so much; how to speak well, articulate, share ideas clearly, debate, teamwork, and how to find good literature.

Ross: The harder you try the luckier you get.

Eslit: PKD has taught me discipline and to be grateful no matter the outcome.

Van Bebber: Being a part of PKD is a reminder to me that I have the ability to speak well when I have worked hard to prepare.

How does it feel to part of such a long legacy of excellence?

Kershner: Pressurized. It is a constant cause of stress, but it is always followed with a justified amount of pride in the team. >>>>

Klousia: It is an honor and I am thankful to be a part of this long legacy.

Ross: It feels like being in between a rock and a world of hard possibilities that I can do well in.

Eslit: It is quite humbling. It is also a great honor.

Van Bebber: I am always reminded to strive for the best as a competitor who represents such a fine program.

Tell me about your first contest experience or any other memorable contest?

Kershner: My most memorable experience was at my third tournament at Cameron University. Amy Bopp, a fellow teammate, and I thought we might die because we were competing in round after round.





Shannon Klousia and Josh Erickson
Insets: (above) David Van Bebber and
(below) Vandi Eslit

*“Being green to me means to work;
both hard work and smart work.”*

Nathan Ross >>



Klousia: I only had one speech on my first tournament. My speech was a persuasive speech and I was really nervous about it. I ended up breaking into finals and I did not even know what breaking was. I ended up getting sixth place with that speech.

Ross: My first contest in college was in Ohio. I did not know anyone and to be completely honest, I had more enjoyment during the trip than it looked like I was having.

Eslit: My first contest experience was unforgettable. On the way to Truman’s campus, I thought to myself, “Why did I get myself into this.” I was so nervous! But when the day was over, I had convinced myself that I really can do this.

Van Bebber: My first contest experience for SBU was quite intimidating and let me know just how hard I would have to work to be successful.

What does being green mean to you?

Kershner: Being green to me means I broke my streak of procrastination.

Klousia: Being green to me means that the coaches have blessed my event and they think I am ready for competition and they are behind my event as well.

Ross: Being green to me means to work; both hard work and smart work.

Eslit: Being green is confirmation to me that I am on my way, but not quite all the way there; but that to be competitive, we need drive and passion.

Van Bebber: Being green means to me that the coaches believe my selection has the ability to do well at the tournament and that it will represent our school well.

What are your plans for life after SBU?

Kershner: I have a job lined up (internationally) with Girl Scouts of the USA. Then I hope to attend law school.

Klousia: I have no idea! I am scared. I am not exactly sure what I will do, maybe teaching or graduate school.

Ross: I plan to start teaching or go to graduate school.

Eslit: Wow, it is up in the air. I would love to teach drama and

speech and maybe even coach speech and debate.

Van Bebber: I want to pursue a master’s degree in education and then become a missionary.

What would your advice be for a novice?

Kershner: Practice early, hard, and ask for help.

Klousia: Do not get discouraged. Just do your best, work your hardest and be satisfied. Know that you will grow as you are on the team. You will grow in many ways.

Ross: If you think you cannot do this you are wrong. If you think you can, then why don’t you have two events ready?

Eslit: Don’t ever tell yourself you are not good enough or won’t be able to make your goal. You must keep pressing on and never limit yourself. Give it your all.

Van Bebber: Don’t sell yourself short and put as much as you can into the program.

What is your favorite thing or memory about PKD?

Kershner: The friends and fellowship.

Klousia: My favorite memory is winning nationals this year: not just because we won. The moment they announced SBU as victorious, that moment was forever seared into my mind. We all looked at each other in pure awe, saying to each other silently “We did it!” we had always been a team, but at that moment, we were really were a team. Everyone had worked so hard and contributed every little thing at nationals. We had a tough year in teams of competition, so to hear that we had been successful at nationals was pure joy for the team.

Ross: Either the coaches, the coffee, or the humble pride of having an hours worth of work and information that can be recalled upon command

Eslit: My favorite memory would be sitting with our team (at least most) and hearing “Southwest Baptist University” for the champions and looking around at my teammates’ and coaches’ faces. It was priceless.

Van Bebber: Winning nationals this year is one of the greatest experiences of my life.

Satellite Campus Update

St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU

St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of Southwest Baptist University pinned sixty-eight nursing graduates during the college's May pinning ceremony. Commencement was held on the SBU Bolivar campus, May 19. Forty-three of the May graduates were recipients of the J.F. Johnson Educational Assistance program and are currently employed by St. John's Hospital-Springfield.



Associate of science in nursing graduate **Rachel McEntire** received a special blessing of hands from her classmates at the May 2007 pinning ceremony. Sister Richard Mary Burke, RSM, (pictured above left with McEntire and Bethany Douglas) led special prayer for McEntire who is being deployed to Iraq with the 325th Combat Support Hospital. More than 800 family, friends, faculty and staff, also participated in the special prayer for McEntire's safety.

May 2007 Graduates from the SBU-Salem Campus

The following fifteen students graduated from the SBU-Salem Campus in May 2007.



Katie McPherson – B.S. Business Administration
Shanna Stephanie Owens – B.S. Business Administration
Linda Diane Ruben – B.S. Business Administration
Lena H. Copenace – B.S. Psychology
Jodie Jannette Emory – B.S. Psychology

Shannon Renee Hawkins – B.S. Psychology
Sherry Lynn Patterson – B.S. Psychology
Judson Walter Steward – B.S. Psychology
Amanda Faye Taylor – B.S. Psychology
Tammy Michelle Cooper – B.S. Elementary Education
Molly Jean Harris – B.S. Elementary Education
Esther Patricia Heinz – B.S. Elementary Education
Melina Dawn Vernon – B.S. Elementary Education
Amanda Renee Spencer – A.S. General Studies
Brandon L. Welch – A.S. General Studies

Special honors were given to the following: Alpha Chi – Shanna Owens, Judson Steward; Delta Mu Delta – Shanna Owens; Psi Chi – Judson Steward; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges – Shanna Owens, Judson Steward. Graduating with scholastic honors: Summa Cum Laude – Shanna Owens, Judson Steward; Cum Laude – Katie McPherson, Melina Vernon.

On Sunday, May 6th, a capping ceremony was held at the Salem campus for the May graduates SBU Provost Dr. Gordon Dutile was the guest speaker.

May 2007 Graduates from the SBU-Mountain View Campus



First row, left to right: **Angie Boyd**, **Jessie Plunk**, **Susan Thomlinson**, **Esther Heinz**, **Lori Holden**. Second row: **Stephanie Voyles**, **Jaime Pendergrass**, **Alyssa Smith**, **Stacie Spencer**, **Melina Vernon**. Third row: (Instructor of Education **Sarah Russback**), **Tammy Cooper**, **Ashley Beavers**, **Molly Harris**.

These graduates received their bachelor's degrees:
Angie Boyd - B.S. in Psychology
Alyssa Smith - B.S. in Human Services
Lori Holden - B.S. in Education
All others received a B.S. in Elementary Education
Special honors were given to the following Mt. View graduates: **Alyssa Smith** (Summa Cum Laude, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Alpha Chi); **Stacy Barnes** (Cum Laude); **Ashley Beavers** (Cum Laude); **Melina Vernon** (Cum Laude).



I Want To Go!

Many faces of the Rector family have passed through SBU

Phillip and Gail Rector's family has filled several pages of SBU's history. From a great-great-great uncle to a future daughter-in-law, there have been many faces of the Rector family to pass through SBU.

Phillip Rector '76 felt a calling to enter the ministry while he was searching for colleges to attend. Pastor O.V. Dodson, from First Baptist Church in Nevada, Mo., invited Phillip to visit Southwest Baptist College (SWBC) while he attended a trustees meeting on campus. Phillip was immediately drawn to the school and was especially attracted to the college's program that admitted high school seniors to enroll in classes during the summer. Phillip signed up and attended classes during the summers of 1972 and 1973. By the time he entered SWBC as a full-time student in the fall of 1973, he was almost a sophomore. He received a bachelor of science degree in psychology and sociology.

Gail Brockmeier '74 heeded her high school counselor's advice when choosing a college to attend. Her counselor strongly recommended that she attend SWBC, because he knew the college had a great reputation for providing a superior education while emphasizing Christian values. Gail entered into SWBC in the fall of 1971 obtaining a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology.

Phillip and Gail's paths soon crossed when they met at SWBC during the summer of 1973. During the following spring, Gail took Phillip out for TWIRP (The Woman is Required to Pay) week, and they began to date soon after. The couple married in 1976 after Phillip graduated. They have been married for 31 years and have three children: Lacey Renee, Jonathan and Stephanie. Lacey Renee and Jonathan both graduated from SBU.

Over the 31 years after leaving SWBC, Phillip has pastored five churches: First Baptist Church, Leeton, Mo., Chehalem Valley Baptist Church, Newberg, Ore., First Baptist Church, Winfield, Mo., St. Clair Southern Baptist Church, St. Clair, Mo. and First Baptist Church, Belle, Mo. He currently serves as director of missions for the Dixon Baptist Association. After Gail graduated from SWBC, she went on to get a master's degree in counseling psychology at Central Missouri State University. She states that SWBC helped prepare her for her role as a minister's wife. Both Phillip and Gail left SWBC with a degree, a spouse, various friends, and countless wonderful memories. However, Southwest Baptist University is still a very big part of their lives as they have seen two of their children attend the University.



Lacey Renee (left) was born wanting to go to SBU. When asked what she wanted to do when she grew up as a young girl in preschool, Lacey Renee would confidently say, "I want to go to SBU!" She met her goal in 1998 when she began her first semester at the University. She majored in vocal/instrumental music education and graduated in May 2003. After leaving

SBU, Lacey began teaching kindergarten through 12th grade music at a small school north of Sikeston, Mo. She is currently finishing her master's degree in vocal pedagogy at Missouri State University. Lacey Renee eventually wants to pursue a doctorate in interdisciplinary arts and work at a community arts school sponsored by a church.

Jonathan was impressed by SBU while visiting his sister, Lacey Renee, and watching the Symphonic Winds and Chorale perform. He desired to study music, and after visiting his sister at SBU, he realized that the University had a strong music program. In 2001, Jon enrolled at SBU and majored in general music with a concentration in music business. He graduated in 2005 and began working on a master of business administration degree at the University, which he will complete this summer. Like his dad, Jon met his future wife at SBU, Michal Richert. Michal, with a bachelor of science degree in music, graduated in May 2007. Jon and Michal will be married in August 2007 and



To those who are searching for a college, Gail offers the following advice. "After attending both SWBC and a state university, I would encourage a potential student to choose a Christian school such as SBU. There is no doubt the educational, spiritual, and moral environment at SBU surpasses that of any secular institution." Jon encourages future college students to "make your decisions on what God wants in your life, but allow your parents to help you with the alternatives. They may not know everything, but they've been places." Lacey states, "SBU has the best, most supportive faculty ever. They are incredibly knowledgeable in their areas of expertise. They truly are exemplars of the University's mission statement. I consider them to be almost like secondary parents."

will move to Wichita, Kan. where Michal will be attending graduate school.

Even more interesting, the Rector history with SBU did not begin with Phillip or Gail. Phillip's great-great-great uncle, John W. Haines, was a Baptist minister, teacher and writer. He pastored Campbell's Grove Baptist Church in Polk County, Mo. Haines served on the board of trustees of SWBC from 1883 to 1912. He served as President of the board of trustees in 1897. In 1905, SWBC granted Haines the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He also wrote the book, "History of Polk County Baptist Association." His daughter, Martha, entered SWBC in 1879 teaching part-time and attending school. She graduated in 1887 with a B.L. degree.

SBU has been and still is a major part of the Rector's lives. Phillip, Gail, Lacey Renee and Jonathan each walked onto SBU's campus for the first time as students with great expectations of going 'somewhere' and becoming 'someone.' But God's plans exceeded theirs. God has certainly blessed the family through the education and experiences they gained at the University. No matter where His path takes them now, they will forever hold the values, principles, and teaching they gained from SBU.

Ellis Bray '59 and Annetta "Jackie" (Jackson) Bray '60 were not music or art majors while attending Southwest Baptist College, but music got them together and art has allowed them to open a business together in their "retirement" years.

Ellis reminisces about his years at SWBC: "While at SWBC, I was a good student, with a math major and English minor, always on the dean's list, and active in school affairs. I was the first full-term president of the Math Club, and also the assistant editor of the school's publication, which became the *Omnibus*, and in fact, I am the person who named it! I was also involved in intramural sports, and last, but not best, I participated in weekend revival teams, usually as song-leader. I say 'best' because on one of these teams, the pianist was a girl named Annetta Jackson (later to be better known as 'Jackie'), who quickly became a good friend, then later, my wife. So, my greatest achievement at Southwest was finding a wonderful life-mate. We've now been married 46+ years, and thus are off to a good start! Ah, the rewards of willing service!"

Jackie started her career at SWBC as a bookkeeping major but then switched to a degree in elementary education with mathematics as a major and English as a minor. Jackie said she was actually the one who asked Ellis out first: "The week after the revival where we met, it was TWIRP (The Woman is Requested to Pay) week, when the girls could ask a boy for a date. Ellis hung around until I asked him out!" Ellis said, "We spent every hour we could together." In those days, dating destinations were limited. "We could only go to the park, go to the ballgames at SWBC, go to the Highway Café or the library," said Jackie. "I can't

remember where we went on our first 'official' date, but it was probably the library."

Ellis lived in The Blue Home, which he said other SWBC grads from his era would remember. With a twinkle in her eye, Jackie said, "Blue Home guys were feared. Howard Boyd was a Blue Home guy." Ellis described one of their trend-setting rebellions: "It was de rigeur on Sundays that we Blue Home guys went to church and then to a meal. We rebelled from the tradition of wearing church clothes. We rebelled by wearing our shirts and ties with blue jeans. Later the basketball team did, too. They usually copied us! On Sunday nights, I still remember the "sad sacks" – our Sunday evening meal – we got them and walked to the park just to get away."

After receiving their A.A. degrees from SWBC, Ellis and Jackie went to Jefferson City, Missouri. They were married in 1960 and Ellis worked while attending Lincoln University, where he earned a bachelor of science in education. Although only one-fourth of the student body was white, Ellis said he "mostly didn't notice the difference between the races." The day after graduating from Lincoln, he and Jackie had their first child, Jay, in 1961. Ellis then taught at the University of Missouri as a teaching assistant while earning his master's degree in mathematics.

The Brays then moved to Anderson, Indiana, where Ellis had a job offer with General Motors. Ellis worked for 34 years for the Guide Division of General Motors, primarily as an engineering manager. "While I was at Guide, I was the resident wordsmith," Ellis said. "Whatever department I was in, I was writing for it."

Three years after the birth of their son, the Brays welcomed a baby girl, Melody, into their family. Jackie spent her career as an "involved mom" and Vacation Bible School teacher and director. While her children were in school, Jackie participated in Parents and Teachers Organization, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and according to Ellis, she was the Vacation Bible School director in every church they've attended. While still at SWBC, Jackie had attended training

in Jefferson City and then traveled to country churches in rural areas to set up Vacation Bible Schools.

In 1997, the Brays "moved back to Central Missouri to help care for elderly parents." Ellis said during his time in Indiana, he "became convinced of a compelling call to write and teach Scripture." After their kids graduated, Jackie said she had started painting. Her medium is tollpainting, now known as decorative painting. Tollpainting originally was on tin, but now it can

be done on wood and fabric as well as tin. A true leader, Jackie has served as an art council president and on the board for the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society. Ellis showed obvious pride in his wife's leadership abilities when he announced that Jackie was president of the Indy Tollers



when they hosted 3500 attendees for their national meeting. Jackie's work has been shown at the Dunnegan Art Gallery in Bolivar. As a grandmother, Jackie said she finally graduated with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

Ellis said he and Jackie have now "retired to" a life of creativity. They opened a business together in Eldon, Missouri, called Country Roots Creations, in which they feature their handmade jewelry, Jackie's paintings, and the books Ellis has written and published since retiring from General Motors. Ellis said he first tried traditional publishing but finally decided on self-publishing his books. His books include *I Will Praise Him: A Devotional on the Psalms*, *Growing Up in the Bend*, and *Treasure in Jars of Clay*.

Ellis summed up the Christian life by sharing one of the points he makes in an advanced "cabochoning" class he teaches: "The point of polishing and cutting the stones to make round, domed surfaces is to reflect light. It is our job to recognize our gifts and build our skills to glorify God and serve other people." Ellis and Jackie have lived a life of service to their family and to career, and now they are sharing their creative gifts with the world.



Retiring to Create

Art Becomes Business for Retired Alumni Couple

by
Sharina
Smith

The writing Ellis is most proud to share is the letter he wrote to the *Osage Beach Vacation News* to nominate Jackie for "Women of the Year 2005." Ellis said he found it "little short of miraculous" to keep within the required 125 words, but he crafted this 124-word tribute to his wife:

Jackie Bray has served superbly as Lake Arts Council and Eldon Arts Council president, as church VBS Director and NOAPS board member. She works tirelessly as full-time volunteer for numerous arts and creativity initiatives.

But Jackie's greater worth is that others become better for her influence. She is the consummate team player,

a great role model whose integrity, talents, hard work, positive attitude and calm wisdom cause those around her to excel. Unfailingly, cheerfully, she displays a sweet gentle spirit and a caring heart.

For her busy hands, smiling face, and warm heart, Jackie truly is 'best friend' to many people. The list steadily grows, as all who know her instinctively trust and confide in her, treasure her counsel, and cherish her genuineness.

Jackie Bray was named "Woman of the Year 2005."

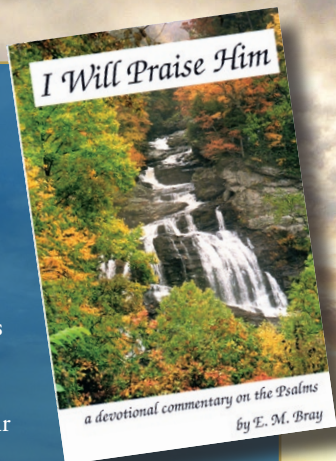
Encouraging Others to Excel

Books by E.M. Bray...

I Will Praise Him: A Devotional Commentary on the Psalms

E.M. Bray '59,
Country Roots Publications
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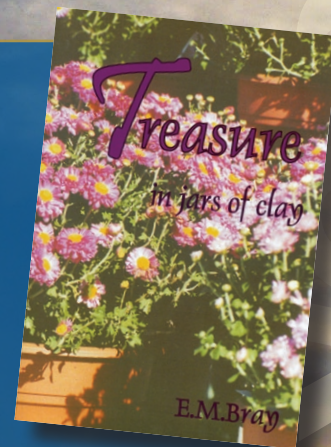
God wants His people to praise Him. He considers our heartfelt praise of Him to be of great importance. We know this to be true, for the Book of Psalms, the longest book in the Bible, has as its foremost theme the praise of God by His people. The Psalms teach us to praise, and graciously, they give us many reasons to do so. How wise it is, then, for us to devote time to a systematic study of their words. May they reveal to us His love, His faithfulness, His goodness to us. May they convince us of His mercy and grace, and of His right to be our Sovereign.



Treasure in Jars of Clay

E.M. Bray, Country
Roots Publications
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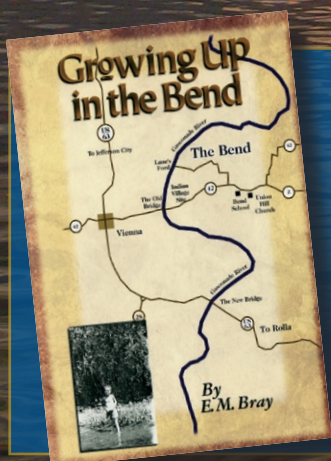
What a treasure is the salvation we have in Christ! It is our pearl of great price. And to add one mystery to another, we hold this treasure in ordinary containers, in our everyday lives here on earth. The Bible calls us jars of clay, earthen vessels. Why would God do such a thing; why does He have us keep such a great possession in common pots? Isn't it so that believers will come to agree with God that He is to receive all the glory for our salvation? "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (II Corinthians 4:7) Inside, the author shares what he learned from God's Word about the terms relating to the salvation of sinners, to help fellow believers see that it is centered in God. Examine your treasure, delight in what He has done for you. Then, in gratitude, praise His name.



Growing Up In The Bend

E.M. Bray, Country Roots Publications © 1998

This is a book of reminiscence. In it, the author recounts many events from his childhood, which was spent entirely in the Bend community, and philosophizes on how they helped to shape his life. Parents, older brothers and sisters, teachers, other adults, and fellow students of the Bend school, both older and younger, all played a part in making this childhood delightful for the author. You are invited to go back with him to the late 40s and early 50s, to a setting along the Gasconade River in Central Missouri, one that still is serene and beautiful, and enjoy a way of life that, while now forever past, can at least be fondly remembered. Country roots go deep.



You can order any of these featured books from the SBU Bookstore. Call them at 417-328-1530.

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Ree's Mountain

Roger Long '69,
Tate Publishing, LLC: 2005

Ree's Mountain is about to go dark. The patch-worked power system can no longer be repaired, and if a miracle can't be found soon, the Dimini will have to leave the ancient security of the mountain and find another, far less safe place to call home. Ree's chance meeting with a dreaded Treswolak seems to offer the only hope for the Mountain Dimini. Soaring through the skies atop Keeah, her great bald eagle, Ree gains the help of the Forest Dimini and the Treswolak named Jason. This alliance must overcome generations of fear and mistrust if her people are to be saved. And Ree? She longs for freedom from her loneliness and a love to warm her heart. *Ree's Mountain* is delightful, spell-binding, memorable, and likened to writings by C.S. Lewis and others who blended the gospel with fantasy for profound effect. Readers of every age will treasure *Ree's Mountain*, destined to be a Christian classic.

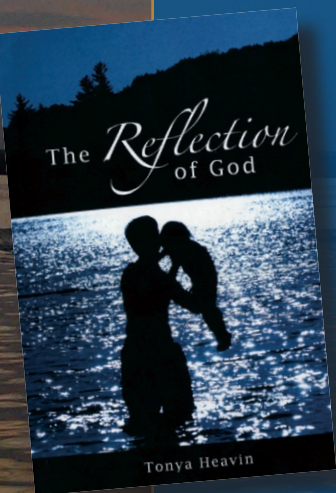


The Reflection of God

Tonya (Colvin) Heavin '92
Tate Publishing & Enterprises, 2006

Are you listening to me? What were you thinking? What have I told you? Have you ever found yourself asking these questions of your children? Have you ever felt God is asking the same questions of you? In *The Reflection of God*, author Tonya Heavin examines how the relationship with your children often mirrors your relationship with God. This reflection dares you to step in and look deeply into your own soul as you search for answers to God's questions... the same questions and experiences

your children undergo often on a daily basis. *The Reflection of God* offers the reader an opportunity to strengthen their own relationship with God by observing the situations that many parents have found themselves experiencing when dealing with children. Readers of all ages will identify with the need to find *The Reflection of God* in their own lives.



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Opportunity: Introducing Free Enterprise & Business

Dr. David Whitlock,
Wipf and Stock Publishers © 2007

Christian Durant, a student at Leland University, worked his way through college at a local retailer, Stearns and Company. Though he studied history at Leland, he completed a minor in business and upon graduation moved into the management training program at Stearns and Company. Years later, serving as a store manager, Christian marries Leigh Whitfield and is approached by an old friend, Scott Pierce, with an opportunity to join him in a start-up manufacturing business. Christian and Leigh join their friends -- Scott and his wife, Carol -- as they learn more than they thought imaginable about starting and managing a business.

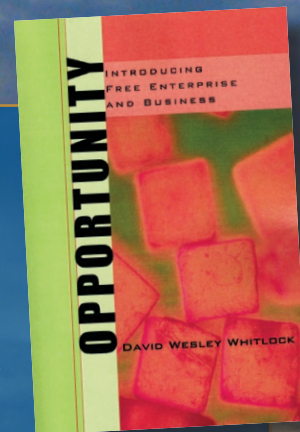
Then tragedy strikes. Scott is killed in a mysterious accident, the business suffers setbacks, and friendships are stressed to the point of breaking. Christian faces a crisis, professionally and personally, and seeks answers that lead him ultimately to a newfound faith and peace. Christian and Leigh weigh the possibilities of selling their interest in the business and starting over. Meanwhile, the investigation into the death of Scott Pierce uncovers surprises that no one expected . . .

Opportunity is a textbook introducing free enterprise and business principles in story form, complete with the suspense and intrigue of a novel. This "novel text" integrates a survey of business disciplines with a biblical worldview. In enlightening ways the book explores the integration of faith and ethics. As the story engages readers, it also teaches principles of free enterprise and business.

"Nothing short of brilliant. David Whitlock has creatively put together a fascinating introductory textbook for college and university business students. In this well written work students will be introduced to all aspects of the business world: from leadership to marketing, from accounting to finance, from economic theory to real world challenges. This exciting pedagogical tool enables students to grasp the big picture, while wrestling with matters of faith, ethical issues, and accountability challenges. I know of no work like it anywhere. I heartily commend it and trust it will find the wide audience it deserves."

-- Dr. David Dockery, President, Union University

Dr. David Whitlock and Dr. Ronda Credille '80 have created an instructor's manual to accompany Whitlock's book that contains course outlines, PowerPoint presentations, student activities and a test bank. Requirements for the manual include Word, PowerPoint and Adobe PDF capability.



Faculty/Staff News

Partnership With Tomsk State University

President **C. Pat Taylor**, **Dr. Ronda Credille '80**, and **Dr. Bob Klostermeyer** recently traveled to Tomsk, Russia. According to Dr. Taylor, "The officials at Tomsk State University were very welcoming and eager to establish a specific agreement. We successfully met our objective to reach an agreement concerning student exchanges. We have a signed agreement for student exchanges with their Department of Philosophy (Social Studies). It will be our goal to send a group of history/political science students next summer led by Dr. Klostermeyer. Sometime soon we hope to assign two of our ICS students for six months to Tomsk. This will be a great educational opportunity for our students, and they will have the opportunity to share our Christian faith with the students at Tomsk State."

"Former SBU trustee Ray Leininger has led three mission trips to Tomsk and we have had faculty/staff members on each of the trips," Dr. Taylor said. "The missions' teams have taught English classes at Central Baptist Church in Tomsk. Dr. David Whitlock, Dr. Vickie Ellis, Dr. Klostermeyer, and Dr. Credille visited the American Center at Tomsk State last summer and developed a friendship with the Director of the American Center. As a result of their visits, we established an "agreement to agree" approved by the Board of Trustees during the February board meeting."

The agreement made this summer appears to be the first formal agreement that Tomsk State has established with an American university. Students from Ohio State University and the University of Central Florida have studied on their campus and currently there is a doctoral student from Ohio State working in the American Center. Dr. Taylor said, "The administration, especially the Dean of the Department of Philosophy, appeared to be very pleased with our agreement."

Dr. Tim DeClue, professor and chair of the computer and information sciences department presented a paper at the Consortium for Computer Science in Colleges on April 13 at Drury University in Springfield. The paper is based on a project his students completed in a freshman software engineering course which resulted in increased learning and student interest in the course.

Assistant professor of computer and information services **Dan Neumann** has received approval for his doctoral dissertation topic from his doctoral committee: "Paralinguistics and the Perception of Social Presence in Online Learning." Neumann is expected to complete his Ph.D. in 2008 from Capella University in Minneapolis.

Dr. Susan Debauche '78, professor and chair of the business administration department, served on a six-person Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs Accreditation Team for the business programs in the University of Phoenix system in Phoenix, Ariz., and locations across the United States March 4-10.

The article "Not Just Another Statistic" written by **Dr. Ronda Credille '80**, associate professor of business administration, was published by Andrews University Press in *College Faith 3*. The *College Faith* series publishes personal testimonies of university presidents, administrators, and professors related to their experiences as students in higher education.

Dr. David Whitlock, dean of the College of Business and Computer Science and professor of business administration, completed his mentoring assignment with Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., through

Dr. Taylor shared facts and figures regarding the area of Russia visited by SBU: "Tomsk is located in the heart of Siberia. It is a city of approximately 500,000 people and is considered to be the higher education center of Siberia and of all Russia east of the Ural Mountains. Tomsk State University is the largest and considered to be the most prestigious University in Siberia. Tomsk State has an enrollment of about 22,000 students.

"One of the most interesting events we attended during our visit was the celebration of the University's birthday. They have this celebration annually on the last day of school. They have a huge parade, with most of the students participating. This year they were celebrating their 129th year, which means they were founded in 1878 - the same year SBU was founded! One of the activities of the celebration was the Rector's Annual State of the University Address. We were invited and provided with front row seats. His State of the University Address sounded very familiar, much like mine. And it was much too long like mine. Actually his speech went on for more than an hour.

It was a very enjoyable and successful trip. Hopefully, we can have a long and meaningful relationship with Tomsk State University."



C. Pat Taylor with Vladimir Neufeld, pastor Central Baptist Church in Tomsk, Russia, and Sergey Taranov, senior pastor of Tomsk Oblast of Russian Baptist Union

the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), with a visit to the campus April 1 and 2. He also served as a member of an ACBSP accreditation visit team for a university in March.



John Bryant '61, associate professor of mathematics, was selected to serve on the eight-member NCAA Division II National Tennis Committee. He served as chair of the committee from 1989 to 1995. The committee makes rules and policies for NCAA Division-II tennis and makes the selection for the 64 team national

championships. He will serve as chair of the North Central Regional men's and women's tennis committees to the conclusion of the 2007 championships in Orlando.

Dr. Kevin Hopkins, chair and professor of mathematics, presented "Classroom Response Systems" at the annual meeting of Missouri Section of the Mathematical Association of America on March 30-31 at the College of the Ozarks. The mathematics department also hosted its annual math contest on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, on the SBU campus. This event continues to grow in popularity as 624 students participated in the two-day event that targeted students in third through eighth grades.

Earlier this year, **Dr. Jim Frost**, professor of Intercultural Studies, taught a national perspectives class of pastors and church leaders in Arkansas,

giving an academic overview of missions using the "Perspectives of the World Christian Movement" materials.

Dr. Duke Jones, assistant professor of Christian education, delivered a challenge titled "Genuine Knowledge and Genuine Faith" to prospective students during Scholars Day. Dr. Jones continues to serve as the pastor of the Dadeville Baptist Church in the Ozark-Prairie Baptist Association.

Dr. Zach Manis, assistant professor of philosophy, recently had several journal articles published: (1)"On Transworld Depravity and the Heart of the Free Will Defense," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*; (2)"On Moral and Religious Obligations: Some Problems for Metaethical Divine Command Theories," *Southwest Philosophy Review*; (3)"Divine Eternality, Creation, and Occasionalism," *Northwest Topics: The Proceedings of the 56th Annual Northwest Conference on Philosophy*; (4)Booknote for C. Stephen Evans, *Kierkegaard's Ethic of Love: Divine Commands and Moral Obligations*, in *Religious Studies Review*. Dr. Manis also led a discussion for students in the Woody-Gott lobby (during Ethics Week) titled "Can It Be Proven that Abortion Is Ethically Permissible?"

Dr. Josh Compton '97, assistant professor and department chair of the Bob R. Derryberry School of Communication Arts, was selected to present his original research project, "Calming the Storm? Late Night Comedy and Hurricane Katrina's Aftermath," as part of a session titled "Politics on TV After 11 (10 Central)" at the Midwest Political Science Conference in April held in Chicago, Ill. This is the fourth consecutive year to have his work selected for presentation at this conference.

Dr. Compton also was published in a recent issue of *Journal of Communication*, the flagship journal of the International Communication Association. Compton's book review of Ted Brader's *Campaigning for Hearts and Minds: How Emotional Appeals in Political Ads Work*, summarizes Brader's unique contributions to political communication studies.

Dr. Bill Brown, dean of the Geneva Casebolt College of Music, Arts, and Letters and senior professor of music, has received a contract from Indiana University Press for the publication of his book about his mentor. The book is titled *Menahem Pressler: The Pianists' Art*.

Dr. Brian Hopwood, assistant professor of music, was recognized by professional peers and received the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame



Award in January. In March, he served as a guest clinician at four schools in the Colorado Springs, Colo., area: Colorado Springs Christian High School, Mountain Ridge Middle School, Rampart High School, and the Classical Academy High School, working with approximately 400 students in a rehearsal/clinic format.

In March, **Dr. Kathy Brown**, professor of music, served as an adjudicator for high school vocalists in the District Music Contest held in Sedalia.

Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick, assistant professor of psychology, presented a poster session at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology titled, "Teaching What the World Needs Now (Love Sweet Love)." The conference was held in late January in Memphis, Tenn. Also, Dr. Kilpatrick developed a working relationship with the Polk County Drug Court for ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of their program. It is an opportunity for an SBU student to work on the research associated with such an evaluation.

Pearlene Breshears '76, counselor and assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Kilpatrick took 11 students to Wichita, Kan. for the Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention. Four SBU students made presentations at the meeting.

Evelyn Mercer '71, assistant professor of sociology, and Debbie Gamble, instructor of sociology, attended a conference in Springfield on "Child Sexual Predators: Protecting Children Online." Mercer also led a campus discussion on child abuse training for mandated reporters, which was given to the majors in church vocations.

Dr. Linda Wooderson '78, dean of the Lewis E. Schollian College of Education and Social Sciences and associate professor of health, physical education, and recreation, served on a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) MOSTEP Team March 3-7 at William Jewell College. She was responsible for writing on William Jewell's program and curriculum design as well as reviewing their physical education, history, physics, chemistry, and biology education degree programs.

Mel Steele '84, assistant professor of business administration at Mountain View and Salem campuses, was named Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher at the 2007 SBU spring commencement. He received his BS degree from SBU in 1984 and later earned his MBA from Louisiana Tech University in 1986. He's currently working on a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. He was hired as full-time faculty in 1990 and teaches a variety of business courses including Business Communications, Principles of Management, Creative Advertising, Statistics, and Professional Selling.

Dr. Martha Baker, BSN program director and professor of nursing, was elected president-elect of National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association (NANAINA) and is scheduled to take office as president in October. In addition, she was appointed a member of the National Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses (NCEMNA) and attended the third annual NCEMNA board meeting and conference in San Antonio, Texas, March 15-18. She is also a member of the National Advisory Board for Ethnic Minority Fellowship program of American Nurses Association.

Dr. Baker also performed grant reviews for Advanced Education for Health Resources and Services Agency,

in Washington, DC, Feb. 12-16, and was a reviewer for the *Medical Surgical Review Resource Text* for American Nurses Association in March. In addition, she presented a paper, "Cardiovascular Risk Factors Among American Indian Women" at the SBU Nursing Honor Society Research Day, and "Practice, Research and Education: Nursing Leadership in Southwest Missouri" on February 28. She also serves as a member of the Nurses' Recognition planning committee for a May 7 dinner for southwest Missouri.



Dr. Michael Arnold, associate professor of graduate education, and **Dr. Robert Perry**, assistant professor of graduate education, recently published about their work with successful Missouri principals in the National Council for Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) Connexions Knowledge Base Project. They presented their research findings at the 2007 NCPEA national conference.

Dr. Cathy Beck, professor of physical therapy, and **Dr. Steven Lesh**, chair and associate professor of physical therapy, attended the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections conference in Boston, Mass. on Feb. 14-18. Dr. Beck attended clinical education sessions within the APTA pertaining to Academic Clinical Coordinator of Education (ACCE) duties. Dr. Lesh served as a Health Policy and Administration (HPA) platform presentation moderator and attended the following workshops: HPA breakfast and business meeting, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy 2008 exam updates, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations updates, using technology, improving leadership, and the neurology residency forum. Dr. Lesh was confirmed as program chair of the Health Policy and Administration section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

On March 30, **Edward Walton**, acting dean and assistant professor of library services, presented a paper at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) biennial conference. The paper is titled, "Faculty and Student Perceptions of Using E-books in a Small Academic Institution."



The paper presents findings from research conducted at SBU and research conducted during Walton's Ph.D. coursework. The paper has received significant notoriety, resulting in numerous interview requests from both e-book publishers and potential publishers, such as Duke University Press.

Dr. Bob McGlasson, vice president for information and technology services, participated in

a panel discussion at the Greater Ozarks Leadership Development Workshop held at SBU on February 21. He presented a session on the use of technology in workforce development.

Brad Gamble '82, director of financial aid, is serving as the Missouri president and as the Missouri representative on the Executive Council of the Midwest Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

Sharina Smith, senior director of marketing and communications, is serving on the board for the Association of Women in Communications Springfield Chapter as Student Chapter Liaison.

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Mark Grabowski, director of safety and security, and Zeke Clawson '05, assistant director of safety and security, traveled to the University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR) to participate in a state-wide campus law enforcement summit on May 7. The summit was held to discuss the Virginia Tech tragedy, recent events in Missouri, and to provide input and discussion for the Governor's Campus Security Task Force.

The agenda included a case study: "Handling a Terrorist Threat-Lessons Learned," presentation by UMR's University Police Chief Bill Bleckman and the Rolla Police Department Chief Mark Kears regarding the incident that closed the UMR campus on February 27, 2007. There were also facilitated discussions on the following topics: "Identifying the student or staff member in crisis," "safety orientation for students and employees," "decision-making and communication in a crisis," and "responding to the crisis."

Grabowski and Clawson also attended a one-day seminar on "Planning for Emergencies: Strategies for Small Business" hosted by the Safety Council of the Ozarks and the National Safety Council on June 12th in Springfield.

According to Dr. Bob McGlasson, the Information and Technology Services area in cooperation with Safety and Security and Student Life will be implementing the e2Campus messaging system in the fall of 2007. Dr. McGlasson said, "The e2Campus will enable us to instantly communicate with students, faculty and staff – wherever they are via:

- Mobile phone - text messaging
- Email
- Web page
- Pager
- PDA w/wireless connection
- Blackberry device

Notifications are sent by designated administrators and are immediately delivered to recipients. The notification can include basic information and instructions regarding:

- Campus closing
- Severe weather
- Terrorist event
- Clery Act event
- Routine reminders
- Sports scores

Students and employees will have the option of signing up for this service through a webpage interface. Preparation for implementation will be during the summer and implementation will begin during Welcome Week in August 2007. See www.sbuniv.edu/safety for additional information.

Office of Alumni & Church Relations



There's No Place Like Home

I cannot believe how fast the year is going by! In a few short months it will be October and time for Homecoming 2007! Our theme is "There's No Place Like Home: Follow the Purple Brick Road" and we have a fun and festive weekend planned for October 5-6, 2007. Watch your mailbox for an invitation and registration forms in the coming weeks. We ask you to register so we can plan better for your arrival.

In an effort to re-connect alumni with one another, we hosted three successful regional alumni reunions this spring, one in Kansas City, one in Bolivar and another in Springfield. A great time was had in each city as alumni had an opportunity to enjoy a meal and fellowship together.

At our Springfield Area Alumni Reunion, there were more than 130 alumni, faculty, staff and their friends and family present at Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. Dr. Taylor shared a brief update about the University and we enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Bandana's Barbecue.

We also gathered with alumni and friends at First Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City for the Kansas City Alumni Chapter Annual Spring Banquet. Dr. Stan Norman, vice president for university relations at Southwest Baptist University, shared a devotional and an update of events and activities on campus. The Kansas City Alumni Chapter awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Trent Pritchard of Oak Grove, Mo. His brother, Devin Pritchard, who is a newly-graduated music major from SBU, sang two songs. His mother, Julie Pritchard, a 1982 SBU graduate, accompanied him.

Finally, we hosted a Bolivar Area Alumni Reunion in McClelland Dining Facility on our campus. The SBU student group, Higher Ground, performed three songs and one of our forensic students, Nathan Ross, shared a poetry interpretation. Dr. Taylor presented a campus update and Theresa Daniels, director of annual fund, discussed the past success and current goals for the Polk County Community Scholarship fundraising.

Make plans now to return to campus for Homecoming and re-connect with SBU and friends from your college days. If you graduated in 1957, 1967, 1977, 1982 or 1997, it is an especially important year for you; it's time for your class reunion! Call your friends to make sure they're coming.

I invite you to check out the upcoming events link on our website, www.sbuniv.edu/alumni, for details on Homecoming and other alumni events. Please check in frequently to see updates with additional details. I am looking at possible sites for regional reunions for the fall and next spring. If you are interested in helping to coordinate a reunion event in your area, please contact me to discuss the details.

If you have questions, please email me at ssummers@sbuniv.edu or call (417) 328-1806. I always appreciate hearing from our alumni and our church friends.

Come home to Bolivar to relive memories and catch up during Homecoming weekend!

Shawn Summers '94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations





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Recent Events



TRIVIA NIGHT



SBU Alumni & Friends Night at the Ballgame

Date: Friday, August 10, 2007

Location: Springfield Cardinals, Hammons Field
955 E. Trafficway, Springfield, MO

Start Times: Gates at 6:10 p.m. Game at 7:10 p.m.

Tickets: \$7.00 per person (Children 3 and under free if they sit on parents' lap).

Details: We will be seated in Section C.

Deadline to sign up is July 26, 2007!

K.C. Alumni Chapter Fall Picnic

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2007

Location: Pink Hill Park, Oak Grove, MO

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Details: Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship! This is a family-friendly event. More details will be posted as they become available.

Washington D.C. Alumni Reunion

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2007

Details: More details will be posted as they become available.

For more information on any of these events contact Shawn Summers at 417-328-1806 or ssummers@sbuniv.edu

Alumni President's Message

Has It Been a Decade?

Recently I was in my parents' attic doing some cleaning and came across a box with my name on it. What a treasure I had come across! The memories were both bitter and sweet all at once. I sat there and thought about my first day in August for Welcome Week, meeting my first roommate Richelle and her friend Dorothea – who quickly became my best friends, and my emotional goodbye to my parents. I then remembered all the spades tournaments, the concerts, chapels, and the Monopoly games we would play in the SGA offices. I found one or two pictures of my years at SBU. I had even saved a poster done by Jeremy Casper encouraging the student body to “write in” Kenny Goleaner for SGA President!

While my time spent looking through the box was fun and memorable, it would have been twice the fun to share these memories with my friends and classmates. This year marks the ten-year reunion for the class of 1997. I would like to encourage all of you who graduated in 1997 or a semester or two before or after to come back and relive those memories. It will also give us an opportunity to catch up. Some of us have gotten married; some of us have had kids, some have traveled and lived exciting lives in the last ten years. Some of us have lived to testify on how faithful the Lord really is. I can think of no better time than October 5-6 and homecoming for us to do just that - testify to the Lord's goodness and faithfulness in our lives. I hope to see you there!

Janna Bingham Williams '97
Alumni Association Board President



Follow the purple brick road October 5 & 6

There's
No Place
Like Home

Homecoming
07

Look for your registration
mailer in the coming weeks
or visit the alumni website
at www.sbuniv.edu/alumni

1939

Charles Craig received a B.A. from Baylor and a D.D.S. after attending SWBC and serving in the military. He practiced for 48 years. PO Box 60, Floydada, TX 79235

1945

L. Wayne Reed passed away in Ozark, Mo. on February 25, 2007. He was born April 11, 1926 and was a lifelong educator, serving the youth of Purdy, Cassville, Nevada, and Springfield for 36 years, as coach, teacher, and counselor. His early years were spent in Rocky Comfort, where he was a locally renowned basketball player. He played college basketball at Southwest Baptist College, following which he began his coaching and teaching career, in the course of which he influenced thousands of young people over several generations. He established an immensely successful summer baseball program in Nevada, which continues to this day. Reed was a people person in every place and position where he lived and worked. He had a genuine interest in youth, an extraordinary interest in sports, and a phenomenal memory for the activities of his many friends. He loved meeting people, making friends, and helping the communities and organizations with which he was connected. Most of all, he loved his family.

1946

Katherine (Holland) Currier had a rewarding experience during her years at SWBC. She is still teaching children's worship hour. 2750 Beechwood St, Grand Junction, CO 81506

1949

Helen F. Harlan passed away November 28, 2006. She was born June 9, 1929, in Excello, Mo. She graduated from Macon High School and Southwest Baptist College. She was a member of Winnwood Baptist Church for 38 years.

1951

Leora (Hunter) Hubbs passed away January 30, 2007, at the age of 93. She

was an elementary school teacher in Texas County, Mo., for forty years. Leora is survived by daughter **Carol West '56**.

Violet (Alexander) Overton passed away February 16, 2007 in Springfield, Mo. Violet was a graduate of Walker High School in 1946. She started college at Warrensburg, but was forced to return home after an illness. She attended summer classes at Southwest Baptist College and became a teacher in the Vernon County Schools. On February 11, 1950, Violet married Dale Overton. They farmed in the Schell City area and had one daughter, Phyllis Ann. Phyllis and her husband Bob have two children, Tyler and Shawn, who were the loves of Violet's life.

1952

William "Roy" Chastain retired in 1998 after 43 years in the chemical business. In 1999, he went to work as an assistant to a personal injury lawyer in Oakland, Calif. He now lives in the state of Washington and works for a personal injury law firm. Roy plans to "retire" someday! 2538 Simon Lane NE, Olympia, WA 98506. wrchastain@comcast.net

William L. Ritchie passed away on February 19, 2007.

1953

Barbara Langsford of Lee's Summit passed away February 11, 2007. She was born September 6, 1933, to George and Emaline Walberg. She was born and raised in Lee's Summit where she graduated high school in 1951. She attended Southwest Baptist College and returned to Lee's Summit where she married N.B. "Buck" Langsford, Jr. on March 28, 1954. They raised their five daughters in Lee's Summit. Barbara was a Missouri-licensed funeral director, the corporate secretary and co-owner of Langsford Funeral Home, Inc., Langsford Pre-Arrangement, Inc., and Langsford Development, Inc. She was a member of PEO, Chapter ET. She is remembered for her love for her family, her

musical talents, her love of entertaining others, her steadfast faith and her beautiful flower gardens.

1954

Helen Myers retired from teaching in 1999 and now lives in Eagle, Idaho. Her husband, Gene, passed away November 2005. She keeps busy with church activities, traveling, family, and volunteering at a local food bank and the World Center for Birds of Prey. 956 E Shadow Creek Ln, Eagle, ID 83616 hcrewse@yahoo.com

1956

Bill Carter is retired. His last pastorate was East Benton Baptist Church in Benton, Ill. PO Box 132, Benton, IL 62812

1968

William "Bill" Clarence Smith retired as a minister after 62 years in Missouri. He retired as a school administrator in 1988. In 1995 his former spouse, Betty Smith, passed away in 1995. Bill married Doreen in 1997. 1702 N Jefferson, Mexico, MO 65265

1975

Joyce M. Sells passed away on February 16, 2007, in her home with her husband at her side. See pages 40-41 for a memorial to Joyce.

Cris Fonville (see 1978 news)

1977

Mark Day left government work after 28 years and became CTO and VP of a high tech company in the Dulles High Tech Corridor. He and his wife, Marcella, have one daughter, Rachel (27). Rachel gave birth to her first child, a son, who at 12 weeks has already traveled to Virginia, California, Alaska, Missouri, and Ohio. Mark suspects his grandson is *Guinness Book of World Records* material for early travel. 839 S Monroe St, Arlington, VA 22204

1978

Michael Rorie has returned to active duty in the U.S. Army. He, wife Bobbie and son Michael, arrived at Fort Carson, Colo., on January 29, 2007. His title is Chaplain Ops/Plans NCO for Division West. His assignment is at Ft. Carson for three years. mchl_rorie@yahoo.com

Nancy (Meister) and husband, Cris Fonville '78 have three children. Brian (27) graduated from Marquette University. Angela (25) attends Marquette and is involved in Disaster Relief in Bay St. Louis, Miss. She will also be going to Rhode Island for a year to work with City Year CORP. Keith (29) has two boys Michael (9) and Chance (6). Nancy is involved with the Red Cross in Disaster Relief. Cris just retired from sheetmetal due to an illness. Box 492, Oak Grove, MO 64075
numeralunonanny@yahoo.com

1979

Gayle Elaine Mansfield of Centralia died at her residence Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007. She was born Oct. 29, 1952, in Moberly, the daughter of Gerald Eugene and Wanda Palmer Mansfield. Gayle was a member of First Baptist Church in Centralia. She was a graduate of Centralia High School and received her bachelor's degree from SWBC. Her last employment was as an emergency dispatcher for the Joint Communications Center in Warsaw.

Michael Willoughby loved SWBC and says it helped him to grow in biblical knowledge. 647 N Main St, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
mtwilloughby@theauditstore.com

Charlene (Johnson) retired after 27 wonderful years of teaching elementary vocal music in Joplin, Carthage and Independence, Mo. She now gets to be the room parent and PTA volunteer at her son's school and a full-time homemaker. She and her husband, Todd, have a ten-year-old son, Barry. Their daughter, Molly, is deceased. Their family is currently in the process of

moving to the Springfield area to be closer to family. 2909 W Trevor Trail, Ozark, MO 65721 canderson9296@excite.com

Tracy Jagers left a pastorate in Colorado to become the Church Development Associate for the Tryon Evergreen Baptist Association in Conroe, Texas. He and his wife, Lorna, have five children, Tim (26), Angela (24), Michelle (22), Jared (18), and Rachel (9). 2311 Tarrytown Crossing Dr, Conroe, TX 77304
tjagers@teba.org

1980

Suzy Boyd has taught 5th grade at Fort Bend Baptist Academy for 12 years and has been a teacher a total of 27 years. Her husband, Jacob (Jay), is pastor of the Family Life Center at Second Baptist in Houston, Texas. They have three daughters who are a blessing to their lives. 2519 Pheasant Creek Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77478

1981

Janice (Hulsey), after leaving SBU, moved to Colo. and met her husband. Janice and Floyd Barnes married in Arizona in 1984. They spent three years in Arizona, four years in Florida, and then back to Colorado for ten years. Five years ago Janice and Floyd felt led to move to Missouri. Floyd is now retired and Janice continues to work at Windermere Baptist Conference Center. 5415 Hwy BB, Stoutland, MO 65567 jbarnes@windermereusa.org

Terry Jordan (see 1982 news)

1982

Jenny (Dittmar) and husband, Terry Jordan '81 are the owners of Slater General Store in Slater, Mo. They have been in business a little over four years after leaving jobs they had for 15 and 18 years. Their store has a little bit of everything, and they enjoy finding new things to sell. 216 E Lincoln, Slater, MO 65349

Susan (King) and husband, Ron Hazelrigg, have two children, Blake (17)

and Holly (4). They adopted Holly from Russia almost two years ago. 3316 S Seminole Ct, Independence, MO 64057
susan. hazelrigg@raytownschools.org

1983

Robert L. Power passed away February 1, 2007. He was born September 24, 1932, in Kansas City, the son of Walter and Helen (Ostrom) Power. He graduated from Westport High School and later in life returned to finish his education, graduating from SBU. He worked many years in corporate insurance and worked in retail sales after retirement. He enjoyed many interests from woodworking to mountain climbing. He was a member of Antioch Bible Baptist Church.

1984

Wanda (Ramey) Ellis passed away November 13, 2006, from cancer. She is survived by husband **Albert Ellis '84**.

Sharon Moore is a cancer survivor and is unemployed due to illness. 7344 Arutas Dr, North Highland, CA 95660
SMMOORE63@aol.com

1985

Fred Winters was reelected to a second term as president of the Illinois Baptist State Association. Fred is also a recipient of a sabbatical grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation and will be spending three months touring the sites of the Reformation. He and his wife, Cindy, will be celebrating their twenty-year anniversary as senior pastor with First Baptist Church of Maryville on June 3, 2007.
fredw@fbcmonline.com

1987

J. Russell Jackson was elected to membership in the American Law Institute on February 14, 2007. The ALI, which was founded in 1923, has as its purpose the "clarification and simplification of the law." Its members draft, debate and vote on the Restatement of the Law books, which are heavily relied upon by courts as



authoritative statements of what American law is on various subjects. The ALI's elected membership is limited to 3,000 judges, law professors and lawyers, and ALI membership is a prestigious honor in the legal profession. Jackson is a partner in the New York City office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. With over 1,800 lawyers and 22 offices worldwide, Skadden is one of the world's largest law firms. Jackson defends companies' products and advertising in class action lawsuits and appeals across the country. He lectures frequently, is a columnist for the National Law Journal, and teaches products liability as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

1988

Martha 'Marti' Stocker Smith passed away November 26, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas, from injuries received in an auto accident in Young County, Texas. She was born September 14, 1965, in Jacksonville, Ill., to the late Curtis and Helen (Friday) Stocker. On November 4, 1984, she married Rev. Jim Smith in Virginia, Ill. Marti obtained an associate degree in art from Southwest Baptist University. She had worked for Hyster Forklift in Memphis, Tenn. She also worked as a secretary in the Provider Relations Department for Baptist Memorial Health Systems in Memphis; for FTN Associates in Little Rock, Ark.; and as a secretary for the Rehabilitation Department at the Western Missouri Regional Medical Center. She moved to Olney from Warrensburg

in May 2005. In Olney, she worked as a switchboard operator at Hamilton Hospital and had recently moved to Integracare Home Health. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she helped with the Community Fellowship Meal, was a Sunday school teacher and participated in the Bible study group.

Michael Walker and his wife, **Heather (Williams) '91** have been serving as full-time foreign missionaries since May 2004. Mike is the director of Love Botswana Bible Institute and associate pastor of All Nations Village Church. They are independent missionaries with Love Botswana Outreach Mission in Maun, Botswana. Michael and Heather are blessed with four children, Beracah (14), Judah (12), Josiah (10), and Charissma (2). The Walkers are living their dream. Maun Postnet, Private Bag 114, Suite 46, Maun, Botswana
heatherwalker@lovebotswana.org

1989

Debbie Gilmer graduated with a M.A.T. degree from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. in May. She is now certified to teach art K-12 and is going through the job hunt and interviewing process. Prayer support would be greatly appreciated. 2859 Cherry Point Lane, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
smedcardsfan@sbcglobal.net

Margaret (Kight) and her husband, Ron Cook, will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary this year. Margaret continues to work at a crisis agency for prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. She currently serves as program coordinator for the child abuse prevention program and has been working with the agency for thirteen years. The couple has four children, AshLee (12), Joshua (8), Matt (22), and John (18). 18735 E 670 Rd, Tahlequah, OK 74464
maggielcook@gmail.com

1990

Lester Baker and wife Melinda have

three children, Ashli (18), Ashton (16), and Madyson (11). Ashli will graduate in May and has signed to play softball for the Lady Bearcat softball team. She is looking forward to playing and getting her education in Physical Therapy. Ashton continues to be successful in his education and sports. Madyson is doing great in school and is active in basketball. She recently participated in honors choir. Melinda is successful with Lowther Johnson Law Firm. 2521 W Blackburn Dr, Springfield, MO 65807
shakenbake09@sbcglobal.net

1991

Brian Garrison and his wife, Tama, have two children, Caleb (7) and Emma (4). Brian recently received his first head football coaching job in Texas.

Heather (Williams) Walker

(see 1988 news)

Paula (Butterfield) and her husband, Scott Schoenrock, have one son, Zachary (5). 19235 SE 164th St, Renton, WA 98058
spschoenrock@juno.com

1992

Brian Sanders has been working for Boston Scientific Endoscopy for the past seven years, and was most recently promoted to regional sales manager for five central U.S. states. His wife, Trudi, is a first grade teacher for the Affton Public Schools in St. Louis, Mo. They have one child, Jessica (11), who enjoys kayaking, four-wheeling and hunting with her dad. 5172 Copperleaf Dr, Imperial, MO 63052
thesanders3@juno.com

Charles Doyle, since 2005, has practiced as a licensed psychologist in Joplin, Mo., at College Skyline Center. He is also a volunteer music leader for First Baptist Church, Carl Junction. He and his wife, Susan, have four children, Joellen (13), Jennifer (8), Andrew (6), and Jayme (4). 401 Angel Lea Dr, Carl Junction, MO 64834
corsdoyle@sbcglobal.net

Blieuanda (Carter) and husband Jim began homeschooling their two children, Rachel (11) and J.D. (10) last July. The couple would love to hear from old roommates and friends from school! 1897 Co Rd 6460, West Plains, MO 65775
blieu@centurytel.net

Jason Percy appeared on RFD-TV on the "Old Country Church" program. The program was taped in March 2007 and featured the Signature Quartet singing six southern gospel song favorites. The quartet, for which Jason is the bass vocalist, has traveled extensively throughout the US since 2001, sharing the good news of Jesus through gospel music. Signature Quartet appeared in Springfield, Mo., on April 27, 2007, along with Karen Peck, New River, and Greater Vision for the annual KWFC 89.1 FM listener appreciation concert. 1622 Regan Ave, Carthage, MO 64836
jasonpercy@hotmail.com

CPT Christopher (Ron) Davis is a full-time administrative officer of the 31st Rear Operations Center Mississippi Army National Guard. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of his National Guard unit. Christopher has ten years active military service. 350 Byram Dr Apt 904, Byram, MS 39272
christopher.r.davis5@us.army.mil

Michelle (Rainwater) (see 1995 news)

Kelly (Chipman) and husband **Bill Gandy '93** are serving with NAMB in Colorado Springs as college student missionaries specifically at the Air Force Academy. 550 W Woodmen RD, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
gandyfam@peoplepc.com

Andrea (Urich) (see 1995 news)

1993

Jeremy Crow and wife **LeAnne (Christensen) '93** have two children, Lucas (4) and Levi (18 mos). In the last year, Jeremy was promoted to vice

president of customer services – overseeing implementation, consulting, training and technical services for McKesson's Homecare & Hospice Technology Solutions. In April, Jeremy will celebrate his 12th anniversary with McKesson. He is pursuing his executive M.B.A. with Washington University in St. Louis. 672 E Meadowlark Place, Springfield, MO 65810
jeremy.crow@sbcglobal.net

Tony Hunt and wife Kristen have two children, Kyra (8) and Kaden (5). The family has recently moved but is continuing ministry in a growing church. 2112 Foxfire Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
tk3hunt@verizon.net

Shayla (Foster) and husband **Alan Hale '94** plan to move to Springfield, Mo. this summer. They have one daughter, Emma (8). Shayla joined the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Church as children's minister January 1, 2007. Alan works with infants through three year olds in the Missouri First Steps program as a physical therapist in the communities around Polk and Greene counties. 4241 Hwy 83 N, Bolivar, MO 65613
sphale@alltel.net

Bill Gandy (see 1992 news)

1994

William Helsley and wife **Jill (Marsden) '95** moved to Lenexa, Kan. Jill changed jobs from working for Office Depot to working at a gastroenterologist office. William is still working in the mail room for the USDA as well as HyVee grocery store. They have been attending Lenexa Baptist Church for almost six years. 9617 Monrovia Apt 204, Lenexa, KS 66215
JILLRH@hotmail.com

Alan Hale (see 1993 news)

1995

Jennifer (Ricker) joined husband, Eric Utter, in managing their business, Soulard Pet Sitters (www.soulardpetsitters.com), a pet care service in the city of St. Louis.

2104 S 9th St, St. Louis, MO 63104
eric.jennifer.u@sbcglobal.net

Valerie Buchanan works for Gordon College just north of Boston. She directs a service-learning program that funnels hundreds of college students from Gordon into inner city service opportunities and internships in the city of Lynn, Mass. She also oversees a new Gordon residence hall that offers an intentional urban living option for students who are eager for more community involvement. Valerie continues to have ongoing involvement in the country of South Africa, traveling there to be involved in various ministries and visiting friends. 170 Oxford Unit 401, Lynn, MA 01901
val.buchanan@gordon.edu

Jill (Marsden) Helsley
(see 1994 news)

Michael Barnes and his wife, **Michelle (Rainwater) '92** have one daughter, Hannah Faith (4). Mike has been called as the pastor of Suburban Baptist Church in Granite City, Ill. Michelle will be a stay-at-home mom after being a preschool director/teacher for eight years. 46 Mimosa, Pontoon Beach, IL 62040
barnes34u@sbcglobal.net

Ryan Ingold is the associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Mustang, Okla. He and his wife, **Andrea (Urich) '92** have three children, Clay (9), Broc (6), and Hope (2). 3312 Rockhampton, Oklahoma City, OK 73179
ryandrea@cox.net

1996

Jennifer Smith recently moved to the Kansas City area and is working as a subpoena analyst at the Sprint headquarters. 11128 W 76th Terrace, Apt 19, Shawnee, KS 66214
jsmith773@yahoo.com

Aaron Allen (see 1997 news)

1997

Angel (Bull) and husband **Aaron Allen '96** have just opened a Christian Retreat Center in Doniphan, Mo. It is a handmade log cabin that can accommodate up to 60 people. They opened in May 2007 and are now taking bookings. Their website is www.rockscryoutretreat.com. RR 2 Box 279AE, Doniphan, MO 63935 professoraallen@yahoo.com

Jason Eden and wife **Melynda (Campbell) '97** have two children, Emily (9) and Timothy (2). Jason has been accepted into the Washington University Executive MBA program and will attend classes from April 2007 to December 2008. He was also recently promoted to technical course developer IV with VMware and is developing their e-learning strategy and courseware. Melynda is doing contract e-learning work for VMware in addition to maintaining a growing Internet services business. 14471 Bantry Lane, #25, Chesterfield, MO 63017 jason@jasoneden.com

Philip Christian Van Gulick of Kansas City went to be with his Lord on February 23, 2007. Philip was born September 29, 1974, in Kansas City. He was a graduate of Blue Ridge Christian School and SBU. He was employed by DST.

Amy Johnson and husband Curtis have two children, Rylee (7) and Reese (6). Amy currently teaches biology at Skyline High School. 55 Pleasant Ridge Dr, Urbana, MO 65767 ajohnson@skyline.k12.mo.us

1998

Frederick Ricker and wife **Christy (Griggs) '98** have one son, Quinn Scott (4). Frederick was promoted to tax director at Cequal. Christy is head of marketing and consulting at The Visiting Nurse Association Hospice. She also owns her own wedding planning company, All Dressed In White. 3582 Summerlyn, St. Louis, MO 63129 alldressedinwhite@charter.net

1999

Adam Winn is pursuing his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies at Fuller Seminary. He recently found out that his dissertation has received final approval and he will be receiving his degree shortly.



Angie (Parker) and husband Kenny Collins have one daughter, Aubrey (1). The family recently moved to Mountain Grove, Mo. Angie finished her pediatric residency in Columbia, Mo. She is enjoying her pediatric practice in rural Missouri. Kenny is in real estate and farming. 617 W Scott St, Mountain Grove, MO 65711 acollins@duganmd.com

Kent Burchyett was recently hired as minister of music at Bethel Baptist Church in Independence, Mo. kent.burchyett@sbcglobal.net

2000

Rebecca (Gaskill) and her husband, Justin Booth, have one son, Justin Zachariah (2). Justin finished his bachelor's degree in business management from Indiana Wesleyan University in April 2006. In September 2006, the Booths moved into a beautiful new two-story home. 3130 Parkview Dr, Columbus, IN 47201

Michele (Dittemore) and her husband, Tim Head, have two children, Elizabeth (7) and Daniel (5). Michele has decided to go back to SBU to get a B.S. in nursing. 1960 S Maple Tree Ln, Bolivar, MO 65613 mhead_concerto2@hotmail.com

2001

Rob Ross was selected to present at a national conference hosted by the federal government in Minneapolis this past May. He finished his graduate degree in 2005 at Evangel University in Springfield. Ross, who works for the Wichita Children's Home, runs a program that is partially funded through the Department of Health and Human Services Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, through the Federal Youth Services Bureau. As part of the program, Ross sits in with an FBI task force, along with members from an adolescent sexual assault prevention group and the Wichita Police Department. The group was formed to address the problem of human trafficking through Wichita. r_ross@wch.org

Stephanie (Schierholz) and husband Brandon Fibbs live in Manhattan. Stephanie works at the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a public affairs specialist. (See her story on page 15.) Brandon is a master's candidate in cinema studies at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. 241 W 100th St Apt. 4F, New York, NY 10025 slfibbs@yahoo.com

2002

Amber Rippstein will receive her master of divinity degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS).

2003

Trisha Loven is in her third year of teaching kindergarten for Morgan Co. R-II in Versailles. She recently bought her first house. Trisha is working on her master's of administration from William Woods. 404 West Dekalb St, Versailles, MO 65084 trishl@mcr2.k12.mo.us

2004

Christina (Cooper) and her husband, Jonathan Davis, recently moved to Pueblo West, Colo. 1446 N Bowen Dr, Pueblo West, CO 81007 stina703@gmail.com

2006

Christopher Fryrear is currently working at Paradigm Performance Lab, a training center for elite athletes. 1365 Wheatfield Dr, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
chrifryrear@gmail.com

Marriages

Marica (Abbott) '88 and Tim Kennedy were married on January 27, 2006. 22511 Jackson Court, 2A, Richton Park, IL 60471
marcialane@aol.com

Kimberly (Roberson-Tyree) '89 married her best friend from high school in December 2006. Together they have three daughters and four grandchildren. 40 Kingston Dr, Moscow Mills, MO 63362
kimberly64@centurytel.net

Kelley (Patterson) '91 married Steve Adams in Harvestor, Mo. on October 7, 2006. Kelley works as a Human Resources Generalist for TALX Corporation. Steve is the operations manager for RBO Print Logistix. 2508 Maple Tree Dr, St. Charles, MO 63303
kadams@talx.com

Aimee-Michelle (Hawn) '95 married Stephen Gower on April 30, 2005. Aimee-Michelle is a scrapbook teacher and has a small personal organization business called "Square Pegs." The couple would like to hear from old friends. 1101 W Nixon Dr, O'Fallon, IL 62269
scrapabee@hotmail.com

Kim (Kenney) '98 married Dwayne Thomas Lloyd on April 1, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev. Kim teaches math at Lebanon High School and is working toward a master's degree in secondary administration. Dwayne is the construction foreman for Singville, Inc. klloyd@lebanon.k12.mo.us

Sarah (Parrott) '99 and **Jeff Thomas '92** were married March 25, 2006, and now live in St. James, Mo.
jeff145@centurytel.com

Kara (Woody) '99 and Jaymi Blankenship were married on May 20, 2006. Kara is currently working towards her license in professional counseling while Jaymi is in seminary at Fort Worth.
kara_woody@yahoo.com

Dawn (Hodson) '01 and Judd Davis were married on June 11, 2005. Dawn teaches second grade and Judd works for the water department in Lamar. They also announce the birth of their son, Dalton Lee, who was born November 21, 2006. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. 287 NW 70th Lane, Lamar, MO 64759
davidsl@lamar.k12.mo.us

Kristen (Halliday) '03 married John Tinsley in July 2006. They now reside in Wentzville, Mo. and are both high school teachers for the Wentzville School District.
kristentinsley01@gmail.com



Greg Pringle '04 was married to Tiffany Cutting on July 22, 2006 in Westcliffe, Colo. Greg is employed at Hein & Associates while Tiffany is employed as a registered nurse. They both work in the Dallas area. 800 Lakeside Circle #1131, Lewisville, TX 75057

Torrey Wolf '04 was married to Christine in April 2006. 705 NE Windrose Ct, Apt E, Kansas City, MO 64155
wolfman560@hotmail.com

Justin Osborn '04 married Danae on June 17, 2006. Danae is a first grade

teacher at Hesston Elementary. Justin got a job with Fuqua & Doerksen Const. He is in Marketing and Sales. 2603 A Goldenrod Rd, N. Newton, KS 67117
JOsborn223@cox.net

Angela (Zeller) '06 married Tyler Foster on October 28, 2007. PO Box 3441, Fort Smith, AR 72913

Future Bearcats

J. Michael Kerr '90 and wife Malissa (Bartley) would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hadassah Jubilee, who was born February 7, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. She joins siblings, Samuel (14), Annalise (12), Gideon (10), Timothy (7), Mary Grace (6), Benjamin (4), and Malachi (2). Mike works at Team Industries in Bagley. Malissa is a stay-at-home mom. 19348 Upper Rice Lk Rd, Bagley, MN 56621

Joe Bieber '91 and wife Laurie would like to announce the birth of the daughter, Rhonan Linnae, who was born April 1, 2007. She joins brother Lucas (6) and sisters, Jillian (4) and Meghan (2).
jrbieber@charter.net

Michelle (Gibson) '93 and husband Kendrick Sifford would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Lynn, who was born January 8, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. Amy joins big sister Emily (1). 256 Ashford Oaks Dr, Wentzville, MO 63385
msifford@socket.net

Angela (Woods) '94 and husband Ken Puckett announce the birth of their second son, Luke Joseph, who was born October 20, 2006. He joins older brother, Noah (3). 112 High Crest Rd, Pelham, AL 35124
kandapuck@bellsouth.net

Heidi (Copps) '94 and husband Perry Valentine would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Emilie Hope, who was

born December 22, 2006. She was their Christmas miracle! She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.
heidiandperry@msn.com

Holly (Stanton) '95 and husband **Matt Nimmo '01** would like to announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Maximilian, who was born July 20, 2006. He joins Natalie (8), Marshal (5), and Glory (2). The family recently moved to Buffalo, Mo., where Matt is the assistant principal at Buffalo Prairie Middle School and is taking classes through SBU toward his specialist degree to become a superintendent. Holly is a freelance artist and stay-at-home mom. 13 Oak Ridge Rd, Buffalo, MO 65622
nimmo@centurytel.net

Andrew J. Booth '95 and wife Carrie announce the birth of their first daughter, Lauren Camille, who was born January 2005, and their second daughter, Aubryn Elizabeth, who was born January 2007. Andrew and Carrie were married April 2004. PO Box 1386, Hannibal, MO 63401
ajb-cwd@socket.net

Heather (Ensz) '96, M.P.T. '98 and husband Peter Marra would like to announce the birth of their first child, Peter Jacob, who was born November 2, 2006. 112 Henson Ave, Danville, KY 40422
heathermarra@hotmail.com

Kimberly (Dyer) '96, M.P.T. '98 and husband Daniel Hall would like to announce the birth of their son, Holden Daniel, who was born November 21, 2006. Kim is a physical therapist for Provena St. Mary's Hospital and Home Care and is currently pursuing her D.P.T. from SBU. 1033 S Evergreen Ave, Kankakee, IL 60901

Jill (Elrod) '96 and husband Scott Delk would like to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Chloe Grace and Miranda Joy, who were born June 8, 2006. They were welcomed by big sister, Sophia (3). 2433 SW 12th Terrace, Lee's Summit, MO 64081
jilldelk@yahoo.com

Michelle (Thornton) Hasselberg '98 and husband, Christian, would like to announce the adoption of Nathan Mark on October 25, 2006. The couple also recently moved from Arizona to Illinois. 31 Deer Trail Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234
piano_25@yahoo.com

Kyle Nix '98 and wife **Susie (Archambault), '98** would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Ruthie Victoria, who was born March 1, 2006. She was born with a chromosomal disorder and passed away June 20, 2006. Elijah (3) was a loving big brother and they all miss Ruthie so much. 10308 Varnum Dr, St. Louis, MO 63136
Weyqalot@yahoo.com

Bonnie (Lichtenwalner) '98 and husband **Chris Dillabough '98** would like to announce the birth of their son, David Mark, who was born July 28, 2006. He is welcomed by older brother Thomas (6) and older sisters Summer (4), Angel (4), and Katie (2). Chris worked for Wal-Mart but now works for Santa Rose Library in Gulf Breeze, Fla. 6653 Dearborn St, Milton, FL 32570
chdillabough@yahoo.com

Jacki (Schneider) '99 and husband **Shane Dublin '99** would like to announce the birth of their son, Jaxon Robert, who was born October 5, 2006 weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces. He is welcomed by big sister Kathryn Ann (2).

Elaine (Dueker) '99 and husband Rodney Parsley would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Esther Sophia, who was born November 11, 2006. She was welcomed by big brothers, Caleb (6) and Josiah (3). 1108 Rosewood Ln, Arlington, TX 76010
recparsley@juno.com

Brigitte Factor '99 and husband Jason would like to announce the birth of their first son, Jaden David, who was born September 8, 2006. 102 W Wren, Ozark, MO 65721
bfphdchem@yahoo.com

Kevin King '99 and wife **Kimberly (Gibson) '00** would like to announce the birth of their son, Kannon Lee, who was born June 27, 2006 weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces and 23 inches long. He is welcomed by big sister Kayleigh, who will turn three in April. kingskastle@hotmail.com

Amber (Houk) '99 and husband Brian Lautenschlager would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Esther Elizabeth, who was born November 18, 2006. Esther is welcomed by big brother Luke (3). Amber stays at home training the kids while Brian is currently building a new home next door for their family. Brian and Amber help lead a small group at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty. Amber is excited that her brothers, Jared and Jaben, have enjoyed SBU as much as she did. Jaben graduated this May, and Jared is serving overseas with his wife, Michelle (Bancroft). 609 NE 75th Terrace, Gladstone, MO 64118
balaut@hotmail.com

Julie (Hinkel) '00 and husband **Thad Noyes '01** announce the arrival of Grace Kathryn, born February 13, 2007. She joins older brothers, Brennan (7) and Philip (4). Thad has been the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Rangely, Colo., since August 2005. <http://web.mac.com/thadnoyes>

Natalie (Spitzmiller) '00 and husband, Richie Bryant, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Mason Alexander, who was born December 21, 2006. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. 2004 Blossom Bay Court, St. Peters, MO 63376

Christopher Grimes '00 and wife **Christy (Wright) '00** would like to announce the birth of their son, Cameron Graham Edward, who was born March 24, 2006. 733 N Sioux, Independence, MO 64056
christopherandchristy@hotmail.com

Brian Daugharthy '00 and wife **Jill Daugharthy '99** would like to



**Chloe Grace
and Miranda
Joy Delk
with sister
Sophia**

**Mason
Alexander
Bryant**



**Amy Lynn
Sifford**



**Esther
Sophia
Parsley**



**Reisman
Alexander
Berg**

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sister Lauren
Camille**

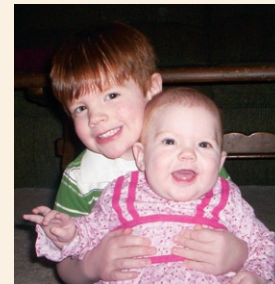


**Jaxon
Robert
Dublin
with sister
Kathryn**

**Nathan
Mark
Hasselberg**



**Sarah
Kathleen
Adams
with brother
Caleb**



announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Soleil, on November 6, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

bdaugharthy@yahoo.com

Amanda (Dial) '01 and husband **Max Smith '00** announce the birth of their first child, Breanna Kennedy, who was born January 18, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long.

Shane Kennard '01 and wife **Nichole (Brasher) '01** would like to announce the birth of their first son, Elijah Andrew, who was born August 23, 2006. He was 9 pounds, 6 ounces and 22 inches long. skennard@kennardfamilyweb.com

Krystal (Barnhart) '01 and husband **Ian Neal '01** would like to announce the birth of their son, Jordan Ray, who was born March 3, 2006.

Dawn (Hodson) Davis '01
(see Marriages)

Mark Berry '02 and wife **Nicole (Holtorf) '02** would like to announce the birth of their son, James Andrew, who was born September 20, 2006. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins big sister Jordan (3). 1276 Pequeno Lane, St. Louis, MO 63026 nicoleberry23@hotmail.com

Joshua Still '02 and wife **Naomi (Lundius) '02** would like to announce the birth of their son, Noam Gregory, who was born February 23, 2007. He tipped the scales at 9 pounds, 8.5 ounces. Noam's paternal grandmother **Cynthia (Polson) Still '77** is also an SBU alum. STILLNAOMI@charter.net

Melissa (Silvey) '02 and husband Marty Yount would like to announce the birth of their first child, Casey Layne, who was born March 2, 2007, in Farmington, Mo. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Melissa and Marty both work at Farmington High School where Melissa is the senior counselor and Marty teaches industrial arts. 10185 Drury Rd, Caledonia, MO 63631 yountz@centurytel.net

Nathanael Berg '02 and wife **Brittney (Bowden) '03** would like to announce the birth of their son, Reisman Alexander, who was born February 8, 2007. 626 Ralph, Salina, KS 67401

Rob Pearson '03 would like to announce the birth of his first child, Camden Joshua, who was born December 1, 2006. robpearson27@hotmail.com

Josh Adams '03 and wife **Chrissy (Vogt) '02** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Kathleen, who was born August 25, 2006. Sarah joins big brother Caleb (2). Josh is in his third year of teaching math at the St. James High School. Chrissy is now a stay-at-home mom. PO Box 735, St. James, MO 65559 chrissyrenee79@yahoo.com

Jaime (Hodson) '04 and husband **Joshua Wilson '04** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Aniston Hope, who was born November 9, 2006. She was 7 pounds, 6.5 ounces and 20 inches long.

Carey (Holtwick) '04 and husband **Nate Bethell '03** would like to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Thomas, who was born September 17, 2006. He was 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 22 inches long. 809 E Colgate, Bolivar, MO 65613 ncbethell@alltel.net

In Memory

Helen F. Harlan '49

Leora (Hunter) Hubbs '51

William L. Ritchie '52

Barbara Langsford '53

Joyce M. Sells '75

Gayle Elaine Mansfield '79

Robert L. Power '83

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Martha Smith '88

Philip Christian Van Gulick '97

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Joyce Sells could not have known in 1965 that her cross-country moving days were over. Having lived in Illinois, California and twice in New York, she was accustomed to relocating wherever her husband's work took their family. But when Dr. Jim Sells was hired as the academic dean of Southwest Baptist College, she found a home. When she and Jim moved to Bolivar with their four children (Jan, Scott, Ben and Jane), their long journey had ended. The Sells family would spend the next 27 years in service at Southwest Baptist University.

Soon after settling into their new home, Joyce began her duties as a homemaker, church member, busy mother of four, and an active community member. When Jim became the 21st president of Southwest Baptist College in 1968, Joyce added the unpaid duties of "first lady" on top of her already hectic schedule. Her life now had the added responsibilities of serving as the official hostess of college dinners, receptions, Christmas parties, trustee dinners, and every conceivable type of social event common to a university. Joyce had the gift of hospitality, and she possessed a grace for working with all types of people in all types of situations. These traits and her other gifts made her a natural for her service as first lady. Her background had prepared her well for the many roles she would fill.

With her children spending more time in school, Joyce devoted her keen intellect to the pursuit of her education. In 1975 she earned the bachelor of arts in education from Southwest Baptist College. She taught English as an adjunct professor at SBU and also substituted in the Bolivar schools.

Joyce Maola Wayne was born on July 31, 1930, in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Ray and Gladys Wayne. Joyce became a believer in Jesus Christ at the Rosemont Baptist Church in East St. Louis and was active in the youth and music ministries. She gradu-



ated from East St. Louis Senior High School and then worked for a St. Louis law firm.

One of Joyce's fellow members of Rosemont Baptist Church was a young man originally from Sesser, Illinois. He had lived in East St. Louis for many years, and he also had graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School. On June 2, 1951, Joyce was married to Jim Lee Sells.

Shortly after their wedding, the young couple moved to Carbondale, Illinois, where Jim began to pursue a degree at Southern Illinois University. During this time, Joyce worked at the Academic Dean's office. Jim's educational plans were interrupted for a period of time by the Korean conflict. The Sells were eventually able, however, to return to Carbondale, and Jim completed his programs of study and begin his career in higher education. During this period, Jim and Joyce were active in a small church, and this experience played an important role in shaping their continued faithfulness to local churches and to Southern Baptist efforts.

The Sells next moved to New York where Jim would earn his doctorate at Columbia University. Jim taught and coached, and Joyce continued her home and church work. By this time they were raising a family of two children, Jan and Scott. They also helped establish the very first Southern Baptist Church in the area where they lived.

The growing family moved in 1958 to Davis, California. Dr. Sells held the position of head basketball coach and associate supervisor of health, physical education and recreation at the University of California-Davis. While living in Davis, Jim and Joyce helped establish the first Southern Baptist Church in that city.

Five years later, they moved to Buffalo, New York, where Jim served as the chair of the department of physical education and recreation at State University College.

SBU First Lady Joyce Sells

A Life of Service and Grace

*July 31, 1930 -
February 16, 2007*

by Sandra L. Brown, SBU Archivist

College. As had been their practice at their other residences, Jim and Joyce helped establish a new Baptist church.

During her years of service at SBU, Joyce seemed to prefer staying out of the limelight. She did, however, work tirelessly on many special projects in addition to her regular duties. For example, in the spring of 1982, Joyce, along with Elizabeth Crozier and Esther "Mom" Farris, began to explore the need to preserve historical items related to SBU. At the meeting of the SBU Women's Club in May 1982, a committee was established to find a location, draw up a mission, and set up a plan of operation to accomplish the goal. Because of the diligence and hard work of this committee, the Southwest Baptist University Historical Gallery held its first open house on November 10, 1982, in Muirhead Hall.

Joyce and several other key members of the SBU Women's Club poured countless hours into collecting, cleaning, tagging, and displaying historical materials for the Gallery. In an interview for the May 3, 1985, issue of the Omnibus, Joyce said, "Don't let it be an old, dark museum—use it." She noted that they named the facility, "SBU Historical Gallery," not "museum." "We didn't use the word 'museum' because of the connotations." As Joyce stated, the clear intention for the Gallery was to be a "workable part of the University" and to be a dynamic resource, not a static depository.

Because so much of her work was behind-the-scenes, a casual observer might have missed her many contributions as wife, mother, friend, hostess, and first lady. During her time in Bolivar, Joyce invested her life in various activities, including Meals-on-Wheels, the citizen's committee for the school, and the "Sound of Music" high school choir trip to Austria. She was also a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, where she served with distinction as a Sunday School teacher and as church librarian. One of the highlights of her tenure as church librarian was her effort to automate the church library and make it accessible on the Internet.

Joyce M. Sells was well-known to her friends and to the community for her devotion to her Lord and to her family. Her quiet strength and servant's heart made a lasting impression upon the lives of those who knew and loved her. In her eulogy at the funeral of Joyce, Dr. Pat Baker lovingly remembered her friend with the following words: "Inside she was a spiritual giant. First Peter 3:4 reads, 'Be beautiful inside, in your heart, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God.' What better description could there be of Joyce's life."



Dear SBU Family & Friends:

Grace. Dignity. Faithfulness. Compassion. As you well know, these are just some of the terms that best describe Joyce M. Sells. For more than twenty-four years, Joyce served as First Lady of Southwest Baptist University. Her life at SBU was characterized by love for students and for faculty and staff. She hosted innumerable events that encouraged and lifted the spirits of the university family. She quietly worked behind the scenes to nurture and assist students in their educational pursuits. She labored tirelessly to preserve the rich heritage and legacy of this institution, as evidenced by her leadership in the creation of the historical gallery at Muirhead Hall. Joyce graduated from SBU in 1975 with a bachelor of arts in education, and for several years she taught in the English department on a part-time basis.

The life of Joyce M. Sells continues to impact us today, and we at Southwest Baptist University want to honor her legacy. With the blessings of Dr. Sells and the Sells family, we are pleased to announce the creation of the Joyce M. Sells Heritage Center. The Heritage Center seeks to honor two of Joyce's great life passions: the history of SBU and the importance of libraries in the educational quest. As such, the most suitable place to house the Heritage Center is in the Harriet K. Hutchens Library.

We want the Heritage Center to embody the same qualities and standards that characterized Joyce. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 to prepare and furnish the Joyce M. Sells Heritage Center. Any contributions that exceed the cost of the Heritage Center will go to an endowed scholarship to honor Joyce. We are asking friends of the Sells family to contribute to this project and thereby join us in this opportunity to pay tribute to Joyce. In this way, we would jointly acknowledge her legacy of sacrificial service and devotion to our university. As one who has appreciated and benefited from her life, we wanted to provide you an opportunity to share in this affirmation of Joyce.

The life of Joyce was lived in devotion to our Lord, her family, and the SBU community. Our desire is that the Joyce M. Sells Heritage Center will forever commemorate the life and contributions of this wonderful woman. We hope that the Heritage Center will inform generations of students of the story of Southwest Baptist University. We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have on this significant project. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Sincerely,

C. Pat Taylor
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