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I love my job. I know I am blessed to be able to enjoy my work. When I coach my student interns on their job hunts, I encourage them to pursue a career field for which they have a passion. If you look at the most successful people, they have a passion for what they do whether teaching, preaching, or managing business deals. If you have ever watched the SBU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team perform a presentation, their passion for business is evident. They are consummate professionals in dress, in speech, and in stature. What is even more impressive, however, is their heart for helping people.

Our feature story: "Business Smarts and Business Hearts" focuses on the SBU SIFE team, which has won their regional championship for 24 out of the past 25 years. Having just returned from the national championships in Chicago, they are already busy planning for next year. This year the team made a special effort to recruit more freshmen, increase the size of their Business Advisory Board and double their number of projects. In interviewing the team members, I learned that while their focus is free enterprise, the team learns many valuable life skills and in turn, gives back by teaching these skills to the community.

The SBU men's and women's tennis teams also have had a remarkable record over the years, and this season marked SBU tennis coach John Bryant's 600th career win. The teams have enjoyed an incredible season regionally and nationally with players attaining academic as well as athletic honors. You can read about their victories on page 11. Other SBU teams that have enjoyed regional and national success this year include the Pi Kappa Delta speech and debate team, the computer information science team, and the Phi Beta Lambda business team.

We have been busy this summer planning for Homecoming weekend (October 10-11) and redesigning the SBU web site. You will still find us at www.SBUUniv.edu, but the web site has a whole new look as we move it from an information piece to an interactive tool for recruiting prospective students. While the look is designed to appeal to 16- to 18-year olds, we hope you enjoy reading the new features such as student profiles and the student blogs. Our students need to hear your stories, too, so we will be featuring more alumni profiles on the web site. You are our best recruiters as you tell prospective students about your life-changing experiences at SBU or SWBC.

Inside this issue you will find a special tribute to an alumni family that has supported the University in many ways over the years. The third generation of the family is continuing the family tradition at SBU. This issue also features a special fundraising campaign to support our fountain renovations. If you have ever spent time in an SBU fountain (or plotting to do so), you will appreciate the humor of this appeal.

As we prepare for another school year and what looks to be another huge freshman class, we are mindful of the many alumni and friends praying for our students, faculty and staff. Without your prayers and your financial support, we would be unable to fulfill our mission for the University. We appreciate your heart for SBU.

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Freedom Comes With a Price

As we were celebrating our Independence Day on the Fourth of July, I thought about how blessed we are to live in this great nation. We have the freedom to worship, the freedom to express our thoughts, and the right to pursue happiness. We also have the freedom to seek an education and we are free to choose a Christian education. We truly are blessed to be Americans.

However, the freedom we enjoy did not come without a price. Many Americans who have gone before us paid a supreme price for the freedom and opportunities we enjoy today. The Bolivar community recognized one of our American heroes, John Playter, on the Fourth of July by naming a park in his honor.

John Playter grew up in Joplin and after graduating from Stanford University in California with a degree in geology, he entered the United States Army. In April of 1942, he was captured by the Japanese and was forced to go on the Bataan Death March. He survived! After more than two years in captivity, he and a large number of prisoners of war were being transferred to Japan on a Japanese cargo ship. The ship was attacked by a U.S. submarine and sank about 2 ½ miles off of the Philippine coast. Only 83 of the more than 300 prisoners were able to swim to the shore. Once again, John Playter survived and this time was rescued by American forces.

For fifty years John hated the Japanese and could not forgive them for the atrocities he suffered at their hands. After hearing a sermon on forgiveness by Pastor Ray Leininger at First Baptist Church of Bolivar, John realized he must forgive the Japanese. After he forgave the Japanese, he could then speak about his imprisonment and how he and the other American prisoners were mistreated. He later was able to record his memories and SBU published them. The title of the book is *Survivor*. In *Survivor*, John describes what he went through as a prisoner of war. He gives God the credit for his survival and describes how he knew, because he was a Christian, he had to forgive the Japanese. *Survivor* is a story of a great American hero and I highly recommend it. Copies can be ordered through the SBU bookstore.

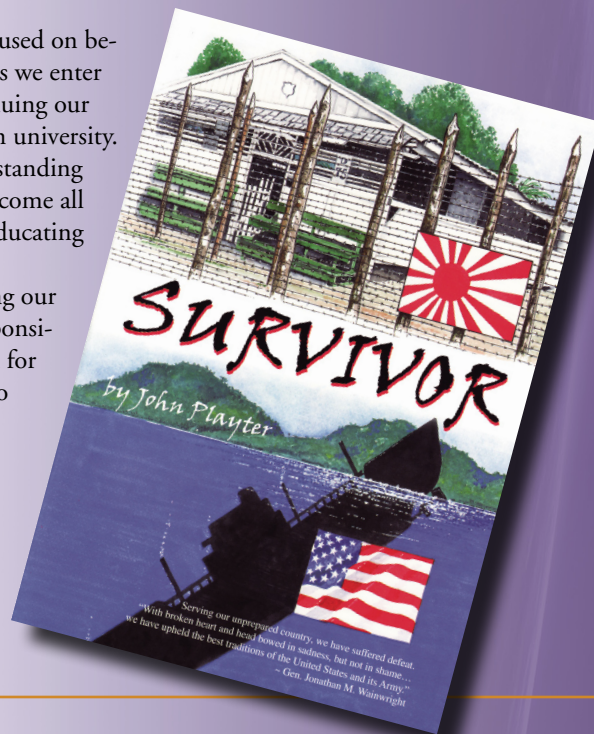
We are blessed at SBU. We have just finished another successful year with a great enrollment and it appears that we will have a good enrollment for the 2008 fall semester. The campaign to raise funds for a new front entrance in memory of Dr. Jim Sells is going very well. We plan to start this project in early September. I believe the creation of a new front entrance will greatly improve the appearance of our campus and offer a much better first impression of SBU.

Yes, we are very fortunate to live in the United States and we have much for which to be thankful at SBU. We have been given much! The Scriptures are clear as we are told in Luke 12:48: "To whom much is given, much is required." We have great responsibilities as citizens of the United States and as leaders of a Christian university.

We have the responsibility of keeping SBU focused on being Christ-centered in all facets of the University. As we enter our 130th year, we have the responsibility of continuing our commitment of being an unapologetically Christian university. Also, we have the responsibility of maintaining outstanding academic programs, which challenge students to become all that God desires for them. We are responsible for educating the next generation of servant leaders.

Each day we must commit ourselves to fulfilling our University mission statement, and meeting our responsibility of preparing future leaders for our nation and for the Kingdom of God. At SBU, we are committed to preparing servant leaders like John Playter.

C. Pat Taylor
President



"Serving our unprepared country, we have suffered defeat. With broken heart and head bowed in sadness, but not in shame, we have upheld the best traditions of the United States and its Army."
— Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright

SBU News

Graduation Day 2008



Spring commencement was held on a warm, sunny Saturday, May 17, on the Merrill Burnidge Memorial Forum on the main campus in Bolivar. Approximately 400 undergraduate and graduate students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas including 29 new Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates. The commencement address was given by guest speaker Charles Edward Graham. Graham received an honorary doctorate from SBU during the 2007 Founders' Day Event for his efforts through Charles Graham Ministries in Murrieta, Calif., where Dr. Graham resides.

Charles 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, Mo., to continue his college education. In 1984 he graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Graham's music ministry has taken him throughout the United States as well as overseas ministering in several countries. Most recently, Graham accepted an invitation by the president of Burundi, Africa, to minister for a week of worship. He 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.

Faculty Recognition for Retirement

Dr. Dave Bennett, associate professor of evangelism, and Dr. Jennifer Wilson, dean of St. John's College of Nursing and Health Science at SBU, were honored at spring commencement for their retirement.

Dave Bennett

Dave Bennett has taught evangelism and discipleship at SBU for the past seven years as the Jack Stanton Chair of Evangelism. He has equipped students both in the classroom and in the laboratory of social culture. This included requiring his ministry students to accompany him on monthly excursions to the Springfield First Friday Art Walks to engage individuals in conversations, to create friendships, and share faith with these new friends. In 2002, he was selected as the SBU Student Government Association Faculty of the Year and has served on the faculty senate for the past three years.

Dr. Bennett earned an associate of arts degree from Southwest Baptist College in 1958. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious education from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1963 and a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967. In 2004, he earned a doctorate in American studies at the University of New Mexico. He has served as youth and music minister and as pastor in churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado. He has been a university minister at Missouri State University, Arizona State University, and Texas Tech University. Dr. Bennett was the national youth evangelism consultant for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board from 1977 until 1981 and the state evangelism director for the Missouri Baptist Convention from 1992 until 2001.

Dr. Bennett and his wife, Dr. Tige Bennett, have been married for 47 years. They have four children, Kim, Shaun, Chad, and Tab,



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and four grandchildren, Angela, Mikayla, Sabrina, and Davey. Eight members of their family, spanning three generations, have attended SBU and their son, Chad, is an SBU graduate.

Jennifer Wilson

Jennifer Wilson began her employment at SBU in 2004 as a professor and as the dean of the St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences located on the SBU Springfield campus. During her tenure as dean, she was instrumental in securing a grant from the Missouri Hospital Association for the SBU Springfield campus.

Dr. Wilson earned two bachelor degrees from the University of Minnesota; one in psychology and the other in nursing. She holds two master's degrees; one in nursing from Russell Sage College in 1974 and another in business from Grand Canyon University in 2000.

In addition, Dr. Wilson earned an Ed.M. and an Ed.D. in nursing education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1975 and 1976 respectively. She served in the U.S. Army reserves from 1972-1992 which included Special Projects Officer and Chief Nurse in the 6251st U. S. Army Hospital in Tucson, Ariz. Dr. Wilson served on active duty in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps from 1968-1971.

Prior to her employment at SBU, Dr. Wilson served at the University of Minnesota at Crookston, Grand Canyon University, and Grand Canyon University Samaritan College, located in Phoenix, and at the Tucson Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Dr. Wilson has been involved with mission trips, prayer groups, choir, and outreach projects at various churches in which she has attended over the years. Currently, she attends Second Baptist Church in Springfield.

Life Beautiful and Teacher Awards

The 2008 Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award and Life Beautiful Awards also were presented during the ceremony. The female recipient of the Life Beautiful Award for 2008 was Meilani Williams and the male recipient was Rick Barnhouse. The 2008 Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award was presented to Troy Bethards, assistant professor in the

College of Business and Computer Science where he teaches economics and finance courses.

Meilani Williams

Meilani is from Leavenworth, Kan., and was a double major in mathematics and computer science. Meilani was an SBU Ambassador, a member of DaVine and the intercultural club, has been a recipient of several prestigious scholarships, and was a member of the award-winning SBU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and Computer Information Science (CIS) Teams.

Meilani was a CIS department lab instructor, and a student member of the Association for Information Technology Professionals, where she recently won three national awards at the 2008 conference.

Meilani is active at First Baptist Church of Bolivar where she has ministered to youth as a Bible study leader and worship leader. She serves on the college ministry leadership and worship team. She has gone on several international mission trips with the church as well as SBU. Meilani also is an Alpha House Education Team volunteer.

Meilani has demonstrated her Christ-like character through her long record of service and ministry while at SBU. Meilani's parents are Henry and Sue Williams.



Rick Barnhouse

Rick is from Bolivar and was a computer information science major, graduating summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade point average. He also received the College of Business and Computer Science's Psalm 15 Award for 2008. Rick was a member of the award winning CIS team, the Association of Information Technology Professionals team that placed third in two events at national competition, and Phi Beta Lambda, where he was a two-event state champion in 2007.

Rick is a member of the Assembly of God Church in Bolivar where he serves as secretary of the board of deacons and on the missions committee. He has been on several mission trips.



Rick has worked for BHS, Inc., a software development company, since 1989 where he is vice president and head programmer. Rick's wife Debbie, is the administrative assistant for Dr. Rodney Reeves, the dean of SBU's Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry. Rick and Debbie have three children. Their two sons, Brian and Kevin, are students at SBU. Rick's leadership at home, work, in his church, and on mission trips exemplifies his heart for service and for Christ.

Rosalee Mills Appleby, a career missionary to Brazil, established the Life Beautiful Award in 1937. This award is given annually to an outstanding man and woman in the SBU spring graduating class. These individuals have demonstrated, by their scholarship and character, that they are living a "life beautiful." The faculty selects the recipients whose identities remain confidential until the announcement at spring commencement.

Troy Bethards '93, M.B.A., D.B.A. (ABD)

Bethards received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and economics from SBU, and he received his M.B.A. from Missouri State University. Currently, Bethards is ABD in completion of his doctorate in business administration at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. Bethards' topic of his dissertation is to determine whether emotional intelligence plays a role in the performance of the individual investor.

Bethards said he enjoys teaching at SBU for several reasons: "First, this is my alma mater; therefore, I have a strong attachment to the institution. Furthermore, I enjoy being a part of a strong business program that allows for and encourages the integration of Christian faith in teaching the subject matter."

Bethards' essay, "An Ethics Primer," was included in a collaborative book titled *Psalm 15: Integrating Faith and Work*. Bethards has previous experience as an investment advisor, commodities broker, and mutual funds representative.

Bethards' wife Monica was one of SBU's Life Beautiful recipients in 1996. They have two children, Alyssa (9 years old) and Mason (6 years old). Bethards and his family attend Wellspring Fellowship in Bolivar. He assists in teaching a college-age Sunday school class.

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



Passion For Learning Motivates This Graduate

By Jennifer Harris '04

A love of music led Berniece Hamilton to begin college in 1950. Passion for learning drove her to complete her college degree 58 years later through Southwest Baptist University's Lebanon campus. On May 17, Hamilton walked across the stage at SBU in Bolivar to receive her bachelor of applied science in Christian ministry degree.

"Wedding bells came before school bells," Hamilton said at a recent SBU trustee meeting. She has been a trustee for four years.

After two semesters of college, at what was then Southwest Baptist College, she married her high school sweetheart and devoted herself to family life. She used her background in organ and voice to direct music at Antioch Baptist Church in Lebanon.

The couple bought a farm southeast of Lebanon, which included land once owned by her great-grandfather, George Wood. The Hamiltons began raising beef cattle. Hamilton's husband died in 1973, but she continues to operate the 600-acre farm with 100 head of cattle.

"Berniece Hamilton is a remarkable lady," said SBU president C. Pat Taylor. "Not only does she own and operate a cow and calf operation, serve as a trustee and remain highly involved in her church and other numerous organizations, but she took the time to complete a degree, which is just amazing."

Hamilton began taking classes again when SBU opened the Lebanon center in the 1980s. Once a week, professors would drive to Lebanon from the Bolivar campus. She took one three-hour class at a time, sometimes taking classes she didn't need to help fulfill the 10-person minimum needed to keep a class.

"I wouldn't trade the experience for anything," she said. "I am grateful that SBU came to me, I never could have done this if I'd had to commute."

"Berniece was a delightful student," said Dr. Rodney Reeves, dean of the Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry at SBU. "She loves to learn, thoroughly enjoys engaging new ideas and is a very committed student. As a matter of fact, Berniece enjoyed her studies so much, she constantly encouraged other students in the Lebanon area to attend classes with her. Indeed, due to Berniece's enthusiasm and determination, SBU's Lebanon center helped many students receive an education who otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to study.... Oh, that I would have two dozen Berniece Hamiltons in every classroom."

Another of her professors, Dr. Bing Bayer, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, described Hamilton as "serious, committed to knowing the Scriptures accurately, teachable, fun, willing to follow God's leading in her life."

Hamilton is still actively involved at Antioch Baptist Church playing piano, helping with church choirs and working with TeamKid. "God has been with me through all the ups and downs of life," she said. "Trust the Lord."

Three Honorary Doctorates Awarded on Founders' Day

SBU awarded three honorary doctorates at a formal Founders' Day program held March 26 in Pike Auditorium. Honorary doctorate recipients were Phillip Franz, Gary Longenecker, and Gary Black. Gordon Dutile, SBU provost, presented Franz with his doctorate. Kenneth Howe, president of Holman-Howe Funeral Home, presented Longenecker with a doctorate, and Ed Clark, SBU senior professor emeritus of accounting, presented an honorary doctorate to Black.

Gary E. Black '67

Gary Black received a Bachelor of Arts degree from SBU in 1967. Following his graduation, he was employed by Fireman Insurance Company located in northern California. He remained at Fireman Insurance Company for 35 years until he retired in 2002 as president of claims.

In 2004 Mr. Black joined OneBeacon Insurance Company, headquartered in Boston, Mass., as managing director. He held this position until his second retirement in December 2006. He is

Trustees. He served as vice-chairman in 1994-1995, and he is a current board member. He was awarded the president's medallion at SBU in 1996.

Franz Foods, Inc., in West Plains, Mo., is owned and operated by Franz. He has been a poultry trader for more than 28 years. Phil and his wife Nancy own Chellz Bridal and Formal in West Plains. He attended Ouachita University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and graduated in 1962 with a degree in business.

Phil and Nancy were married in 1962, and they have two children, Ward and Rebekah, both SBU graduates. They attend First Baptist Church in West Plains where Phil serves as a deacon, and he and Nancy direct the young married Sunday school department. Phil and Nancy have five grandchildren.

Gary L. Longenecker '71

Gary Longenecker was called to the ministry in 1967. Following his graduation from SBU in 1971, he entered seminary at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and earned a master of divinity degree in 1974. His first full-time pastorate was at First Baptist Church in Richland, Mo. Between 1974 and 2005, Gary pastored only three churches. His last assignment was at First Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo., retiring in 2005.

Since Rev. Longenecker retired, he has been involved in numerous ministries. He is Associate Director of Church Mobilization for Global Focus, and Associate Director of Partnerships with the Missouri Baptist Convention with partnerships in Romania, Turkey, El Salvador, and Colorado. He is also the founder and director of Macedonia Mission Ministries, Inc. and Kingdom Sports Products.

Rev. Longenecker is involved in denominational activities including the Southern Baptist Convention, Missouri Baptist Convention and SBU Board of Trustees. He has led mission trips to Brazil, Philippines, Ecuador, Peru, China, Mexico, Venezuela, Turkey, Romania, Ghana, West Africa, Nicaragua, and the United States.

Gary and Mary Longenecker have been married since 1961. They have two children: Mark and Jill. They reside in Nixa, Mo.



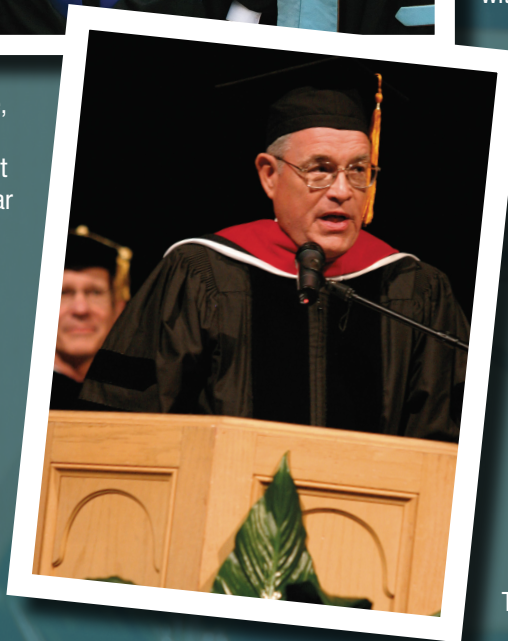
Left to right, Gordon Dutile, Kenneth Howe, Phillip Franz, Gary Black, Ed Clark, Gary Longenecker and C. Pat Taylor

currently a member of the board of FlagstoneRe, a Bermuda-based insurance company. He has served on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards, and he has recently completed a 10-year term on the board of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

Mr. Black and his wife, Jane, also a graduate of SBU, are both retired. They divide their time at their homes in Novato, Calif., and in Springfield, Mo. They have two sons, Gary Jr. and Patrick, two daughters-in-law, Susie and Donna, and four grandchildren.

Phillip E. Franz

A native Missourian, Phillip E. Franz has been associated with SBU since 1988 when he served his first term on the Board of



Two New Deans Join SBU Family



Dr. Perry A. Tompkins to Lead College of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Perry A. Tompkins, the new dean of the College of Mathematics and Science, comes to SBU from Samford University, where he served as a physics professor and formerly chair of the department

of physics. Last fall, Dr. Tompkins was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in Ecuador where he taught courses in computer instrumentation in Spanish.

Dr. Tompkins initial goals include the following:

“My first goal is to develop a summer undergraduate research program for the faculty and students of the college. Additionally, I plan on increasing the scope and impact of the Darrell Strait Center for the Integration of Science and Christian Faith both on campus and off. In this situation I plan on leveraging this outstanding resource to increase the recognition of the SBU quality and mission and to bring more resources into the University.

“I also plan on working to create international educational experiences in conjunction with the Strait center for our students and faculty to broaden the diversity on campus and to increase our attractiveness to students and potential faculty.”

Dr. Tompkins earned both his doctorate (1990) and master’s degree (1986) in physics from Texas A&M University. His dissertation involved the construction of an ion source and particle-beam transport system for the Superconducting-Super Collider (SSC).

He received a B.S. in physics (1983) from the University of Houston, Houston, Texas. Dr. Tompkins graduated magna cum laude and received the chairman’s award for outstanding senior physics major. He also completed a cooperative education program with NASA-Johnson Space Center.

Dr. Tompkins began his teaching career at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and worked in industry for VI Engineering in Farmington Hills, Mich., and ITT Aerospace in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

One of Dr. Tompkins most recent formal presentations was titled, “Raising Scientists in the Missionary Generation,” which was presented in Spanish at the Fifth Conclave on Science and Theology in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

The focus of Dr. Tompkins presentation is “those students that desire to heed God’s call to vocation in science with the goal of maximizing this intersection of faith and science to prepare these students to be a force for changing the world”

Dr. Tompkins thesis has four components that SBU students can expect to learn more about as he works to bring his goals for the College of Mathematics and Science to fruition. These components are as follows:

1. Historically, modern science was created by Christians.
2. Conflicts between science and Christianity are artificial and the rumors of wars are myths.
3. Science can illuminate one’s Christian walk.
4. A Christian liberal arts environment can be an ideal environment to create the next generation of scientists.

“As a scholar and as a child of God,” Dr. Tompkins said, “my honest searching for truth is an act of worship. Through my searching, both spiritually and academically I am offering up my best efforts to the creator. I expect that I can make progress in this task because of the stability of God.”

Dr. Carole R. Eldridge Takes the Helm at St. John’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences at SBU-Springfield Campus



Dr. Carole Eldridge (DNP, RN, NEA-BC) returned to SBU this summer to take the helm as dean of the St. John’s College of Nursing and

Health Sciences of SBU at the Springfield campus. Dr. Eldridge, a former nursing instructor for SBU, has the following vision for the college:

“My overarching goal and calling as a Christian nurse and educator is to help make better healthcare available to every human on the planet, in Jesus’ name. St. John’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU is uniquely positioned to embrace this mission by equipping Christian healthcare professionals to serve globally. To meet this objective, we hope to develop three new programs as soon as resources can be found: (1) a prelicensure 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing based on the Bolivar campus, (2) an accelerated B.S.N. for those who have a bachelor’s degree in another major, and (3) an

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online Master of Science in Nursing with three focus areas: education, administration, and missionary nursing. In addition, we want to move our RN-to-BSN program from its current blended delivery method to a fully online venue. With all of these programs we can leverage existing equipment, buildings, and technology to reach more students over a broader geographic area.

“My heart is particularly drawn to the M.S.N. with an emphasis in missionary nursing. When I previously taught at SBU under Dr. Martha Baker, the two of us often brainstormed about the exciting possibilities of offering such a degree. I know beyond any doubt that God put me at SBU, and I believe one of the reasons might be that Dr. Baker and I share a passion for global health, along with Dr. Jim Frost and others at SBU, and together we can coordinate courses and share expertise to develop a new generation of missional Christians who are well-equipped to minister to others in both body and soul.”

Dr. Eldridge earned her nursing diploma from Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, Mo. in 1974. She subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Evangel University in 1975 and a Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. In 2006, she was awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) in Leadership and the Business of Healthcare from Rush University in Chicago. She is a Board-Certified Nurse Executive, Advanced.

Dr. Eldridge began her nursing career in acute hemodialysis and kidney transplant at Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., then moved into chronic hemodialysis in Fort Worth, Texas. She transitioned to post-anesthesia recovery and intensive care at hospitals in Fort Worth and Arlington before moving to Lusaka, Zambia, in southern Africa, to run a medical clinic and teach women's health at the Baptist Seminary of Zambia. After a year in Africa she returned to Texas and began working in home health care for Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth.

In addition to entrepreneurial and consulting endeavors, Dr. Eldridge taught nursing fundamentals at Texas A&M-Tarleton in Stephenville, Texas, and then moved to Springfield, Missouri, in 2003 to teach nursing leadership, informatics, spiritual nursing care, and gerontological nursing to students in a blended online RN-to-BSN program at Southwest Baptist University. While at SBU, as part of her doctoral work, she developed a Web-based training program to teach nursing faculty how to teach online.

Her interest in online education and nursing leadership led her to UTMB's online Nursing Leadership Master's Program, where she served as director and associate professor until June 2008. Her publications include a book on preventing falls in the elderly, published in three editions, 90 continuing education modules, and several peer-reviewed journal articles on nursing leadership and spiritual care.

“In my work as a Christian educator in the health and business arenas, I strive to teach an applied theology that puts hands and feet to the Christian beliefs and practices taught in the Bible. Many people choose the health professions because they want to help others, and as a Christian nurse and teacher I can reinforce this motivation in students as they learn how to use their gifts and abilities in Christian service.”

Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Robert Glasgow '84, professor of mathematics, recently was invited to attend “Doctoral Programs in Mathematics Education: A Decade of Progress - A National Conference” in Kansas City, Mo. The conference was an “invitation only” conference that was funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Glasgow was invited to serve as the evaluator of the conference. Dr. Glasgow's invitation to participate in this conference is a result of his dissertation and continued research regarding graduates of doctoral programs in mathematics education.

Dr. Glasgow also was involved in writing two papers that were sent out to participants prior to the conference. One of these papers has already been accepted for publication in the *Notices of the American Mathematical Society*, “Doctoral Programs in Mathematical Education in the United States: 2007 Status Report.”



Dr. Kevin Hopkins, chair and professor of mathematics, and Dr. Glasgow recently presented at the “Jazzed about Math” National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Glasgow led a session titled “Teaching Pre-service Teacher's about Integrated Mathematics While They Teach.” Hopkins' presentation title was “Classroom Response Systems.” The two-day conference was attended by SBU students Brooke Dye (Blue Springs, Mo.) and Bethany Kellogg (Fair Grove, Mo.).

Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Cathy Beck, professor of physical therapy, attended the Central Academic Coordinator Clinical Education consortium meeting in Jefferson City. She also attended the 2007 Educational Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. In addition, Dr. Beck co-taught the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) workshop for clinical instructors to help them become better teachers for students on clinical rotations.

Dr. David Whitlock, dean of the College of Business and Computer Science, served as a consultant-evaluator on an accreditation team that recently visited Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. The accreditation team was jointly appointed by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). He also served as a team member for an Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) recent visit to St. Xavier University in Chicago.

Troy Bethards '93, assistant professor of business administration, **Shelly Francka '04, MBA '06**, Master of Business Administration director and instructor of business administration, and **Dr. Ronda Credille '80**, associate professor of business administration, recently attended the annual Christian Business Faculty Association Conference in Seattle, Wash. Bethards presented a paper at the conference titled "An Analysis of the Outcomes of Individual's Investment Decisions Relative to Their Emotional Intelligence."

Dr. Susan Lynch '78, chair of the business administration department, recently served as the chair of the Association of Collegiate and Business School Programs Reaffirmation team to the International School of Management in Paris, France. She also recently presented two workshops, "Becoming an Employer of Choice" (Bolivar Chamber of Commerce) and "Remaining the Employer of Choice" (Citizens Memorial Hospital).

Dr. Tim DeClue, chair of the computer and information sciences department, is serving as the vendor chair for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Computer Science in Colleges for the Central Plains Region.

Dr. William Brown, dean and senior professor of music, recently performed for the Alpha House fundraising event held on campus and provided music for the fall meeting of the MidLakes Baptist Association. Dr. Brown and **Dr. Melinda Smashey '89**, associate professor of music, also recently

performed in concert at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Dr. Andrew Campbell, assistant professor of music, recently judged the All-District Choir Auditions at Warrensburg High School. In December, he was tenor soloist for musical productions at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and First Baptist Church, Sedalia. Also, in December he graduated with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Linda Wooderson '78 has been named chair of the SBU Wellness Task Force. SBU President **C. Pat Taylor** has charged the task force with the responsibility of developing a comprehensive wellness program that will challenge all of the SBU family to make a healthy lifestyle a priority.

Members of the Wellness Task Force are: **Dr. Renee Waters**, professor of music; **J.D. Lynch**, instructor of recreation; **Jeff Kimball '92**, instructor of computer and information sciences; **David Bolton '79**, director of administrative computing; **Karen Campbell '04**, admissions coordinator at the Springfield campus; **Jamie Halbrook**, human resource coordinator; **Dr. Dwight Haun '81**, assistant professor of education; **Nancy Hodges**, director of student health services, and **Scott McNeal**, assistant director of extended learning.

A paper written by **Dr. Zach Manis**, assistant professor of philosophy, was accepted for presentation at the 2008 Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago. The title of the paper is "Kierkegaard on the Problem of Abraham." Dr. Manis recently led an academic forum, sponsored by Phi Eta Sigma (a freshman honor society), titled "The Problem of Evil: Do Evil and Suffering Prove that God Doesn't Exist?" He also led another academic forum on Scholar's Day (Jan. 21) addressing the topic "God and Freedom."



Pearlene Breshears '76, assistant professor of psychology and counselor, has been re-elected to serve as Treasurer of the Southwest Missouri School Counselor Association. Additionally, at their most recent conference, she presented a paper on the struggles of transitioning from high school to college titled "Big Duck to Little Duck, or Overwhelming Freedom?"

Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick, assistant professor of psychology, organized this year's Midwestern

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Christian Psychology Conference, hosted by the SBU department of behavioral sciences. The conference was held on Dec. 1 and there were approximately 100 people who attended from four different universities (SBU, Assembly of God Theological Seminary, Evangel, and John Brown). Assisting in this endeavor were the members of Psi Chi and the Sociology and Criminal Justice Society, honor societies sponsored by the department, as well as department faculty.

Dr. Kevin Schriver '83, chair and professor of psychology, gave the opening address on "Why Have a Christian Psychology?"

Bill Walkup '83, assistant professor of psychology, conducted a training program for pastors and church staff in January, using the premarital assessment tool PREPARE.

Dr. Judy Bryant, department chair and professor of education, and **Barbara Whisler '72, M.S. '00**, instructor of education and certification officer and coordinator of clinical experiences, recently attended the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education meeting in Columbia along with Dr. Linda Wooderson '78.

Dr. Robert Perry, (right) assistant professor of educational administration, and specialist graduate **Jennifer Dasher, Ed.S. '07** presented a paper titled "Graduate Students Group Specialist Papers: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" at the National Council for Professors of Educational Administration annual conference held in Chicago. Dasher is a recent graduate in the SBU education specialist degree program and her fees for the conference were paid through the Educational Administration Outstanding Research Award.

Dr. Mick Arnold, associate professor of education, recently gave a presentation at New Covenant Academy in Springfield. He also continues to produce journal articles for the Missouri Professors of Educational Administration.

Shelly Francka '04, M.B.A. '06, Master of Business Administration director and instructor of business administration, **Agustin Cmet**, graduate assistant, and **Dr. David Whitlock**, dean of the College of Business and Computer Sciences, recently traveled to Brazil to establish an international partnership for SBU's M.B.A. program. They met with the owner and CFO of Ogeda Corporation, one of the top 200 businesses in Brazil (roughly equivalent to a Fortune 500 company in the U.S.). In addition, they met with the president of the Baptist Convention



in the state of Sao Paulo, the president of the Sao Paulo Baptist Seminary, and other business leaders, presenting SBU's M.B.A. program and the new online, virtual reality delivery methods. Meetings also were held about potential project opportunities for SBU Students in Free Enterprise team and potential internships at the Ogeda Corporation for the College of Business and Computer Science students, as well as summer exchange programs for our M.B.A. students.

Shelly Brown, (right) director of Web Services, recently was elected to serve on the board for the Higher Education Web Professionals Association (HighEdWeb), an international association based in Rochester, N.Y. In addition, Brown is Missouri Liaison on the Conference Committee for the HighEdWeb 2008 Conference that will be held in Springfield at Missouri State University on October 6-8, 2008.



Greg Lober '70 has been hired as director of major campaigns and will serve as the full-time consultant for SBU's upcoming endowment campaign and give professional counsel and expertise for the planning, implementation, and coordination for this campaign. Lober brings his experiences as an estate planning consultant for Resource Development, Inc. and regional coordinator of estate planning for Moody Bible College to his new position at SBU.

David Pierce has been hired as director of human resources. Prior to his current position, Pierce served as director of human resources at AG Financial Solutions in Springfield, Mo. He has more than 15 years of combined human resources and management experience. He earned his B.B.A. in management from Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. from SBU. He is married to his wife Lori of 17 years, whom he met while living in Southern California for 15 years prior to his return to the Midwest.

Sharina Smith, senior director of marketing and communications, recently was elected to serve as communications chair on the board for the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Holly Stockard '08 has been hired as associate director of the annual fund in the department of university relations. She graduated this past May from SBU with a Bachelor of Arts in communication with a concentration in public relations. She also was a member of SBU's regional championship Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team. See story on page 19.



JOHANNA OLSSON

SBU tennis nets historic season

BY MIKE PITTS '85

Bryant's philosophy has served him pretty well during his 42 years at SBU. Under his leadership, SBU tennis has built a rich tradition, to say the least. So when Bearcat fans hear words like "historic" to characterize this most-recent season, they have every right to question the hype.

But it isn't hype. One glance at the jaw-dropping list of accomplishments from both the men's and women's teams will prove that the 2007-08 season is worth every single superlative spoken by the Bearcat community.

Before the season began, Bryant was asked about his goals for the men's and women's teams.

"If we can (1) get both teams into nationals we would have a successful season. Of course, (2) two MIAA Championships would be better. But if (3) there are trips to the Sweet 16."

How does three-for-three sound, Coach?

"It was an amazing season, especially for the women, said a 'grinning from ear-to-ear' Bryant. "We talked to both teams about their potential at the first of the year in September. My ultimate goal was to get both teams to the 'Sweet 16' in Houston, which would be the third round of nationals. That's what we talked about in our first meeting. I told them that we had the ability to do this. But we came out in February and Iveta [Wolfgramm] was hurt, Johanna [Olsson] was hurt, and Jolee [Cook] was hurt. That's #1, #3, and #4 for us. We're not playing well. Our doubles teams do not

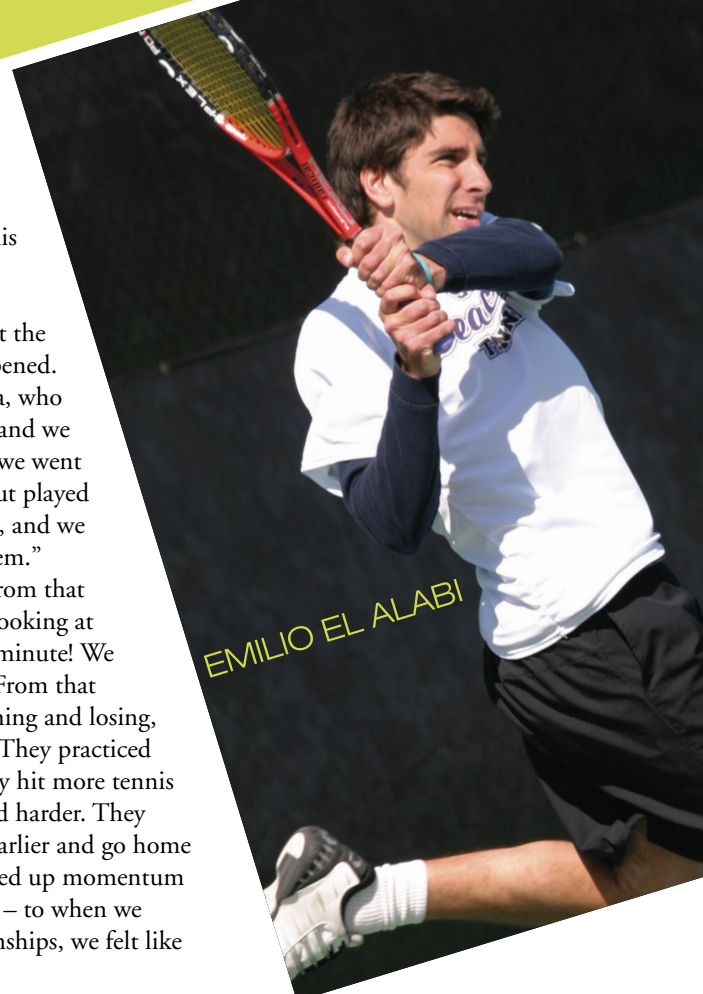
look very competitive. And when you're hurt, you can't just go out and hit more tennis balls, because you'll get hurt even more."

"But it seemed like about the first of April, something happened. Our women went to Emporia, who was ranked #1 in the region, and we beat them 5-4. The next day we went to Washburn. We got beat, but played well. We'd never beaten them, and we had a match point against them."

"When we came home from that trip, it's like the girls started looking at each other and said, "Wait a minute! We belonged with these teams." From that point, they forgot about winning and losing, and just started to get better. They practiced more. They set up more. They hit more tennis balls. They worked longer and harder. They would come out to practice earlier and go home later. It seemed like they picked up momentum from early April to mid April – to when we went to the MIAA Championships, we felt like we had a chance."

"Tennis is a pretty simple game," says SBU head coach John Bryant. "You have a great big racket and a tiny ball. The net is only three feet high, so if you can get the ball over that three-foot net, you have an infinite 'ceiling' to work with."

"The rest of the game is just paying attention to detail and focusing on the objective."



EMILIO EL ALABI



“Northwest was the team to beat all year long. But we felt like going into the conference championships, that we deserved to be second, and had a chance to be first.”

“When we faced Northwest in the championship match, they beat us in the first two out of three doubles. But when the singles started, the

girls focused on playing. On the scorecards, everyone could see that SBU took the first set in everything. And it looked like both teams, both SBU and Northwest, were emotionally affected by the way we came out and played. And we ended up winning that thing 7-2.”

“So we knew we were getting invited to the NCAA Regionals, it was just a question of whether or not we would host the event in Bolivar. We ended up hosting as a #2 seed, and got in against Truman, Nebraska-Kearney, and North Dakota. And we only lost one match in our Regional. So we got in the car and went to Houston. We made it to the Sweet 16.”

“In Houston, we came up against a really good team from Lynn, Fla. But even against them, there were flights where we played very well. But it was very difficult to match up with them position by position.”

“It was a great experience for them. And it was

fun to watch them pull that off.”

Leading a team to that kind of success would have been a great year for any coach in the NCAA. SBU’s John Bryant, however, coaches two teams. We’ve only heard half the story.

“Things started to look bleak for our men in the second round of nationals,” remembered Bryant. “We were facing a tough Metro team and got off to a rough start. We lose against them, and our men don’t go to Houston. We lost two of our first three doubles matches and Alex Kacamakis, our #1, was losing.”

People who have spent time with Coach Bryant will agree that he tells great stories. He digs out the right blend of timing, expression, and inflection like a great chef seasons the perfect meal. As he told the story of the men’s match with Metro, he went back and picked up an important point that may well be lost, just by looking at the scorebook.

“We had to assume that we were going to Houston, with respect to final exams. We had three kids who were graduating. So we had to assume we were going to Texas, so everybody had to take his or her tests at unusual times. Our kids had tests scheduled late Friday night, and late Saturday during the regionals. I even took some tests down to Houston, which we proctored, to give while we were there. Then we would fax the results back here to SBU. It was fabulous the way the SBU faculty worked with us.”

“But this situation, frankly, affected our men’s team more than our women’s. They wanted to do well on their exams, and I believe it affected their play during the regionals. Our players are very, very concerned with how they do in the classroom. Simply put, they don’t like to take tests when they feel like they’re not prepared. So going into the match against Metro, that was a big concern on our men’s side.

To be honest, we felt like we could be ‘off’ a little bit, and still win that match. But as it turned out, it was a little scarier than I’d imagined.”

“We were behind 2-1 after the doubles matches. Before we played, I would have thought we would have two or

three of those wins. But there we

were, starting singles, and behind. So now

we have to go to work in singles, and Alex is gone mentally. He’s playing a guy who is a real grinder, who gets a lot of balls back across. It’s one of those matches that you’ve got to be on top of your mental game, and I don’t believe Alex was 100% focused on the match. Now we’re down 3-1.”

I like to think we coach success. The way you prepare for teams and the tasks you face mirrors life on a smaller scale. The ‘plan of attack’ is the same. - JOHN BRYANT

one

of my favorite

years, that’s for sure.

Just to watch the look in their eyes when they came off that MIAA Championship victory, you just can’t describe it. It was absolutely



TRISH MOCEO

SBU Tennis '07-08

“But I’m still feeling OK. We’re solid at the other slots, but we couldn’t afford anything else to go wrong.”

“We win at #2, #3, and #5. We just need one more win. We have the momentum and now it’s our match to lose. We’re closing in at #4. But out in the distance, you could see a huge storm off to the south. Everyone was watching that storm. We were racing the clock. And we didn’t race fast enough. Agustin [Mollar] is up 5-3 in the set, and lightning hits nearby. As soon as the lightning hit – everything stops. We make a call to Springfield, to see about playing the remainder of the match indoors. We drive down for 45 minutes, jump out of the car, and jump right on the courts. After a few minutes to warm up, and we resume the match.”

“Now, it got a little tricky again. The Metro kid holds serve, and now it’s 5-4 us. Then he breaks Agustin – now it’s 5-5. Then he breaks Agustin again, and it’s 6-5 Metro. But Agustin is a pretty tough kid, and he breaks back to get to a 6-6 tie, forcing a tiebreaker. The Metro kid went up a little bit early in the tie-breaker, but then Agustin got on a roll and it was over.”

“Our men were going to Houston to the third round of nationals. They, like our women, had made it to the Sweet 16.”

With more than 600 men’s victories in his 42-year career, Bryant is consumed with getting his student-athletes ready for a more important contest: the game of life.

“The best feelings are the result of knowing our SBU players can compete and can play ‘hard ball’ with the best of them. That’s cool! That gets them ready for situations later in life. I like to think we coach success,” continued Bryant. “The way you prepare for teams and the tasks you face mirrors life on a smaller scale. The ‘plan of attack’ is the same. I like to think that we have one team with 42 chapters.”

- Daniel Prerad & Emilio El Alabi win ITA North Central Region Doubles Championship
- Final national rankings – Men 25th, Women 34th
- MIAA Men’s Champions (14th title which ties for the most in MIAA tennis history)
- MIAA Women’s Champions (First MIAA title of any women’s sport in SBU history)
- John Bryant – MIAA Men’s Coach of the Year
- John Bryant – MIAA Women’s Coach of the Year
- John Bryant – NCAA North Central Region Men’s Coach of the Year
- John Bryant – NCAA North Central Region Women’s Coach of the Year
- John Bryant – earns 600th career win in men’s tennis.
- SBU Men’s Tennis - ITA Academic All-American team
- SBU Women’s Tennis recognized in Houston, Texas for highest GPA of Final 16 National teams.
- SBU Men’s Tennis recognized in Houston, Texas for highest GPA of Final 16 National teams.
- Marton Zsiga – NCAA North Central Region ‘Player to Watch’
- Johanna Olsson - NCAA North Central Region ‘Player to Watch’
- Alex Kacamakis – MIAA Sportsmanship Award
- Chelsea Janzen – MIAA Player of the Year (unanimous choice)
- Chelsea Janzen – Ken B. Jones Award Nominee from SBU
- All-MIAA Team: Alex Kacamakis, Marton Zsiga, Emilio El Alabi, Daniel Prerad, Agustin Mollar, Micah AuBuchon
- All-MIAA Team: Jolee Cook, Chelsea Janzen, Iveta Wolgramm, Stephanie Aug, Lauren Hodson
- MIAA Player of the Week Awards: Alex Kacamakis (4/7/08), Daniel Prerad (4/27/08), Chelsea Janzen (4/27/08)
- Men’s Tennis Advances to Sweet 16 of NCAA Division-II Tennis Championships in Houston, Texas.
- Women’s Tennis (first national appearance) Advances to Sweet 16 of NCAA Division-II Tennis Championships in Houston, Texas.

ALEX KACAMAKIS



BEARCAT Sports Report

By Mike Pitts '85

On May 29, 2008, SBU's Nick Smart became the third Bearcat to win the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's Ken B. Jones Award. The award, presented at the downtown Marriott Hotel's Count Basie Ballroom, honored Smart as the MIAA Male Student-Athlete of the Year. Smart joined two other Bearcats who have won the award. SBU's Michael Obertop (tennis) won the first Ken B. Jones Award in 1993-94, while SBU's Mark Eori (tennis) claimed it in 2002-03.

During the 2007 season, Smart broke the NCAA all-division record for single-season receptions. Smart caught 143 passes for the Bearcats during the 2007 season, which broke the 1989 NCAA all-division record of 142, set by Manny Hazzard of the run-and-shoot Houston Cougars.

Academic All-MIAA team. He was a second-team CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District selection. In addition to Smart's award, the MIAA recognized SBU Athletics for having the "Most Improved Graduation Rate for Student-Athletes from the Previous Year."

The award takes into account the improvement in the graduation rate between the freshman class of 1999-2000 and the freshman class of 2000-01. SBU's graduation rate improved by 2% during the period considered for the award.

SBU's Director of Athletics, Brent Good, was on hand to receive the academic award.

"Any time you receive any award from the MIAA, one of the nation's top conferences, it is truly a great accomplishment. This award was very special, because the ultimate goal of the student-athletes of the MIAA and SBU is to graduate."

"It was a fantastic night for the SBU Bearcats at the banquet.

Not only did we come away with this award, we saw Nick Smart recognized as the top male

student-athlete in the MIAA in the areas of athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments, and community service. We had several teams and coaches recognized for the great years they had. Our men's and women's tennis teams, for example, were both recognized for having the highest team GPA at the NCAA Division II National Championship Spring Sports Festival in Houston, Texas. And to top it off, we heard MIAA Commissioner Jim Johnson recognize Missouri Southern's women's basketball team and our men's basketball team for their community service project during the MIAA tournament last March."

"What a night to be a Bearcat!"

ONE SMART RECEIVER

In addition to his record-setting year in receptions (143), Smart was #3 nationally in receiving yards per game (114.8).

At the conclusion of the season, Smart was named first-team All-MIAA, first-team all-region, first-team Football Gazette All-America, second-team Daktronics All-America, honorable mention D2football.com All-America, and he participated in the Cactus Bowl and East Coast Bowl senior all-star games.

Smart, who graduated summa cum laude with a double major in accounting and economics / finance, was named on the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He will be named on the

**Nick Smart breaks
NCAA all-division
record and wins
award as top MIAA
male student-
athlete**

For more SBU sports news, visit www.sbubearcats.com for the latest updates and information.

BEARCAT Sports Report

at Southeast Missouri State
August 28 • Cape Girardeau, MO • 6:00 PM

at Northwest Missouri State
September 6 • Maryville, MO • 6:00 PM

HARDING
September 13 • Bolivar, MO • 6:00 PM

BETHANY (Kan)
September 20 • Bolivar, MO • 1:30 PM

at Kentucky Wesleyan
September 27 • Owensboro, KY • 4:30 PM

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
October 4 • Bolivar, MO • 1:30 PM

GRAND VIEW (Homecoming)
October 11 • Bolivar, MO • 2:00 PM

at Northeastern State (Okla)
October 18 • Tahlequah, OK • 2:00 PM

OUACHITA BAPTIST
October 25 • Bolivar, MO • 1:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S (Ind)
November 1 • Bolivar, MO • 1:30 PM

at Missouri S&T
November 8 • Rolla, MO • 1:00 PM

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS
All home games played at Plaster Stadium

FOOTBALL

at Central Missouri Mule Relays
September 12 • Warrensburg, MO

at Missouri Southern Stampede
September 20 • Joplin, MO

at Roy Griak Invitational (Minnesota)
September 27 • St. Paul, MN

at SIU-Edwardsville Border Wars
October 11 • Edwardsville, IL

MIAA Championship
October 25 • Warrensburg, MO

NCAA D-II Regionals (Incarinate Word)
November 8 • Live Oak, TX

NCAA D-II Nationals (Slippery Rock)
November 22 • Slippery Rock, PA

CROSS COUNTRY

SHYRAH PERRY

DRURY (exhibition)
August 20 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

at Oakland City
August 29 • Oakland, IN • 4:00 PM

at Missouri S&T
September 3 • Rolla, MO • 6:00 PM

at Emporia State *
September 11 • Emporia, KS • 7:00 PM

at Missouri Southern *
September 13 • Joplin, MO • 12:00 PM

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE *
September 20 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

EMPORIA STATE *
September 25 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

WASHBURN *
September 27 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

NEBRASKA-OMAHA *
October 2 • Bolivar, MO • 3:00 PM

at Truman State *
October 4 • Kirksville, MO • 12:00 PM

MISSOURI WESTERN *
October 9 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

TRUMAN STATE *
October 11 • Bolivar, MO • 11:30 AM

QUINCY
October 14 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

MISSOURI SOUTHERN *
October 16 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

at Central Missouri *
October 23 • Warrensburg, MO • 7:00 PM

at Washburn *
October 25 • Topeka, KS • 6:00 PM

CENTRAL MISSOURI *
October 30 • Bolivar, MO • 4:00 PM

at Missouri Western *
November 1 • St. Joseph, MO • 6:00 PM

at Nebraska-Omaha *
November 6 • Omaha, NE • 3:00 PM

at Northwest Missouri State *
November 8 • Maryville, MO • 2:00 PM

MIAA Tournament (final)
Date, location and time TBA

HOME MATCHES IN BOLD CAPS
* indicates MIAA matches
All home matches played at SBU Soccer Field

at San Antonio Tournament
Texas A&M-Kingsville
Trinity University
August 29 • San Antonio, TX • 2:30 PM / 5:00 PM
Univ. of Incarnate Word
Tarleton State
August 30 • San Antonio, TX • 11:00 AM/1:30 PM

SBU Tournament
ROCKHURST
ARKANSAS TECH
September 5 • Bolivar, MO • 11:00 AM/4:00 PM
TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE
MISSOURI S&T
September 6 • Bolivar, MO • 10:00 AM/5:30 PM

at Harding Tournament
Henderson State
Arkansas-Monticello
September 12 • Searcy, AR • 11:00 AM/4:00 PM
Harding
Ouachita Baptist
September 13 • Searcy, AR • 12:30 PM/5:30 PM

at Central Missouri *
September 17 • Warrensburg MO • 7:00 PM

NEBRASKA-OMAHA *
September 20 • Bolivar, MO • 2:00 PM

at Truman State *
September 24 • Kirksville, MO • 7:00 PM

MISSOURI WESTERN *
September 26 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE *
September 27 • Bolivar, MO • 1:00 PM

at Drury
September 30 • Springfield, MO • 7:00 PM

at Emporia State *
October 7 • Emporia, KS • 7:00 PM

at Washburn *
October 10 • Topeka, KS • 7:00 PM

at Fort Hays State *
October 11 • Fort Hays, KS • 7:00 PM

MISSOURI SOUTHERN *
October 17 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

PITTSBURG STATE *
October 18 • Bolivar, MO • 1:00 PM

CENTRAL MISSOURI *
October 21 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

at Nebraska-Omaha *
October 25 • Omaha, NE • 5:00 PM

TRUMAN STATE *
October 28 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

at Missouri Western *
October 31 • St. Joseph, MO • 7:00 PM

at Northwest Missouri State *
November 1 • Maryville, MO • 1:30 PM

EMPORIA STATE *
November 4 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

WASHBURN *
November 7 • Bolivar, MO • 7:00 PM

FORT HAYS STATE *
November 8 • Bolivar, MO • 3:00 PM

at Missouri Southern *
November 14 • Joplin, MO • 7:00 PM

at Pittsburg State *
November 15 • Pittsburg, KS • 2:00 PM

NCAA Regionals
November 20-22 • Campus sites • TBA

HOME MATCHES IN BOLD CAPS
* indicates MIAA matches
All home matches played at Meyer Sports Center

WOMEN'S SOCCER

VOLLEYBALL

The Baker and Grabowski families have a long legacy at SBU. Between Pat and Don Baker's many years of contribution to the University and Jim Grabowski's stellar three-year basketball career with the Bearcats, not to mention Mark Grabowski's long-time leadership as director of SBU Safety and Security, these families continue to make an impact on SBU in so many ways.

THE BAKERS

The family connection with SBU all started in 1948 when Dr. Don Baker came to Southwest Baptist College to pursue an associate degree of arts and sciences. While attending SWBC, Don met Pat, his future wife, who was pursuing her associate degree in education. Pat recalls meeting and falling in love with her husband:

"It was a slow start because we had met, and I wasn't as interested in him as he was in me. We would line up for meals, and we kind of started talking and noticing each other. Dating was very simple in those days, because we couldn't ride in cars and had to

Don also received a Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate in theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1957, Don and Pat returned to SWBC, this time Don was an administrator, not a student. Don worked as an administrator for nine years, leaving in 1966 to follow God's call on his life to pastor for several Baptist churches throughout Arkansas, Louisiana,



In 1975, Pat began her writing career, publishing books that flowed from her devotional life and her experiences as a wife and mother. She's written several books including *Mom, Take Time*, *When a Woman Takes God at His Word*, *Help! I've Just Given Birth to a Teenager*, *I Now Pronounce You*

Parent, and *Dear Diary (The Secret Feelings of a Junior High Girl)*.

Pat's writing career soon led to a career as a public speaker, and since 1980, she has traveled throughout the United States and around the world, speaking at conferences, retreats, banquets, and on radio and

television programs. Pat's seminars reflect the subjects of her books and serve as a source of encouragement to women today as they grapple with demands placed on their lives as mothers and wives.

The Baker/Grabowski Legacy:

SBU IS PART OF THE FAMILY • by Charlotte (Holman) Atchley '08

have chaperones when we did, but finances were very limited, so we did a lot of walking around Bolivar."

Their friendship blossomed into love. Don graduated a year before Pat in 1950. They kept in contact through letters, and in June of 1952, a year after Pat graduated, the couple was married.

During the long-distance portion of their relationship, Don attended the University of Missouri and transferred to William Jewell College. This time served as a transition time for Don because it was then that he received his call to the ministry.

"Early on, I thought I would want the Air Force as a career, but the Lord directed me to ministry," said Don. Despite the change in career plans, Don still has a love for flying and has had his pilot's license for more than 10 years, building and flying his own airplanes in his spare time.

and Missouri. But in 1976, SWBC was calling again, and Don and Pat returned to Bolivar, this time for him to teach pastoral studies, a position he held for 20 years.

"[Going to SWBC as a student and being employed here] was such a good experience that when Don had the opportunity to work here again, it was good to be back even though we had to leave our church in Jeff City that we loved so much," said Pat.

During these years, the Baker family expanded to include three daughters: Pamela, Dana, and Beth. While raising her three girls, Pat worked at Missouri Valley College and managed to take some classes at the University of Missouri and SBU.

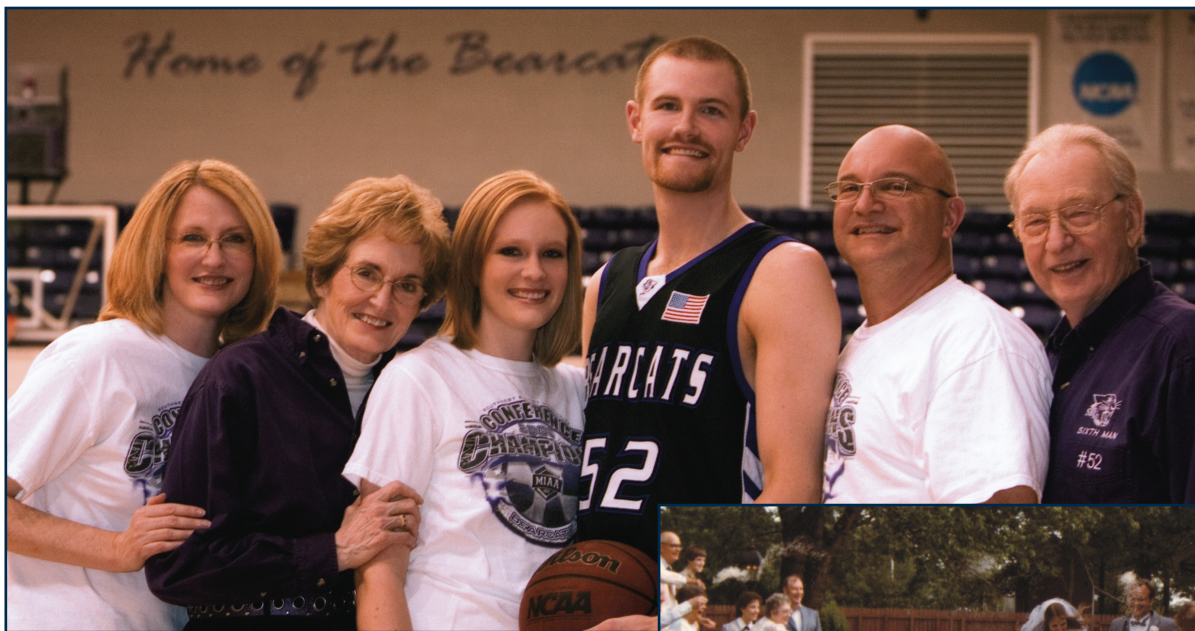
"I also was being a mother so I had to work in my education," said Pat, who received her Associate of Education in 1951 from SWBC.

Recently, Pat has moved away from book writing into magazine writing, continuing to offer her wisdom to women through a different medium.

Five years ago, Pat received an honorary doctorate from SBU for her accomplishments and dedication to SBU. Both Pat and Don have received the Life Beautiful and Life Service Awards.

SBU has had an enormous impact on Don and Pat's lives. Not only did they meet at SBU, the college helped shaped them into who they are now.

"A lot of my beliefs were being formed and solidified while I was here," reflected Pat. "The Christian teachers and their personal interest in me had an impact on me. They were pulling [abilities] out of me that I didn't know I had and that eventually turned into what I ended up doing later in life."



Left, the Baker and Grabowski families after the Bearcats' championship season this past March (Stephens photo). Below left, Beth (right) was part of the 1982 Court-warming royalty. Also below, Mark and Beth's wedding behind what was then the SBU President's home.

Don believes that his time at SWBC as a student directly led him to his position as a professor at SWBC.

"During the two years I was here [as a student] the Lord directed me towards ministry, and I became a pastor and later a teacher of pastors," said Don.

The Bakers have been involved in SBU as students, administrators, and professors, and also can add donor to the list because of the private scholarship they fund. The Baker-Hoffmeister Scholarship is named in honor of Pat's parents who worked hard to put Pat through college at SWBC. The scholarship honors the memory of Pat's parents, Don's time at SBU, and helps those preparing for the ministry.

THE GRABOWSKI CONNECTION

After the Bakers left SBU, SBU was not done with their family yet. When it came time for Don and Pat's daughter, Beth, to choose a college, Beth chose SBU. Beth knew she wanted to be a teacher, and she knew that SBU's job placement rate for education majors was at 90 percent, but Beth had to decide if she wanted to go to college in the same town she had grown up in.

"I knew I wanted to go to a Christian college because I knew it would be a good time in my life to do some intense study of the Bible before I launched into the real adult world," remembers Beth. "The biggest question in my mind was, 'Do I really



want to go to college where my parents lived?"

To reconcile

this dilemma, Beth decided to live in the dorms and work at an out-of-state camp every summer. She worked at a camp in Colorado her freshman and sophomore summers before going to North Carolina's Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center the summer after her junior year at SBU. At Ridgecrest, Beth met Mark Grabowski, a fellow summer staffer from Pennsylvania State University.

A week after they met, Mark asked Beth out on a date, and they dated throughout the summer. When the summer was over, the two returned to their separate universities and wrote each other letters every day for nine months. Beth graduated from SBU with a degree in elementary education and a minor in English education on May 21, 1983, also being recognized with the Life Beautiful Award, just like her parents had so many years before. The day after graduation, Mark and Beth were married.

"I really wanted to graduate before getting married, and I reached my goal

within 24 hours," said Beth, laughing.

Three months after graduating and getting married, the newlywed Grabowskis

moved to Ft. Worth, Texas, so Mark could attend Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. Beth began her teaching career in Azle, Texas. After receiving his Master of Arts in religious education, Mark and Beth moved around the United States, while Mark served several churches as a youth minister.

During this time, the Grabowskis added two new members to their family, son Jim and daughter Amy. When Amy and Jim were in preschool, Beth decided to quit teaching and worked as a full-time stay-at-home mom for 11 years.

"I decided to stay home with Jim and Amy while they were in preschool," said Beth. "While I don't believe that's the best plan for every woman, it was God's plan for us. It probably shouldn't have worked out for me to stay at home for that long, but God took care of us."

After serving in Springfield, Mo., for about seven years, Mark decided to take a position at SBU as the director of safety and security, and once again, SBU became a major part of Beth's life.

"SBU seems to have always been a part of my life because my dad was working there when I was born," remembers Beth. "When we moved away we were gone for about 10 years, but he would still fondly

recall memories that happened while he was working there. Coming back here to come to high school and then college, [SBU] just always seemed to be a part of our family.”

Beth continued her education at SBU, earning her master’s degree in education a few years ago.

“I still like the ideals that SBU stands for, which aligned with my personal beliefs, and I believe that my ideals have been

“Even though I’m not a professor I feel like if I can make a safe and secure campus that makes it nicer for students, profs and guests. I feel like this is where I can best serve God. Until God releases me, this is where I’m staying.”

THE NEXT GENERATION

The Baker/Grabowski legacy at SBU continues as Mark and Beth’s son,

business, he was attracted to SBU because of the business department and coach Jeff Guiot’s leadership on the basketball court.

“Coach Guiot turned things around,” said Jim. “One of the biggest things I noticed after going to a more liberal school is the importance of Christian values at SBU and incorporating them in the classroom. Especially in my business classes, the professors show your career and beliefs are intertwined. I don’t think a lot of people realize the unique education we have at SBU.”

During his three years at SBU, Jim has been a force on the basketball court, playing forward and serving as team captain his senior year. He is also the only SBU basketball player in history to be on two MIAA championship teams, leading the Bearcats to their second regular season championship in three years. Jim has won several athletic honors this year including being named to the 2008 All-MIAA team with teammates D’Ante Harris and Matt Rogers. Jim’s accomplishments are not confined to the court, however, as he was nominated for the MIAA Academic All-American award.

After graduating, Jim hopes to play basketball professionally in Europe or Australia. If basketball is not what God has in store for Jim, he hopes to get a job working at an investment firm such as Edward Jones.

Amy already has started her SBU academic career, taking several classes while she was still a student at Bolivar High School. She also has worked in the physical plant as a receptionist during the summers. Just like her mother, Amy will be living on campus during her first year in hopes of gaining the full college experience.

The Baker/Grabowski connection came full circle last fall when Amy, then a high school senior, walked into a classroom at SBU only to find that her grandfather, Don Baker, was teaching as an adjunct professor.

“The instructor was listed as TBA [to be announced], and Amy didn’t want to take a college class with a professor she didn’t know, but he was asked to teach it,” remembers Beth. “It was a good experience for both of them. I’m glad she got to experience having her grandfather as a teacher, because that was something I never did.”

When Amy begins her college career this fall, it will be sixty years since her grandfather took his first classes and became part of the SBU family.



Pictured, left to right: Mark, Pam (Baker) Bultmann, Amy, Nelson Bultmann, Don, Pat, Jim and Beth

Coming back here to come to high school and then college, (SBU) just always seemed to be a part of our family. ”

shaped by people at SBU,” said Beth. “The philosophy of teaching I developed with Dr. John Allen and Dr. Twila Smith helped shape the basis for my career. Even though a lot of time has passed, that philosophy still affects how I teach.”

Mark continues to work at SBU as the director of safety and security, a position he has held for 17 years.

“I’ve stayed here through several presidential changes and vice president changes. For me, I just believe in our mission even though I know we don’t do things perfectly,” said Mark, “The job has expanded dramatically. It used to be a smaller department and smaller campus. I’ve been here during 9/11 and the Virginia Tech crisis. I’ve been able to see the campus change. One of my first work study students I saw at Homecoming [this year], and he just turned 40, so that’s how long I’ve been here.”

Mark finds fulfillment in taking care of the campus and people of SBU. “This is, for me, my passion and mission,” said Mark.



Jim, graduated in May from SBU with a bachelor’s degree in finance and economics and a minor in accounting. Their daughter, Amy, plans to attend SBU as a freshman in the fall.

Jim started his college career at Washington University in St. Louis because of their engineering program. When Jim decided he would rather pursue a degree in

The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the Lord

Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

He who walks uprightly,

And works righteousness,

And speaks the truth in his heart;

He who does not backbite with his tongue,

Nor does evil to his neighbor,

Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

In whose eyes a vile person is despised,

But he honors those who fear the Lord;

He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

He who does not put out his money at usury,

Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

(New King James Version)

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SIFE: BUSINESS SMARTS AND BUSINESS HEARTS

There is a tradition at the SBU College of Business and Computer Science (COBACS) that begins in Psalm 15 and ends in the pursuit of excellence. The SBU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team exemplifies this tradition. This year's team members are proud of the fact that theirs is the 24th team out of the 25 years of teams that have won their regional championship, but they are even more proud of how many more people in the community were helped by their projects this year.

iSIFE

As a theme for the 2007-08 school year, the team chose "iSIFE," a theme that belies the selflessness of the team members I have met as a Business Advisory Board member and interviewer for this article. Following are some of the responses to why they "iSIFE" with the SBU team:

"because I want to be a servant leader, changing the business world."

"because I believe we are laying the building blocks of the future."

"because I believe making a difference begins with a passion."

"because it's a great opportunity to get involved with our community."

When asked why she takes part in SIFE, team President Jillian Arnett said, "It's a

community service project. SIFE helps us learn more than in the classroom and we then help others. It is gratifying knowing that we're truly benefitting people's lives."

SIFE Treasurer Matt Clair said, "I'm going into business, and I like that SIFE really promotes social respect to the community and those around us. I like helping people. SIFE gives you a real world test of what you learn in the classroom. It supplements all we do in the business program, but SIFE also builds life skills that are not just for business majors. SIFE promotes teamwork, business ethics, hard work, and responsibility."

An emphasis on working together to help one another was what SIFE Secretary Levi Bridge felt was one of the most rewarding things about the team and what he will take with him when he enters the business world. Bridge will begin working this fall as a graduate assistant in SBU's office of marketing and communications while he finishes his M.B.A.



Among the SIFE projects for the year: (above) a class for third graders on *Bank Saving* and (right) a class by Dr. Troy Bethards on *Financial Planning*. Also pictured on the first page, *Resume Building*, led by Dr. Susan Lynch and *Risky Business*, an economics class for middle school.



SIFE Vice President Holly Stockard said, "As a graduating senior, I appreciate that SIFE teaches you the skills for a management position. I learned things don't always go as planned; sometimes you have to go with plan A, plan B, plan C, Plan D, sometimes plan F!" Stockard will have a chance to put her SIFE management

skills to use as she takes on the position of associate director of the annual fund for SBU's department of university relations this summer, a position her SIFE leadership abilities helped her secure.

Arnett also got an exciting head-start to her career as a result of her work with SIFE. "I did get my internship as a result of SIFE!" Arnett said. "I was presenting at nationals [in Chicago] and Dannon executive Spencer Baird was a judge in our room. He got my name from our annual report, and he looked up my e-mail address on the SBU SIFE website and wrote me an e-mail. He said he was impressed by me and the body of work I had led.

"I am the first intern in the Bentonville, Ark., Dannon office. The office is all centered on being a vendor for Wal-Mart and SAM'S club. I am working with all different functional leads in the office, including Wal-Mart logistics, alternative channels, retail representatives and directors, distribution centers and plants, and lots and lots of data analysis.

"My internship will go from June 2nd through August 15th which is 11 weeks. It is paid, and they provide a corporate suite, and travel compensation for me. They also have sent me to the New York headquarters for training. I just got back from Houston where I got to train with a retail director

who manages the shelves (the last point of defense for selling our yogurt).

"By the end of the summer I will have gone to Dallas and New York again. I have to present my work to the president and CEO and the rest of the executive

committee at the end of the summer. They are very selective on who they choose so that they can offer jobs to us after the summer. The main appeal to me is that their international headquarters is in France. With my second language being French and my background in Africa I would love to move over there. They say that is a big possibility for me!"

Senior SIFE member Lori Williams also was offered an internship with Walgreens Co. after a company executive heard the team's presentation at regionals.

Goal-Setting, Criteria-Meeting

The SIFE team this year took on the goals of increasing their membership of new students, increasing the number of and strengthening ties with Business Advisory Board members, and doubling the number of projects the team pursued.

The first goal ensures the sustainability of the group, especially as the new members gain experience each year in SIFE and carry on the tradition of excellence.

"At the very beginning of the school year we did a lot of recruitment. A lot of the old team graduated or left. We wanted a lot of freshman and sophomores," Stockard said. "At Welcome Week we had a Hawaiian style booth and promoted SIFE in classrooms. We also had a cookie kickoff where we frosted cookies and had a drawing for gas cards – we had 60 or 70 at that meeting. Now we have 42 members with 19 new recruits. We know next year's team will be that much stronger."

The second goal of increasing Business Advisory Board members gave SIFE members more mentors and more ties to the local business community. It was evident at the first BAB meeting of the year that the board members were just as interested in the group upholding their Christian mission as they were in the group successfully meeting competition criteria.

SBU's Sam M. Walton Fellow Troy Bethards, the SIFE faculty advisor and former BAB member, said, "I think our Christian faith and mission is coming out more. Our current board is really helpful in helping to direct us to fulfill our mission and helping the students in seeing ways to do that."

The third goal helped the SBU SIFE team meet all the criteria set for their competitions. The SIFE organization sets judging criteria for all participating teams. The projects a team prepares are each to fulfill one or more of the criteria. For 2007, the judging criteria were:

1. Understand how a market-based economic system operates.
2. Acquire the education and skills training needed to succeed in a dynamic, competitive global economy.
3. Learn how to succeed as an entrepreneur and/or improve an existing business.
4. Develop the personal financial management skills necessary to achieve financial independence.
5. Understand that the long-term

success and prosperity of a market economy, businesses and individuals are dependent on ethical business practices.

Arnett said it was a highlight of her year that the team was able to meet all the criteria and complete all 18 of the projects undertaken. The previous year, the team completed nine projects, so the goal of doubling was met.

Leading with Heart

Understandably, the SBU SIFE advisors are proud of their team. Dr. Susan Lynch, COBACS professor and department chair, has been a SIFE advisor for six years. Dr. Lynch especially was impressed with the heart of the group:

“I am proud of them. They have done a really good job on all of their projects. They have such a positive attitude.

“The team does not get discouraged when they get stopped against schools with larger budgets. They look at how many people they have reached. They know the purpose of SIFE is to teach life skills to people, and they learn these skills, too, like coping with competition and disappointment. Their competition this year was really strong at regionals. Last year, when it was the first regionals they did not win, they handled it so well. They knew it was God’s will.

“The level of competition at nationals also is incredible. This team was very organized this year. All of the officers were strong. Their Business Advisory Board was strong and involved in the projects.”

Dr. Lynch’s own heart for SIFE was evident not only in her love for the students but in the fact she gave her stipend back to the SIFE team each year to supplement their small budget.

As the Sam M. Walton Fellow for SIFE, Bethards is the “official” trainer and mentor for the group. The Sam M. Walton fellowships (approximately 400 nationwide) were created in 1990 by the Wal-Mart Foundation and are named for Wal-Mart’s founder. Bethards was a faculty advisor for SIFE and was a BAB member for four years before becoming an advisor. Bethards sees his main role as a spiritual guide:

“They are learning how to make decisions and learning managerial roles. Those are hard to do. I step in when necessary and walk alongside them. I don’t know if they realize I’m getting something from them as well. One of the things I learned is that (family) life doesn’t get put

aside. As a teacher and advisor I see that those issues come into play.

“This really is a service organization whether they are doing projects with second graders or seniors. I really see that now that I am working with the students. I am very adamant that our primary focus is service, not the competition, but we still want to do well in competition. That requires a lot more from all of us.”

Hard Work, Hearts Fulfilled

With a goal of doubling the number of projects, the SIFE team had a busy year planning, developing, staffing, and implementing nine more projects. Each project also was analyzed and results quantified for the annual report presented at competition.

The students’ projects included *Risky Business*, which taught middle school students about economics, marketing and money management; *Bank Savings*, which taught third graders the basics of money management, how to share, spend or save, and how savings accounts and interest function; *Geared for Ghana*, which helped increase Africans’ understanding of financial management and entrepreneurship; and *Going Green*, which was intended to inform and motivate SBU faculty, staff, and students about the importance of recycling.

The students also conducted an *Ethical Primary* to raise awareness of debatable ethical topics. During the primary event, four SBU professors created a forum discussion group and were asked ethical questions by mediators. In other projects, the SIFE team helped local businesses increase customer awareness with marketing ideas and plans, taught computer skills to the elderly, taught ethical behavior to high school students, presented a resume workshop and an investment simulation program to SBU students, and offered budgeting and financial planning seminars to SBU students.

The projects are the foundation for the formal presentation given at competition. The team memorizes their detailed speech full of facts and figures, and present to judges who are executives from major corporations.

“Being a speaker was fun,” Stockard said. “It involved a lot of late nights and early mornings. I was a communication major so it was great getting to edit speeches and see other speakers grow and get excited

(Below) members of the team prepare to leave for regionals. (Below middle) Another SIFE project was *Enterprise City* which was conducted at the Discovery Center. Also, pictured on the first page were members of the SIFE team that presented at the SBU Board of Trustees meeting in May.



about speaking. The entire team had to be prepared to answer questions. I enjoyed seeing new SIFE members excited about speaking their mind.”

Arnett said, “We spend so much time practicing and memorizing our speech. It was very gratifying when one judge said we were better than Fortune 500 speakers!”

The SIFE team had a special guest view their presentation at regionals this year. SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor was invited to attend and was very impressed with the group’s performance. He invited the team to present before the May Board of Trustees meeting, and the trustees were duly impressed.

Whether watching their formal presentation or informally talking with the students, it is evident when describing their joy in watching others learn new skills and increasing their knowledge that the SBU SIFE team are smart future business leaders with a lot of heart.

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Psalm 15: Integrating Faith and Work

David Wesley Whitlock and Gordon Dutile, Editors

Foreword by C. Pat Taylor • Resource Publications 2008

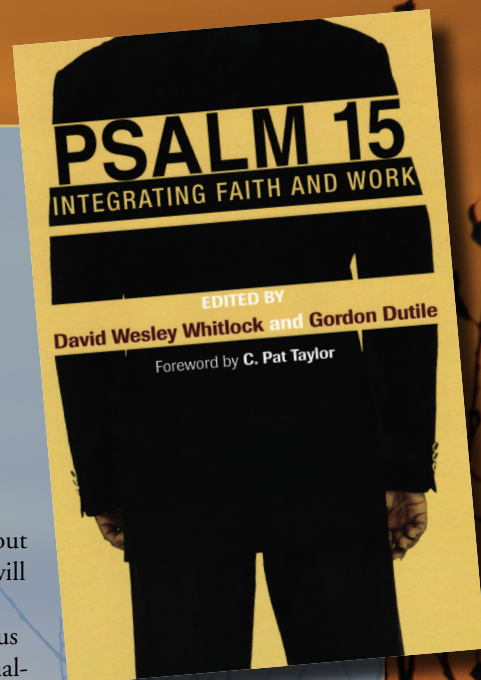
Psalm 15 begins with two related questions: "LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?" (v.1). These are questions worthy of our consideration as Christian business professionals seeking to integrate our faith and our work. The psalmist answers the questions with the following description: "He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken" (vv. 2-5, NIV).

"Too often, Christians attempt to compartmentalize life and live in a dichotomous world. *Psalm 15: Integrating Faith and Work* presents a compilation of devotions challenging the reader to develop a Biblical worldview for all facets of life, including ministry and professional careers. The contributors clearly show that spirituality should not be divorced from professional life. This book is an excellent source for professionals who desire to integrate faith with all aspects of life."

-C. Pat Taylor, President, Southwest Baptist University

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Dr. Gordon Dutile has served as provost at SBU since 2000. He has also served as professor of Greek and New Testament at SBU, as dean at the Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry, and as associate pastor at Rosen Heights Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.




The Mission of Today's Church

Baptist Leaders Look at
Modern Faith Issues

R. STANTON NORMAN, editor

The Mission of Today's Church

R. Stanton Norman, Editor • B&H Publishing Group 2007

The Mission of Today's Church is a compelling collection of twelve essays from current Baptist leaders addressing three major questions: (1) What does it mean to be a Christian today on individual, group, and societal levels? (2) How can Southern Baptists best work together? and (3) What is next for the Southern Baptist denomination?

Those addressing these key topics in-depth include Stan Norman ("Together We Grow: Congregational Polity as a Form of Corporate Sanctification"), Ed Stetzer ("The Missional Nature of the Church"), and Daniel Akin ("Ten Mandates for Southern Baptists"). Among the many other contributors are Chad Brand, Charles Kelley, and Jim Richards.

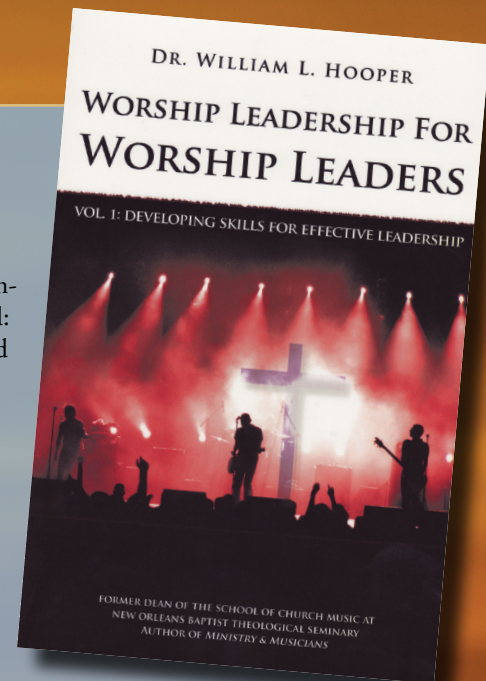
Dr. R. Stanton Norman is SBU's vice president for university relations. He recently served as associate professor of theology, occupying the Cooperative Program Chair of SBC Studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also the former creator and director of the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry.

Worship Leadership for Worship Leaders: Developing Skills for Effective Leadership

by William Hooper '51 • Alexander Publishing 2007

Worship Leadership for Worship Leaders is the first in a series of practical problem/solution training guides by Bill Hooper to help you have mighty Kingdom impact. Among the topics covered: All About You, You and Your Music, You and Your Philosophy, You and Your Theology, You and Your Culture, You Are A Music Teacher, You Are A Leader of Worship, and You and A Church

Dr. William Hooper '51, a former SBU dean and professor of voice, has over 60 published choral pieces to his credit including *His Saving Grace Proclaim* [cantata, 1968], *Sing Joyfully* [choral collection], *Jubilee* [cantata], *Canticle of Praise* [children's cantata], Incidental Music for Anouhil's Becket produced by *le Petite Theatre du Vieux Caree*, New Orleans [1973], *The Vision of Nahum* [2001], *By the Grace of God* [2002]. Bill is the 1973 winner of the Delius Composition Contest and winner of the New Times Composition Contents in 1974. Since retirement he has continued his ministry as senior adult pastor at First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Mo.



Controversial Cinema: The Films that Outraged America

By Kendall Phillips '90 • Praeger Publishers 2008

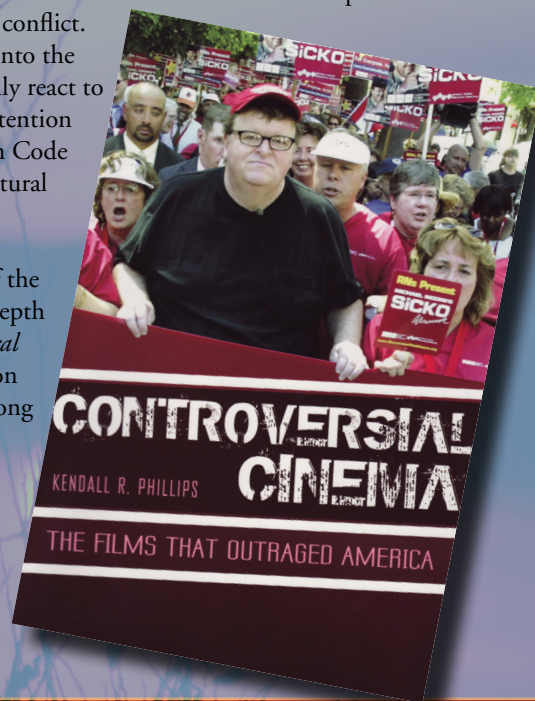
Since the widespread banning of D.W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation*, the American film industry has found itself embroiled in one political controversy after another. These controversies have centered on everything from the portrayal of the past, as in Griffith's film, to depictions of sex and sexuality, to the use of graphic violence, and issues of race, religion, and politics. In turn, segments of the American public have been driven to boycott, picket, and even censor those films they felt challenged their sense of decency.

At the heart of this history of controversial films is a strange paradox: while films, especially popular and mainstream films, are often portrayed as meaningless products of popular culture, popular films involved in public controversies become the focal point of enormous cultural energy and political attention. The ongoing culture wars thus continue to shape the American political landscape, and controversial films continue to be a major point of conflict.

In the course of this wide-ranging work, Kendall Phillips offers insights into the kinds of films that spark controversies, and the ways that Americans typically react to them. Organized around broad controversial themes and with particular attention to mainstream films since the dissolution of the Motion Picture Production Code in the mid-1960s, *Controversial Cinema* explores why films spark broad cultural controversies, how these controversies play out, and the long-term results.

The four broad areas of controversy examined in the work are: Sex and Sexuality, Violence, Race, and Religion. Chapters offer a broad overview of the history of these topics in controversial American films, as well as more in-depth examinations of recent examples, including *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Natural Born Killers*, *Do the Right Thing*, and *The Passion of the Christ*. A final section of the book considers the broader issues of cultural politics in light of the long history of controversial cinema.

Kendall R. Phillips '90 is associate professor and department chair in the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University. He is the author of *Projected Fears* (Praeger, 2005). His essays and reviews have appeared in such journals as *Literature/Film Quarterly* and *Philosophy and Rhetoric*.



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Honoring the Heritage Society

*The following members of the Heritage Society are those corporations and foundations that gave more than \$50,000 to Southwest Baptist University in 2007. The financial support of these corporations and foundations has made a significant impact on the lives of many SBU students. In this edition of **SBU Life**, we want to highlight the contributions of these entities and express our gratitude for their continued support of Christian higher education at Southwest Baptist University.*

Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation

BAYPORT, MINNESOTA

The Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation primarily supports higher education organizations that do not receive federal funding. Founded in 1959, the foundation also has an interest in nonprofits that provide youth, elderly, and health services in select counties in the state of Minnesota.

Southwest Baptist University began receiving financial support from the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation in January 1978. Southwest Baptist University has received more than \$4,865,000 from the Andersen Foundation, and we are grateful for the ongoing support this foundation has provided.

Bank of America

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

For more than 220 years, Bank of America Corporation and its associates have invested time, energy, and resources into the neighborhoods where they live and work. Bank of America Corporation works with non-profit organizations to identify critical issues in local communities and to invest in these organizations to better equip them to address these specific needs.

Bank of America, Springfield, Mo., is committed to giving back to the local community. One way Bank of America achieves this goal is to provide deserving students with scholarships to attend Southwest Baptist University. Since February 2001, Bank of America, Springfield, has given more than \$247,000 in scholarship assistance to SBU students. Southwest Baptist University and the students receiving these scholarships wish to express our appreciation to Bank of America, Springfield.

Missouri Colleges Fund

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

The Missouri Colleges Fund was formed in 1952. The mission of the Missouri Colleges Fund is to acquire resources to help educate students in member private liberal-arts colleges and universities. Southwest Baptist University has been a member of the Missouri Colleges Fund since 1967. There are 16 member schools in the Missouri Colleges Fund, and all are independent baccalaureate degree-granting liberal arts and comprehensive colleges and universities in the State of Missouri. Each college and university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and their income is derived primarily from private sources.

Southwest Baptist University has received more than \$938,000 for student aid from the Missouri Colleges Fund in the past 20 years. We appreciate our association with the Missouri Colleges Fund, and we thank them for their continued support of SBU students.

First Baptist Church

BOLIVAR, MISSOURI

First Baptist Church of Bolivar has been an integral part of Southwest Baptist University since the University was founded in 1878. Many members of First Baptist Church were instrumental in moving Southwest Baptist College from Lebanon to Bolivar in 1879.

Throughout the history of SBU, First Baptist Church of Bolivar has and continues to support SBU through prayer, ministry partnerships, and financial contributions. More than \$1,250,000 has been given to support SBU students and projects over the past 20 years. We want to express our gratitude to the past and present members of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, for the support they have shared with Southwest Baptist University for more than 130 years.

Missouri Baptist Convention

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

The relationship that Southwest Baptist University shares with the Missouri Baptist Convention began in 1876 when Jehu Robinson, who had been appointed missionary for the Southwest Missouri Baptist Convention, wrote, "In the woods I met J.R. Maupin and on our knees in prayer to Almighty God for guidance we commenced work for Southwest Baptist College."

For the past 20 years, nearly \$27,518,000 in financial support has been given to SBU by the Missouri Baptist Convention. Southwest Baptist University is appreciative of the continued support given by the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Office of Alumni & Church Relations



Reconnecting with Alumni

We have just returned from the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis. It was so good to reconnect with alumni, pastors, and their families who visited the SBU booth. We also enjoyed speaking with parents of current students and telling the SBU story to parents of prospective students.

This spring many of our alumni renewed ties with SBU at alumni reunions in St. Louis, Columbia/Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks, Polk County, Springfield, and Kansas City. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet wonderful people who are connected to one another through their experiences at SBU. I am excited about the area alumni chapters that either have been started or reorganized. I look forward to working with the local leadership of those chapters to develop new and exciting ways our alumni can interact with and support one another and the University.

Please plan to attend “A Star-Spangled Homecoming” here on the Bolivar campus October 10 and 11, 2008. SBU’s Homecoming this year falls between two dynamic opportunities for Americans to express their love of country. The Olympics will showcase the talents and dreams of many American young people, and the elections in November will be filled with flag-waving special events. On a more somber note, we have alumni serving in the armed forces defending the freedoms our flag represents. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us October 10-11 for “A Star-Spangled Homecoming.” Your registration form for Homecoming is included on page 30.

Highlights of Homecoming will be the Honors Chapel, 50-Year Club Luncheon, Alumni Banquet, Parade, Football Game and several class reunions. We are planning reunions for the classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1983 and 1998. If you are interested in assisting with contacting your classmates from those years, please get in touch with me.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2008.

Shawn Summers '94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations

CORRECTION

In last issue’s Honor Roll of Donors, Fair Grove High School was incorrectly listed as Fair Grove CTO. We apologize for the mistake.

AlumniPresident'sMessage

Things Have Changed, But Important Things Have Stayed the Same

Hi! My name is Debbie McClurg, and as the president of the SBU Alumni Association, it is my privilege to serve you this year.

When I am on campus, I see how things have changed, yet the important things have stayed the same. Some buildings have been built, others have been torn down, while more are planned. Computers and wireless are everywhere, and advanced degrees have been added. Yet, I see people interacting with each other, caring for each other and lifting each other up. I see how SBU's mission has remained the same, although the methods may be different.

SBU's Alumni Board is much the same. We have added new members to the board, and said goodbye to others who have retired from it. We have new visions, new ways to earn money, and plans to start new alumni chapters. Yet, our mission is still to strengthen the ties between former students of SBU and ties with current students, faculty and staff of the University.

Our Alumni Board continues to work hard as we strive to serve you throughout the year. In addition to representing you at various activities on campus, several events have been planned across the country to reunite SBU alumni and friends.

In addition, I would like to personally invite you to attend the annual Saturday morning alumni breakfast where new officers and board members will be presented and voted on.

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Debbie (Clevenger) McClurg '77
Alumni Association Board President



Homecoming 2008

Friday & Saturday, October 10-11, 2008
Class Reunions for 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978,
1983 and 1998.

If you graduated in a year ending with a 3 or 8, contact Shawn Summers to assist with planning your class reunion. All SBU alumni and families are welcome to attend! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with contacting your classmates.

For more information or to volunteer,
contact Shawn Summers at 417-328-1806
or ssummers@sbuniv.edu

Friday, October 10

8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Registration Center Open
Goodson Student Union

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Student Art Exhibition
Jester Learning and Performance Center
Driskill Art Gallery

10:00 A.M.
Honors Chapel: Presentation of Life Service Awards, Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award, Global Ambassador Awards Homecoming Court
Mabee Chapel

11:00 A.M.
Honors Reception
Mabee Chapel Lobby

11:30 A.M.
50 – Year Club Luncheon
McClelland Dining Facility

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Class of 1958 Reunion
McClelland Dining Facility
Stakeholder's Room

3:00 P.M.
SBU Alumni Softball Home Run Derby
SBU Softball Field

4:30 P.M.
Bed Races
Burnidge Memorial Forum

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Alumni Banquet: Recognition of LSA Recipients, Past & Present
(Child-care provided)
Mellers Dining Commons

7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Patriotic Concert
SBU Music Dept. presents
A Salute to America
Mabee Chapel

8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
Alumni Reunion/Dessert Fellowship
Alumni, Faculty, Staff & Students Invited
Class Photos of '30's, '40's, '58, '63, '68, '78, '83 and '98 (Child-care provided)
Mellers Dining Commons

9:00 P.M.
Night Parade
Plaster Athletic Center

9:30 P.M.
Pep Rally & Bonfire

Saturday, October 11

8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Registration Center Open
Goodson Student Union

8:30 A.M.
Alumni Breakfast (Full Breakfast)
Recognition of Lightfoot Award Recipient
Scholarship Recipients
Mellers Dining Commons

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Student Art Exhibition
Jester Learning and Performance Center
Driskill Art Gallery

9:30 A.M.
Decade Parade Watching Reunions
Parade Route

10:00 A.M.
Athletic Alumni Parade Watching
Meyer Wellness Center West Parking Lot

10:00 A.M.
Homecoming Parade

10:30 A.M.
Redford Tailgate Party
Along Parade Route between
Leslie & Beasley Halls

11:00 A.M.
Accounting Alumni Reunion
Taylor, Room 119

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Alumni Luncheon
Mellers Dining Commons

11:30 A.M.
Bearcat Women's Soccer
versus Truman State
SBU Soccer Field

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Athletic Alumni Reunion
Plaster Stadium
North End Zone Purple &
White Booster Tent

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Alumni and Faculty Reception
Goodson Student Union

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
Reception for Artists
Jester Learning and Performance Center
Driskill Art Gallery

2:00 P.M.
Bearcat Football versus
Grand View College (Iowa) Vikings
Plaster Stadium

4:00 P.M.
Physical Therapy Class of '03 Alumni Reunion
McClelland Dining Facility
Stakeholder's Room

7:00 P.M.
IMPROVISE!
A night of improvisational theatre
Jester Learning and Performance Center
Davis-Newport Theater

Events and times are subject to change

A Star-Spangled Homecoming

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Southwest Baptist University

2008 LIFE SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. Carol Wilson '61

Mrs. Bette Moeller '69

Dr. John Wheeler '72

Mr. Michael Linderman '86

EDWIN LIGHTFOOT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. James Paul Swadley '56

ALUMNI AND FACULTY RECEPTION

Saturday, Oct. 11, at 1:00 p.m. we would like to invite you to a time of fellowship with current and former faculty and staff in the Goodson Student Union. Light refreshments will be provided.

ALUMNI BANQUET

Friday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. you are invited to join us for the Alumni Banquet in Mellers Dining Commons. The cost is \$11.00 per adult. The cost for children ages 3-12 is \$4.00 per child.

We will be honoring our Life Service Award recipients, both present and past. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! Free child care will be provided for children ages 12 and under.

ALUMNI REUNION DESSERT FELLOWSHIP

Following the Patriotic Concert in Mabee Chapel you are invited to attend the complimentary Alumni Reunion Dessert Fellowship. It will be held in Mellers Dining Commons. Child care for children 12 and under will be provided. Reunion classes will be featured at this event, but everyone is welcome. We will take pictures of the classes of '58, '63, '68, '78, '83, '98 and anyone who graduated in the '30's or '40's. You do not have to attend the Alumni Banquet to come and join us for the Alumni Reunion Dessert Fellowship.

Call five people you would like to see at Homecoming and invite them to join you!

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Friday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

You are invited to a special presentation of patriotic music performed by our very own SBU music department. Come join us for a night of reflection on and celebration of the freedoms we enjoy in America!

ATHLETIC ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, October 11, 2008, SBU will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the football program. A special recognition of the 1983 football team will take place at halftime as well as recognition of football alumni from each decade. All athletic alumni and families are invited to gather at the Purple and White tent 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. to reunite with former teammates and the SBU athletic administration and staff. Head football coach Keith Allen and his staff will be introduced and have an opportunity to speak to the group at 1:00 p.m. For more information please contact the SBU Athletics office at 417-328-1787 or visit www.sbubearcats.com.

EARLY REGISTRATION PRIZE

The Office of Alumni & Church Relations is giving away a prize package to the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri! We will be drawing the winner from alumni who register and attend Homecoming. You may register online at www.sbuniv.edu/alumni, by returning the attached registration form or by calling the Homecoming Hotline (417.328.1806).

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.SBUNIV.EDU/ALUMNI

TICKET RESERVATIONS

Check below any/all activities you plan to attend:

50-Year Club Luncheon – Friday 11:30 a.m.
_____ Adults @ \$9.50 \$ _____

Alumni Banquet – Friday 6:00 p.m.
_____ Adults @ \$11.00 \$ _____
_____ Children (3-12) @ \$4.00 \$ _____

Alumni Reunion Dessert Fellowship – Friday 8:30 p.m.
_____ Adults/ _____ Children FREE

Alumni Breakfast – Saturday 8:30 a.m.
_____ Adults/ _____ Children (3-12) @ \$6.00 \$ _____

Alumni Luncheon – Saturday 11:00 a.m.
_____ Adults @ \$6.00 \$ _____
_____ Children (3-12) @ \$5.00 \$ _____

Class Reunion Booklet ('58, '63, '68, '78, '83, '98)
_____ At Homecoming FREE
_____ If Mailed @ \$3.00 \$ _____

Mail check with this form to:
SBU Homecoming
1600 University Ave., Bolivar, MO 65613

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.SBUNIV.EDU/ALUMNI**

All tickets can be picked up at the
Registration and Information Center.

Make checks payable to
Southwest Baptist University.

**HOMECOMING HOTLINE:
417.328.1806**

Name _____ Maiden _____ Class Year _____
Spouse Name _____ Maiden _____ Class Year _____
Address _____ Home Phone(____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Cell Phone(____) _____
 Check here if this is an address or phone change

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.SBUNIV.EDU/ALUMNI

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1940

Dr. Jack Fellows and his wife **Edythe (Hammack) '40** are working on the manuscript for a book that will highlight their lifetime of ministry that followed their involvement at SWBC. 2855 S Orchard Ave., Bolivar, MO 65613
jbfellows@windstream.net

1952

Eddie Henson retired in February after eight years as head chaplain at the Huntington City Mission. He previously served 25 years as an appointed Missionary with HMB and NAMB.

1953

James William Clark passed away January 17, 2008.

1958 (50th REUNION CLASS)

Allen Bartlett and wife Alice are looking forward to seeing old friends and classmates at Homecoming 2008. 705 Berkshire Dr., Belton, MO 64012 abart@netscape.com

1959

Lois (Forsythe) has retired from social work and now teaches violin and piano. She serves as music director for First Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. She and her husband, Forrest Healey, have three children. 6530 Timberhill, San Antonio, TX 78238 loisheal@sbcglobal.net

1963 (45th REUNION CLASS)

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1968 (40th REUNION CLASS)

Anita (Moore) and husband Bill Walden live in Jefferson City, Mo. She retired from Famous Barr, and Bill works in the state newborn screening department as manager. He recently retired from the military reserve after 32 years. They have four children and one grandchild. 1818 Del Cerro Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101

1969

Sandy (Hodge) Rankin retired in May

2007 from a teaching career that she loved. Sadly, four days after her retirement, her husband passed away. Sandy enjoys traveling to her two daughter's homes, spending time with grandchildren, and traveling to other exciting places. P.O. Box 105472, Jefferson City, MO 65110 sanran17@hotmail.com

1970

Sandy (Linville) and husband **John Engelbrecht '70** both made career changes last year after owning and operating a flooring store for five years. John is now the executive for Salida, Colorado's Chamber of Commerce. Sandy is in education teaching 5th and 6th grade special education. 9831 W Cherokee Dr., Salida, CO 81201 quigot@yahoo.com

1973

Charles (Mike) Phillips retired in May 2007 from the Grandview, Mo., police department following 25 years of service. He was employed as a 911 emergency dispatcher. He is now the president of a Medical Alert System company. His wife, Rhonda, is a communications analyst with YRCW. Living in Belton, Mo., much of their free time is spent enjoying four beautiful grandchildren and their dog, Moe. Mike@MedAlarm911.com

1974

John Miller passed away on March 5, 2008, in Wichita, Kan. He was buried in Pleasant Hope, Mo. Condolences can be sent to Michael Miller, P.O. Box 245, Jamesport, MO 64648

1976

Michael Moyer is the president/executive producer of Niche Productions, Inc., an independent television production company. The company currently has two series on PBS and one on cable. His websites are: www.nichep.com and www.thetyingbench.com. nichep@yahoo.com

1977

Jeanetta (Jeffries) recently received graduate faculty status at Southwest

Minnesota State University, where she has served as an assistant professor of business administration since 2004. Since she and her husband, Keith Chrystie, relocated to Springfield, Mo., two years ago, Jeanetta has enjoyed being able to teach online courses full-time. Her recent research in online student advising received high acclaim at the MNSCU CAO/Dean's Conference and led to an additional research project on "Best Practices in Additional Duties of Full-time Distance Faculty." Jeanetta also designed their leadership minor and currently teaches leadership, management, and MIS courses. 5042 E Cherry Hills Blvd., Springfield, MO 65809 DrChrystie@mchsi.com

Claude Westfall is finishing his doctorate in curriculum and instruction/music education/choral conducting and will graduate in June 2008. He has been hired by Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo., as the director of choral activities beginning July 1, 2008. 2005 Tadley, Columbia, MO 65203
cwestfal@centralmethodist.edu

Robert Campbell, better known as "Dennis," has become bishop coadjutor of the Anglican Orthodox Church International. The consecration took place in Point Clear, Alabama, on February 2, 2008. andcamp@tds.net

1978 (30th REUNION CLASS)

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1983 (25th REUNION CLASS)

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1985

Vicki (Edzards) and husband David Wang relocated from Truckee, Calif., to Medford, Ore. David has an orthodontic practice in Medford, and Vicki is working as a medical technologist at Rogue Valley Medical Center also in Medford. The couple has four dogs and would love to hear from any classmates. 1228 Quail Hollow

Dr., Medford, OR 97504
vwang212@yahoo.com

Robert Hutson currently works offshore for a marine seismic survey company. He takes care of about 40 men each month on his vessel. He works world-wide providing seismic information to oil companies. Robert also works for a mid-Missouri fire protection district providing service as a paramedic. He is nationally registered and licensed in Kansas and Missouri and is working online to obtain his certification and a possible AA degree in Safety Management to enhance his skills for his current employment. rhutson@yahoo.com

1986

John Wall '97 M.S. has left the cold winters of the Midwest for the sunny climate of Fla. 915 Dartmouth Ct., Kissimmee, FL 34758
jw88keys@embarqmail.com

1987

Kristine Purcell is starting a new position as case manager with Mental Health clients at Bell Therapy in Milwaukee. 6975 W Glenbrook Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53223
krispy61@msn.com

1988 (20th REUNION CLASS)

Patti Hutton is a junior high science and art teacher in the Weaubleau school district in Missouri. Mrs. Hutton has reached out to students by founding a club for seventh and eighth grade students called "BACK-UP" (Be A Cool Kid Under Pressure). The club teaches children ways to have fun without the use of cigarettes, drugs and alcohol. In recognition of her encouragement and support, Patti received the 2002 "Extra Distance Award," a dedication beyond normal classroom instruction. Patti is a loyal member of the CTA, a mentor, senior MAP leader, study group leader, curriculum advisor and is willing to participate in any fund raising activity the district supports. Patti Hutton also is Missouri's Outstanding Rural Junior

High School Teacher for 2007. P.O. Box 92, Weaubleau, MO 65774
docnpat@hotmail.com

1989

Tony Foeller and his wife **Cheryl (Ewing) '89** have been in Anna, Ill., for nearly two years. The couple has three children, Paul (18), Alex (15), and Hannah (14). Paul is starting college this fall and Hannah is beginning high school. Alex will get his driver's license this summer. 103 Apple Ln., Anna, IL 62906



Tim Clarkson was hired as the new athletic director and head football coach at Ingram Tom Moore High School. This will be Tim's 19th year of coaching. He served as the first assistant offensive coach and defensive coordinator at Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio and as an assistant coach at Pflugerville High School. Tim was a starting offensive lineman at SBU for four years. His wife, **Penny (Dutile) '90**, was accepted to the Texas Accelerated Library Leaders Institute (better known as TALL Texans). This is a highly competitive program in which only the best of the rising Texas leaders have been selected and allows librarians to return to their institutions with a stronger understanding of management, communication, and strategic planning. Tim and Penny have two children, Campbell and Emma.

1990

Kerry Layton and his wife Sharon are retired and now live in a 36-foot motor

home. They are enjoying seeing this great country. God graciously has provided a lifestyle that allows the couple to meet some wonderful people and see His handiwork everywhere. travlersthree@mac.com

Penny (Dutile) Clarkson (see 1989 news)

Lt. Col. John Turnipseed was selected as the director of operations for the 85th Flying Training Squadron at Laughlin AFB. John is a senior instructor training flight students in the T-6 Texan II. 9059 Frazier St., Laughlin AFB, TX 78840
jbadseed@hotmail.com

1991

Douglas Gibson is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., after two deployments into a war zone. He and his wife Colleen have five children. 56 Lee Rd. 2003, Phenix City, AL 36870
chaplaing2003@yahoo.com

Clay Chrisel received his doctorate in educational administration from St. Louis University in May 2007. His school, Westchester Elementary, was awarded the NCLB National Blue Ribbon Award for academic excellence last year, as well as the Missouri Gold Star Schools Honor. 9 Marjean Ct., Kirkwood, MO 63122
claychr@gw.kirkwood.kk12.mo.us

1992

Kristin Dewey has been promoted to lab send out specialist at Poudre Valley Health System in Ft. Collins, Colo. She has been in this new position for one year and five months and with the Poudre Valley Health System for five years. She is in charge of sending patient samples to Mayo Labs and other labs across the U.S. She also works with medical staff to order and understand laboratory tests. Kristin would like to get in contact with other girls who were freshmen from '91 to '92 and were living in Leslie Hall, specifically the first floor. 26248 Weld County Rd. 66, Greeley, CO 80631
kad2@pvhs.org

Rodney Godbey has been promoted to branch manager after working for SMC Electric Supply for eight years. He opened SMC's new location in March 2006. He and his wife, **Stephanie (Dasal) '92**, have three children, Amilita Shawn (14), Carice Nicole (10), and James Alexander (6). The family moved to Poplar Bluff from Cape Girardeau, Mo. 2141 Inman Rd., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Julie (McAskill) and husband Chip Bryant have three children, Joshua (8), David (6), and Miranda (4). Julie is working for JC Penney's in Alamogordo, N.M., as the training supervisor and set execution manager. P.O. Box 127, La Luz, NM 88337 chipjulie@netzero.com

1993

Becky (Rueckert) and **Scott Brown '93** currently live in Burleson, Texas.

Becky operates a piano studio in her home, teaching private and group lessons. She is also an accompanist for Joshua High School and Loffin Middle School. Scott recently established his own business and is a financial advisor for his firm "Integrity Financial Advisors." Scott and Becky have three daughters, Angie (13), Ashley (11), and Allie (6). 2501 Glenn Ranch Dr., Burleson, TX 76028

mrsrebeccabrown@yahoo.com

1995

Wendy (Herweck) and husband Andy Helton have three children, Ashlyn (7), Taylor (4), and Luke (18 mos.). 716 Brickingham, Saint Peters, MO 63376 wendyh17@charter.net

1996

Melanie (Walker) and her husband Scott Lundeen recently moved from New Orleans to Denver. Scott is working on a project with Mile High Ministries, an urban ministry in Denver (www.milehighmin.org). They have one dog, Buddy, and one lizard, Boomer. 1717 E. 29th Ave., Denver, CO 80205 lundeenhome@gmail.com

Jason Smith (see 1998 news)

1997

Jamie Fitzjerrells is working on her master's degree in professional counseling. She is currently working for a child advocacy center that helps children who are victims of sexual crimes. 1508 Harlan Rd., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 jfitz75@aol.com

Travis Edwards was recently called as pastor of Orchard Crest Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. pastor@orchardcrest.org

1998 (10th REUNION CLASS)

Brad "Bumper" Luzadder was elected Marion City Council At Large. He just finished a brand new solo project and DVD entitled "*Just Jesus and Me, Brad Luzadder Live.*" Brad is the director of the Culinary Arts Academy at Tucker Career and Technology Center in Marion, Ind. Brad also recently celebrated his third year anniversary of losing 307 pounds and is still losing! He had gastric by-pass and has never felt better. Most people wouldn't know him since his days as "Bumper". He and his wife Angie have two children, Riley (9) and Hunter (5). 916 Spencer Ave., Marion, IN 46952 bluzadder@indy.rr.com

Patty (Maples) and her husband **Jason Smith '96** have one daughter, Eliana Grace (7 mos). Jason recently accepted the senior pastor position at Harvest Pointe Community Church in Charles Town, West Virginia. Patty is working from home as a freelance graphic designer and raising their daughter. 108 Maddex Farm Dr, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 jsmith@hpcc.com

Christy (Griggs), wife of **Frederick Ricker**, has been awarded the Alzheimer's Association Volunteer of the Year award for the entire St. Louis area. Christy is a hospice care consultant for the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice. She has been given her award for her efforts to educate the community, hospital works, nursing home employees, and other

organizations for the required dementia training set forth by the State of Missouri. Christy was trained to be an instructor on communication, behavior, pathology, and general care of people with dementia. She was honored at a dinner on April 25, 2008 for her dedication and expertise in the Alzheimer's field. They live in St. Louis with their son, Quinn (5). 3142 Kingsridge Manor Dr, St. Louis, MO 63129

2000

Brandi (Williams) and her husband Chris Bass have been married for about 8 years. They are living in New England and are currently in the process of planting a church in the Boston, Mass., area. Brandi delights in being home with their four children, Haley (6), Daniel (4), Abigail (2), and Emma (1). 80 Park St., Essex Junction, VT 05452 brandibass@gmail.com

Laura (Franklin) and her husband Jeremy Montgomery opened Visionary Eye Center in Ozark, Mo., in October 2006. The couple has one daughter, Mia (5). 907 E. Stoneridge Dr., Ozark, MO 65721 lbmontgomery@centurytel.net

2001

Morgan (Ruble) and husband Will Lucas are expecting their first child in July 2008. Morgan teaches in St. Louis County and is the varsity girls and boys volleyball coach at Oakville.

Stephanie (Benedict) Matthews (see 2002 news)

Dan Williams is starting his practice in pain management this year. His wife, **Amy (McGhee) '01**, is finishing her clinical psychology doctoral internship in pediatric health psychology with Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital. 1509 S Burning Tree Ave, Tucson, AZ 85710 drdanwilliams@mac.com

2002

Tim Matthews is employed at Regions Bank in Springfield, Mo., as assistant vice

president/senior credit underwriter of commercial lending. His wife, **Stephanie (Benedict) '01**, has completed her graduate degree in administration at Missouri State and is employed as an online instructor of psychology at Moultrie Technical College in Moultrie, Ga.

Jason West married Amber Molenkamp just after graduating from SBU with a business administration degree. Jason went on to get his M.B.A. from the University of Missouri in Kansas City and graduated in 2004. Jason and Amber have two children, Brayden (2) and Logan (10 mos.). Jason is currently working as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in the Kansas City Plaza office. 7002 NW Cross Rd., Parkville, MO 64152 jasonwest123@yahoo.com

2003

Elayna (Whipple) Lacy (see 2005 news)

2004

David Sepanski joined the Marines in February 2007. He is in Afghanistan until November 2008. 1st Platoon WPNS Co. 1/6 unit 73145 2nd Section, FPO_AE 09510 3145

2005

Brent Lacy and wife **Elayna (Whipple) '03** have two children, Matthew (3) and David (1). Brent is the youth minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Odessa, Mo., and owns and operates brentlacy.com, a web design firm. Elayna is a stay-at-home mom and operates Solid Foundations Preschool, a Christ-centered pre-school. 919 W Main, Odessa, MO 64076 brent@brentlacy.com

2007

Luke Oldweiler and wife **Amanda (Geier) '06** moved to Oklahoma to accept their first ministry positions. Luke is working as the children's minister, and Amanda is working as a head teacher at the church's preschool. 29338 E 141st St S, Coweta, OK 74429



2008

Becky Schoeneberg, D.P.T. '08 received the 2008 Minority Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence from the American Physical Therapy Association. She received \$6,000 from the Minority Scholarship Fund and will also receive a certificate in commemoration of the Award. Her award was presented at the Honors and Awards Celebration at Physical Therapy 2008, APTA's Annual Conference & Exposition in San Antonio, Texas on June 11. Her husband Quint is a safety and security officer at SBU.

Marriages

Danielle (Breshears) '07 and **Andrew Lawman '07** were married January 19, 2008. Danielle is currently working at Duck Creek Technologies as an accountant. Andrew works for Creator Designs and recently opened his own small business. 1106 E Division, Bolivar, MO 65613 daniellelawman@hotmail.com

Stacey (Miller) '01 married David Rios July 29, 2007, in Guadalajara, Mexico. Stacey has been teaching English at the Vancouver Language Centre in Guadalajara for almost two years. staceymiller@hotmail.com

Jason Blight '00 was married to Ashley Carter of Fort Scott, Kan., November 24, 2007. P.O. Box 72, Moundville, MO 64772 jasonblight@hotmail.com

Kendra Schweer '97 married Jacob Babcock, a '97 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, June 16, 2007, in Saline, Mich. The couple met on charmony.com and currently resides in Livonia, Mich., with their spoiled three-year-old Boston terrier.



Andrea Henry '93 married James Maulden February 2, 2008. They reside in Bee Branch, Ark. aswaller@sbcglobal.net

Future Bearcats

Kelli (Fulton) and husband Jason Garrett would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Bener', born February 12, 2008. She weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Lydia's name is found in Acts 16:13-15. 5802 W Charleston Ct., Peoria, IL 61607 kelligarrett@yahoo.com

Elizabeth (Lueker) '04 and husband **David Latal '03** would like to announce the birth of their son, Josiah David, born April 10, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. 6632 Foothills Ct., Florissant, MO 63033

Alesha (Isringhausen) '04 and husband **Jeremiah Baer '04** would like to announce the birth of the daughter, Bethany Abigail, born April 1, 2008. She is welcomed by older brother, Kaden Noah



**Lydia
Benet'
Garrett**



**Leanna Faith
Peterson**



**Michael Craig
McCright**

**Robert
Charles
Fillingham**



**Henry
Willcutt
Guthrie**



**Maxwell Evan
Livingston**

**Nathan Daniel
Laubach with big
sister Audrey**



**Anna Yelin
Zhang with
big sister
Abigail Yurie**

(2). 29101 W 185th St., Gardner, KS 66030 baerjere@yahoo.com

Todd Miller '03 and wife **Andrea (Longan) '04** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Teagan Shea, born October 19, 2007. 301 S. Elm, Goddard, KS 67052

Kristi (Freeman) Hunt '02 and her husband would like to announce the birth of their second son, Nathan Ryan, born August 9, 2007. Their first son, Noah, was stillborn. 980 Fox Creek Rd., Mountain Grove, MO 65711 khunt@fnb-fnb.com

Jared Crocker '01 and his wife **Jamie (Doke) '03** would like to announce the birth of their first son, John Wayne, born December 26, 2007. Jared and Jamie have been in south Florida for the past four years. 10525 Marsh St., Wellington, FL 33414

Matthew Fillingham '00 and his wife Rebecca would like to announce the birth of their son, Robert Charles, born August 13, 2007. 9807 N Oak Trfy., Kansas City, MO 64155 mattfillingham@hotmail.com

Shun Y. Zhang '99 and wife Jina would like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Anna Yelin, born July 1, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and joins her big sister, Abigail Yurie (3). 12712 Saylers Creek Ln., Herndon, VA 20170 zhangshun@hotmail.com

Andy McCright '99 and his wife Jamie would like to announce the birth of their son, Michael Craig, born April 18, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. 3118 11 1/2 Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901 amccright@yahoo.com

Sarah (Baker) '99 and husband **Chris Nichols '99** would like to announce the birth of their second son, Neeley Wallace,

who was born on May 16, 2008. He joins big brother, Jonah (2). 2501 S. 34th St, Lincoln, NE 68506 sarahlynn_nichols@hotmail.com

Brent Watkins '98 and his wife Amanda would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Katherine, born February 26, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. firefermo@yahoo.com

Christina (Rowland) '98 and her husband Chris Laubach would like to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Daniel, born July 18, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins big sister Audrey (3). 6243 Ralston, Raytown, MO 64133 athomechristina@sbcglobal.net

Jenny (Dean) '97 and husband **Ryan Lay '97** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Remington Rain (Remi), born February 13, 2007. She was welcomed by older siblings Finnegan (7)

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and Rafferty (3). The family has moved into their new house they built. 1825 Thousand Oaks Circle, Conway, AR 72032
jennycdl5989@hotmail.com

Shonda (Dutile) '97 and husband **Jon Guthrie '97** would like to announce the birth of their son, Henry Willcutt, born June 10, 2008. He was welcomed by big sister Lucy Grace (2). Henry weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. 3548 Tamasssee Lane, Hoover, AL 35226 shonjon@charter.net

Eric Livingston '97 and wife **Kara (Brewer)** would like to announce the birth of their son, Maxwell Evan, born December 25, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. 4710 SW 20th Place, Cape Coral FL 33914.
karasue12@yahoo.com

Heather (Long) '97 and her husband Michael Bainum would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hadassah Marie, who was born on August 31, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins big sister Abigail.
giatwap@yahoo.com

Dani Sue (Hodgins) '95 and husband David Peterson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Leanna Faith, born February 11, 2008. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. Dani Sue is a substitute teacher and David is an engineer for Wilson Trailer. 1837 County Home Rd., Bronson, IA 51007
dsp@dlpindustries.com

Taylor (Langan) '94 and husband Donald Thiel would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Rene, born December 5, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds

and was 18 1/2 inches long. Jessica joins proud big brother, David (4). 1902 Quail Crossing, Andover, KS 67002
dthiel2@cox.net

Rhonda (Simpson) '93 and husband Jeremy Crosby are excited to announce the birth of their third child, Claire Sophia, born November 29, 2007. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins big sister Chloe (6) and big brother Caiden (4). 404 E Brownie St., Rose Hill, KS 67133 racrosby@gmail.com

In Memory

James William Clark (see 1953 news)

John Miller (see 1974 news)

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Are You a Forum Fountain Donor?

One of the more prominent landmarks on the Shoffner campus at SBU is the Forum Fountain. Originally constructed in late 1960s, the fountain is located on the Merrill Burnidge Memorial Forum in front of the Felix Goodson Student Union. Because of its strategic location, the Forum Fountain serves as a focal point for student gatherings as well as adding an aesthetic quality to the beautiful, rolling hills of the SBU campus.

As is often the case on a college campus, however, the Forum Fountain has borne the brunt of untold numbers and types of student pranks. Because of the abuse experienced over the years, the Fountain was in desperate need of repair. As part of our University commitment to campus beautification and improvement, the Forum Fountain received a complete make-over this past spring. The newly renovated Fountain looks as good as it did the day it was first built.

In an effort to refresh our memories of our student days and in order to help defray some of the expenses of the renovation, the Department of University Relations has decided to use this occasion to present a list of the **Top Ten Reasons Why You May Be a Forum Fountain Donor.**

After careful and extensive research, we have identified the most common and "heinous" offenses perpetrated upon or in the Forum Fountain. A suggested gift is listed beside each offense. These amounts are our attempt to help you alleviate some of the guilt you may have carried all these years. If you do not see the particular offense you perpetrated in the Fountain, we will still accept any contribution you deem appropriate. Be it known that no statute of limitations exists for any of the pranks listed (or unlisted). Rest assured, however, that the names of all Forum Fountain Donors will be kept confidential to protect the guilty!**

We trust you will enjoy reading over the list. We also ask you to consider making a gift toward this project. Even more, we hope the list stimulates wonderful memories of your time at SBU. Please send donations to: SBU University Relations, 1600 University Ave., Bolivar, MO 65613 or visit www.sbuniv.edu/alumni/development/gift.htm.

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- #10 If you ever introduced a *foreign substance* in some form, such as soap, dye, food coloring, etc., into the waters of the Fountain, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$10.00).
- #9 If you ever performed unofficial and unsupervised *chemistry experiments* employing the waters of the Fountain, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$20.00).
- #8 If the *undergarments* of your roommate were ever found mysteriously floating in the Fountain, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$30.00).
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- #5 If you ever used the Fountain as a makeshift *baptistery*, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$60.00).
- #4 If you and your friends ever took a late night "dip" in the waters of the Fountain, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$70.00).
- #3 If you ever were the featured commencement speaker and looked up to see your *children playing* in the Fountain as you spoke, you may be a Forum Fountain Donor (\$80.00).
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- #1 If you ever poured a combustible compound into the waters and set the Fountain on fire, you are most definitely a Forum Fountain Donor (\$100.00).

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