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**D**uring last year's Homecoming, we celebrated "100 Years of Purple" here at Southwest Baptist University. Last year was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a pivotal event in SBU's history. After a fire claimed the college's only building in 1910, it looked like the college would not survive the huge loss.

We know the outcome — in 1913, the college reopened and started using the colors purple and white when students went to the county fair to recruit more students. The college survived and is now a thriving university with a strong Southern Baptist heritage. Today we are guided by our mission statement: Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. Today we have more than 3,800 students studying on the Bolivar campus and three branch campuses.

The outcome could have been very different had it not been for many individuals who have supported and continue to support the university. One individual who stands out in our history is Francis "Frank" L. Stufflebam, for whom our original campus is named. He was a trustee for the college from 1906-1951. He owned and edited the Bolivar Herald, Polk County's "Democrat" newspaper. He was a civic leader who staunchly supported SWBC, raising money to keep the college financially solvent.

He was one of several community members who knelt in the ashes to pray for guidance after the building burned in 1910. Those individuals were led to raise funds to rebuild the campus. An excerpt from a tribute to Stufflebam at his funeral stated, "He believed Christian education is the answer to the world's dire needs — therefore gave unselfishly to the cause of education."

A second major fire on the SWBC campus in 1962 marked another pivotal point in our university's history, prompting President Robert Craig and trustees to look at further expansion of the college. Shortly after the original Pike Auditorium burned, the college purchased a 102-acre farm, which is the present-day Shoffner campus, named after F.M. Shoffner, a benefactor of the college. Within a year, the first building on the Shoffner campus opened — a four-story dormitory to house 200 men, which a year later was named Titus Beasley Hall.

After the new campus was named for Shoffner, trustees decided to name the original campus in honor of Frank Stufflebam, whose prayers and interest as a trustee had helped to rebuild the school, and whose gifts of money, influence and time had helped to keep it open. The Stufflebam Campus was officially dedicated during Homecoming, Nov. 17-18, 1968.

Southwest Baptist University has a marvelous history. Many times in our history, the future looked very grim. We have survived many challenges because men and women have answered God's call to serve our University. Today we should be inspired by the sacrificial dedication of our forebears. I often think of and am inspired by Hebrews 12:1 — "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Today, academic buildings and administrative buildings are located on the Shoffner Campus, and the Stufflebam Campus is used for housing, the Killian Health Center and a few special events. As you will read in this issue's cover story, we are adding "new" life on the Stufflebam Campus.

Alumni should be pleased to read about plans to encourage more student usage of the land where Southwest Baptist College rose out of the ashes in 1913, and to continue our commitment to provide quality Christian higher education in a Christian environment. Mark your calendars for Homecoming Oct. 3 and 4 to see firsthand the changes that have been made on the Stufflebam Campus.

C. Pat Taylor  
President

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# Guess Who?

*The Life Beautiful Award was established in 1937 by Rosalee Mills Appleby, a career missionary to Brazil. This award is given annually to an outstanding man and woman in the Southwest Baptist University 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 commencement.*

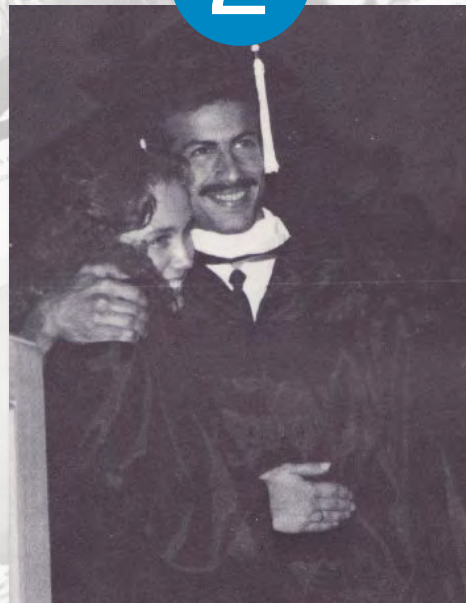
*At this year's spring commencement, Kara Phipps of Bolivar and Alex Huff of Da Nang, Vietnam, were named the 2014 Life Beautiful recipients.*

*Can you name any of the previous Life Beautiful award winners pictured below?*

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Everyone who correctly identifies at least one of these previous Life Beautiful winners will be entered into a prize drawing. Submit your guesses by email to [SBUcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:SBUcommunications@gmail.com) or by mail to: Office of Marketing and Communications, 1600 University Ave., Bolivar MO 65613. Entries must be received by Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Thanks to all who responded to the Guess Who contest in the previous issue. The pictured Mr. and Miss Southwest winners were Wayne Garrison and Martha Bundick, Steve Purcell and Kim Hughes, and Brandon Taylor and Kelly Kirwin.

**The following all submitted correct responses:** Kay Davis, Judy Griffin, Jack Hayes, Jodi Meadows, Jo Lynne Palmerton, Roberta Rasor, Stan Sullinger, Michelle [Stuber] Tucker, and Justin West.

Congratulations to Stan Sullinger who won the prize package.

# Social Work:

## Another opportunity for global ministry

BY CHARLOTTE MARSCH '97



**Evelyn Mercer**, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., arrived at Southwest Baptist University in 1986 ready to share her passion for social work as a faculty member in the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

Having previously taught in a social work degree program at Asbury University, she was eager to work on starting one at SBU. For various reasons, that didn't happen right away, but she still was able to invest in students' lives, educating them about how social work is a vehicle through which Christians can be servant leaders.

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Christine Saladino showed up at SBU in the fall of 1993, a college freshman, eager to begin her studies in physical therapy, later changing her studies to behavioral sciences.

"I didn't have a clue about social work when I came to SBU, and I took Mercer's Intro to Social Work class as

part of my sociology major. That really opened my eyes up to social work," Saladino said. "It really changed the course of my career and my life as a result."

Saladino graduated in 1997 with a bachelor of science in sociology and psychology and a minor in counseling. She worked for a year at Head Start in Republic, Mo., while still living in Bolivar. She then spent two years at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where she completed a master of arts in Christian education.

Her next journey was working as a missionary in Amsterdam before returning to her home state of Florida, where she worked full time as a social worker while working on a master's degree in social work.

In 2006, she returned to Missouri and her alma mater as a behavioral sciences faculty member at SBU's Salem, Mo., campus. She spent three years there coordinating the behavioral sciences program for both the Salem and Mountain View campuses.

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One of Mercer's biggest challenges in teaching social work as part of the university's sociology degree and counseling minor was helping students to overcome the media stereotype of social work.

"Most of them did not have a clue what social work was about," Mercer said. "They thought about social work in the terms of the way media portrays it. There's a social worker who comes in and takes my kids away."

Social work actually is ministering to people in need, just like Jesus did, meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs, according to Mercer.

"Jesus is the prime example of a social worker because he met people where their needs were and ministered to their need, and that's what social work is all about."

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For both Mercer and Saladino, 2009 was a big year. Mercer retired from SBU, and Saladino completed a circle, returning to Bolivar, only this time as a faculty member in the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

With a small amount of planning having already taken place, Saladino found that the time was right to work toward offering a bachelor of social work degree at SBU, and she began working toward accreditation.

Initial accreditation with the Council on Social Work Education is a four-year process. The first of four annual visits at SBU was conducted in 2011, with Saladino, M.A.C.E., L.M.S.W., as the program director and assistant professor of social work. In 2011, Amanda Keys M.S.W., L.C.S.W., Ph.D., joined the faculty as director of field education in social work and an instructor of social work.

Saladino oversees curriculum, assessment and accreditation. Keys organizes and supervises student field experiences; the program requires each student to complete 450 hours in an agency setting during the senior year.

"The field education component is one of our strengths," Saladino said. "We have had students in a variety of settings, and we have had excellent, excellent field instructors that really pour into our students and have been such a blessing."

Saladino and Keys prepared hundreds of pages of documentation each year for the visits, and full initial accreditation through June 2018 was granted in June by CSWE.

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"We offer students the opportunity to get a professional degree and go out and be social workers in a wide range of settings," Saladino said. "Social workers work in schools, prisons, hospitals, nursing homes and a variety of settings."

In the state of Missouri, a social worker must complete the minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work in order to be licensed. A master of social work is the terminal degree in the field, and many SBU sociology and/or psychology graduates have gone on to complete master's degrees in social work.

An additional benefit of the B.S.W. program is that graduates can enroll in an advanced standing master of social work program that can be completed in one year rather than two. The B.S.W. prepares students for entry-level positions, but an M.S.W. is required for work in clinical settings.

"The Bachelor of Social Work program certainly is a perfect fit with our university's mission as we prepare students to be servant leaders in a global society. By the nature of their work, social workers make a positive impact on people's lives every day in many different settings," SBU President C. Pat Taylor, Ed.D., said when officially announcing the full initial accreditation. "We have been so blessed to have Christine and Amanda to skillfully work through the accreditation process to provide this outstanding program for our students."

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Even with the accreditation in place, Saladino said there is still a great need to explain the full spectrum of social work.

"I have to continue to educate people about social work because there are such misconceptions about the field," she said. "I see social work as really being Christ's hands and feet in this world, which is going out and ministering to hurting people globally."

## Evelyn Mercer's legacy

During Evelyn Mercer's 23 years teaching sociology at Southwest Baptist University, from 1989-2009, she influenced many students to pursue further education in the field of social work, making sure they were well-prepared for graduate school by the time they graduated from SBU.

"I am an example of one of her students who was directly impacted by her work," said Christine Saladino, who has led the university through the accreditation process for a bachelor of social work program.

As a way to honor Mercer for her legacy and her vision for Christian social workers, the Evelyn Mercer Social Work Legacy Fund has been established to fund scholarships for future social workers.

To make a donation online, go to [giveto.SBUniv.edu](http://giveto.SBUniv.edu), enter your gift amount, select "I would like to search for areas to support" and enter "Evelyn Mercer." Select the fund, add it to your cart and check out. This site includes a searchable database of opportunities to make a monetary donation to SBU in many different areas.

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# *SBU spring sports athletes find success in competition and in the classroom*

BY JEFF WESELOH, '09, M.B.A. '13

**S**pring sports helped cap off an exciting year in Southwest Baptist University athletics. The Bearcats saw outstanding results from all spring sports, culminating in high NCAA finishes across four different sports.

## **TENNIS IN NCAA SEMIFINALS**

Men's and women's tennis teams continued their dominance of MIAA and NCAA competition. The women claimed their fourth straight MIAA Tournament Championship and their third straight MIAA Regular Season Championship, finishing 23-4 on the season. The Bearcats hosted the NCAA Central Regional Championships for the third straight year by earning the top seed in the region, as SBU also advanced to the NCAA Semifinals for the second straight year.

On the men's side, the Bearcats finished runner-up in the MIAA Regular Season and MIAA Tournament. SBU hosted the NCAA Central Regional Championships, earning the No. 2 seed in the region, while also advancing to the NCAA Semifinals.

For the first time in school history, the Bearcats had four different student-athletes in the same year earn NCAA All-American honors. Fanni Varga finished as the 12th-best singles player in the NCAA Division II, earning her All-American honors in singles competition. The doubles team of Fanni Varga and Christina Zentai finished as the third-best doubles



2014 SBU MEN'S and WOMEN'S  
TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS

team in the NCAA Division II, earning All-American honors in doubles play. In men's doubles, Kristof Kinal and Omar El Kheshen earned All-American honors as they finished as the eighth-best doubles team in NCAA Division II.

## TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS FINISH IN TOP 10

Men's and women's track and field also had outstanding performances on the MIAA and NCAA levels of competition. The Bearcats picked up 11 All-MIAA performers and 4 MIAA Individual Champions en route to the men finishing a program high fifth place, while the women finished ninth.

After qualifying six student-athletes to compete at the NCAA National Outdoor Track & Field Championships, the Bearcats brought home two All-American honors. Bill Shell finished fourth in the men's 400-meter dash, his fourth All-American honor of his career, and Elizabeth Luckel finished fifth in the women's 1500-meter run, her first All-American honor.

Bill Shell was also named the USTFCCCA Central Region Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, while Bill and his sister, Emma, both were named MIAA Ken B. Jones Finalists.

The women finished off their season by being named the 10th best program in the NCAA Division II by the USTFCCCA, the first time in program history to be ranked.

## BASEBALL BREAKS 18 SCHOOL RECORDS

Baseball also had a record-setting year. The Bearcats broke 18 school records, including the most wins and MIAA wins in school

history. SBU had a record nine student-athletes earn All-MIAA honors, while head coach Chris Martin was named MIAA Coach of the Year. The Bearcats ended their season by making the MIAA Postseason Tournament for the first time since 1999, while Spencer Blacksher was named to three different All-Region teams.

## SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM

Concluding a successful athletic year, the Bearcats performed extremely well in the classroom, too. Bill Shell earned the NCAA Elite 89 award for the second consecutive year by holding the top GPA of all outdoor track and field athletes at the NCAA Championships. The Bearcats also earned 221 individual MIAA Academic Awards.

## MOVIN' UP IN THE DIRECTORS' CUP

The greatest accomplishment in the SBU Department of Athletics came in the final NACDA/Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings where the Bearcats finished 37th in the NCAA Division II. The Directors' Cup standings are based upon athletic performance across all sports during the entire 2013-14 school year. SBU finished 4th among all MIAA schools, while accumulating more than 100 more points than last year and moving up 22 places in the standings.



Caira Dortch



Kelzey Keizer



Clark Sheehy

# SBU Athletics adds three new head coaches

BY JEFF WESELOH, '09, M.B.A. '13

**T**hree new head coaches joined the Southwest Baptist University Department of Athletics in recent months. Caira Dortch becomes the new head volleyball coach, Kelsey Keizer the new head women's basketball coach and Clark Sheehy the new head men's basketball coach.

## Caira Dortch, volleyball

Caira Dortch comes to SBU after spending the past three seasons as the top assistant coach at Drury University in Springfield. She has also coached Club Bear Volleyball for the last five years, serving as a head coach and site director.

Dortch played collegiately for the University of Arkansas from 2005-2009,

where she was a setter and defensive specialist. After graduation from U of A, Caira received her master's degree in counseling psychology from Evangel University in 2011. She was also a four-time All-District honoree at Hillcrest High School.

"We are very happy and excited to welcome coach Caira Dortch to the SBU family," said SBU President Pat Taylor, Ed.D. "She will bring enthusiasm to Bearcat volleyball and continue the improvement of the program. She is a product of Hillcrest High School and the University of Arkansas and has great local contacts. I am looking forward to an exciting future for our volleyball program."

## Kelzey Keizer, women's basketball

Kelsey Keizer has spent the last three seasons as the assistant coach at Southwest Baptist, and will be entering her fourth year as a basketball coach. Keizer played collegiate basketball at Drake University, earning multiple awards including the MVC President's Council Academic Award and MVC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award.

After leaving Drake, Keizer moved to Prague, Czech Republic, and played professional basketball for Sparta Prague for two seasons. While playing professional basketball in the Czech Republic, Keizer also worked for Athletes in Action, an

## SBU 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

William Jewell College - Thursday, Sept. 4 - Liberty, Mo.  
Lincoln - Saturday, Sept. 13 - Jefferson City, Mo.  
Indianapolis - Saturday, Sept. 20 - Bolivar, Mo.  
Missouri S&T - Saturday, Sept. 27 - Bolivar, Mo.  
Missouri Baptist - Saturday, Oct. 4 - Bolivar, Mo.  
Quincy - Saturday, Oct. 11 - Quincy, Ill.  
McKendree - Saturday, Oct. 18 - Bolivar, Mo.  
Saint Joseph's - Saturday, Oct. 25 - Rensselaer, Ind.  
Truman State - Saturday, Nov. 1 - Bolivar, Mo.  
Dakota School of Mines - Saturday, Nov. 8 - Rapid City, S.D.  
Southern Nazarene - Saturday, Nov. 15 - Bethany, Okla.

organization that shares the gospel of Jesus Christ through the platform of sports all around the world.

"After a very comprehensive national search, our assistant coach Kelsey Keizer emerged as the leading candidate," Taylor said. "There are many reasons why she became our leading candidate. One of the most important reasons is the type of team we have right now and she has been a major part in building that team. We have great players and great young ladies on our team. It is the kind of team that I want representing our University. We are happy where we are, so therefore it is clear to me that she is our best choice. We look forward to many great years with Coach Keizer at the helm of our women's basketball program."

### Clark Sheehy, men's basketball

Clark Sheehy comes to SBU after spending seven seasons as the head men's basketball coach at John Brown University in Arkansas. Sheehy holds a career coaching record of 182-106 (.632) across nine seasons as

head coach. Sheehy has coached six different All-Americans, while also coaching more than 20 athletes who have moved on to play professional basketball.

While at JBU, Sheehy compiled a 154-77 record (.667), including leading the Golden Eagles to their first ever Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) Tournament Championship in 2010 and their first regular season SAC Championship in 2013. Sheehy led JBU to three NAIA National Championships appearances, reaching the Elite 8 in 2010 and Sweet 16 in 2013, and was named the SAC Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2013.

Before his stint at John Brown, Sheehy spent two seasons as the head men's basketball coach at Fresno Pacific (Calif.) from 2005-2007. During his time at FPU, Sheehy earned the first national ranking in school history as well as guided the Sunbirds to only their second winning season in the previous 10 years.

Sheehy also spent time as an assistant coach at Texas State University in San

Marcos, Texas, coaching at the NCAA Division I school for five years from 2000-2005. Prior to TSU, Sheehy spent one season at NCAA Division II Texas A&M Commerce as a graduate assistant for the men's basketball program.

Sheehy graduated from John Brown in 1999. At JBU he played four years under his father, SBU alum and former basketball player John Sheehy, while garnering All-Conference accolades in his junior and senior years. He then went on to complete his master of education at Texas A&M Commerce in 2000.

"I am very excited to add a coach with the proven track record that Clark Sheehy has had at John Brown and Fresno Pacific University," Taylor said. "We feel that he can continue the winning tradition at SBU and remain highly competitive in the very challenging MIAA conference. I am also very excited about his commitment to church and the spiritual leadership he will bring to our team."



# Graduation 2014

**W**ith 581 graduates, Southwest Baptist University's May 2014 graduating class was the largest in the University's 136-year history. The commencement ceremony also included the annual presentation of three prestigious awards: two Life Beautiful Awards and Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award.

### Life Beautiful Award

The 2014 recipients of the Life Beautiful Award are Kara Phipps of Bolivar and Alex Huff of Da Nang, Vietnam.

Phipps graduated with a bachelor of science in biology. She has received multiple honors while at SBU, is a member of the Gordon & Judy Dutile Honors Program Leadership Council and has been a biology research team leader since 2012. She is a member of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar, where she is part of the worship team and leads a Bible study. She participated in three mission trips while at SBU. One faculty member wrote, "Kara has a quiet, sweet spirit. She is patient and kind, always considerate of others. She is a true servant leader."

She is the daughter of Michael and Tammy Phipps, both SBU graduates. Her

brother Josiah was the male 2013 Life Beautiful recipient.

Huff graduated with a bachelor of science degree in economics/finance. He was selected as the Outstanding Business Administration graduate and is in the Dutile Honors program. He attends Alliance Christian Fellowship in Bolivar and served on two mission trips through SBU. One faculty member wrote, "He greets everybody with a smile and a can-do attitude. He takes the time to listen and get to know others. Alex has a heart for missions and sharing the gospel around the world."

He is the son of Bob and Kathleen Huff.

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### Orien B. Hendrex Award

Joe Wooderson, chair of the Department of Kinesiology and instructor of physical education, received the Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher Award.

The award is presented annually to a faculty member who has been judged by the previous three years' graduating classes to be outstanding in both teaching ability and personal guidance. The SBU Board of Trustees designated this award in memory of Hendrex, a former academic dean.

### Senior speaker

Shannon L. Gray of Schell City, Mo., delivered the Bob R. Derryberry Senior Address, reminding her classmates that though they have encountered difficult times during college, God sees the potential and beauty of each graduate.

"While in college we are looking at our lives from the underside of a tapestry, but our Creator has a bigger, better plan," she said. "He sees the whole tapestry and rejoices in its picture with all of its beauty and its imperfections, because that is what makes us all unique. He sees us in our final form, full of success, lessons learned and growth shown. He sees his children, the



Alex Huff, economics/finance major from Da Nang, Vietnam, is the male recipient of the Life Beautiful Award. He is the son of Bob and Kathleen Huff.



Charles Graham delivered the commencement address, reminding students that God has a plan and purpose for each of them.



Kara Phipps, biology major from Bolivar, Mo., is the female recipient of the Life Beautiful award. She is the daughter of Michael and Tammy Phipps of Bolivar.



men and women who breathed life into doing his work through mission trips, daily tasks and even being a listening ear.

“This part of the tapestry is now done and it is time for us to move on to this more exciting time of our future. We have bright futures, full of hope and ready for the world ahead of us, and we have been trained and held accountable by some of the finest people we ever have had the privilege of knowing, our teachers.”

Senior music was provided by Katelyn Hicks and Shelby Johnson accompanied by Tammie Pennington.

### Faculty and staff recognitions

Dr. Taylor also recognized four retiring faculty members and one retiring staff member.

Retiring faculty members are J.D. Lynch, instructor of recreation and leisure and director of the Meyer Wellness and Sports Center; Susan Lynch, chair of the Department of Business Administration and professor of business administration; Robert Perry, professor of graduate



studies in educational administration; and Libby Sanders, instructor of education at the SBU Salem campus. Retiring staff member is Larry Price, director of the SBU Mountain View campus.

### Commencement speaker

Charles Graham, founder of Charles Graham Ministries, and a 2007 recipient of an honorary doctorate from SBU, told the graduates that God has a purpose for everything that has and will happen in their lives.

“I want you to realize God does have a plan for you,” he said.

“Don’t allow a world of circumstances to rob you of your purpose. You may get your position, you may get your pay raises, but I want you to understand that the purpose is not the position nor your pay. The purpose will always be people. God will always use us in the lives of those around us.


“Don’t let moments define the purpose. Don’t let them rob you of your purpose. When you enter your workforce, let your life be shaped by the Word that is within and not the world you are in.”



# Stufflebam Campus renewal

*New life being brought  
to SBU's 'old,' original campus*

BY CHARLOTTE MARSCH '97



Once a bustling center of activity, Southwest Baptist University's original campus has become more history than an active campus community — but that is about to change.

A little more than five decades ago, when the two-year junior college was transitioning to a four-year senior college, land acquisition was vital for expansion — but the college was landlocked. A purchase of 102 acres, now known as the Shoffner Campus, made expansion possible. Through the years, new academic and administrative buildings have been built on the Shoffner Campus, while the Stufflebam Campus has continued to be used mostly for dormitories. With plans for encouraging more student activities on the Stufflebam Campus, though, SBU is bringing some new life to the “old” campus.

Beginning this fall, the original campus will be home to a myriad of student activities, including intramural sports and recreation events, such as flag football and Wiffle ball.

An intramural field, complete with a sprinkler system, is under construction this summer and slated to be finished by fall. This will provide the intramurals program with two fields — one on each campus.

“A second field will allow us to play more games than we have in past years,” said Chris Keller, director of intramurals. “We will be able to avoid using game times that conflict with standard student class times, especially those at 3 and 4 p.m. We will also have the flexibility to reschedule games, especially those lost to weather cancellations, in a more timely manner. This will aid us in keeping our different sport seasons and recreation events (leagues and tournaments) from conflicting with each other.”

Because the Stufflebam Campus contains several markers recognizing the University's history, the new field has been named Monument Field, according to Rob Harris, Ed.D., vice president of student development. Though Monument Field's primary purpose is for intramural sports, its use is not limited.

“The field will be available to other campus organizations and groups who would like to use it,” Keller said. “The field will also be open to the student body as a whole. This would

include students who want to have team practices with their intramural teams and those who would simply like to have a place to toss a Frisbee, throw a football or do some kind of recreational activity with friends.”

Before the new intramurals field was even a dream, other changes were afoot on the Stufflebam Campus. It all began with a decision, based on a proposal by Landee Nevils, director of residence life, to reopen Memorial Hall as a men's residence hall for upperclassmen. Plaster Lodge, previously used as a men's residence hall, is now a women's residence hall. After that decision was made, staff in the Office of Student Life began brainstorming ways to encourage more activity on the Stufflebam Campus.

“Reopening Memorial Hall prompted the conversation of making the Stufflebam Campus a place where students could gather or use for different purposes,” said Nate Penland, director of student activities. “We are providing the space for students to use.”

More than 75 men will be moving into Memorial Hall this fall, and Todd Earl, Memorial Hall resident director, said students are excited about the new living space and the new outdoor recreational facilities.

“Currently, Memorial Hall is undergoing major renovation,” Earl said. “Physical plant is hard at work installing new doors, lights, tile and carpet, as well as every room and hallway getting a new coat of paint. Furniture in the dorm rooms are only four semesters old, with only three semesters of use. With all the renovations and new furniture, students will be moving into a great building with a new look. SBU campus life will be different with these great new spaces being offered to them. It is an exciting time to be a Bearcat.”

In addition to dorm renovations and construction of Monument Field, other improvements include a six-hole disc golf course, a renovated sand volleyball court, a basketball goal and a fire pit.

“This new venue on the Stufflebam campus, our original Bolivar campus, is for everyone,” Keller said. “It is an important part of our school's history — a place that will once again become a hub for student activities.”



# Stufflebam Campus

Our professors have reminded us that buildings alone do not make a college, but these buildings will remain a part of our memories as we move through our college career and on into life. When we return to the campus these buildings will kindle memories of the faces, the friends, the fun and the facts which were a part of our living experience while here at Southwest Baptist College.

Published in the 1965 Mozarkian yearbook, these words were penned the year Southwest Baptist College received accreditation to transition from a two-year junior college to a four-year senior college. At the same time, the college also began a gradual transition to a new campus, having outgrown its location in the heart of Bolivar, where the campus had grown and expanded since 1879.

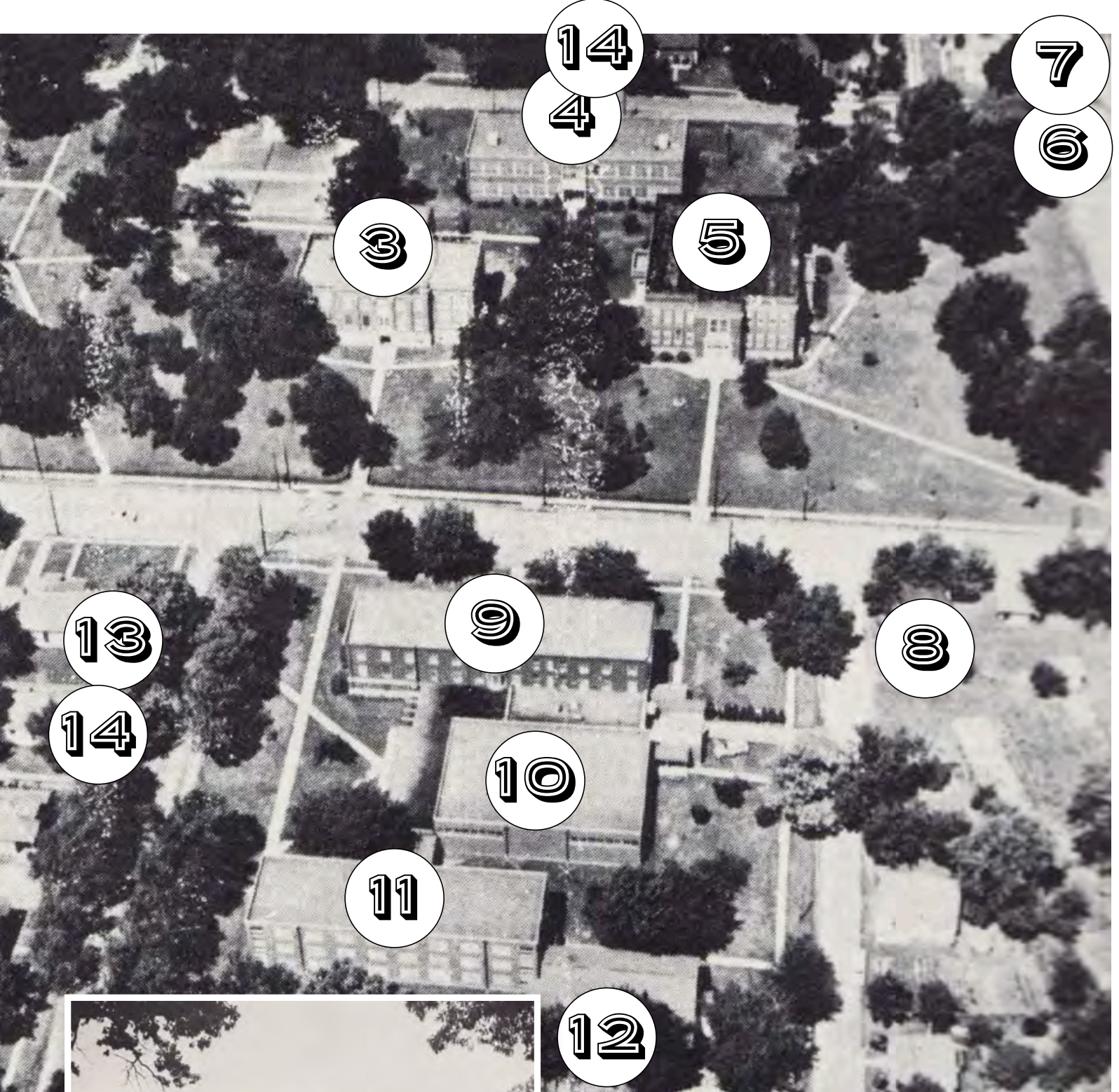
As new buildings have been constructed on the 102-acre Shoffner Campus, few of the buildings on the original campus

still stand today. Yet the memories created inside those buildings are forever etched in the minds of those whose lives were forever changed by the people who mentored and cared about them during their time at SWBC/SBU.

Also included in that yearbook was an aerial view of the original campus, now called the Stufflebam Campus, that is printed alongside this article. A synopsis of information regarding many of the buildings in the photograph is included on the following pages.



1. Memorial Annex



## 2. Memorial Residence Hall

Opened Nov. 3, 1946, as a residence hall for men to replace the Hoffman Residence Hall (former Cary Hotel that was purchased for \$13,000 in 1922) that burned March 9, 1945. The name was chosen to honor those 10 students who had given their lives in World War II: Kenneth I. Austin, Arnold Branson, Thomas M. Pool, Bradford L. Fisher, Wayne Huffman, Sanford S. Caviness, Kenneth Haralson, Harold L. Purtle, Joseph M. Tuttle and Rixey Everett. The land cost \$3,200, and building construction cost about \$100,000. The 50 rooms were furnished at a cost of about \$200 per room.

The dormitory has most recently been used as a residence hall for women and was temporarily closed for the spring 2014 semester. Renovations are under way to reopen as a men's residence hall for the Fall 2014 semester.



### 3. Administration Building

The Administration Building was erected in 1913 for offices, classrooms, laboratories, a library and auditorium with a construction bid of \$25,764. The building replaced the original campus building that burned in 1910. It was completely remodeled for administrative offices in 1970 and served multiple purposes, including classrooms, faculty office spaces and offices for student publications, until it was torn down in 2001. The new Monument Field intramural field that is under construction this summer occupies space where the Administration Building, or “Old Ad Building,” once stood.



### 4. Library & Science Building

Dedicated Sept. 22, 1953, the Library and Science Building housed seven science laboratories on the first floor and the library on the second floor. Construction cost about \$200,000. When the library moved to new quarters in the Estep Library on the Shoffner Campus in 1969, the Library and Science Building was refurbished with new labs, classrooms, offices, and a service center. It was named Casebolt Science Center; Mrs. Geneva Casebolt, a trustee, gave money for the remodeling and named it to honor her husband, the late Dr. M.B. Casebolt.

After being used for some time as storage, the building was remodeled into on-campus apartments, named Casebolt Apartments, in 2003.



### 5. Pike Auditorium

This building was constructed in 1926 with a combination gymnasium-auditorium, swimming pool, four music studios and practice rooms for music students but was not named Pike Auditorium until 1941. After completion of an effort by the Alumni Association to pay off the entire indebtedness, the building was dedicated in honor of John Calvin Pike, president of SWBC from 1916 to 1926. The resolution stated that the building would be called Pike Auditorium and that the name be placed in large letters on the front of the auditorium and under the name there be placed the following quotation: “Dedicated to John Calvin Pike for his faithful service.” A graduate of SWBC, Pike had many years in faithful service as professor, president and dean.

The dedication event also included a note-burning in recognition of having paid off all the college’s debt, and Frank L. Stufflebam, who had served 34 years as secretary of the board, had the privilege of touching the match to the notes.

On March 26, 1962, the multipurpose building burned. A marker that includes a stone from the building still stands on the Stufflebam Campus at the site of the building.



### 6. Hoffman Home Residence Hall

The residence hall was purchased in November 1944 from Mrs. G.A. Hoffman of Hastings, Neb., for \$3,300. The house, which had been the home of professor and Mrs. Hoffman from 1917-1926, served as a dormitory for women.

## 7. Heating Plant

The building still stands and is owned by a private business owner.

## 8. Utility Building

The building has had many uses through the years but is no longer owned by the university.



### 9. Muirheid Residence Hall for Women

Opened in 1924, it was named Muirheid Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Muirheid of Goodman, who gave \$5,000 for its construction. The gift was made in memory of their daughter, Eva, who had died in 1920. An annex was built in 1945 at a cost of \$12,000 for a larger dining room and kitchen. After it no longer served as a residence hall, it became a historical gallery for the university before being torn down.

## 10. Ingman Dining Hall

The college's first dining hall that was separate from a dormitory opened in 1954 and was named after A.S. Ingman, one of the colleges co-founders and the second president. The building also once housed the university's theater department, until the Davis-Newport Theater and accompanying theater classrooms were finished in the Jester Learning and Performance Center on the Shoffner Campus in 2001.



### 11. Maupin Residence Hall for Women

Opened in 1954 as a residence hall for women, the dormitory was named for J.R. Maupin, one of the college's co-founders and the first president. Most recently used as a residence hall for men, it was closed indefinitely beginning the Fall 2013 term.

## 12. College Nursery

A six-room house south of Memorial Hall with two rooms that were furnished for children was purchased in in the early 1950s. There were four cribs, two large tables and 30 small chairs. This was provided especially for children of ministerial students whose wives wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to attend classes while they were in Bolivar. In 1952 Mrs. Orlin Stewart, a preacher's wife, was in charge of 21 children ages up to 6 years.



### 13. The Student Center

The six-room house adjacent to campus was purchased by the college Dec. 31, 1949, with a cost of \$4,900 to purchase and remodel. The center opened for students May 22, 1950. Since being used by the university, the house was under private ownership, last being utilized by Exodus Ministry, a non-profit Christian residential program that seeks to help women coming out of prison transition back into society through several facets, including discipleship, until the house burned March 17, 2009.

## 14. Faculty homes

*Source: Information for this story came from "To Noonday Bright" by Mayme Hamlett.*

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## Questions with **Whitney Prewitt**

*In each issue of SBULife magazine, we interview one of our staff members so you can meet the people who help make SBU a Christ-centered, caring academic community.*

*Whitney Prewitt, training coordinator for SBU's Center for Global Connections, received the Staff of the Year Award from the Student Association, as voted by the student body. A 2007 SBU graduate and Life Beautiful Award winner with a degree in psychology, Whitney grew up in Chillicothe, Mo. After graduation, she spent two years in South Sudan as part of the International Mission Board's Journeyman program.*



### **What did you do in the Journeyman program?**

I worked with the Dinka people group in South Sudan. My colleague and I were in charge of an AIDS prevention program. Then I entered the IMB's J3 program in which a third year is spent in the Journeyman program based in the states at a college, university or church. That job included mobilization and equipping college students to serve around the world.

### **How did your time as a student at SBU influence you toward your current job?**

As a student, there's always a great shift in learning who the Lord is and our identify that is found in Him. As I started learning more about what the Word says about giving and being ready with the Word on our lips, I learned more about how the Lord wants us to be intentional and minister globally. In this position, we are equipping and mobilizing the next generation to be serving.

### **What is a typical work day for you?**

Every day is different. A lot of my time is spent helping prepare teams, working on logistics for some teams. I spend quite a bit of time working with team leaders to help them equip their teams for service.

### **What mission trips have you led or participated in while at SBU?**

As a student, I went to Egypt after my freshman year and to Turkey right after graduation. Those were both very formative experiences in developing a heart for the nations. Now, I lead the Polk County mission team, Good News Club. I also have led teams to South Sudan twice and Call to the Nations, which was an all-girls team ministering to specific people groups in New York and Chicago. I also lead a Contagion team that leads youth ministry weekend retreats. It is a great way to connect with high school and middle school students, which even becomes a recruiting tool for the University.

### **What are your hobbies?**

I play the piano, and I like to sing. I love to read. I have a big stack of books waiting to be read. I love spending time outside doing anything outdoors. I like to hang out with friends and spending time with family.

## Two SBU students receive LEAP scholarships

The Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA) has awarded LEAP (Lead and Enhance the Accounting Profession) scholarships to two Southwest Baptist University students. Jenna Durnell, sophomore accounting and information assurance major from Harwood, Mo., and Tori Jones, sophomore accounting major from Miller, Mo., will receive

the scholarship funds for the next academic year. This is the third consecutive year for Durnell to be selected as a LEAP scholarship recipient.

According to Wayne Clark, chair of the SBU Department of Accounting, only 28 students statewide received this award so it is a significant honor for a school the size of SBU to have two recipients.



## Speaking Bearcats are national champions in debate sweepstakes

The Southwest Baptist University Speaking Bearcats debate and forensics team competed against 80 other schools in the Pi Kappa Delta national tournament March 20-23 in Indianapolis. SBU won first place in debate sweepstakes, third place in overall sweepstakes and sixth place in individual events sweepstakes.

According to Dr. David Bailey, assistant

professor of communication arts and director of forensics, this was the largest PKD national tournament yet with 80 schools and more than 800 competitors from across the nation.

Team members included: Meg Burns, Kati Clair, Leah Cleek, Reed Dressler, Nik



Fischer, Taylor Howe, Micah Jordan, Catie Lathrop, Jessica Palen, Brooks Stotts, Julie Strubinger, Lydia Swisher, Maggie Thomas and Will Wheeler.

## SBU student receives award at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention

Two SBU students attended the Great Plains Student Psychology Convention held at Rockhurst University in Kansas City March 21-22. Emily Gilmore of Poplar Bluff, Mo., is the daughter of David and Jamie Gilmore. Jewell Wonnell of Kansas City, Mo., is the daughter of Mark and Amy Sullenger. Both students are psychology majors and members of SBU's chapter of Psi Chi, the international honor society for psychology majors.

Gilmore also presented at the convention, winning a first place award for her research presentation based on her internship with the Polk County Drug Court and her Honors Program capstone project. The title of her presentation was "The Effect of Educational Level and Completion on Program Graduation and Longevity in PCDC Clients."





## SBU students commissioned for summer global projects

Nearly 80 Southwest Baptist University students who are participating in international projects this summer through nine Center for Global Connections trips were covered with prayer during a commissioning service May 12.

Along with worship led by Zach Atchley and Nate Jones, students and leaders of the

teams were prayed for by fellow students, as well as faculty and staff members.

Summer destinations for global projects are Cheyenne River, Extreme Africa, Guatemala City, Mongolia, New York, Northern Asia, Pacific Rim, Peru and Pyrenees.

The CGC organized 10 winter projects

that included 119 students and sponsors that took place during December 2013 and January 2014. During spring break in March, 63 students and sponsors participated in four trips.

## Academic departments recognize outstanding graduates at SBU

Each academic department at Southwest Baptist University has selected one graduating senior as the outstanding graduate in the department for the 2013-14 academic year.

The following students received this honor:

- Rebecca Bell – Department of History and Political Science
- Amanda Ell – Department of Education
- Jennifer Frazier – Department of Christian Ministry
- Emily Gilmore – Department of Behavioral Sciences
- Nathan Hawkins – Department of Computer and Information Sciences
- Alex Huff – Department of Business Administration
- Morgan Katz – Department of Music
- Lauren Knutson – Department of Language and Literature
- Derek Lee – Department of Accounting
- Jamie Lloyd – Department of Mathematics
- Vicki Neumann – Department of Art
- Trevor Parrish – Bob R. Derryberry School of Communication Arts
- Kara Phipps – Department of Biology
- Landon Young – Department of Theology

## SBU CIS achieves 100-percent job placement

All students in the SBU Department of Computer and Information Sciences' 2014 graduating class have accepted offers of employment from leading software companies within a week of graduation.

Students and their employers are: Luke Abbott and David Haugh, computer science/math majors, Accenture in Bolivar; Nathan Hawkins and Josh Tiffany, computer science majors, Cerner Corp. in Kansas City; Jason Jakusz, computer science and math major, and Amber King, computer information science major, O'Reilly Automotive headquarters in Springfield; Nathan Toombs, computer information science major, Jack Henry & Associates in Springfield; and Jason Williams, computer information science major, ANPAC in Springfield.



## SBU takes three of top 10 spots in regional programming competition

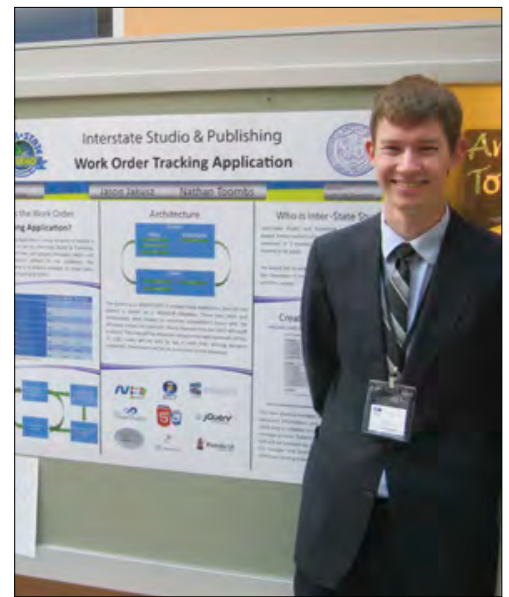
The Southwest Baptist University competitive programming teams participated in the Consortium for Computing Sciences Central Plains Region Programming Contest on April 5 at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. The SBU teams claimed three of the top 10 spots out of a total competition field of 39 teams.

SBU's top team comprised of Jarrett Munton (sophomore, O'Fallon, Ill.), Bobby Sterling (junior, Buffalo, Mo.) and Brady Kornrumpf (sophomore, Jefferson City, Mo.) claimed third place.

SBU's second team involving Jason Jakusz (senior, Theodosia, Mo.), Luke Abbott (senior, Roach, Mo.) and Justin Stout (junior, Gardner, Kan.) finished in fifth place.

The third team from SBU finished in ninth place. The team included Addison Woody (sophomore, St. Joseph, Mo.), Steven Harris (sophomore, Bolivar, Mo.) and Spencer Smith (sophomore, Springfield, Mo.).

Nathan Schulz (junior, Omaha, Neb.) and Jacob Parke (freshman, Eureka, Mo.) also participated in the competition.



## SBU Honors Program students present capstone projects

Fourteen students in Southwest Baptist University's Gordon & Judy Dutile Honors Program presented their Senior Honors Capstone Experience projects during an open house May 6.

Students are admitted to the Dutile Honors Program before their freshman year through a competitive process. The program includes the Senior Honors

Capstone Experience that allows students to complete a project or research in the student's field of study, including the integration of faith and discipline.

"They are creating an original work that is scientific, research-based or creative," said Dr. Allison Langford, director of the Dutile Honors Program. "They are using research skills, going through the scholarly

process of analyzing information."

Students who presented projects are: Luke Abbott, Rebecca Bell, Lynne Davis, Emily Gilmore, Vance Halfaker, Erin Haugh, Alex Huff, Rebecca McNabb, Heather Pruitt, Joy Reehle, Clara Strunk, Jordan Taylor, Landon Young and Katelynn Zuercher.



## SBU Enactus finishes in top 40 in national competition

The Southwest Baptist University Enactus team competed in the Enactus USA National Exposition April 1-3 in Cincinnati. More than 200 schools competed, with SBU advancing to the quarterfinal round and then finishing in the top 40.

At the national exposition, teams give a 17-minute presentation and five-

minute question and answer session in front of a panel of judges comprised of CEOs and business leaders explaining how they transformed lives and enabled progress through their team's projects. Judges evaluate the team's projects and presentations to determine based on the relevant economic, social and

environmental factors, which team most effectively empowered people in need by applying business and economic concepts and an entrepreneurial approach to improve their quality of life and standard of living.

### Student leaders chosen for 2014-15 year

Eight Southwest Baptist University students have been elected by the student body to positions of student leadership for the 2014-15 academic year.

The new Student Association (SA) leadership is:

- Julie McGlaughlin – Student Body President
- Kaylee Dye – Vice President
- Valerie Waddell – Clubs/Organizations Chair
- Nik Fischer – Campus Improvement Chair

The new University Activities Council (UAC) leadership is:

- Chelsea Hilbert – Major Events Committee Chair
- Caleb Olson – Campus Activities Committee Chair
- Ashley Pyeatt – Integration of Faith and Culture Committee Chair
- Kaisi Sandy – Publicity Committee Chair

### Harris receives Elijah Watt Sells award for CPA score



Caleb Harris '13 of Jackson, Mo., has been named a recipient of the 2013 Elijah Watt Sells Award, given by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA).

The institute gives the awards to candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the CPA examination, completed testing during the 2013 calendar year and passed all four sections of the examination on the first attempt. More than 94,154 individuals sat for the CPA examination in 2013. Only 55 candidates met the criteria for this award.

Harris is currently employed with BKD, LLP in Springfield, Mo.

### SBU software development team records fourth place national finish

A team of two SBU seniors competed in the Association for Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National Collegiate Conference April 12 in Atlanta, Ga. Luke Abbott, senior, from Roach, Mo., and Jason Jakusz, senior, from Theodosia, Mo., are both computer science and mathematics majors. Abbott and Jakusz competed in the Java Development Competition sponsored by USAA. They won fourth place out of 32 teams from across the nation, finishing behind two teams from Brigham Young University and a team from Purdue University.

AITP is the leading worldwide society of information technology business professionals and the community of knowledge for the current and next generation of leaders. The AITP National Collegiate Conference is the largest event sponsored by AITP.



## SBU professors serve as new editors for 'The Missouri Reader'

Dr. Julie Bryant, associate professor of education, and Jennifer Fox, instructor of education, are the new co-editors of "The Missouri Reader," the state peer-reviewed literacy journal published by the Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association (MSC-IRA).

Bryant and Fox have completely redesigned the publication, taking it from a static PDF document to a fully interactive online journal. The new look is more visually appealing with full-color pictures and embedded videos and is fully interactive with the ability to rate articles,

leave comments and have immediate access to extended information.

"The Missouri Reader" is a free publication and available to anyone. The journal can be directly accessed at <http://www.joomag.com/magazine/the-missouri-reader/M0556812001390325279>.

Bryant and Fox said this has been a great opportunity for them as individual professionals but also, more importantly, is a great opportunity to promote SBU in the education world and provide SBU students with additional professional development opportunities.



## Lilly receives Dean's Legacy Award

Kezia Lilly, dean and nursing administrator of the Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences of Southwest Baptist University, received the Dean's Legacy Award from Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing. She received the award upon graduating with her doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) degree.

The Dean's Legacy Awards are given by the CWRU Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing to an outstanding graduate of each of its academic programs whose achievements and contributions to the school and community exemplify the legacy of academic excellence, service to the larger community and the capacity for leadership and innovation in health care for which Frances Payne Bolton is known.

## Glasgow presents at national conference

Dr. Bob Glasgow, professor of mathematics, presented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference on April 10 in New Orleans, La. Glasgow's session was entitled, "Doctorates in Mathematics Education: Jobs Available in Higher Education Institutions."

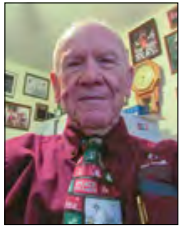
According to Glasgow, the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is the largest gathering of mathematics teachers in the nation. The conference is usually attended by 5,000-10,000 math teachers from the elementary, middle, high school and college levels.

"Being able to attend this conference helps me stay in touch with my field and being able to present allows me to represent SBU to math teachers across the country," Glasgow said.

## 1950

**Doran McCarty** retired in St. Augustine, Fla., and pastors a nearby church. He recently published two books, "Hallowed be Thy Name" and "Beneath the Shadow of the Cross." His wife, Gloria Laffoon '51, passed away in 2006.

## 1954



**Charles Renno** has been appointed Chaplain for The Hacienda Christian Life Campus, a rehabilitation center to help men rebuild their lives after prison, drug and alcohol abuse, gang affiliation, domestic violence and homelessness in a one year program at no cost to the participants. He will continue to work 20 hours a month as a volunteer chaplain at the Loma Linda University Medical Center-Murrieta and will teach in the Institute of Consuming Fire at His Light on the Hill Church. Renno was a recipient of the SBU Life Service Award in 2010.

## 1986

**David Smith** was recently appointed Dean of Instruction at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan., after 13 years as an instructor of music at Neosho County Community College in Chanute, Kan.

## 1989



**Terri (Cox) Fallin** recently accepted the position of Vice President of Institutional Advancement at College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Neb. As Terri said, "After years of the nearest Starbucks being an hour away, we are enjoying life in a metropolitan area!"

## 2006

**Chaz Bell** is an assistant teaching professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and was the advisor for the UMKC team that recently won the Stage Directions/ RC4 Wireless Automation

Challenge with the design and build of their Roo-Bot automated platform for theatre productions.

## Future Bearcats



**Jimmy Mustion '98** and **Christiana (Miller) '05**, announce the birth of their daughter, Noelle, born on April 16, 2014. The Mustions are currently teaching English and doing ministry in Taiwan.

**Christopher '00** and **Christy (Wright) Grimes '00**, announce the birth of their third child, Caitlin Annabelle Grimes, born on June 4, 2013. She joins two older brothers, Cameron (8) and Carter (4), who cheer on the Bearcats from the St. Louis area.



**Bruce Robidou '07** and his wife, **Jan (Henbest) '07, '10**, announce the birth of their first child, Duncan Avery Robidou, born on March 26, 2014.



**Betsy (Bryan) Anderson '07** and husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, daughter Noelle Adalie, on February 17, 2014. Betsy also has accepted a new position at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home where they have previously served as house parents and home supervisor. As of July 1, Betsy is the program manager for the children's home overseeing the shelter, residential and therapeutic group home programs functioning to "share Christ's healing love with children, youth and families in crisis."



**Vincent '09** and **Kaila (Hedger) Tichenor '07**, announce the birth of their daughter, Kadence Danae, born on December 2, 2013 in Belleville, Ill.



**Scott '03** and **Melissa (Tribble) Beever '04**, announce the birth of their third child, Levi Wayne, born on May 30, 2014. Levi is welcomed by older siblings, Hannah (7) and Aubrey (4). Scott currently works as a database

developer for Ultimate Software. Melissa is a full-time wife and mother and also teaches early childhood music at a local studio, The Music Factory.

## In Memory

**Dolly Howard '61**, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on May 3, 2014. She received an associate's degree from Southwest Baptist College where she met her husband, Gary Howard. Dolly was an elementary school teacher for many years and also ran a photography business with Gary.

**Michael D. Playter '66**, passed away March 7, 2014, in Raytown, Mo.

**James Hackney '48** passed away on July 2, 2014. Hackney was the recipient of the Life Service Award in 2007 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie '48.



## Let's Keep in Touch!

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## Director of Alumni Engagement

When I think back to graduation day at SBU in May 2008, I have such special memories of friends and family gathered together to celebrate. My college years included memories made with lifelong friends and a valuable degree in Communication Public Relations. Following graduation, I had the opportunity to stay at my alma mater working in the University Relations department as the Director of Annual Fund. I enjoyed meeting many alumni and donors at annual events on campus. I also had the privilege to oversee the university's call center allowing me to supervise many SBU students throughout the six years I was in Annual Fund.

My time as Director of Annual Fund has allowed a smooth transition into Alumni Engagement as I began on June 2, 2014. I am so excited to serve as your alumni

director. I love that I get to work in a Christian environment and be a part of the SBU family in a new way.

As Homecoming 2014 is rapidly approaching, I would love to hear how the Office of Alumni Engagement can better serve you. We have many exciting things to look forward to. I am working to increase our social media presence and e-communication. I am also planning several regional alumni events and Homecoming 2014 is just around the corner. Watch your mail and the website for details and updates regarding all upcoming events, including Homecoming 2014.

In the brief time that I've been in Alumni Engagement, I've been reminded why SBU is such a special place. I've had the opportunity to connect with many alumni who believe in and support our mission here. I am proud of

and excited about the involvement of our alumni in the work of Southwest Baptist University, but there is always room for improvement. I want to challenge to you get involved and give back in whatever way

you're able. And to those of you already involved, I want to say thank you for choosing to be a part of impacting students' lives and the legacy of SBU!



Holly Stockard '08  
Director of Alumni Engagement

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Check out **"The Hub"** - Southwest Baptist University's new website showcasing what people are saying about SBU on social media. Go to [social.SBUniv.edu](http://social.SBUniv.edu) to see Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and news release postings all in one place.

And be sure to use **#sbuniv** when you post about SBU on social media and you may see your post featured on "The Hub" as well!

I really can't wait to head to Bolivar tomorrow for orientation! It's all becoming so real! #SBUniv #55days  
Matt Gaskin @iam2matt

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