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Be...

We have been buzzing like bees in the marketing and communications office at SBU. Our integrated marketing campaign began, like all good Baptist ventures, in committee meetings. After many hours of attending workshops with our enrollment management consultants from Noel-Levitz, reading research, brainstorming, shooting photos, writing copy, designing artwork, crashing computers, and eating lots of chocolate and Chinese take-out, our new marketing campaign has been launched with a one-word summation of what we wanted to tell prospective students about SBU: "Be..."

At any university or college, students can do many things during their educational experience. At Southwest Baptist University, we want our students to be who God called them to be. We are delighted to unveil our new admissions look to you in this issue of SBU Life.

Be...
instructed by experienced scholars
inspired by Christian leaders
involved in a caring community
Be here...



Keeping our new marketing campaign in mind, we have designed a whole new look for this magazine, too! We hope you like the new features such as the "Books" section, which will feature books written by SBU alumni, faculty, staff and students. We also hope you enjoy the brighter colors and easier-to-read fonts used throughout the magazine. When you see all the photos from Homecoming 2006, you will get to Rediscover the Treasure here at SBU!

It is fitting as we reflect on the past ten years of Dr. C. Pat Taylor's presidency here at the university, that we celebrate his dedicated work and the loving support of his wife, Judy. I had intended to interview them for separate articles on their reflections, but they asked to be interviewed together, and so the story is one of their partnership in building a vision at SBU. We also have visited with a new college president – our own alumna, Dr. Pat McCaslin Long '73, is Baker University's first woman president, and she has graciously given us her reflections on her life at SBU and beyond. Other 10-year celebrations include our nursing college and the class of 1996.

We've had a great year at SBU with many awards, accolades, achievements and an awesome new (huge!) freshman class. As our admissions teams travel around the world encouraging more prospective students to be here at SBU, I challenge our entire university family to reflect on who God has called us to be...

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Reflections on a Decade Past



How can it be possible that I have been at SBU for ten years? It seems like just yesterday that I gave my first chapel address and shared my dream for Southwest Baptist University to be outstanding in academics and distinctively Christian. It is hard to believe that I began my work here in the twentieth century when most of our freshmen were just beginning third grade!

As I reflect back on my ten years as president of Southwest Baptist University, I want to give God the glory for the accomplishments of this great University. He truly has blessed SBU with faculty passionate about integrating Christian faith in the classroom, a staff committed to serving our students, an executive cabinet and trustees dedicated to administrative excellence, and students who are willing to learn and prepare for God's calling. I never have been so excited about the future of this University as I am today. My dream in 1996, for Southwest Baptist University to continue as a scholarly community that is recognized as distinctively Christian,

continues to be fulfilled. And now comes today's challenge... in a world that increasingly denies Christ and Christian values, how do we continue the vision of evangelical Christian higher education?

I began the presidency of SBU during the fall of 1996 full of dreams for this University, many of which have been fulfilled. I begin my eleventh academic year as president of SBU with a challenge to our entire university family, including our alumni and friends:

We must pray that God will grant us the passion to continue our mission to be a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

As I reflect on the past ten years, I have learned that the world provides our students with many distractions from their academic pursuits and from adhering to Christian values. In fact, the world provides opportunities for all Christians to waver from our commitment to do the right thing, at the right time, and in the right manner. During Welcome Week this year, I challenged our students to consider what I call the "Ministry of Presence." I encouraged them to be aware of their presence as they begin to exercise their freedom to make appropriate decisions about not only what they do, but where they go. They must be aware that each choice has its consequences. Where they choose to go makes a difference, and their presence can make or break their ministry opportunities in life.

Ten years ago I began my work here with a dream. I begin this academic year with a call to prayer. My wife, Judy, and I pray daily that our students will make good decisions. I ask you to pray daily that we all will make good decisions here at SBU. Please pray that all of us treat each other with dignity and respect every day. Pray that we support each other in fully developing the intellectual gifts that God has given us. Pray that each one of us who has contact with students models the love and service of Christ to them. Pray that we are good stewards of the many resources given to us in support of Christian higher education. Pray that we never forget that an informed Christian with a sweet spirit can change the world.

We truly have been blessed at SBU. I pray that you have been blessed by your time as a student or employee or other connection to the university. Today's world needs the kind of servant leaders we prepare. My vision for the future of SBU is that we reflect on where we have been, not just in the past ten years, but in the 128 years of our history, and that we remain firm in our founders' commitment to hold the banner high as a Christian institution. If we prayerfully commit to remaining distinctively Christian, I believe God will continue to shower blessings on SBU and give us strength and courage to meet the challenges of our day.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve at SBU, and I look forward to the years to come.

Dr. C. Pat Taylor
President

SBU News

SBU Announces a Huge Increase in Freshmen Enrollment

SBU announced a substantial increase in freshman enrollment on the Bolivar campus for the 2006-07 fall semester.

"We are starting the year with 459 new freshmen, putting the Bolivar campus at 1,521 undergraduate students for the new school year. In comparison, last year there were 363 new freshmen enrolled in Bolivar," said SBU President C. Pat Taylor.

SBU also announces record enrollment on the Springfield campus. "There are 628 students enrolled in the Springfield programs which include pre-nursing, ASN, and BSN classes. This represents an increase of 114 students over last year's enrollment," said Taylor.

"We are excited to be welcoming so many new freshmen to Bolivar," said Dr. Stephanie Miller, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "Our admissions team has worked hard to spread the word that we offer a place where bright students can thrive in a caring, Christ-centered community without the burden of an enormous debt load upon graduation. I think our new students and their parents will be pleased with the great value we are offering at SBU," said Miller.



SBU News

SBU PBL Students Excel at National Leadership Convention

Four Southwest Baptist University PBL (Phi Beta Lambda) students attended the FBLA-PBL National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 24-27. "SBU students continue to prove that they are some of the best college students in the nation and I am so proud of them," said Rhonda Agee, faculty advisor for SBU's PBL team. Detailed results follow:

- 2nd Place Java Programming
 - Michael Vandevender, Nixa, Mo.
- 2nd Place Information Management
 - Peggy Walden, Bolivar, Mo.
- 8th Place Computer Concepts
 - Michael Vandevender, Nixa, Mo.

Also attending the national competition but not placing in the top ten of their respective event were Brian Gary, Bolivar, Mo., competing in C++ Programming and Michael Cobb, Stillwell, Kan., competing in Public Speaking.

Over 7000 delegates participated in the four-day conference for each division that included business and leadership training, workshops, and election of national officers. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for middle, secondary, postsecondary, and college students pursuing careers in business. There are nearly 250,000 members in 13,000 chartered chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and various foreign countries. Missouri received an award for 4th place in membership nationwide at the recent NLC.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks SBU in Top Three of Midwest Master's Universities for Least Student Debt Load

U.S. News & World Report ranks SBU in the top three of Master's Universities in the Midwest for 'Least Student Debt Load' in their 2007 *America's Best Colleges* issue, according to Dr. Janet Juhlin, Director of Institutional Effectiveness at SBU. "No other private university in this category is ranked higher than SBU."

"At a time when SBU has just finished enrolling a record freshman class and is enjoying the start of the school year with a balanced budget from the previous year, the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are more good news for our institution," said SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor. "We've had a great year and this marks the beginning of another great year for SBU."

"The ranking is timely, as SBU admissions representatives are traveling around the country with the message that we offer a great value for an excellent academic education that has a rich tradition of integrating the Christian faith in the classroom," said Taylor.

"The word is starting to spread that SBU is a worthy investment for our future Christian leaders. This past year we have celebrated numerous successes in all of our colleges from business and computers to mathematics and science to communications, including our Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team's capture

of its 22nd consecutive regional championship. SBU's missions program received national recognition from the North American Mission Board as number one among the 119 colleges sending student missionaries out into North America," Taylor said.

"The initial cost of an education is not nearly as important as the amount of money a student owes upon graduation," said Dr. David Whitlock, Associate Provost, Professor and Dean of the College of Business and Computer Science. "When SBU graduates are accurately compared against regional and national trends, our graduates have comparable debt loads to those attending 'tuition-free' work colleges. There is not a terrible difference of debt load among our graduates and those attending tuition-free colleges. That's big news!"

"We offer a place where bright students can thrive in a caring, Christ-centered community without the burden of an enormous debt load upon graduation. If students and their parents will look at the tuition and fees across the Midwest and around the country for academic institutions with our caliber of faculty and graduates, they will be pleasantly surprised at the great value we are offering at SBU," said Dr. Stephanie Miller, Vice President of Enrollment Management at SBU.

Southwest Baptist University Named One of America's Best

SBU has been named one of America's Best Christian Colleges® for the 10th consecutive year and one of America's 100 Best College Buys® for the 11th consecutive year.

Darren Crowder, SBU's director of admissions, said, "We are delighted to be recognized for our dedication to excellence and to providing families with a Christian higher education experience that is ranked among the most affordable universities in the region and in the nation."

Crowder said the criteria for the recognitions are set by the consulting firm of Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., and schools must submit reports each year to qualify. The criteria are listed below.

America's 100 Best College Buys® identifies those colleges and universities that:

- are accredited, four-year institutions offering bachelor degrees.
- offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services.
- had their most recent entering freshman class reporting a high school grade point average (GPA) and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen.
- have an out-of-state cost of attendance for three quarters or two semesters below the national average cost of tuition, fees, room and board or not exceeding the national average cost by more than ten percent.

America's Best Christian Colleges® identifies those colleges and universities that:

- are accredited, four-year institutions offering bachelor degrees.

- offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services.
- had their most recent entering freshman class reporting a high school grade point average (GPA) and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for all freshmen entering Christian institutions of higher education.
- are affiliated with a recognized Christian denomination, or claim current or historical association with, or are governed directly by a recognized Christian denomination, or are an interdenominational institution providing an educational experience incorporating basic Christian principles and beliefs into the instructional curriculum and/or social environment.

According to their annual report, "Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. is an independent research and consulting organization specializing in the recruiting and retention of students for institutions of higher education. Consistent with its mission, and as a guide by which institutions may be compared, each year IR&E, Inc. identifies the American colleges and universities providing students the very best opportunities in higher education. No college or university paid to be included in these reports. Schools are included solely on the basis of merit."

For more information, call the SBU office of admissions at 800-526-5859 or 417-328-1810, or visit the website at www.SBUiv.edu.

Student Wins American Graphic Design Award

SBU senior Cassandra Waterman has been selected as a winner in



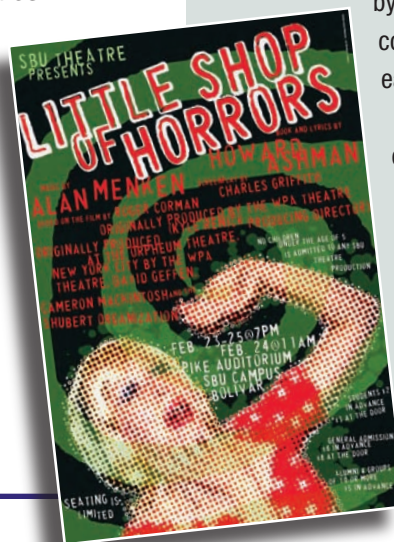
the 2006 American Graphic Design Awards competition by a nationwide panel of judges. The winning poster entry, "Little Shop of Horrors"

was developed in spring 2006 for Southwest Baptist University's Theatre through an advanced Department of Art internship course instructed by Mr. J. Gruber. Gruber also served as art director for the project. Former director of SBU Theatre, Dr. Greg Fiebig, served as client for the project.

In its 44th year, The American Graphic Design Awards competition is one of the most selective in the country. The competition is open to everyone in the community: advertising agencies, design firms, corporate, institutional and publishing in-house departments, and more. It honors outstanding new work of all kinds: print, packaging, point-of-purchase, internet, interactive and motion graphics. Winners receive an embossed Certificate of Excellence for each piece selected and become eligible for reproduction in Graphic Design USA's Awards Annual, seen

by over 100,000 colleagues and clients each year.

Waterman is originally from Lebanon, and she is a commercial art major with a concentration in graphic design.



SBU Football Puts Nine, Soccer and Volleyball Each Put Five on MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

Abby Aycock, Krysten Bartshe, Mary Ann Griffin, Jenny Jaggard, Adrienne Johnson, and Darla Zarndt were selected for the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll for women's soccer.

Head Coach Benjamin Wade was very pleased. "Obviously it is our job as administrators, teachers, and especially coaches to see our student-athletes succeed in the classroom as well as the field. I am proud of each of these girls for achieving so much in the classroom, most of whom have very difficult majors. I expect these young ladies to go on from SBU and be successful in all facets of life."

Misti Baser, Chelsea Kenney, Joy Oatman, Shyrah Perry, and Candace Zane were selected for the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll for volleyball. Steve Alverson, Clint Carroz, Seth Downen, Jordan Evans, Reuben Hartzler, Klint King, Darcy Parrish, Nick Smart, and Ryan Smith were selected for football.

Football assistant coach Keith Allen said, "We are proud of these young men and their accomplishments on and off the field. We look forward to more of our student-athletes making the MIAA Academic Honor Roll in the coming years. With our graduating seniors we know that they are prepared to be servant leaders in a global society."

Student-athletes are named to the list under the following criteria: 1.) The student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 or better at the qualifying institution; 2.) The student-athlete must have at least two terms of attendance at the member school, excluding summer sessions; 3.) The student-athlete must be a sophomore, junior or senior in athletic eligibility; 4.) Student-athletes inactive due to redshirt or hardship qualification are not eligible.

SBU Named Among Ozarks' "Best Places to Work"

The *Springfield Business Journal* recently named Southwest Baptist University as a model employer with a tie for the fifth place position in the newspaper's "Best Places to Work" rankings for area employers with 101-300 employees.

Organizations and institutions in the Ozarks were evaluated based on criteria including employee incentives, family friendliness, personnel development and corporate culture.

According to Ron Maupin, vice president of administration, SBU's most appreciated benefit is that it offers employees a Christian work environment. While SBU does not require all staff members to be Christians, it is required of faculty. All employees sign a principles and expectations statement upon employment.

"We are a Christian employer and have a Christian environment to

work in," Maupin said. "It provides a different level of integrity and sincerity amongst and between employees and between employee work groups."

SBU offers its staff and faculty many other traditional benefits and incentives. First, the University pays 100 percent of its employees' health insurance premiums. SBU also provides investment opportunities for employees. Full-time SBU employees can invest in 403(b) plans, which are the nonprofit equivalent of 401(k) plans.

After one year of employment at SBU, employees accrue 10 days of vacation time. SBU also offers many other benefits to its employees. Jim Hillman, SBU's director of human resources said one of the other "big" benefits is the free tuition the University offers its employees and their dependents.



BEARCAT Sports Report

2006 - 2007 SBU BEARCATS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/18	Drury	L 79-80
11/21	Missouri Baptist	W 113-84
11/24	vs Park# @ Rockhurst	W 97-85
11/25	@ Rockhurst#	L 53-79
11/28	@ Arkansas-Monticello	W 98-73
12/1	Newman vs. SBU	W 100-66
12/2	St. Edwards 86, Newman 74	
	Harris-Stowe vs. SBU	W 104-56
	St. Edwards 68, Harris-Stowe 56	
12/3	Northwest Missouri St.*	L 80-81
12/16	vs Henderson St.^	L 59-74
12/17	vs Gannon^	W 92-80
12/30	@ Emporia State*	7:30
1/2	Central Missouri*	7:45
1/6	@ Fort Hays State*	7:30
1/9	Pittsburg State*	7:45
1/13	Missouri Southern*	7:30
1/17	@ Washburn*	7:30
1/20	Truman State*	3:30
1/24	@ Missouri Western*	7:30
1/27	@ Northwest Missouri State*	7:30
1/30	Missouri Western*	7:45
2/3	@ Truman State*	3:30
2/6	Washburn*	7:45
2/10	@ Missouri Southern*	7:30
2/12	Fort Hays State*	7:45
2/17	@ Pittsburg State*	7:30
2/21	@ Central Missouri*	7:30
2/24	Emporia State*	7:30
3/1-4	MIAA Tournament	TBA
3/10-13	NCAA South Central Regional	TBA

Rockhurst University "ROCK U" Classic
^ Quincy-Subway Holiday Tournament
* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game
Home games in **BOLD**

2006 - 2007 SBU LADY BEARCATS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/17	vs SE Oklahoma State#	W 79-76
11/18	vs Missouri-St. Louis#	W 78-65
11/21	Rockhurst	W 74-62
11/25	@ Northeastern State	W 58-57
11/28	@ Arkansas-Monticello	W 78-77
12/4	Central Methodist	W 98-49
12/9	NW Missouri St.*	L 83-93 OT
12/11	William Woods	W 102-65
12/18	vs SIU-Edwardsville^	W 94-61
12/19	@ Barry (Fla.) University^	L 54-57
12/30	@ Emporia State*	1:30
1/2	Central Missouri*	5:45
1/6	@ Fort Hays State*	5:30
1/9	Pittsburg State*	5:45
1/13	Missouri Southern*	5:30
1/17	@ Washburn*	5:30
1/20	Truman State*	1:30
1/24	@ Missouri Western*	5:30
1/27	@ Northwest Missouri State*	5:30
1/30	Missouri Western*	5:45
2/3	@ Truman State*	1:30
2/6	Washburn*	5:45
2/10	@ Missouri Southern*	5:30
2/12	Fort Hays State*	5:45
2/17	@ Pittsburg State*	5:30
2/21	@ Central Missouri*	5:30
2/24	Emporia State*	5:30
3/2-4	MIAA Tournament	TBA
3/9-12	NCAA South Central Regional	TBA

Pittsburg State Chatter's Roundball Classic (Pittsburg, KS)
^ Barry University Cruzin' Classic (Miami Shores, FL)
* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Game
Home games in **BOLD**

2007 SBU BEARCATS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Gm/Inn	Date	Opponent	Time	Gm/Inn
2/10	Harding	12:00	2/7	4/5	@ Central Missouri*	6:00	1/9
2/13	@ Arkansas Tech	2:00	2/7	4/6	@ Central Missouri*	6:00	1/9
2/20	Drury	2:00	1/9	4/7	@ Central Missouri*	1:00	2/7
2/23	Minnesota St.-Mankato	12:00	2/7	4/10	@ Missouri Southern*	3:00	1/7, 1/9
2/24	Minnesota St.-Mankato	11:00	2/7	4/13	Pittsburg State*	1:00	1/7, 1/9
2/27	Arkansas Tech	1:00	2/7	4/14	Pittsburg State*	12:00	1/7, 1/9
3/3	@ Missouri-Rolla	12:00	2/7	4/20	@ Fort Hays State*	3:00	1/7, 1/9
3/6	@ Rockhurst	2:00	2/7	4/21	@ Fort Hays State*	1:00	1/7, 1/9
3/9	Augustana College	12:00	2/7	4/27	Missouri Western*	2:00	1/7, 1/9
3/10	Augustana College	12:00	2/7	4/28	Missouri Western*	12:00	1/7, 1/9
3/16	@ Northwest Missouri St.*	1:00	1/7, 1/9	5/4	Washburn*	1:00	1/7, 1/9
3/17	@ Northwest Missouri St.*	12:00	1/7, 1/9	5/5	Washburn*	12:00	1/7, 1/9
3/23	Emporia State*	12:00	1/7, 1/9	5/11-13	MIAA Final Four	TBA	
3/24	Emporia State*	12:00	1/7, 1/9	5/17-20	NCAA Central Regional	TBA	
3/27	Missouri Southern*	12:00	1/7, 1/9				
3/30	@ Truman State*	12:00	1/7, 1/9				
3/31	@ Truman State*	12:00	1/7, 1/9				

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

2007 SBU LADY BEARCAT WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Meet	Time
2/17	@ SIU-Edwardsville	1:00 pm
3/2-3	@ Northeast Oklahoma Invitational	TBA
3/10	@ Fort Hays State	10:00 am
	vs Metropolitan State (@ FHSU)	1:00 pm
3/14	Johnson County CC	3:00 pm
3/16	Graceland	2:30 pm
3/17	@ Missouri Southern	10:00 am
3/20	@ Northwest Missouri State	3:00 pm
3/21	@ Rockhurst	2:00 pm
3/22	@ Missouri Western	1:00 pm
3/23	vs Nebraska-Kearney (@ NWMSU)	3:00 pm
3/27	Lincoln	3:00 pm
3/31	vs St. Cloud State (@ NWMSU)	10:00 am
4/7	Emporia State	9:00 am
4/10	Truman State	1:00 pm
4/13	Washburn	3:00 pm
4/17	Drury	3:00 pm
4/21-22	MIAA Championships (@ MWSU)	TBA
5/4-5	NCAA North Central Regionals	TBA
5/9-12	NCAA Nationals - Final 16	TBA
	Alamonte Springs, FL	TBA

2007 SBU BEARCAT MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Meet	Time
2/9	vs Christian Brothers (@ OBU)	3:00 pm
2/10	@ Ouachita Baptist	9:00 pm
2/17	@ SIU-Edwardsville	1:00 pm
3/2-3	@ Cameron Invitational	TBA
3/9	Ouachita Baptist	2:00 pm
3/10	Cowley County CC	11:00 am
3/14	Johnson County CC	3:00 pm
3/20	@ Northwest Missouri State	3:00 pm
3/21	@ Rockhurst	2:00 pm
3/22	@ Benedictine	3:00 pm
3/23	vs Nebraska-Kearney (@ NWMSU)	3:00 pm
3/31	vs St. Cloud State (@ NWMSU)	10:00 am
4/5	Drury	2:30 pm
4/7	Emporia State	9:00 am
4/10	Truman State	1:00 pm
4/13	Washburn	3:00 pm
4/17	Drury	3:00 pm
4/21-22	MIAA Championships (@ MWSU)	TBA
5/4-5	NCAA North Central Regionals	TBA
5/9-12	NCAA Nationals - Final 16	TBA
	Alamonte Springs, FL	TBA

2007 SBU INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

Date	Meet / Location
1/19-20	Univ. of Arkansas Razorback Invit. Fayetteville, AR
1/26-27	Iowa State Invitational Ames, IA
2/2-3	MSSU Radio Shack Invitational Joplin, MO
2/9	CMSU Mule Relays (Women Only) Warrensburg, MO
2/10	CMSU Mule Relays (Men Only) Warrensburg, MO
2/16	Nebraska-Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Invit. Lincoln, NE
2/23-24	MIAA Indoor Championships Warrensburg, MO
3/3	Iowa State Last Chance Meet Ames, IA

2007 SBU LADY BEARCATS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
2/16-17	@ Evangel Lead-Off Tourney	TBA
2/23-24	@ Early Bird Tournament	TBA
2/27	@ Lincoln University	1:00/3:00
3/2-3	@ Evangel Show-Me Tourney	TBA
3/7	@ MO-St. Louis	3:00/5:00
3/13	@ Pittsburg State	1:00/3:00
3/16-17	@ Pittsburg State Tourney	TBA
3/28	@ Washburn*	1:00/3:00
3/31	@ Fort Hays State*	12:00/2:00
4/3	Emporia State*	2:00/4:00
4/10	Pittsburg State*	3:00/5:00
4/11	Lincoln University	2:00/4:00
4/13	@ Missouri Southern*	4:00/6:00
4/17	Central Missouri*	2:00/4:00
4/20	@ Northwest Missouri St.*	3:00/5:00
4/21	@ Missouri Western*	1:00/3:00
4/24	Truman State*	12:00/2:00
4/25	Missouri Southern	2:00/4:00
4/28	Rockhurst (Senior Day)	2:00/4:00

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

BEARCAT Sports Report

Soccer

The SBU women's soccer team finished third in the MIAA with an 8-3-3 record (10-4-5 overall), and just missed out on receiving one of the four Central Region bids for the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Bearcats' strength this year came from their defense, which allowed only ten goals (a per game average that ranked #8th among D-II NCAA programs) and recorded 10 shutouts (#21st nationally by percentage). The back line of Stephanie Lusardi, **Aude LeChat**, Caitlin Tull and Darla Zarndt were all nominated as all-Americans. Aline Lopes, also a nominated all-American, ended as the #2 ranked keeper in the nation with a .912 save percentage.

Touting a young team from around the United States and five countries (Ireland, Brazil, England, France and Canada), SBU started an average of six freshmen throughout the 2006 soccer season.

"We will only go up with the amount of talent and youth on this team," said head coach Benjamin Wade. "I was proud of the strides we took from last year to this year, and these girls should be very proud of what they have accomplished in 2006."

Football

The Bearcats finished the season with a disappointing record of 1-10 overall and 1-8 in the conference. Despite the record, Jack Peavey's Bearcats were encouraged by several events during the season. Their offensive output was nationally-ranked for most of the year. They nearly beat nationally-ranked Missouri Western. And, individually, it was a year for more records and awards.

SBU quarterback **Robert Clardy**

ended his career at SBU by moving into 8th place, all-time on the MIAA total offensive yards list. Clardy, a four-year starter at SBU, passed Paul Kaiser of UCM and Chris Griesen of NWMSU in his final game as a Bearcat. Juniors Mike Rogers (OL) and Lester Shelton (DB) were Second Team all-MIAA selections. Honorable mention selections were Robert Clardy (QB), Nick Smart (WR), Robert Woodson (WR), Daryl Porter (OL), David Martin (DL), and Jarred Schumpert (LB).

Volleyball

Leslie Howe-Willis was joined in her fourth year at SBU by graduate assistant Megan Remley, a former Truman State volleyball player, where she was an MIAA all-conference middle/outside hitter. The two together guided the Lady 'Cats to a disappointing 5-27 record and a 1-11 record in the MIAA.

Three players received all-MIAA honorable mention - junior Chelsea Kenney (Stockton, MO), sophomore Whitney Stare (Allen, TX) and freshman Brittini Jessen (Rogersville, MO). The coaches will be looking to build during the spring and summer for next year, where they will be helped by the return of all three honorable mention players.

Editor's note: As this issue of SBU Life went to press, Leslie Howe-Willis resigned as volleyball coach. A search is in progress for her successor.





Women's Basketball

Jim Middleton returns for his 13th season as the Lady Bearcats head coach, and will be looking to guide his team to an appearance in the MIAA Tournament, after missing out last year for the first time in 12 years.

The addition of a good recruiting class to seven returners will create more depth, meaning SBU will bring a stronger team to the floor than that of the 2005/2006 season. Two key returners will be senior **Livia Brito** who was named all-MIAA Honorable

Mention last season, and senior Amber Wheeler, who has received several MIAA awards during her SBU career, including Freshman of the Year and MIAA MVP.

The 2006-07 team will look to come out hard this year and improve on last season's record of 10-17. Several things point to a turnaround for Lady Bearcat basketball. The experience of a year ago, returning players, increased effort and enthusiasm, and a faster style of play should lead to improved results. Middleton believes that the fans are really "going to like this year's product."

Cross Country

In his second year at the helm of the program, cross country coach Jeff DeLong was voted MIAA Coach of the Year. He orchestrated a turnaround year for the Bearcats, including guiding the men's team to a runner-up finish at the 2006 MIAA Championships.

The Bearcats, who entered the year voted to a tie for seventh in the MIAA preseason poll, went on to post eight straight weeks of top 25 ranking in the USTFCCCA national poll. SBU received an all-time program high ranking of 10th during week 4 of the season. The runner-up finish at the MIAA Championships this year snapped a 16-year slump of last place finishes in the conference for SBU dating back to 1990. The 2006 MIAA meet also saw senior **T. Jay Sanderson** claim the individual title, becoming the first individual conference champion in program history. Sanderson also joined sophomore Michael Pierce as the first-ever all-conference cross country male athletes for SBU since the Bearcats entered the MIAA in 1987.

The SBU women's cross country team came up just short in their attempt to qualify for the 2006 national championships during competition at the NCAA South Central Regional Championship. For the third time in her career, Amy Broadhurst claimed All-South Central Regional honors. The senior finished in an all-time program best seventh place to miss advancing to the national championships by two places with her time of 22:26. As with the men, the women enjoyed a banner year highlighted by eight straight weeks of top-25 ranking in the USTFCCCA national poll, a runner-up finish at the 2006 MIAA Championships, and ranking as high as 16th in the country at one time. Other all-time program bests on the year included Amy Broadhurst's third place individual MIAA finish and her school record 5k performance of 18:06 at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.



Men's Basketball

The 2005-06 squad of coach Jeff Guiot authored one of the best seasons in school history - school record 14 and 0 start, MIAA regular season and tournament champions (SBU's first in 15 years.), the number one seed and right to host the NCAA Tournament South Central Region, a final record of 27-5, all-American and MIAA MVP in Sheldon Pace, and MIAA Freshman of the Year Colt Blair.

Two players from the 2005-06 squad were selected in the sixth annual NBA D-League Draft held at the NBA Entertainment Studios in Secaucus, New Jersey. Sheldon Pace was picked by the Colorado 14ers in the eighth round. Frans Steyn was selected by the Tulsa 66ers in the ninth round.

This year's edition returns two starters (**Jason Jemison** and Jim Grabowski) and four players total. Guiot has restocked and rebuilt his team with the same goals in mind —to win the conference and advance to the NCAA Tournament. Yes, the Bearcats lost three quality seniors in Sheldon Pace, Frans Steyn and Deon Davis. Guiot explains that the overall level of talent has improved, "If you compare last year's eleven with this year's eleven, we're better. Not necessarily if you matched #1 versus #1 or #2 versus #2, but overall more talented. How that talent comes together remains to be seen."



Softball

Softball will take a new look this year with the return of former SBU player Christy Capner as head coach. Christy returns to SBU from Valley City State University in North Dakota, where she was an assistant coach.

The Lady 'Cats will have five seniors in **Mary Nguyen** (Republic, MO), Tara Phillips (Springfield, MO), Amanda Orchard (Springfield, MO), Rebecca Cook

(Delta, MO) and Tara Coates (Rialto, CA), who will all play a big part in the success of the 2007 season.

The outfield will consist of three of these seniors in Nguyen, Phillips and Coates. They have a good leadoff hitter in Nguyen, whose average was .328 last season. She will be followed by Phillips who had a .326 average. Both Orchard, a pitcher, and Cook, a shortstop, will also be key players in the upcoming SBU season.

Tennis

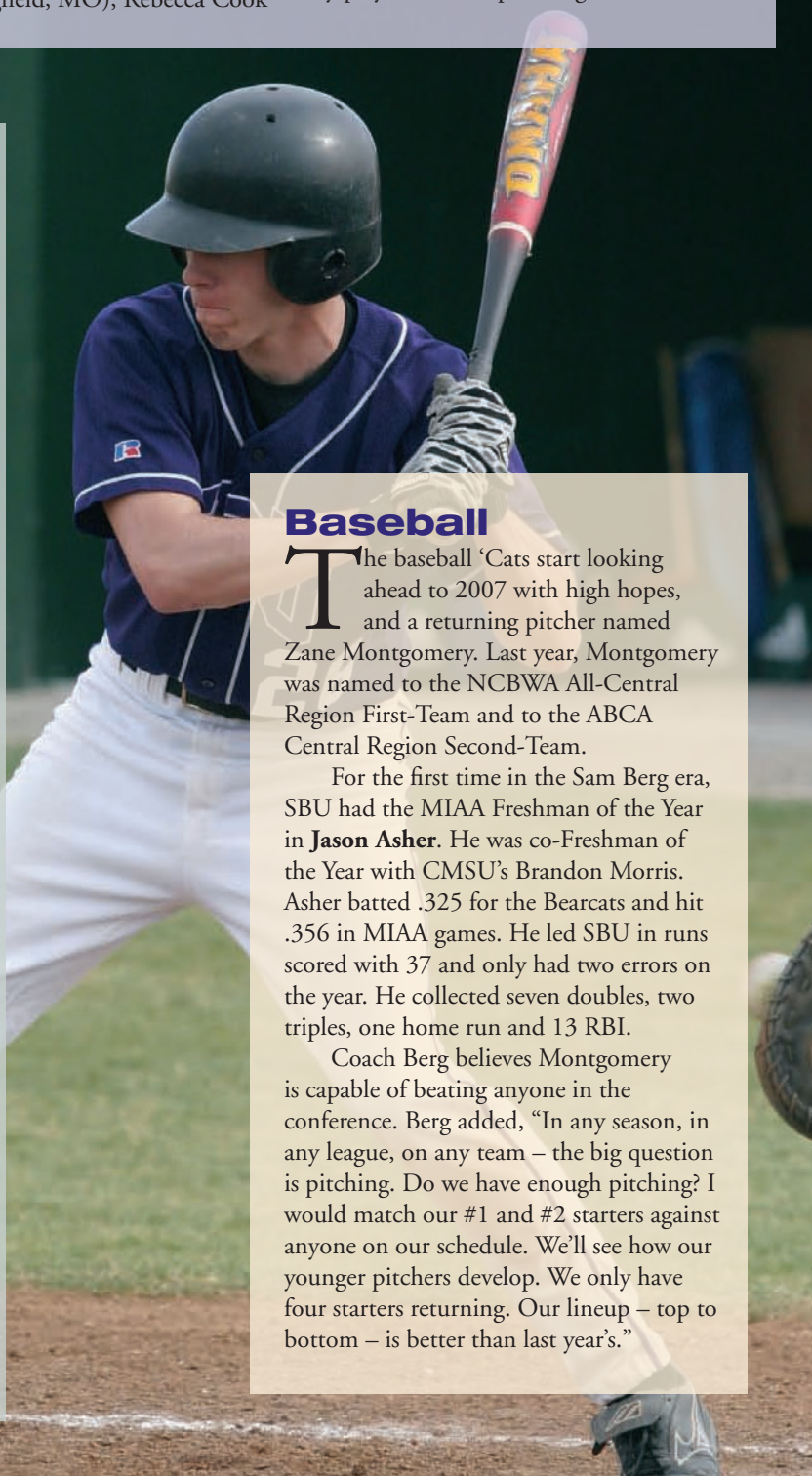
Tennis coach John Bryant has very high expectations for both teams this year. Both teams were in the top 5 regionally last year and the expectations are even higher for 2007. Bryant believes that "both teams are well capable of the NCAA nationals in May." Three players from Argentina in the men's lineup, and three strong additions to the women's teams give the 'Cats youth, experience, and depth.

John Bryant is beginning his 41st year as men's tennis coach. His first season, 1966-67, was the year SBU became a four-year institution. SBU was a member of the NAIA from 1967-1987, during which time the Bearcats achieved 18 District 16 Championships, including seven Elite Eight finishes and a co-national championship in 1984.



Daniel Prerad

The Bryant Tennis Complex will continue to be the scene of high quality tennis. The Bearcats and Lady 'Cats have no seniors, lots of experience, 3.38 team GPA, and five players capable of playing #1. Northwest Missouri State, Washburn, and SBU will battle for a men's conference championship and for top spots in the NCAA North Central Region. Truman State and Emporia State are much improved and could also reach nationals.



Baseball

The baseball 'Cats start looking ahead to 2007 with high hopes, and a returning pitcher named Zane Montgomery. Last year, Montgomery was named to the NCBWA All-Central Region First-Team and to the ABCA Central Region Second-Team.

For the first time in the Sam Berg era, SBU had the MIAA Freshman of the Year in **Jason Asher**. He was co-Freshman of the Year with CMSU's Brandon Morris. Asher batted .325 for the Bearcats and hit .356 in MIAA games. He led SBU in runs scored with 37 and only had two errors on the year. He collected seven doubles, two triples, one home run and 13 RBI.

Coach Berg believes Montgomery is capable of beating anyone in the conference. Berg added, "In any season, in any league, on any team – the big question is pitching. Do we have enough pitching? I would match our #1 and #2 starters against anyone on our schedule. We'll see how our younger pitchers develop. We only have four starters returning. Our lineup – top to bottom – is better than last year's."

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1996

by Cheryl (Bowles) Summers '96

In June, my family and I made the move from the St. Louis area to Bolivar. This transition has meant many changes. There is no local Starbucks. On the other hand, traffic jams and 45-minute commutes are things of the past, and are not missed nearly as much as the non-fat, vanilla lattes.

One of the more noticeable changes surfaced on a humid Saturday afternoon this August. It was the first day of Welcome Week, and as I drove through the campus, I noticed parent after parent carrying boxes, overflowing crates and computers. The parents looked more scared than the energetic freshmen who accompanied them. All at once, I was teary-eyed and my heart seemed heavy thinking of all of those parents about to say good-bye to their precious offspring and return to homes that were suddenly a little *too* quiet. What a difference ten years will make! As a member of the class of 1996, an entire decade had passed since my departure from campus life. As an incoming freshman, I remember thinking

as a mother of a pre-schooler, I was unexpectedly identifying with her emotion. Yes, ten years changes things.

I asked members of the Class of 1996 how the last 10 years had differed from what they had expected. Susan Ward said, "I really wasn't sure what to expect about life after graduation. Fortunately, I ended up with a wonderful mentor during my master's program that helped me sort out the ambitions I carried away from my time at SBU."

Shawn (White) Hurtgen said that like many of us she had envisioned an easier life where, "I would be really successful with lots of money!" Instead, she said, "I don't have the money, but do have three kids who don't always listen. That's life – not a bad life – just life!" For other classmates, like Tracy (West) Compaan, who spent time living in Korea following graduation, life literally took her to places she never imagined. But, the last decade has not taken everyone by surprise. Paul May said, "Everything I set out to do in ministry has come to fruition. It has been a progression of faith and doing what God had called me to do."

I also asked my classmates about the lasting impact of SBU faculty and staff members. Cindy (Chapman) Shaw said, "The opportunity to write and express my thoughts with the guidance of estimable professors such as Dr. [Tom] Padgett and Dr. [Dan] Cochran was invaluable to my growth as a person." Susan Ward, now a professor of rhetoric at Eastern University, said, "One of the greatest privileges I had while a student at SBU was being a part of the tradition of excellence began by Dr. Bob Derryberry. Dr. D saw in me something I didn't see in myself: potential." Rob Hurtgen remembered Dr. [Jim] Frost, and his "enthusiasm and openness as someone who really enjoyed what he was doing."

And how would the Class of 1996 have approached SBU differently after the benefit of ten years' life experience? Tracy (West) Compaan would have been more active in the missions opportunities SBU offers. Teresa (Smith) Gilmore wished she would have spent more weekends on campus. Shawn (White) Hurtgen said she would have "been more brave" when considering her class schedule. She said, "I was so afraid to take a class I would not get an 'A' in that I did not reach outside my comfort zone." True to his 1996 persona, Paul May said his one regret was never winning homecoming queen!

What we've gained in ten years: the realization of a dream or two, an assortment of mistakes and successes, a few disappointments and maybe a few children or a couple of pounds. Those idealistic college graduates from 1996 are now nearly middle-aged adults increasingly grateful for our beginning at SBU, and perhaps a bit wiser than when we left.

What have you noticed as the biggest change in the campus since 1996?

"The new buildings, and the homecoming floats were much better!" --Shawn (White) Hurtgen

"All the new buildings. It is beautiful!"
– Teresa (Smith) Gilmore

"The new additions to the Wellness Center and the Plaster Athletic Center." --Tracy (West) Compaan

"All of the purple! There is a lot more purple than there was."
--Rob Hurtgen

"Definitely the fancy schmancy facilities for the speech and debate team! When I was a student, the lounge area for the team was the supply closet in the communication office (also known as, then president of the team, Matt Morrow's office)." --Susan Ward

"No suds in the fountain." --Paul May

how ridiculous, not to mention embarrassing, it was that my mother was openly weeping as we said our goodbyes on my first day of Welcome Week. I was sure she must not realize that I would be home over Labor Day weekend! And now,

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SBU Homecoming 2006

Dr. Kwasi Ofori-Yeboah, associate professor of history and political science, and his children (Manny, Sylvia, George and David) enjoy the Homecoming parade.



Dr. Pat Taylor with this year's Life Service Award Recipients Paul Cofer, Ginny Dorth and Gerald Swearingen.



Bruce Wade, the 2006 recipient of the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award.



Dr. Pat Taylor and Judy with Lucille Mason, a 1929 graduate of Southwest Baptist Academy.



Jack Fellows, Norm Howell, Norma Bishop and Edythe Fellows. Norm Howell and Norma Bishop received the Global Ambassador Award established by Jack and Edythe Fellows.



Members of the Class of 1956 present at their reunion and induction into the 50 Year Club.



Clay and Clara Snowden talk with Don Baker while Wayne and Diana Hutchins talk with Judy Taylor at the Life Service Award Dinner.

Friday Reunion Attendees



Brent Good, Dr. Stephanie Miller, Dr. Pat Taylor, Rob Harris and Dr. Bob McGlasson (behind Rob) sprint to a photo finish in the Bed Races.



30's & 40's

Julianne McCampbell, a senior ICS major with a concentration in music from Marshall, Mo., was named 2006 Homecoming queen. She is the daughter of Roy and Margaret McCampbell.



Class of 1966



Class of 1976

ABOVE, The SBU student section celebrates a Bearcat score. RIGHT, senior WR Robert Woodson would first look to pass, but would tuck the ball and run it in for a touchdown in the Bearcats' 39-21 win over Fort Hays State.



Class of 1981



Class of 1996

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Building on a Vision, Together

Southwest Baptist University President Dr. C. Pat Taylor and First Lady Judy (Couch) Taylor were honored on October 21, 2006, with a special anniversary celebration for their ten years of service to the university and community.

by Sharina Smith

President C. Pat Taylor and First Lady Judy (Couch) Taylor came to SBU in 1996 with a burning passion for Christian higher education and soon came to share a vision for building SBU. Both were long-time educators. Pat was also a seasoned Christian college administrator, coming to SBU from Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU), where he served as senior vice president and provost. Judy had served OBU as assistant professor of education for 10 years. When Judy learned she was to become First Lady of SBU, she asked OBU First Lady, Nell Agee, for her advice, but she had already learned much about the job from observing Nell in her supporting role:

“Everything I’ve learned about being a president’s wife, I learned from Nell. One thing Nell always said: ‘you can’t control the way other people respond to you.’ Nell also said, ‘Be yourself. Do what you enjoy.’ When I told her I’d work in the flowers, Nell said I might not want to do that. She said I might want to save that for the physical plant.” Pat said, “Judy has taken it upon herself to improve the appearance of the campus.”

Judy said she sees her main job as supporting Pat and it is clear that she is appreciated for her efforts. “I am so blessed,” Pat said. “I have the best wife in the world. We like each other. At least, she likes me most of the time. I like her all the time!” Judy’s goal is to be an example of servant leadership, and this

- Dr. C. Pat Taylor began his tenure as SBU’s 24th president on October 21, 1996, and the university community celebrated his inauguration on April 25, 1997.
- SBU adopted a new mission statement, May 23, 1997, “Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.”
- Dr. Taylor appointed the first woman to the executive cabinet in 1998. Ms. Stephanie Miller, Director of Retention, became the first woman to serve on the executive cabinet in 1998. After completion of her doctorate, she became the Vice-President of Enrollment Management.
- The University Planning Advisory Council (UPAC) held a five-year planning cycle strategic planning retreat June 24-25,



- 2003, at the SBU Springfield Campus that set the primary strategic initiatives for 2003-2008. Fifty-one participants represented all units of the university.
- SBU received approval from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and permission from the Higher Learning Commission to offer the Master of Science in Education Administration degree. The first classes began in spring of 1998.
- The University Library launched a web-based catalog on September 11, 2000, as a charter member of Missouri Bibliographic Information User System (MOBIUS), a statewide consortium of academic institutions, which allows users to have access to over 17 million books from Missouri college and university libraries and supplies the circulation, reserves, cataloging, acquisition and user systems to be performed in the web environment.
- A group of SBU graduate students and faculty traveled to San Andres, Columbia, July 7-17, 2000, to assist Christian

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is exemplified physically in her many hours of volunteering on her knees in the flower beds to beautify the campus. Emotionally she supports the president, students, faculty, staff, and many others as she sends cards, makes hospital and home visits, and attends special events and sporting events for SBU. Ironically, Judy had never raised flowers or a garden before coming to SBU, but she said she has “willing hands.”

Pat said their consistent joy since coming to SBU is graduation, “when you see the students coming across the stage and knowing their struggles to get to graduation. We love them and accept them for who they are – no matter what. The greatest thrill I have is to see the kids who come here with very little family support, social skills, and economic challenges and to see them succeed. I also enjoy seeing the faculty and staff making friends. The fund-raising success. The buildings going up. I know kids are in the Wellness Center enjoying it.”

There are many challenges and stressful moments in any university presidency but the greatest tragedies Pat has seen since 1996 are the eleven students lost in the past ten years. “Going to funeral homes and visiting with parents, that is so hard. I can talk about challenges of denominational politics, leadership challenges—what is the greatest hurt is when bad things happen to our students, faculty, donors who have grown to be like family. When we came here we became part of the SBU family. It hurts when something happens to someone in your family. I have spoken at three student funerals and one cabinet member’s. Personnel issues also are hard

“We have always been a Great Commission University preparing students for missions and to be missionaries. We are not going to change.”

when you love people the way I do, but my job is to do what is best for the organization.

“In a leadership role, you have to come to grips with the fact that not everyone will like your decision. Judy and I are both very sensitive. We make decisions with the information we have, with the resources God has given us and we do the best we can. We know not even Jesus could save everybody unless we want to be saved. There are kids we lose on.”

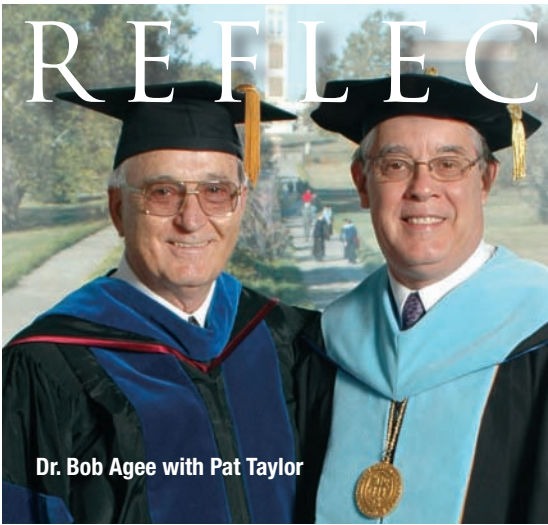
University, a non-degree granting university, which had contacted SBU requesting educational assistance. SBU students taught 60 Columbian faculty, practicing teachers and students the basics of teaching.

- The Roy Blunt Service and Leadership Training Program was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 13, 2001, to include the following four components: completion of approved volunteer service, demonstrated leadership activities, an Introduction to Leadership course and a writing component on servant leadership.
- SBU developed a formal agreement with Roraima, Brazil, to develop a model school and establish an English language



- institute. From January 2001 through July 2002, SBU conducted five English language institutes in Brazil.
- On September 17, 2002, SBU kicked off a year-long celebration of the quasiquincentennial, or 125th anniversary of the founding of the university with a formal chapel and an old-time chuck wagon picnic on the forum, complete with regional music and period costumes. SBU first opened its doors on September 17, 1878. The year of celebration culminated with a special chapel and the burial of a time capsule on September 17, 2003, in the lobby of the Jester Learning and Performance Center.
- SBU’s new University Success Center (USC) program was announced in spring 2002, incorporating the first-year seminar courses, the freshman advising center, and the freshmen intervention program. The Career Planning and Placement Office joined the USC in spring of 2005. The USC is now prominently located in the east wing of the Mabee Chapel.

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Dr. Bob Agee with Pat Taylor



"Grandpa" Pat Taylor with grandson Drew

To combat the stress of the presidency, Judy said she and Pat like to put the top down on his 1965 Mustang (bought brand new on July 28, 1965) and take their dog, Ricki, riding. Judy and Pat sheepishly said one of their greatest pleasures over the years has been to bring Ricki to campus late at night and walk through the construction areas of the latest building project to see what the workers had accomplished during the day.

Ballgames are another stress reliever for the couple, who enjoy St. Louis Cardinal baseball games as well as Bearcat sports. "Judy called the other day while I was in a tense meeting to give me Cardinals' updates," Pat said. Pat also enjoys the theater and had just seen *Smoke on the Mountain* with Judy in Tennessee. Judy, an accomplished piano player, said she loves concerts. Pat added, "If she's playing *Flight of the Bumblebee* when I get home, I know she's in a tense mood. If it's *Moonlight Sonata*, she's in a good mood." Books are also a stress reliever for the president and first lady, who both "love to read." Pat said the best leadership book he has read in the past ten years is *Success is a Choice* by Rick Pitino, a basketball coach whose premise is "we choose to be successful by the decisions we make." John Grisham's novels make the president's favorite leisure reading list, while Judy enjoys Barbara Johnson and Jennifer Rothschild books. Judy's latest favorite is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom.

Pat and Judy's first vision for the SBU campus involved concrete and purple, and lots of it. "SBU's former president, Roy Blunt, did some fantastic things at the university which made my work easier. I want to give him credit for creating a place where I can be a president," said Pat. "When I came here, there were eleven gravel parking lots, just two or three were paved. That didn't present the image I wanted to project. We didn't have any landscaping. We didn't see purple. Everything at OBU was green and gold. Judy's idea was that we want everyone in the state of Missouri to see purple and think SBU.

"After three or four years, we got the parking lots paved and Judy asked, 'Pat, if you died today, what would you be known for?' I told her I'd be The Concrete Parking Lot Guy... Nothing stirs the soul of men like the smell of concrete.

"Since the parking lots, we have accomplished three things: buildings, landscaping and purple. We have completed fourteen major building projects in ten years. The fifteenth will be the Mellers Center renovation. Building our vision has been a team effort with God's blessing. I may not be as smart as other college presidents, but I work hard and no first lady works harder than Judy works."

Pat also had a vision for honoring the students who lost their lives during the past ten years. "After we'd lost so many kids in car wrecks, I realized we needed a formal place to honor them. The Art

- The innovative Darrell R. Strait Center for the Integration of Science and Christian Faith began its academic program in fall of 2004.
- An updated Honors Programs with an intercultural component, a spiritual component and a servant leadership component began in fall of 2005.
- SBU was notified February 25, 2005, of permission from the Higher Learning Commission to offer its first doctorate. The graduate program in physical therapy was granted the maximum 10 year re-accreditation until December 31, 2013, by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).
- During the summer 2005 Phase I of My Wireless SBU was put into place on the Bolivar campus. Initially, wireless access will be available in the library, public areas located in all academic buildings, the student union, wellness center, in some classrooms, in computer labs, and in administrative/faculty office areas. Additional phases will be installed in the future.
- Standard & Poor's upgraded SBU's bond rating to "investment grade" BBB- in 1998. The investment bond status was reviewed and renewed by Standard & Poor's in the spring of 2005.
- The Partners in Excellence campaign, which started in 1999 and ended in December 2005, raised more than \$62.4 million including funding of 13 major building projects:
 - Jester Learning and Performing Arts Center
 - Colvin Center for Instructional Technology & Extended Learning
 - Plaster Athletic Center
 - Jane & Ken Meyer Wellness & Sports Center
 - Gott Center for Christian Higher Education in Salem, Mo.
 - Myrtle Glass Learning Center at Mountain View, Mo.



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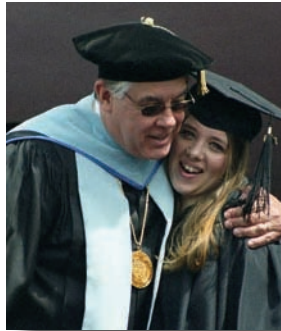
and Doris Allen Walk of Life was started with one sidewalk up from Sells to a gravel parking lot near the Mabee Chapel. As Christians, we do know we have eternal life. As Christians, when we die, we gain. When students die, we grieve, we hurt, we know the students commemorated are living. It's the Christian paradox."

Pat's vision for the future is one that truly is for future generations. "The campus is almost built," Pat said, "but I am a project guy so it is hard for me to say it is done. Right now our objective is raising the endowment by \$1 million for mission programs for the students, \$1 million for faculty professional development, and \$1 million for faculty and staff to go on missions. Of course, more is always needed for the general endowment and we can never have enough endowed scholarships."

Under Pat's tenure as president, the endowment has grown from \$4.8 million to \$16.2 million. "I want to see it grow to \$40 million before I ride off into the sunset," Pat said. "But we really need \$100 million."

After ten years, Pat is still passionate about Christian higher education. "I still have the passion deep within me. I still have the passion to pursue excellence in all we do. I still have the passion for Christ-centeredness. My zeal and my work ethic are like they have always been. When I became president, OBU's president and my mentor, Bob Agee, gave me a lot of advice. He said, 'Don't let the job change you or Judy.' The job didn't change us. Bob also told us, 'SBU was good before you came and it will be good when you leave.'

"We have a passion for kids. Kids need to have fun. I loved watching them have fun in [Homecoming] Spirit Chapel today. We are passionate about the kids' success. We are passionate about our mission statement. I am proud of the development of our mission statement. We tried to craft every word to be meaningful.



This community understands our mission and our vision and our strategic initiative."

Well-known as a fund-raiser, Pat is proud of the financial accomplishments he has led the institution to attain such as the Standard and Poors investment grade bond rating that SBU is able to get. In addition, he is proud of the Partners in Excellence Campaign, which started out with a \$30 million goal that was raised to \$50 million. The total campaign netted \$62.4 million for the university. The largest previous campaign had totaled \$11.5 million.

"We've had ten great years here! God gets all the glory. We've been successful, but it's been through Him. I spent a lot of windshield time, 32,000 to 35,000 miles a year for ten years. My purple car has more than 200,000 miles on it. The average tenure of a college president is five and a half years, so I'm proud of that. Sometimes the job is lonely. It is a hard job. A relentless job. A 24/7 job. Judy and I do carve out time together. We do watch sports together. Judy is wrangling to watch CSI tonight. We enjoy traveling. Once a year we go to our condo in Destin. I enjoy the day-to-day routine accomplishments.

"I have been blessed with wonderful administrative assistants. I have had three over the years: Paula Livingston, Sarah Nichols, and now Ashley Dinwiddie. I have been blessed with a wonderful cabinet now and through my time here. The successes have been a team effort. We have had wonderful deans, outstanding faculty and staff." Judy added, "We have had wonderful friends and physical plant who is always putting up with me calling them."

Pat outlined his vision for the future: "I am often asked for my vision for SBU. I tell them we are not going to change who we are. The essence of who we are must not change. Nine years ago we developed our mission statement, but we have always been a Christ-centered, caring academic community. One of my objectives is not to change. We have always been a Great Commission University preparing students for missions and to be missionaries. We are not going to change. I want us just to get better."

- Casebolt Apartments
- John A. Bryant Tennis Complex
- Gott Education Center (renovation)
- Mabee Chapel (renovation)
- Beasley Hall (renovation)
- Leslie Hall (renovation)
- Memorial Hall (renovation)
- plus major upgrades to Bolivar campus parking areas.
- Endowment funds at SBU also have reached an all time high of \$16.2 million including both restricted and unrestricted funds.

- SBU Missions celebrated its 25th anniversary during the 2005-2006 academic year by conducting mission trips to Senegal, Canada, Zambia, Swaziland, Philippines, Guatemala, Brazil, Belarus, Thailand, Turkey, China, India, Portugal, Alaska, Detroit, Mississippi, Houston, and Panama City Beach, Florida.
- SBU received award from NAMB in May 2006: "Southwest Baptist University is first among the colleges and universities

- throughout the nation that the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board (NAMB) is honoring for the number of student missionaries mobilized during 2005. According to NAMB officials, SBU is ranked first in the nation for mobilizing student missionaries to serve in North America."
- SBU successfully achieved a continued 10-year accreditation status from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools according to notification received from HLC in fall of 2006. Also a requested "Change of Affiliation Status" to remove restrictions on undergraduate offerings at the Salem and Mountain View campuses was approved; this allows these sites the ability to pursue additional degree programs.
- In 2006 SBU was included in "America's Best Christian Colleges" for the tenth time, having been recognized as one of 87 colleges and universities in the United States to meet the requirements, and in 2006 for the eleventh time was included in "America's 100 Best College Buys."

Southwest Baptist University-Springfield campus has been the home of St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences since 1996. Both institutions have had a long history of caring for students. St. John's School of Nursing was founded in 1905 and the first class graduated in 1907. This academic year, 2006-2007, Southwest Baptist University began its 128th year of Christian higher education, and St. John's celebrates their 100th anniversary of educating nurses. Southwest Baptist University and St. John's are also celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program and a partnership that has grown to benefit both nursing students and the health care community, locally and nationally.

In the mid-1980s Southwest Baptist University and St. John's Hospital, Springfield had begun talking about the need for another Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) completion program for diploma nurses in the community. In 1984, Southwest Baptist University offered the first courses for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Early in the 1990s, with the phasing out of hospital-based diploma programs nationwide, Southwest Baptist University and St. John's came together again to offer an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree program. The first class was accepted and began in the

St. John's College of Nursing clinical instructor Brad Gillespie, RN, BSN, CNRN earned his ASN from Southwest Baptist University, May, 1999 and BSN, December, 2003. Gillespie is currently studying to become a family nurse practitioner through UMKC.



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Ten Years of Preparing Students to be Competent, Caring Nurses

SBU-St. John's College of Nursing-Springfield

The new BSN program marked the beginning of a long and lasting relationship between SBU and St. John's.

Twenty years later, the two institutions have grown considerably, never losing sight of one of their most common and important goals, providing nursing education in a personalized Christian environment and preparing students to be competent, caring professional nurses.



Li Li Yong, RN came to the program as an international student from Singapore and earned her ASN degree in 2005. Yong continues to work toward her BSN and is currently employed by St. John's Hospital-Springfield.

fall of 1996. The ASN program culminated an official partnership between Southwest Baptist University and St. John's, and in 2004 the school of nursing became St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, making it the sixth college of Southwest Baptist University.

Fall 2006 brought a record first-day enrollment for the college of nursing. During the summer, the college of nursing facilities were renovated and expanded to accommodate the expected growth. "This is an exciting year for the College of Nursing," says Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Dean. "Not only are we celebrating these anniversaries, but this fall we began the accelerated cohort-based BSN completion program. Because it is so heavily web-enhanced, it will better meet the needs of today's working nurses."

According the latest U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment for registered nurses is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014. Generally, RNs with at least a bachelor's degree will have better job prospects than those without a bachelor's.

Today's nurses are more versatile than ever before. Although, about 75% of the program's ASN graduates choose to work for St. John's Hospital-Springfield, graduates also go on to career opportunities as traveling nurses, school nurses, or in the mission field. BSN graduates are not only working in the hospital setting but working in management, administration, and education. Many Southwest Baptist University nursing graduates continue on and complete advanced degrees. Pre-nursing students are also enrolled on the Bolivar campus.

Equipping the Believer

by Sharina Smith

“If you don’t start with the authority of Scripture as fact, then you come to the worldly foolishness that says: ‘I can always figure it out.’ But that is not true. Our mind is finite. We are finite in our capability to understand the created world.”

—Dr. Gary Gray

A good scientist asks many questions, and so this interview began: “Why does the integration of science and Christian faith matter? Why should I care that Michael Faraday is an important man of his time? Why do I need to know about Robert Boyle’s life?” asked Dr. Gary Gray, professor of chemistry, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, and director of the Darrell R. Strait Center Integration of Science and Christian Faith at SBU. A poster on a table behind Dr. Gray noted Faraday’s many accomplishments in chemistry and physics, electromagnetism and electrochemistry. Faraday (1791–1867) was also a devoted Christian with a strong faith. Boyle (1627–1691) was a prolific British scientist, who also contributed a vast amount of theological publications.

Faraday and Boyle are only two of the many Christian thinkers studied in the Integration of Science and Christian Faith program at the Darrell R. Strait Center, a center based on the model of a long-time SBU science faculty member. “Darrell Strait was a chemistry professor and a poster child for how an academic lives out his faith. Every class of his had prayer and devotion. Not just something he read, but something he planned specifically for that class.” Gray said. “Before Dr. Strait began to have some health issues, we approached him with the idea of lending his name to the development of a program – we knew we couldn’t build a bricks and mortar center at that time – with the atmosphere of sitting around a dinner table with students. We envisioned lots of reading and writing, which students grumble about, but the talking time is cathartic.

“Dr. Strait trusted us to build the center in his honor. It is designed for faculty to understand that it is okay for students to have opinions. The faculty can’t put thumbs down on student opinions. You have to step back and leave students alone to express their faith. My job is to give students the tools and information, the Holy Spirit teaches them. Either you have faith or you don’t.”

The academics of the two-year old program are rigorous, but that hasn’t deterred SBU seniors Bradley Hall and Alesha Curry from undertaking a second major along with the Integration of Science and Christian Faith major curriculum. Hall is soon to graduate with a second major in chemistry, and Curry’s second major is in biology. According to the catalog description, “students in the program will study the history and philosophy of science, Biblical hermeneutics and the integration of science and Christian faith. Working from the authority of Scripture and the assertion that Christianity is true, these programs enable students to establish and validate Biblically-based personal belief systems on the interrelations between science and Christian faith.

“With the authority of Scripture as a foundational principle, students undertake a scholarly examination of the best available science, and, all points of view about the integration of science and Christian faith. It is hoped that students participating in these programs of study will be equipped for personal evangelism and ministry in their chosen profession by facilitating the student’s understanding of the different belief systems of the people they encounter.”

Hall said of his integrated major, “In this major we covered the lives of the scientists and asked ‘How did their faith influence their work?’ Michael Faraday was persecuted by his own teacher and master. What the integration of science and Christian faith teaches is to look at these people – yes, it is hard to live out your Christian faith, but it has been done.” Gray reminded the students that “Christ said people will hate you. Choose this day who you will serve?”

When asked if the integrated major helped the students better understand issues such as the bioethics of cloning or doctor-assisted suicide, chemical weapons, evolution, intelligent design, and other science-related issues of our time, Hall replied, “We’re more informed and we know where to go to find more information.” Curry said, “Fifty years from now there will be different issues. We learn how to dig through the truth for the answers.”

Gray was quick to point out that “Scripture is truth. Truth is a person, not a concept. We have finite, limited logic.” In his vision for the Strait Center, Gray shared that “we’re looking for a unique student with a desire to validate a belief system and who is willing to ask the next level of questions. The first level is ‘Why?’ The next level is to ask ‘What does it mean?’

and ‘Why does it matter?’ We start out from the point of God is who He said He was and the Bible is true. For the post-modern generation, there is no absolute truth – it is what we believe. This program is designed to build and validate a Biblical world view so these students can graduate to go out and evangelize.”

One final question: How do you convince an intellectual that the Bible is true? “It’s not your job to convince them.” Curry said. “We can present you with all of the logical historical evidence. You still have to take the step of faith.” With his answer, Gray summed up the mission of the Strait Center: “Apologetics is not so much as to convince the unbeliever as it is to equip the believer.”





From BearKitten to Wildcat: *A Journey to the Presidency*

Interview by Sharina Smith

Dr. Patricia McCaslin Long '73 was inaugurated the first woman president in Baker University history on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006. Over the years, Long has represented her alma mater, SBU, well as an accomplished academic, unapologetically professing Christian, and now as a polished, professional president of a Christian university. Now a Wildcat booster, Long was once one of us, except in her days as a basketball player here, the Lady Bearcats were known as the BearKittens! We've all come a long way!

A Southwest Baptist College mathematics department graduate from Wheatland, Missouri, Long began the presidency at Baker on July 1, 2006, and she is already known in Baldwin City, Kansas, as a "people person" winning the community with ice cream socials and her warm personality. In the busy weeks before her inauguration, she blessed SBU with an interview, taking time to reflect on her journey from BearKitten to Wildcat.

Q. When you were a little girl, did you ever imagine being the first woman President of the United States or a university?

A. As a little girl, my goal was to be a high school math teacher and coach girl's basketball. I played basketball here at SBU when Peggy Birmingham was the coach.



Q. What was the campus atmosphere like at SBU/SWBC in 1973? Was it in turmoil like other campuses in the U.S. at that time?

A. SBU in the 1970s was very idyllic. We were very separate from the rest of the world. I laugh when people my age talk about what happened in the world. I'm not sure we knew then that SBU was very strict at that time. We had to be back in our dorm at 9 p.m. Women couldn't wear slacks. One night I was out late with my parents, and they had to explain to the dorm mom at Memorial why I was late!

I'm not sure we knew the rules were too restrictive.

Q. Tell me about your life since SBU (then Southwest Baptist College)?

A. I married my high school sweetheart, Dennis, and 34 years later here we are! He had enlisted in the Army in 1972 and finished his degree at UMKC after his service. We were not blessed with children, but we were blessed with great nieces and nephews. If I had children, I would have stayed home – that was our plan if we'd been blessed with children. My life would have been different, but I have been blessed.

Q. How did your education as a mathematics major at SBU/SWBC prepare you for your life and career?

A. My math major helped me learn how to think more critically. It taught me how to take things apart and put them back together. Math involved discipline. It taught me to always look for solutions. As a more serious discipline, it also legitimized me in academic circles. It implied a certain substance. Even though I haven't taught in years, having that major added something to my leadership. I am still amazed where you can go with a math major. What I got from the SBU math department was a great spiritual education. They just loved me and took me in. I still correspond with John Smashey and Dr. Bev Harris, and John Bryant, he's a great man. They encouraged me.

Even when I was in the public sector [teaching adult basic education in the Kansas City, Missouri school district and later as a teaching assessment assistant at Johnson County Community College], people knew my faith was important to me and that Christ was important to me. Personal integrity is also very important to me.

On my first day at UMKC [as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management], I told the Chancellor I would wear my cross and I hoped that wouldn't be an issue. Intentionally wearing the cross was a great way for people to know I was a Christian. Even in the public sector, I met Christian people and I had great Christian friends. God has really blessed me in every position to bring me Christian friends to surround me with love, in good times and bad.



Q. The average college president spends three to five years at an institution, and Dr. Daniel Lambert was president of Baker for 19 years! Do you feel pressure to fill his shoes or do things the way he did?

A. The good news is we have had a fabulous transition! Dr. Lambert is so generous with his time and his counsel. I kept hearing "you have big shoes to fill" and no doubt. Being a woman has been to my advantage. It is hard to compare the two of us, so it makes it easier. I am glad to have come to a very stable university that is open to change and new opportunities.

Q. What is your personal mission as president of Baker University?

A. This is my first time back at a private, faith-based institution since leaving SBU. My personal mission is two-fold: 1) to see BU grow and serve the needs of students from the associate degrees to the doctoral programs. I want to move forward with quality. 2) We want to make sure we are a value-based, faith-based institution.

Q. If you weren't president of Baker University, would you recommend SBU to a friend with teenagers?

A. I've recommended SBU to lots of people, but now I recommend Baker more! Lenexa Baptist Church is our home church, although, we do visit Methodist churches now, and lots of our young adults attend SBU. I think SBU is a fabulous institution! When I was on campus recently, I observed Dr. [C. Pat] Taylor, and I want to emulate Dr. Taylor. I want people to say, "she's as engaged and caring with students as Dr. Taylor." He is a great fund-raiser, but more importantly, he cares about students.

Q. What do you see as the greatest responsibility for Christian institutions like Baker and SBU?

A. To be salt and light in whatever they do. Our students have so many things they are dealing with. If they can be salt and light, value-driven people, hold onto values, think critically and make wise decisions... I value the memories of my time at SBU. It gave me the foundation on which I have been able to go on. I've been blessed throughout life with good Christian people who have come beside me and have encouraged me to take the next step. My career path was not planned. Not in my wildest imagination would I have dreamed I'd be here. People along the way have encouraged me to take the steps I didn't know I could. I tell students to seek out the encouragers in life that will see possibilities you've never dreamed.

Grab a blanket, a cup of hot chocolate and settle down by the fireplace this winter with a book from SBU's very own students, alumni, faculty and staff. SBU's authors have broadened our bookshelves and minds with something for everyone, including historical fiction, mystery, history, and Christian understanding. Whatever your mood, there is a book for you!

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Body in the Baptistery

Jim Wilcox, Tate Publishing, LLC: 2006.

In *Body in the Baptistery*, Gideon Grant discovers that his mentor in his newfound faith has been assassinated. What's he to do now? What any red-blooded ex-cop turned PI would do – find the cold blooded killer. *Body in the Baptistery* takes you along for the chase with danger at every turn. Betrayal and death test Grant's new faith, but he perseveres with the tenacity of Jane Marple and the patience of Hecule Poirot. On his first plunge into the waters of mystery writing, author Jim Wilcox dives into the deep end of the pool and doesn't come up for air until a series of murders is solved. Take a deep breath when you open *Body in the Baptistery* – it will keep you submerged in mystery to the end.

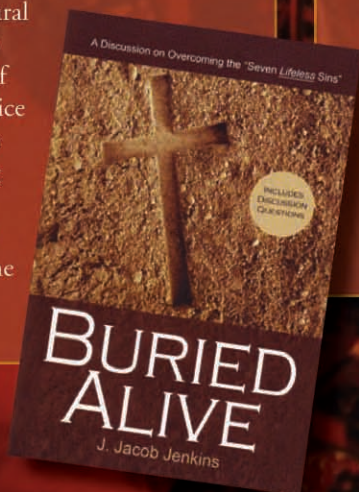
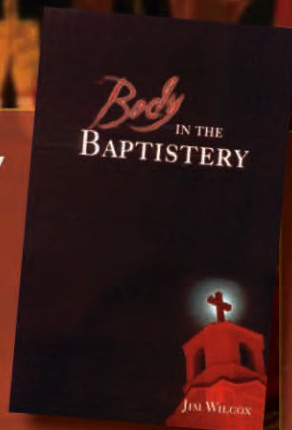
Buried Alive

J. Jacob Jenkins, PUBLISHAMERICA, LLLP, 2006.

This book explains that the greatest battle most Christians face is not one of good and evil, but rather one of good and lifelessness. For that reason, *Buried Alive* identifies the "Seven Lifeless Sins" that keep Christians from the life they are intended to live:

- Tolerance
- Compromise
- Busyness
- Comfort
- Fundamentalism
- Materialism
- Laziness

By referencing over 2,600 Scriptural verses, *Buried Alive* discusses how Christianity can overcome each of these lifeless sins. With a fresh voice and personal insight it inspires its readers to take hold of something passionate and purposeful. It challenges us all to move beyond the ordinary to something genuine and fresh and real.



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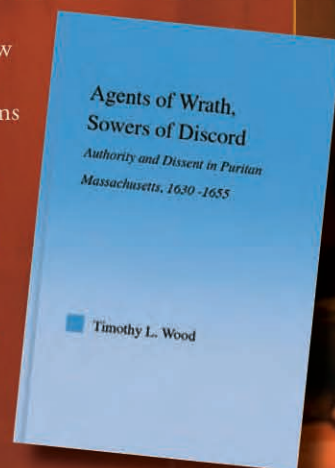
Agents of Wrath, Sowers of Discord Authority and Dissent in Puritan Massachusetts, 1630-1655,

Timothy L Wood, Routledge: 2005 Series: Studies in American Popular History and Culture

This project seeks to reconcile two conflicting schools of thought within the historiography of American Puritanism by arguing that even within the parameters of Puritan religious and political orthodoxy, dissent played a recognized and expected role in the life of early Massachusetts. Challenging previous interpretations that have depicted a monolithic Puritan establishment ruthlessly crushing all principled opposition within the colony, this book emphasizes the enormous importance the colony's leadership placed upon balancing their allegiance to the colony and its institutions with the Christian duty of reconciliation.

At the same time, this study addresses more recent scholarship that dismisses the notion of a discernable "Puritan identity" entirely and contends that 17th century New England was a turbulent sea of competing ideas and enthusiasms that wholly lacked a coherent unifying ideology. Instead, this book contends that under the threat of social and intellectual chaos on the frontiers of America, there emerged a core Puritan mission that was either embraced or spurned by New England's founders, but widely understood by all.

Only when opposition to that mission pushed beyond accepted boundaries and finally rose to a threatening level did the authorities of Massachusetts act decisively in defense of the colony.



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South Wind Home

Gerald Lewellen, PUBLISHAMERICA, LLLP: 2006.

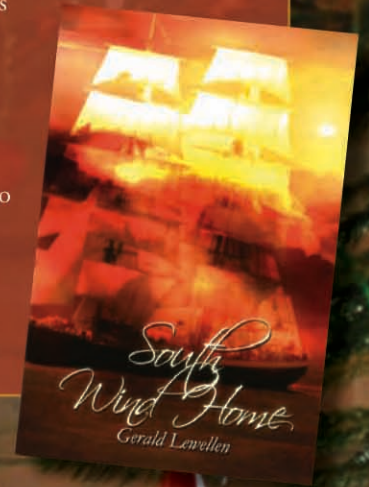
This first novel takes place when Britain is deeply embroiled in war with France during the age of fighting sail. Captain James Howlette is commissioned to the Rose. His mission – to gather information on French shipping activities. Disregarding direct orders, he attempts to capture a French first rate as a prize of war, but the plan fails, leaving him with a decision that could end his professional career, and possibly his life. Meanwhile, an unexplainable series of victories for the French lead Lord Cambridge to suspect a double agent, and he persuades Molly Bidwell, the fiancée of Captain Howlette, to ferret out the culprit. Greed overpowers her better judgment. Harry Cromwell and Molly are inadvertently thrown together in their quest to uncover the spy. An abiding love soon develops, but Harry receives urgent orders for sea duty and departs mysteriously. Molly is devastated. The following year a letter arrives. It's from Harry. . .

“The H.M.S. Rose, a fourth rate of fifty guns, sailed before a steady south wind. Well built and ballasted with thirty feet below the water line, nicely making foam,

under all plain sail, the ship met each wave with a hunger for more speed.” So begins the tale of suspense and daring. Lewellen weaves a story that is action packed and has surprises to the very end.

Told with knowledge of the high seas and how a sailing ship operates, Lewellen has shared a story that keeps you guessing to the very end and beyond. Lewellen's character from the beginning is a very ambitious Captain Howlette. Ordered to shadow the enemy and to discover what they are up to, he exceeds his orders and ends up captured. Aware that man can be very cruel to man, Lewellen doesn't hold any quarter in explanations of how an enemy is treated.

Back home in England, his fiancée is trying to discover a spy that is working in the Admiralty. Limited, as a woman, to what she can do, she does what she has to, to find out the truth. In this process, she almost assuredly seals the fate of the man she loves, which is another surprise turn in the story.



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Senioritis Not Just Another Christian Novel

by Julie Garrett '06
SBU Communications Intern

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Emma Bannock struggles with the task of growing up and learning responsibility, just as many young people do. *Senioritis* was written by Sarah Minott, a young girl who also faces struggles in life. Her book tells the story about the struggles of being forced to grow up, take responsibility, stand up for friends, and learn who she really is. Life is not full of perfect little solutions to each problem, but with the help of those closest to her, Emma discovers what she needs to meet this challenge head on. She wrestles with the same troubles other girls her age face: unrequited love, friends spiraling downward, jealousy, fear, and the realization that childhood is over. Nevertheless, through it all, Emma will emerge stronger and wiser.

Sarah grew up writing as a child. Her parents always encouraged her to express herself, and through all that, she is now a published writer. Sarah's father was her inspiration and pushed her to publish one of her many books. Sarah grinned as she spoke of the relationship she shared with her father, as "daddy's little girl." Sarah grew up in a full house, with mother, father, older brother and grandmother, in Decatur, Illinois and went to Decatur Christian School. Sarah is currently a

sophomore at Southwest Baptist University, and is majoring in English Education with a minor in theater.

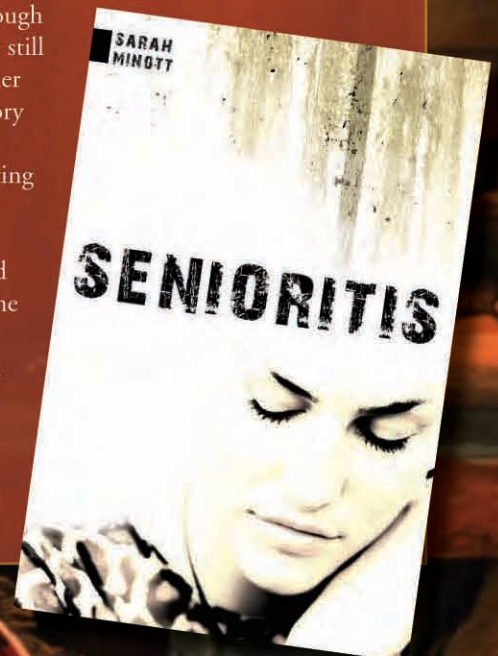
Sarah began her book January 2005, during her senior year in high school. Sarah spoke of the inspiration she drew from the story of Peter Pan. She has always admired the story and explored the concept of growing

up in her book as well. *Senioritis* challenges the concepts of what makes you grow up, and how one should deal with it.

The character Emma started out mirroring Sarah, but as she said, "Emma kind of took on her own personality and grew into her own character." Sarah took Emma through not only some of her own experiences but also some of others close to Sarah. Emma does share many of Sarah's personality traits though. Emma struggles with insecurities, has the same thought process, some of the same experiences, and pretty much has the same personality over all, with the story.

Sarah's favorite part of the story is that it is not black and white. The end of the story doesn't have a happy ending, but instead comes to the conclusion that you learn to be happy with what you've got and where you are in life. Growing up isn't about getting old, but about finding who you are and where you fit in life.

One of the messages Sarah wants to get out to the people is that, although it is published by a Christian company, this book isn't a 'cheesy-Christian-novel'. You are not going to hear God's voice and it might not change your life in a big way, but it will make you think and challenge your way of thinking. The book never says if Emma is or isn't a Christian, and even though she finds peace, there is still something missing in her life. This part of the story is Emma's not Sarah's. Sarah talked about writing a sequel where Emma struggles in finding complete happiness and the roller coaster ride she will go through to find Christ and His place in her life. We anticipate the publishing of her next book. (Tate Publishing, LLC 2006)



Faculty/Staff News



Newcomer Awards Presented for Faculty and Staff

Southwest Baptist University recently announced its annual Newcomer Award winners for faculty and staff. **Greg Stewart** was the staff recipient and **Dr. Robert Klostermeyer** was presented the faculty award.

Klostermeyer serves SBU as chairman of the department of history and political science and as an assistant professor of political science. Klostermeyer holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida's College of Law. Klostermeyer's research interests include: citizenship awareness and responsibilities acquired during undergraduate education and post-baccalaureate legal education of Christian students, protection of constitutional and religious freedoms in public education.

After spending several years as an administrator and teacher in secular higher education, Klostermeyer came to SBU in fall 2005. "Higher education at SBU is about relationships -- relationships between faculty and student, creating opportunities to promote student to student learning relationships, and ultimately one's spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ," Klostermeyer said. "While many schools provide opportunities to develop the academic interaction between individuals, SBU's environment promotes and fosters academic relationships through an awareness and commitment to God's love to create richer relationships that are critical for students at institutions of higher education. SBU's students

grow personally, academically, and spiritually because of these special relationships."

Stewart, an SBU alumnus from the class of 1993, is manager of credit and collections. Stewart began in the fall of 2005 after a multi-faceted career as a pastor, day-care director and children's photographer. Prior to becoming a pastor, Stewart said he had been pursuing a career as a bill collector. Stewart had also worked in the credit and collections department while a student at SBU. "I still see myself in the ministry in my new position here," Stewart said. "I love students and the mission of this university. My work with students and their finances is ministry. I tell them, 'Don't worry. Be concerned.'"



The Newcomer awards were presented by SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor during the university's formal convocation, which also included an address by **Dr. John Wheeler**, professor of education and the 2006 Orien B. Hendrex Distinguished Teacher award recipient.

ABOVE (left to right) SBU Provost Gordon Dutile, Staff Newcomer of the Year Greg Stewart, Faculty Newcomer of the Year Dr. Robert Klostermeyer, and President Dr. C. Pat Taylor.

Faculty/Staff News



Left to right: New faculty and staff at SBU this fall: Laura Compton, Andrea Miller, Chris Dinwiddie, Dr. Elyssa Sartwell, Ted Bachman, Tena Jenkins. (Not pictured: Shelly Francka, Dr. Brian Hopwood, Christine Saladino, Mike Wolhoy, Elaine Glor, Roberta Rasor, Dana Whitlock and Mike Pitts.)

New Faculty and Staff Welcomed

SBU added 10 new faculty and staff members at the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Chris Dinwiddie is a new instructor of psychology. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Langston University and two master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS), one in marriage and family counseling and one in Christian education. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at SWBTS. "I am most looking forward to participating in the camaraderie among faculty and between faculty and students," Dinwiddie said. In addition, Chris's wife, **Ashley**, has been hired as administrative assistant to the President.

Tena Jenkins is assistant professor of physical therapy. Jenkins holds a B.S. in sports management with a concentration in athletic training and an M.S. in physical therapy from SBU. Jenkins is currently working on a doctorate of physical therapy. "I am excited about the opportunity to watch students grow and learn, not only about physical therapy, but also about their Christian faith," Jenkins said.

Shelly Francka is director of the MBA program. Francka earned a B.S. in business administration from SBU and has just completed her MBA. She then plans to earn her doctorate degree so she can teach undergraduate and graduate classes. Previously, Francka worked as a recruiter for SBU's doctorate of physical therapy program. "I look forward to touching lives the way that so many SBU faculty members have touched mine," Francka said. "The faculty here (at SBU) inspired me to go on with my education while feeding my spiritual thirst." Francka says the SBU faculty inspires, encourages, leads by example and cares about each student.

Dr. Brian Hopwood is an assistant professor of music/director of instrumental studies. Hopwood

holds a bachelor of music education degree (instrumental music) from Oral Roberts University, as master of music education degree (instrumental music) from the University of Colorado – Boulder, diploma of fine arts (wind conducting and literature) from the University of Calgary and a doctor of musical arts (instrumental music) from Arizona State University. "I am looking forward to working with the outstanding SBU faculty and students who integrate their faith into all they do," Hopwood said.

Dr. Elissa Sartwell is the assistant professor of theatre. Sartwell attended George Fox University in Oregon where she earned her B.A. in theatre and writing/literature. She holds a M.A. in teaching from George Fox and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in Theatre with a Specialization in Theatre History, Dramatic Literature, and Dramatic Theory and Criticism. "I am most looking forward to working with students in the theatre program, helping them to develop into capable, prepared theatre artists who can go out into the world of theatre and make a difference for the kingdom of God."

Ted Bachman, resident director of Woody-Gott Hall, joined the SBU faculty at the University Success Center.

Christine Saladino is an instructor and coordinator in the behavioral sciences department at SBU's Salem campus. Saladino, a graduate of Southwest Baptist University, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology with a minor in counseling. She also earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education (MACE) with a concentration in social work from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Central Florida. Saladino said,

"I am excited for this opportunity to teach at SBU Salem. As SBU is my alma mater, in many ways it is like things have come full circle for me."

Mike Wolhoy has been hired as SBU's head athletic trainer. **Laura Compton** was hired as a professor of vocal music. Laura is the wife of Dr. Joshua Compton, chair, department of communication arts. **Andrea Miller** has been hired as acquisition/collection development librarian. Miller was promoted to this position from the University Libraries' administrative assistant position.

Elaine Glor was promoted to the position of administrative assistant to Ron Maupin, vice president for administration. Glor has worked as the human resource department coordinator since October 1999. **Roberta Rasor**, former enrollment coordinator, has been promoted to assistant registrar. Rasor has a bachelor of music education degree from SBU. She is a retired educator from Englewood Christian Academy in Independence. **Dana Whitlock** is new as enrollment coordinator in the Office of the Registrar. Dana is the mother of four sons and the wife of Dr. David Whitlock, Dean of the College of Business and Computer Science.

Mike Pitts has been hired as SBU's new Sports Information Director. Pitts, a native of Summersville, Mo., is a 1985 SBU graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. A long-time senior pastor in Princeton, NJ, Pitts brings a passion for sports and sports statistics along with extensive computer and writing experience to the position. Pitts' wife Rhonda, is a Bolivar native. They have been married 15 years and have two sons.

Dr. Stan Norman named Vice President for Development

Dr. R. Stan Norman has been named as the new Vice President for Development, and he will begin his duties at the beginning of January 2007. Dr. Norman has served on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) and occupied the Cooperative Program Chair for Southern Baptist Convention Studies for nearly a decade. Prior to his tenure at NOBTS, Dr. Norman served on the faculties of Charleston Southern University and The Criswell College. In addition to his duties as a theologian and a scholar, he has ministered to Southern Baptist churches in various pastoral roles for over two decades.

"I am excited that Dr. Norman has accepted our offer to join SBU as Vice President for Development," said Dr. C. Pat Taylor, president of Southwest Baptist University. "Dr. Norman will be a welcome addition to our development staff. As we cast the vision for SBU in the next decade, Dr. Norman will be an integral part of the team's efforts in building our endowment for scholarships and other necessary investments

for the university's future. Dr. Norman has diverse experiences, which will be a great benefit in his new role at SBU."

In addition to his teaching and writing ministry, Dr. Norman also created and served as director for the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry. Reflecting his passion to assist and encourage Baptist leaders and churches, the Baptist Center is designed to equip Baptists with theological and ministerial resources to enrich and energize the ministries of their churches. Dr.



Norman has been the primary fund raiser for the Baptist Center. In 2004, Dr. Norman was appointed to the Cooperative Program Chair for Southern Baptist Convention Studies. Among the various duties associated with this appointment was the development and promotion of Cooperative Program education throughout the NOBTS educational system. He frequently serves as an interim pastor and is a regular speaker at conferences and churches on theological and doctrinal issues related to church and Baptist life.

Dr. Norman is the author and editor of numerous books and professional articles. Some of his publications include *The Baptist Way: Distinctives of the Baptist Church*; *More than Just a Name: Preserving Our Baptist Identity*; *Perspectives on Church Governance: Five Views of Church Polity*; and the forthcoming work, *The Mission of Today's Church: Baptist Leaders Look at Modern Faith Issues*.

A native of Oklahoma, Dr. Norman holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from The Criswell College. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Stan and his wife, Joy, have three sons: Andrew, Daniel, and Stephen.

Dr. Josh Compton awarded CSCA Advisory Council Manuscript Award

Dr. Josh Compton, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Communication at Southwest Baptist University, has been awarded the Central States Communication Association's Advisory Council Manuscript Award. This award recognizes the top manuscript published in a state journal among the Central States Communication Association's membership states.

Compton's manuscript, "Tracing the Roots of Resistance to Influence: Comparison, Contrast, and Synthesis of Aristotelian Rationality and Inoculation," had been published as the lead article in the Fall 2005

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Journal of the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri (STAM). This research traces the study of persuasion resistance from the earliest writings of Aristotle to the contemporary inoculation theory advanced by William McGuire.

"As journal editor, as well as a colleague of Dr. Compton, I am especially thrilled about the award," said Gina Jensen, editor of the *Journal of the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri* (STAM). "However, I am not surprised because this article received rave reviews from our editorial board."



The award was recently announced at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Kansas City, Missouri. Previous winners of the top manuscript award include Mary Elizabeth Bezanson of the University of Minnesota and Scott Myers of Creighton University.

"It is a pleasure having colleagues as talented as Dr. Compton who are willing to give of their knowledge to better their disciplines," Jensen said.

Dr. Compton also presented two lectures for the recent Department of Defense Joint Course in Communication at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. Held at the University of Oklahoma since 1970, the course offers military public affairs professionals opportunities to explore and apply communication theories and concepts.

Participants come from all branches of the Defense Department and the Coast Guard. Compton's presentations included "Impact of Image and Image Restorations Tactics," "Special Challenges in Image Restoration," and "Unanswered Questions about the Inoculation Process of Resistance to Influence." This is Compton's second year to participate in the Department of Defense program. Compton has been on faculty at Southwest Baptist University since 1998.

Dr. Kevin Hopkins attends NCTM annual meeting in St. Louis

Dr. Kevin Hopkins from Southwest Baptist University, joined thousands of math educators from around the world to learn new concepts, strategies, and teaching techniques at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) 2006 Annual Meeting and Exposition in St. Louis, April 26-29.

With more than 15,000 attendees, NCTM's annual meeting and exposition is the largest gathering of math educators in the world. More than 1,000 presentations- led by national and international education experts- were presented in St. Louis.

The annual meeting provides teachers at all stages of their careers with opportunities to gain new knowledge, find out how research can improve their practice, and network with colleagues from outside their schools.

NCTM President Cathy Seeley said, "Mathematics teaching today is a complex job as we strive to help every student learn challenging mathematics. To be highly qualified means that teachers must understand the mathematics they teach, but they must understand how their students learn that mathematics and how to help each student learn."

The keynote speaker, Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of New York City's Hayden Planetarium, addressed society's lack of critical-thinking skills, which he blames for the drag on America's social, cultural, and economic growth. He challenged teachers to educate their students to think critically.

Cindy Rice named director of private scholarship development

Cindy Rice has been named director of private scholarship development at Southwest Baptist University, effective June 1, 2006. In this capacity she will serve as liaison between those who establish endowed or non-endowed scholarships at the university, the university scholarship committee, and students applying for private scholarships. She will continue to serve as Estate Planning Associate to Steve Whisler, who became Director of Estate Planning in January 2006.

As of June 16, 2006, Rice has completed twenty-eight years of service at SBU. Following her graduation in May 1973, Rice worked in the student personnel office from 1973-77, in the career planning and placement center from 1981 to 1990, and in the estate planning office from 1990 to the present time. In October 1992 she received certification as a planned giving officer, served as director of foundation development from 1993-1997 as well as private scholarship coordinator and chair of the university scholarship committee.

Rice stated, "Students who attend SBU full-time, who have to work a part-time job, and who have little or no aid from family income or who come from single-parent families struggling to meet monthly obligations are often helped by government aid as well as private scholarships. Middle-class students who do not qualify for government grants also have a need for private scholarships. Student grades often suffer when they must work a part-time job while attending classes. Many students have other siblings who want to attend college for whom parents have been saving. Student private scholarship applications indicate the struggle these families are currently having, many of which break my heart to read. Their

future depends on an excellent higher education, many answering God's call for their life to attend SBU, where they are able to receive the added benefit of a Christian education."

Cindy is married to Rex Rice, December 1973 graduate of Southwest and vice president of Bolivar Insulation Company. The Rices have two daughters, Ami Greer and Lori Henry, and five grandchildren.

Steve Whisler presents at ASBCS annual conference in Charleston

Steve Whisler, Director of Estate Planning (former Director of Church Relations), at SBU, was recently a presenter at a breakout session during the annual conference of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS), held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center Complex in North Charleston, South Carolina on June 4-6. His presentation was on the topic, "Strategic Planning in Church Relations."

The ASBCS is owned and operated by its 51 member schools located in 18 states. The purpose of the Association is to serve and promote its member schools, including Southwest Baptist University. The organization recently changed its name to the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities.

Dr. R. Barry Ellis passes Chartered Financial Analyst level II examination

Dr. R. Barry Ellis, the Ruby Letsch-Roderique Chair of Finance at Southwest Baptist University, has passed the June 2006 level II examination of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) program. The CFA® curriculum develops a fundamental knowledge of investment principles and their application to the investment decision-making process.

The CFA® designation is generally considered one of the most prestigious in the field of finance. To receive the designation, candidates must complete three sequential exams administered once annually and have four years of qualified work experience.



The CFA Institute® recommends that candidates need to commit to a minimum of 250 hours reading and reviewing the curriculum and practicing on sample exams. For June 2006, the Level I pass rate was 40%; the Level II pass rate was 48%; and the Level III pass rate was 76%. Dr. Ellis plans to take the level III examination in June 2007.

"This accomplishment is further proof of SBU's excellent faculty," noted David Whitlock, Dean of the College of Business and Computer Science and Associate Provost. "Dr. Ellis, along with the rest of his colleagues, continues to advance in his profession ensuring that our students have not only the best qualified faculty, but that they are taught the most current and relevant information in their fields of study.

The CFA designation is a highly sought-after certification with only a fraction of those qualified to take the exam successfully completing it. That Dr. Ellis is a candidate for the CFA designation and that he has successfully completed two thirds of the exams is quite an accomplishment. We are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Ellis' caliber."

Dr. Barry Ellis has been with the SBU College of Business and Computer Science since the fall of 2001. He earned the Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor University, the Master of Business Administration from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce), and his Ph.D. in Finance from the University of North Texas.

Dr. Bob Derryberry's original essay published in state forensics journal

Dr. Bob Derryberry, Senior Professor of Communication Arts and Director of Forensics at Southwest Baptist University, has been published in the Fall 2006 *Journal of the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri* (STAM). His original essay, "Exploring the Forensics Banquet: Building Beyond Competition," examines the unique impacts of an annual intercollegiate forensics banquet on team building, academic community support, and alumni relations, among others.

"Specifically, the banquet promotes the advantage of calling for team members to concentrate upon communicating rather than merely engaging in another specialized event, performance or activity," Derryberry observed in his paper. Derryberry shared some of his observations from his work at the annual faculty workshop on the Bolivar campus of Southwest Baptist University in August.

STAM is a publication of the Speech and Theatre Association of Missouri and is an outlet for scholarly articles, book and resource reviews, and teaching resources. Gina Jensen of Webster University is the current editor.

Dr. Herb Hamann, other M.P.T. graduates author paper published in Physical Therapy Reviews

Dr. Herb Hamann, associate professor of physical therapy, received confirmation on his paper titled "Effectiveness of iontophoresis of anti-inflammatory medications in the treatment of

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common musculoskeletal disorders: a systematic review," was accepted for publication in the fall 2006 issue of *Physical Therapy Reviews*, an international peer-reviewed journal which aims to publish contemporary reviews, discussion papers and editorials within physical therapy. Bridget Evans (2001) and Martin Hodges (2004), both SBU M.P.T. graduates, co-authored the paper with Dr. Hamann.

Dr. Hamann presented a research project titled "Familial Predisposition to Anterior Cruciate Injury: A Case Series" as a platform presentation at the National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Atlanta, Ga., on June 17, 2006. The research presented by Dr. Hamann was the result of data gathered and analyzed by Tasha Rodriguez, M.P.T., A.T.C. and Jon Davis M.P.T., C.S.C.S., both SBU M.P.T. graduates.

Article by Dr. Holly Hill-Stanford published by College Faith

The article "Canned Beans, the Telephone Company, and Tithes" written by Dr. Holly Hill-Stanford, associate professor of language and literature, was published by College Faith during the summer. She also reviewed a new textbook, *Teaching English in Middle and Secondary Schools*, fourth edition for Pearson Merrill/Prentice Hall Company, and judged a writing competition for the Association of Christian Schools International, South-Central Region in March.



Team of SBU Faculty and Staff Teaches in Siberia

Dr. Ronda Credille

Associate professor of business administration Ronda Credille was a member of a nine-person team that went to Tomsk, Siberia, Russia, with Partnership Missions International. Her primary duty on the mission trip was to teach marketing classes at Tomsk State University (TSU), the oldest university in Siberia. This teaching opportunity was arranged through the American Center at TSU as a result of groundwork laid by a mission trip to Tomsk in January 2006 led by trustee Dr. Ray Leininger.

Additionally, Dr. Credille was asked to speak to the masters of business administration faculty at Tomsk Polytechnic University concerning the content of SBU's MBA program, pedagogy and the use of online platforms such as Blackboard for course delivery. In the evenings and on weekends, Credille assisted the other mission team members who were teaching English sessions at the largest Baptist church in Tomsk.

Dr. Robert Klostermeyer

Dr. Klostermeyer presented three half-day lectures on American Jurisprudence at Tomsk State University in Tomsk, Russia. Dr. Klostermeyer presented the 3½ hour lectures during a trip organized by Partnership Missions International.

Norma Bishop '36

SBU receptionist and retired teacher Norma Bishop '36 shared her reflections on the trip to Siberia:

I hadn't been to Siberia before. Dr. Ray Leininger had given us a good background about the people and country so I was prepared for what to expect. I have visited other countries similar to Siberia so that, too, helped me to be prepared. I taught the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) at Tomsk State University. The TOEFL tests English fluency. Students must pass this difficult test in order to study at an American University. Many Russian students wish to study at an English-speaking university. My students spoke English so I did not need an interpreter in class.

I helped at the church as much as I could when I was not in class at TSU. I had interpreters at the church. The people are very strong in their faith. The church is part of the Southern Baptist Convention of Siberia.

It was very easy to interact with my students. I was allowed to witness about my faith. They were from families of many different backgrounds – farmer, scientist, lawyers, Poly-tech teacher, etc. Some were from families of a 'closed city.' None of my students attend a church. All said they believe in God but not in an organized church. They are free to worship if they choose.

I always feel very grateful when I come home from any place overseas. It makes me feel happy that we have so much here in every way. It also bothers me that we are such a wasteful people.

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Reflecting on the Treasure

I hope you had a chance to return to SBU for Homecoming to Rediscover the Treasure. We had beautiful summer weather for the weekend - many of us got sunburned at the football game! We enjoyed a busy weekend visiting and participating in the festivities with returning alumni and their guests. If you missed the fun this year, I hope you will mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2007, October 5-6, 2007.

Now that summer has finally come and gone, my favorite time of the year has arrived, and with it has come a sense of change in the air. The leaves on the trees are turning various colors and beginning to fall. Slowly, the air is becoming crisper and the wind holds a slight chill and the aroma of firewood. I have enjoyed being on campus watching the students settle in to begin a new semester of memory making. Their presence has brought an energy and enthusiasm to campus that was absent during the long hot summer break.

As I watched the students go about their daily activities, I could not help but reflect on my own experiences as a student at Southwest Baptist University and the changes that have occurred since that time. Faculty and staff have come and gone since my time as a student. Buildings I once had classes in, or in which friends of mine lived, are now gone or have had major renovations. Many new buildings have sprung up around campus and several old buildings now serve different purposes than when I was here as a student.

Even though many things have changed since I was a student, I am glad to see that many things remain the same. SBU continues to be a Christ-centered, caring academic community that is preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society. We still carry on great traditions such as Welcome Week and Homecoming in the fall semester. The students today are still encouraged to grow spiritually and are provided opportunities to serve on mission trips, revival teams and Disciple Now weekends. I am excited to see that SBU still places a high emphasis on the opportunity for students to be instructed and encouraged during chapel services and in the classroom.

I am thankful that no matter how much time passes, some things will always remain the same. God's grace and mercy extended to us through the life and death of Jesus Christ and the firm foundation the Word of God provides for our lives and for Southwest Baptist University. As you read this issue, winter will be ushering in the Christmas season and the New Year. I encourage you to join with me in reflecting on the changes in our lives but also appreciating the consistency of Jesus and His love for us throughout the seasons of our life.

Shawn Summers '94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations



Coming Home

I am honored to be asked to serve as Southwest Baptist University's Alumni Association President, yet who would have thought I would have the opportunity to serve my university in this manner? So much has changed with the university since I graduated in 1997: the Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness Center, renovations to Beasley, Landen and Leslie Hall, the Mountain View and Salem campus additions -- the list goes on and on!

Since 1997, so much has changed for me personally as well. My husband and I are still in Arkansas, currently stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. God has not only blessed me with a wonderful husband, but has stationed us near my home and family. Glen is a C-130 Instructor Pilot and is currently deployed to Djibouti, Africa.

To say that I am excited to take on this challenge as Alumni Association President would be an understatement. My main goal for the upcoming year is to see a marked increase in the number of alumni that attend Homecoming. The 2007 Homecoming will mark the class of 1997's 10-year reunion and I would love to see as many of my classmates as possible come and spend the weekend in Bolivar. I know it might be a sacrifice, but you will not be disappointed. The date has already been set, so mark your calendars: October 5th and 6th, 2007.

The Alumni Association is here to serve not only the university, but the former students as well. The board is considering chapter functions in Dallas, Washington D.C., Kansas City, Little Rock, Springfield, and Bolivar, so watch your mailboxes for more information and if you live in those areas, we hope to see you there!

Janna Bingham Williams '97
Alumni Association Board President



1930s

Vernon Barr, AA '38 attended his 71st high school reunion banquet. He also celebrated his 90th birthday with 48 of his friends and his 62nd wedding anniversary with his wife Lela Jeanne. 1416 Sylvan Ln, Columbia, MO 65202

Marie (Farrell) Sutton, '39 passed away March 3, 2006. She was 86 years old. Marie is survived by her husband, Cecil, and three children, Robert, James, and Larry.

1940s

Helen (Bush) Barron, AA '41 passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 12, 2006. The heritage that Helen Barron left for her children included the atmosphere of a Christian home, the influence of the elementary teaching job she had for 18 years and tons of fun family vacations. She organized trips to visit relatives as well as Disneyland, the Grand Canyon, camping all over Colorado and many other places.

Frank Romano, AA '42 and his wife Marjorie met at SWBC in 1942 and at their first meeting they decided to get married some day. Frank had joined the Navy December 12, 1947 but was not called to duty until October 5, 1942. He went through pilot training in 1944. Frank and Marjorie were married on September 17, 1944. Their first child, Frank Jr., was born August 26, 1945 with their second child, James Ray, coming in 1947. Frank's sister Pearl, who also attended SBU, passed away five years ago. Frank says, "I believe I had the most wonderful time attending SWBC and met some of the most wonderful people in my life time. I am 84 years, and my wife will be 82 in November. We will celebrate 62 years of marriage." Frank and Marjorie have four grandchildren who all have bachelor degrees. 1033 Featherwood Ave, Henderson NV 89015

V. Glen Hamby, AA '45 went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, while at home following a lengthy illness. Glen was born in Guymon, Oklahoma, February 20, 1926, the sixth son and tenth child of Charles Judson and Minnie Mae Ferguson Hamby. In 1935, the family moved from the Dust Bowl to Vernon County, Missouri. Here Glen graduated from El Dorado Springs High School in 1943 and entered Southwest Baptist College that fall. After two years of college, he enlisted in the U.S. army and served in the European theater assigned to the Third Army Literacy Training School, Oberammergau, as an instructor and principal. Glen was discharged in January 1947. He returned home and later that same year married Betty Jean Kyle, a marriage that lasted 58 years and 11 months until Glen passed away. Glen graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1949. He earned a master's degree plus additional credit from Central Missouri State University. He retired as principal of Smith Hale Junior High School in 1985 with a total of 30 years of service in the Hickman Mills School District. Glen was a member and deacon of First Baptist Raytown. He was also an ordained minister. He served as Raytown city treasurer.

Thelma (Brewer) Brovont, AA '48 passed away on January 3, 2006. She had worked as bookkeeper and tax preparer for several years. She was devoted to her family and to her church. She served as secretary and treasurer at FBC, St. Robert, Mo., as long as she was able. Thelma is survived by 2 daughters, 2 sisters, and many other relatives and friends.

Margaret E. (Whitner) Farmer, AE '48 passed away on August 20, 2006. Her husband, Emery O. Farmer, preceded her in death on November 17, 2000. She has two surviving daughters, Martha (Bill) Repsel and Elizabeth (Daniel) Holmes, and one grandson, Matthew Repsel.

1950s

Marianne (Flood) Dietz, '50 died October 2005 in Montclair, CA leaving one son, Rick Dietz.

Dean Durbin, AS '51 and his wife Geri were honored by the North American Mission board with the 2006 distinguished service award for distinguished volunteer ministry as CA Off Site Disaster Relief Coordinators. Dean and Geri also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. 2443 Perch Dr, Willits, CA 95490
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Gloria (Laffoon) McCarty, AA '51 died August 7, 2006 at Jacksonville, Fla. She was married to Doran McCarty, AA '50. They had four daughters, Gaye, Rise, Marletta and Beth. They lived in St. Augustine the last eleven years.



Wayne Hutchins, AA '52 and his wife, Diana, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Ruth (Harris) Cantrell, AA '55 recently moved to Lee's Summit, Mo. She retired in 2000 from teaching third grade after 30 years of teaching. 1532 NE Amanda Lane, Lee's Summit, MO 64086
rtrell@sbcglobal.net

Erica (Tackeberry) Jennings, AA '56 and husband **Elvin Jennings, AA '55** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 19, 2006. They have ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Elvin and Erica love living in sunny Southern California. 24600

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Camilla (Rees) Anderson, AA '59 has just returned from South Africa where she spoke for a Women's Conference. She keeps busy speaking/singing for women's retreats, seminars, church meetings, etc. Camilla has written two Bible Studies, "God's Plan for the Family" and "Christian Parenting." She has also written two books, "The Other Side of Nice" and "Choices." She has six children and nine grandchildren with two on the way. PO Box 26658, Colorado Springs, CO
camillaa39@yahoo.com

Veronica (Griggs) Thomas, '59 has three children. She just became a great-grandma. Veronica is looking for former friends and classmates and would love to get in touch. Remember eating donuts and blowing up lab? 4009 Dakota Ln, Joplin, MO 64804 kttonedid@sofnet.com

1960s

James Gwinn, AA '61 and wife, **Martha (Hudson) AA '61**, are retired and would love to hear from friends. 6002 Crestford Park Lane, Houston, TX 77084
gwinnfam@aol.com

Keith Farmer, AA '61 is not retired from the Sekan Printing Co. His number one hobby is amateur radio. He can be heard on WBOQDE. Keith still works part-time at Sekan Printing. He also enjoys cooking and the outdoors. 1581 205th St, Fort Scott, KS 66701
rmkfarmer@terraworld.net

Donald Spalding, AA '63 is president of Spalding Enterprises, a consulting, education and training organization for Sub-Acute and Long-Term Care. His wife Charlotte is a Family Specialist for the hospital. Donald and Charlotte have two children, Robert, 33, and Michelle, 31. 4094 Mallard Dr, Melbourne, FL 32934
dspalding2@cfl.rr.com

Verlena (Poe) Dillon, AA '64 received a life-saving kidney transplant from her son Derrick Dillon '94 on April 11, 2006. The surgery was done at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Both Verlena and Derrick are at home in Rolla, Mo. recovering nicely from surgeries. 1867 Longview Lane, Rolla, MO 65401
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Billy Windes, BA '67 retired in April after 33 years as Media Specialist for the Mid-Continent Public Library system. Billy has two children, Patrick, 35, and Jason, 33. 12700 East 37th Terrace Ct S, Independence, MO 64055
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Ronnie Lowry, BA '68 retired as a minister. He still writes poetry and works at www.poetryvista.com/2627 and at divineintentions-blogs.com. 1433 Ingleside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205
ronnie_lowry@yahoo.com

Robert Dasal, BA '68, former publisher and editor-in-chief of Pulpit Helps Magazine, has joined the WORDsearch Corporation as Vice-President of its Wordsearchmedia.com unit. Robert has been publisher of Pulpit Helps Magazine, a ministry of AMG International, since 1997. He also served as Vice-President of Production and Managing Editor of Christian Computing Magazine after having served 24 years as Senior Pastor of three Baptist churches in Missouri. 7847 Stillwater Circle, Ooltewah, TN 37363 bdasal@comcast.net

1970s

Perry Wolfe, BA '70 received Doctorate of Ministry from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May of 2006. 559 N Madison, Lebanon, MO 65536 lba@llion.org

Randall Vernon, BS '70 and wife **Linda (Dinkela), BA '70** currently reside in San Antonio, Texas. Randall

teaches history, coach's football and cross-country and assists coaching baseball at Warren High School in San Antonio. Linda, who has been teaching for 30 years, retired from teaching English/Theater for 28 years in Missouri. She is currently teaching at John Jay High School in San Antonio. Randall and Linda love to travel. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. The couple would love to hear from SBU friends. 9714 Shelbys Run, San Antonio, TX 78251
rvernon@satx.rr.com

Deanna Susan Evans, BA '71 daughter of Bill and Glenda Stewart Carlini, was born August 13, 1949 in Selma, Ala. and departed this life May 29, 2006 at the age of 56 years. On August 7, 1971 she was united in marriage with Terry Lynn Evans and to this union was born two children. She accepted Christ at an early age and at the time of her death was a member of the First Baptist Church in Richland, where she also taught Vacation Bible School. Deanna graduated in 1967 from Nevada High School. She attended Central Missouri State University from 1967-1968. She graduated from Southwest Baptist University in 1971, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. She later attended University of Missouri at Columbia, graduating with a Masters Degree in Reading in 1976. Deanna taught Third Grade in Newburg from 1971-1977. In 1981 she taught first grade for six years and Kindergarten for 19 years at Richland Elementary School, retiring in May of 2006. She was a member of Delta Kappa Sorority for many years. She enjoyed going to yard sales and traveling from state to state with her mother. She also enjoyed baking, reading, working in her flower garden, eating out and spending time with her family and friends, especially her children and grandchildren.

Beverly McClellan, BA '71 is working as a full time guidance counselor and loving every moment. She enjoys playing "grandmother" to her 3-year-old

niece, Maddie, and is anxiously awaiting the birth of Maddie's sister, Anna Lea. 267 Cedarwood Sub Rd, Uvalda, GA 30473
bmcclellan@tattall.k12.ga.us

Deloris (Morris) Berry, BA '71 and husband Mike have moved to Branson West, Mo. where they have opened the Anchor Inn on the Lake, Bed and Breakfast, on Table Rock Lake. 100 Hurtville Ln, Branson West, MO 65737
mikeanddeeberry@cebridge.net

Bill Kahler, BA '74 retired as director of a substance abuse prevention program in January of 2006 where he served 14 years. He was then called to Narcissa Baptist Church, on July 23, to be a part-time pastor. He and his wife Davene have two children, Tim, 33, and Tammie, 26, and one grandson, Tyler, 15. 17400 S Hwy 125, Fairland, OK 74343
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Sandra Fortner, BA '76 is currently teaching elementary music. This will be her 28th year of teaching. She has two daughters, Jill and Leah, who are both attending college.
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Steve Easterwood, BA '76 and his wife Cheryl have three children: Jon, 26, Jeff, 24, and Jarrod, 22. Steve invites friends and alumni to visit his website at www.steveeasterwoodart.com. 1404 Tucks Inn Court, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367
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Michael Miller, BS '76 is teaching math at Galesburg high school and Carl Sandburg College. He is also pastor at Trinity Baptist in Galva. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children, Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Michael. Patricia is the Librarian for District 205. Michael and Patricia would love to hear from old friends. 1665 W North, Galesburg, IL 61401
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Lynnette Barger, BA '77 is a Family

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Donita (Hampton) Spurgeon, BA '77, wife of **Dr. Jim Spurgeon, BA '77**, graduated with a master of Education from the University of Texas at Tyler. 257 Crestview Ln, Jacksonville, TX 75766

Glen Golden, BA '78 and wife **Juanita (Lowry), BS '78** are currently living at 10 Myrl Dr, Iberia, MO 65486. Glen has been pastor at First Baptist Church in Iberia for eight years.
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Gary Gilmore, BA '79 recently resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Mo. He is being mobilized for a year to Fort Leonard Wood to support Guard and Reserve soldiers transitioning to and from theater. 600 S Hickory St, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

Terri (Carter) Perrigo, '79 is NO Financial Aid Director for Bryan College. Her husband, Gilbert, works for JB Hunt Trucking. The couple has five children: Chris, Marita, Rochelle, Paul, and Cortney. 3722 S Colgate, Springfield, MO 65807
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Steve Tucker, AA '79 and his wife **Susan (Burger), BA '79** have two sons, Seth, 18, and Sheldon, 16. Seth entered SBU as a freshman during the Fall 2006 semester. Thirty years ago to the week, Steve and Susan also walked onto SBU's campus and met each other. "We are thrilled that God has led our son, Seth to attend SBU! We are confident that he is in an atmosphere that will continue to challenge him and provide many opportunities both spiritually and academically. We couldn't feel any better about his decision to attend SBU." Steven and Susan have lived in the Bentonville/Bella Vista, Arkansas community for 22 years. They lead marriage and family

seminars at local churches across the United States. They reside in Bella Vista, Arkansas with their son Sheldon, a junior at Bentonville High School. 23 Dunsford Dr, Bella Vista, AR 72714
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1980s

Allen Staley, BA '80 is an Army Chaplain at 121st General Hospital in Seoul, South Korea.
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Mike Hibbard, BA '81 started preaching at First Baptist Henrietta as the senior pastor in April of 2006. 9935 Coyote Lane, Richmond, MO 64085
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Carol (Baker) Goff, BS '81 has a new job as Senior Secretary in the Women's Leadership Institute under the Enrollment Management Division. She would love to hear from old classmates and friends. 23 Hawthorne Dr, Rolla, MO 65401
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Roger Hicks, BA '82 died in an electrical accident two years ago. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and children, Jenny, 29, Rachel, 23, Glorya, 21, Andrew, 19, and Jeremiah, 15. Sarah and her sons are taking care of the family farm. Roger and Sarah had been in the pastorate for almost 24 years.

Beth (Johnson) McCutcheon, BS '82 is a Workforce Development Specialist. Her husband Jeff is a county manager for Pemiscot and Dunklin County Family Support Division. They have one daughter, Jill, who is six years old. 313 Missouri St, Steele, MO 63877
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Douglas Rawdon, BA '83 and wife Rachel would greatly appreciate prayers as they share the message of Christ in Taiwan.

Marsha Powell, BM '84 obtained a Master of Aeronautical Science in Aviation

Aerospace Operations/Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She has been working at the Federal Aviation Administration for the last 15 years. 7908 Inverton Road, Unit #302, Annandale, VA 22003 beapepper@erols.com

Sharon (Dowell) Kramer, BA '85 has been a licensed professional counselor for nine years with a private practice specializing in adolescent issues. She recently began part time work at Children's Advocacy Center of Greater St. Louis. She and her husband Jerry have one son, Jordan, age nine. skramer816@pngusa.net

Huston (Hugh) McComb, BS '85, is currently a counselor at Sagemont Church in Houston, Texas. Huston's focus is men's ministry, sexual addiction and abuse, and married couples. He is currently attending Southwestern to pursue a religious education degree. Huston and his wife, Debbie, have two children. 3901 Cedarwood, Pearland, TX 77584 or at their email address hdlmmcc@sbcglobal.net

Alan Locke, BS '86, his wife Beth and their children Melissa and Benjamin are Southern Baptist missionaries to South Africa. They are living in Great Bend, Kan. during their stateside assignment. The family plans to return to Johannesburg, South Africa in January 2007. A graduate of Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Alan has also served as pastor in Hoisington and Kiowa, Kan.

Brian Berry, '87 and wife Joanne Sem were married on October 11, 2004. They recently bought a home in southern New Hampshire. The couple would love to hear from old friends and alumni. 10 White St, Litchfield, NH 03052
bfgb1081@yahoo.com

Gerry (Penaloza) Notestein, AA '92 and husband Brian would love to hear from old friends and college alumni. 18914 "D" St, Omaha, NE 68130
bgnotestein@cox.net

Keith Wofford, BA '88 and wife **Wendy (Leeson), BS '89** have two children, Shelby 14 and Ryan six. Keith is currently on stateside assignment through January 7, 2007 while serving as Strategy Coordinator in Kharkov, Ukraine. 513 Oak Hill Rd; Carthage, MO 64836
keithandwendy@pobox.com

Robert Floyd, '89 relocated to Indiana after having lived in Houston, Texas, since 1989. Robert has three children, Abby, 13, Hayden, 10, and Robyn, 9.
frapster@yahoo.com

Sherry (Wootton) Holliday, BS '89 and husband Doug have two children, Sarah, 12, and Jared nine. Doug farms while Sherry substitute teaches in her county. All are very active in their church, FBC of Petersburg. Sherry would love to hear from former classmates and friends. 25009 Sweetwater Ave, Greenview, IL 62642

Rodney Gilmore, BA '89 is currently a Rehabilitation Specialist working with the mentally disabled. He is very active in his local church teaching and is currently enrolled in Amberton University pursuing his MA in professional counseling. 6429 Wildwoo Cir Apt 202, Fort Worth, TX 76132 rodney_g@charter.net

Terri (Cox) Fallin, BS '89, has recently moved to Nevada, Mo. as the Director of Development for Cottey College. She lives with her 3-year old son, Emerson. 703 South Main, Nevada, MO 64772 bearcatprof@yahoo.com

1990s

Maurice Rankins, BS '90 and wife Chelsea have three children: Andrew, 17, Janden seven, and Maurice Jr. five. 11651, Apt 2001 Norbourne, Cincinnati, OH 45240 Rankins.Maurice@jobcorps.org

Lester Baker, BS '90 and wife Melinda have three children, Ashli, 17,

Ashton, 15, and Madyson, 10. Lester is currently employed with JP Morgan Chase in Springfield, Mo. He is also a part-time sales representative for Rogers Athletic Company. Lester and his family enjoyed watching his daughter, Ashli, and Hillcrest High School girls basketball defeat Parkview High School in the sectional championship game at SBU. 2521 W Blackburn Dr, Springfield, MO 65807
shakenbake09@sbcglobal.net

Roma Martin, '90: "Calling all Peanuts! In August of 1987 a group of strangers met (yes, some of them stranger than others). I would love to plan a reunion at the 2007 Homecoming. Please email me at Myroma66@yahoo.com or phone me at (660) 624-ROMA (7662). It has been awhile since some of us have seen each other and wouldn't it be great to see just who looks the oldest. (No comments, please). Who knows what surprises await us? Questions will be answered, like can a Dog and Bird still be friends? And will Lucy ever give up the football? To find out the answers you must get in touch.

Gretchen Mudoga, BS '91 changed careers after ten years in the Housing Industry for a more relaxed life as a Social worker. She would love to hear from old friends and acquaintances. 1224 S Frankfort Ave #3, Tulsa, OK 74210
mwafrika68@yahoo.com

Machon Joiner, '91 and wife **Karla (Beyes), '93** have two children, Krystal, 15, and Kourtney, 11. Machon is a brand new pastor. bigrev72@sbcglobal.net

Jeff Leffew, BS '91 and wife Karen have four daughters, Gabrielle, 10, Kylee eight, Annika six, and Tessa four. Jeff has his own business, Servant HR, while Karen is a busy stay-at-home mom. 10981 Rutgers Lane, Fishers, IN 46038
jeff.leffew@sbcglobal.net

Ricardo Arriaga, BS '92 and wife **Shellie (Holt), BA '92** recently moved to

Raytown, MO. Ricardo currently works for the Department of Homeland Security. He works as a federal officer who investigates and makes determination in regards to immigration and nationality news. Shellie works for the Mental Health Association as the Director of Mental Health Promotion, a NMHA Campaign for America's Mental Health Director and the NIMH Missouri Liaison. She recently received a grant to provide depression education within the faith-based communities of the Kansas City Metro area. The couple has one son, Samuel Eliseo, who is five years old. 10709 E 83rd Terrace, Raytown, MO 64138
rarriaga@swbell.net

Traci (Cox) Kincaid, BM '92 is a stay at home mom and has opened a music studio teaching private voice and piano lessons part-time. She and her husband Corey have two children, Olivia Page two and Jackson Thomas one. 8621 NE 112th Ter, Kansas City, MO 64157
tkincaid1@kc.rr.com

Paula (Pulley) Hubbert, MS '92 and husband Steve have recently joined the sales staff of Hutcheson-Coker Real Estate, Bolivar's oldest, most respected real estate company. In their first year in real estate, their sales exceeded \$4 million. They have two children, Francis, 7, and John, 5. 2241 W Austin Dr, Bolivar, MO 65613
paula@steveandpaula.net

David William McKinley, BA '92 received the Master of Theology for Westminster Theological Seminary at the school's 77th Commencement on May 25, 2006. He and his wife Linda have two children. 37 E 7th St, Lansdale, PA 19446

David Martin, BA '93 and wife **Penni (Aaron) Martin, BA '93** relocated to the St. Louis area after living in Branson for six exciting years. David serves as Minister to Students at Fee Fee Baptist Church. Penni has returned to full-time teaching after staying home or working part time for the last eight years. She teaches

math at Ritenour High School. David and Penni have four children, Meghan, 11, Mallory, 8, Seth, 7, and Sophia, 2. Their family lives close to Lambert airport and would love to hear from old friends.
bransonrhino@yahoo.com

Phillip A. Schenewerk, BAS '93 passed away May 31, 2006. He served as the pastor of the Asbury Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Mount Leonard, Mo. He also served as a chaplain for the Lewis County jail in Chehalis, Wash. He is survived by his wife Dawn and two daughters Rachel and Rebecca.

Eric Washington BS '93, is currently on staff at the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are the proud parents of 10 mo. old Darian Izaya, a finalist for the Parenting Magazine, Baby of the Year Contest.

Dana (Creech) Miller, BS '93 has been working at Boyce Centennial Library (SBTS) in Louisville, Ky., for four years. Her husband Nathaniel just started a new job as an analyst for the U.S. Census Bureau working on the 2007 economic census. Nathaniel and Dana have two children, Gabriel, 12, and Cosette, 10. The couple would love to hear from old friends and classmates. 4315 Arwine Ct, Louisville, KY 40215 or by email
danersue@fastmail.fm

Tanya (DeVaney) Berg, BS '96 teaches second grade at Grace Baptist Academy in Kankakee, Ill. Her husband, Tim, teaches fourth grade at the same school. The couple recently moved to Kankakee. They have two children, Levi, 5, and Anna, 2. 194 S Froser, Kankakee, IL 60901

Matt Clingan, BA '96 and wife **Jill, BS '96** recently moved to the Wichita, Kan., area. Matt is a computer programmer and Jill is a freelance writer/editor. 211 Columbia, Augusta, KS 67010
jillclingan@gmail.com

Michael Summers, BA '96 is currently a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He will complete his master of Divinity degree in May of 2007. 5612 James Ave #111-B, Ft. Worth, TX 76134
michaeljs@sbcglobal.net

Angela Hodges, BS '97 married Eric Henry in September of 2005. The couple lives in Anchorage, AK. 728 Lane, Anchorage, AK 99508
angelahenry2005@yahoo.com

Michael Kinney, BS '97 is working as a sports writer covering the University of Oklahoma.

Kari Glenn, AS '97 is working as a Pediatric Cardiology nurse at the Children's Hospital of Medical University of South Carolina. 8560 Bentwood Dr, North Charleston, SC 29406
kariglenn5@hotmail.com

Jason McGuire, BS '97 has recently been promoted to Store Manager in Starbucks. He is going to open a store in Pinnacle Hills in Rogers, Ark. 1005 S 25th Place, Rogers, AR 72758
heartlandjason@hotmail.com

Bo Holman, MS '98 recently opened a private clinic in Demopolis named Genesis Rehab. His wife, Kristi, stays at home with their two children, Josie, 5, and Ellie, 2. She will begin home schooling Josie this fall. 1307 Phillips Dr., Demopolis, AL 36732
genesishrehab@bellsouth.net

Jacob Jenkins '99, is the president of Relevant Ministries and has recently authored a book called, "Buried Alive: A Discussion on Overcoming the 'Seven Lifeless Sins'." 44 Daffodil, Benton, AR 72019, jjacobjenkins@yahoo.com

2000s

Scott Skinner, BS '00 is currently employed full time as a Scott County, Mo., deputy sheriff and was recently assigned to the patrol division.

jonathan_s_skinner@yahoo.com

Lindsey (Wiley) Flanders, BS '00 is teaching first grade in St. Peters, Mo. Her husband, Mikel, is the Connections Pastor at Element Church in Chesterfield, Mo. 16641 Wild Horse Creek Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63305 smileywiley2@hotmail.com

Melissa (Irvin) McClendon, BS '00 and husband Michael are currently living in Okinawa, Japan as Mike bravely serves the United States flying CH-46 helicopters for the USMC. Melissa and Michael have two children, Jady, 3, and Isabella, 1. PSC 556 Box 737, FPO, AP 96386 meljmac@earthlink.net

Angela Scheets, BS '01 married Chad Lisle in June of 2006. Chad is studying at UMR to become a nuclear engineer. Angela is attempting to get into a master's program in counseling for the spring. 103 W 16th St, Rolla, MO 65401 turtlesoap@excite.com

Terra (Stoughton) Bass, BS '01 married Kevin Bass on June 17, 2006 in Charlotte, N.C. She is the proud step-mom of three children, Stephanie, 13, Seth, 11, and Sarah, 9. Terra is a 7th grade language arts teacher and is pursuing a master's degree through UNC in teaching English as a second language. 4527 Keeneland Lane, Charlotte, NC 28216 terrastoughton@hotmail.com

Kelli (Fulton) Garrett, BS '01 and husband Jason have an opportunity to minister to college students. Jason is teaching Marketing and Sales at Bradley University in the Foster College of Business. 5802 W Charleston Ct, Peoria, IL 61607 kelligarrett@yahoo.com

Nicholas Haines, BA '01 graduated from the US Army Chaplain Officer Basic Course on September 8, 2006. He is pursuing Chaplain ministry in the US Army as a First Lieutenant. 7815 N Holly St, #14, Kansas City, MO 64118 Nicholas_haines338@yahoo.com



Brianna (Danback) Joseph, BA '02 and her husband Christopher are currently working in Senegal, West Africa with WEC International. They are working as dorm parents to missionary kids whose parents are bringing the Gospel to Northwest Africa. Besides the eleven children that they "parent" during school terms, they have two children of their own, Bodyn, 3, and Sadie, 1.

bcscad@sentoo.sn ("Joseph" subject line)

Cindy (Hartwick) Abney, BS '02 graduated from Valparaiso University in August 2006 with a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She has accepted a position at Valparaiso University as Coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and also as staff therapist at the Student Counseling and Development Center.

Sharon Copeland, BS/MPT '02/'04 works as a physical therapist with Sports Rehab & Physical Therapy in Overland Park, Kan. She is also a tri-athlete (swimming, biking, running) and placed first in her age division in August in the Jackson County, Missouri triathlon. 7214 W 115th St, Apt 706, Overland Park, KS 66210 Sharoncplnd@yahoo.com

Sarah Thompson, BS '04 began teaching first grade at Crossroads Christian Academy in Panama just after graduating. The following school year she looped with the same kids and taught second grade, which she will continue teaching during the 2006-2007 school year. saralou2@hotmail.com

Robert Gaskin, BS '04 accepted a job with the Residence Life Department at the prestigious Interlochen Center for the Arts. gaskinrw@interlochen.org

Jennifer Beyer, BS '04 graduated in May of 2006 from the University of Nebraska with a Masters in Statistics. She accepted a position as a biostatistician with Wake Forest University School of Medicine's division of public health sciences in the department of biostatistical sciences. 1320 Morgan Way, Apt 303, Winston-Salem, NC 27127 beyer27@hotmail.com

Belinda Bell, BA '04 is currently attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is pursuing a master's degree in Christian Education with a concentration in Communications. Belinda would like to do Radio and Television Ministry in Indonesia where she did her semester abroad with SBU as an Intercultural Major. PO Box 22635, Ft. Worth, TX 76122 belindabell@stlouis-cardinals.net

Michael H. Heller, MS '06 is teaching at Branson Elementary. 1293 Acacia Club Road, Hollister, MO 65672 hellerm@branson.k12.mo.us

Mark A. Hall, MS '06 teaching 5th grade mathematics in Blue Springs School District. 2409 Whispering Creek Ct., Blue Springs, MO 64015 mhall61@comcash.net

Marriages

John Long, BA '76 married Judy in May of 2006. John just began a new position with ResCare of Iowa in April 2006. Judy is a Community Support Specialist. 1508 4th Ave, Belle Plaine, IA 52208 racer11w@yahoo.com

Archie Micael, BA '77 married Mary Knapp in July 2005. Archie is beginning his 21st year at Excelsior Springs Middle School teaching 8th grade Social Studies and coaching men's and women's tennis. 610 Linda Ct, Liberty, MO 64068



Tonja Wells, BA '81 married Wayne Beisel on April 21, 2006 at Panama City Beach, Fla. Tonja is an herbalist and is currently working on a Naturopathic Doctors degree. Wayne is a pharmacist and works as a Pharmaceutical Consultant for a large health insurance company. 6821 Parkwood Dr, NRH, TX 76180 tonjawells@aol.com

Tricia Wilson, BS '95 married Tom Redinger on June 24, 2006. They are planning a trip to Maui for their honeymoon this fall. 1501 E Salisbury Rd, Independence, MO 64050 ClingToTheLord@Comcast.net

Jeannine Ross, BS/MS '97/'99 married Bryan Buttress on June 4, 2005. Jeannine is teaching 7-12 girls at Summersville RII. She is also coaching

elementary volleyball and junior high softball. Bryan is a veterinarian and works with Taylor Bet Clinic in Houston, Mo. 4990 Bennett Road, Houston, MO 65483 jButtress15@yahoo.com

Stacy Batson, BS '97 recently married Frederick Romaine Jr. on July 29, 2006 in Mt. Vernon, Mo. Stacy currently is a special education process coordinator in the Bolivar R-1 district. 2548 N Meadowlake Dr, Springfield, MO 65802 batson12@yahoo.com



Amy Perry, BS '97 married Stephen Hobson on August 13, 2005. They currently reside in Denver, Colo. and both are employed with Doulos Ministries, Inc. Amy is also working as the women's discipleship director for the LeadTime program.

Angela Bordelon, '98 married Elias Tackabery in May 2006. Angela is a make-up artist.

Brad Gillespie ASN/BSN, '99/'03 married his wife, Sarah, in December of 2005. Brad works as a flight nurse for St. John's Life Line and is a Clinical instructor at St. John's College of Nursing at SBU in Springfield, Mo. 4044 W Linwood, Springfield, MO 65807 bmgoufan@msn.com

Amy Gibbs, BA '00 was married to Scott Spears on March 18, 2006. Amy is



employed at McCluer North High School. 9649 Chancelorsville Dr, St. Louis, MO 63126 agibbs1978@yahoo.com

Sarah (Mercer), BA '01 married Josh Ballard on November 27, 2004 in Columbia, Ill. Josh owns his own concrete company and Sarah is employed by the Dept. of Social Services/Children's Division. 1700 Autumn Drive, Columbia, Ill, 62236 sjmercer01@hotmail.com

Rebecca Carson, BM '01 married Coty Shipe on January 1, 2006. They currently reside in Ventura, Calif., and are both employed with the Continental Singers.

Sarah (Patterson), BS '01 married Ryan Warner on August 5, 2006. The couple will complete New Tribes Mission training in December. They plan to begin tribal translation work in Indonesia in January of 2008. 8425 Evanston Ave, Raytown, MO 64138 sarahpat21@juno.com

Courtney (Bade) Gras, BS '02 married Dan Gras on April 15, 2006. The new couple lives in Shawnee, Kan., except during summers when they are at one of the Youth Front camps. cgras@youthfront.com

Andrew Keller, BA '02 and Erin Nothum were married on July 29, 2006. They moved to Liverpool, UK where

Andrew is studying Acting in the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts' Postgraduate Diploma/MA program. 109 Cambridge Ct, Flat E42, Liverpool, UK L7 7AG
arbandman@excite.com

Brian Walker, BS '02 married Amanda Oliveros on June 10, 2006. Brian is working as a Deputy Sheriff for Tulsa County in Tulsa, Okla. 1308 Miller Drive, Claremore, OK 74017
bw229882@yahoo.com

Terrie Parsley, BS '02 married Brian Reno on September 24, 2005. 659 W Grayrock Dr, Springfield, MO 65810
tparsley2@hotmail.com

Chad Wright, BS '03 married **April Spore, MS '03** on April 29, 2006. Chad graduated from Penn Valley School of Para-medicine in December 2005 and is currently employed by the City of Belton, Mo., as a Firefighter/Paramedic. April is a Physical Therapist working at the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City. 108 N Huntsman, Raymore, MO 64083
cwramsbu@yahoo.com

Eric Wheeler, BS '04 married Leslie Vink on June 17, 2006 in Kansas City. Eric works at the Treasury Management Officer for UMB Bank and Leslie works as a Early Childhood Education Teacher for Blue Valley School District. 1823 S Stagecoach Dr, Olathe, KS 66062
ewheels@hotmail.com

Jennifer Morris, BA '05 married Nick LaBruzzo on June 10, 2006. Jennifer works at Planet Fitness as a Sales Representative and actress. Nick is a manager of AMC Independence. 10213 W 81st Terr, Apt 144, Overland Park, KS 66204
jenlabruzzo@hotmail.com

Pamela (Bryson) Foster, BS '05 married Michael Foster on July 15, 2006. Pamela is now teaching at a new position at Hollister High School. 1046 W Spring Dr #102, Ozark, MO 65721
mpplfoster@yahoo.com

Future Bearcats

Denise (Staten) Searcy, AS '85 and James Searcy would like to announce the birth of Dalton Wyatt who was born on November 13, 2005. He weighed 4lbs and 7oz. Denise is the Postmaster at Louisburg, Mo. 185 Steelman Rd, Buffalo, MO 65622

James Cowan, BA '87 and wife **Sandra (Brown), BS '88** would like to announce the birth of Raegan Grace on September 6, 2005. She is welcomed by older sister Rebekah, 9, James, 7, and Rachel, 5. 364 Misty Valley Dr, St. Peters, MO 63376
junebugkiller2@juno.com

Deron Cobb, BA '89 and wife Bonita have just adopted Joseph Chang Cobb from South Korea. Joseph joins big brother Joshua and sister Joanna. Deron also recently graduated from Covington Seminary with a Doctorate of Theology. 3916 South Lake Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37920
dcobb@mobcknox.org

Jamie (Cox) Robertson, BA '91 and husband Dr. Christopher Robertson welcomed their daughter Sophia Jennell into the world on June 24, 2006. She was born in Palo Alto, Calif. The Robertson's live in Cambridge, Mass.

Kristi (Nance) Crafton, BA '92 and husband Matt would like to announce the birth of their son, Bennett Robert, on August 16, 2005. Bennett is joined by big sisters, Anne Elise, 10, Sophie, 8, and Maggie, 3. 1210 W Sumac St, Rogers, AR 72756
mkcraft@sbcglobal.net

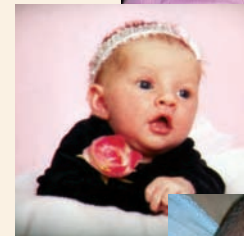
Jeff Brown, BS '92 and his wife **Carolynne (Hitter) Brown, BM '92** announce the birth of their son, Grant Fieldon, who was born August 31, 2006. Grant comes from a long line of Bearcats including his grandmothers, **Nancy (Howe) Hitter, AA '57** of San Juan Capistrano, CA and **Gretchen (O'Dell)**



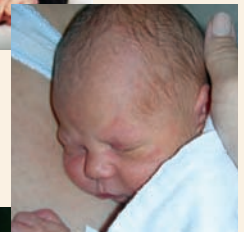
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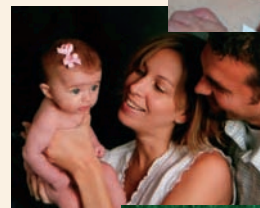
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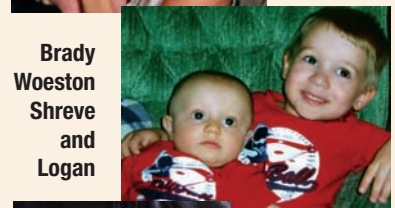
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Pearson



Grant
Fieldon
Brown



Ellie Rose
Hawkins
(w/ Tarah
& Paul)



Brady
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Logan



Lucie
Grace
Guthrie



Jack
Kilpatrick
Roberts



**Nathan
Christopher
Snell**

**Davis
James Dill
with his
sisters**



**Faith
Nicole
Klindworth**

**Bailey
Ruth
Cheezum
and Fletcher**



**Jayna
Emmaleigh
Williamson**

**Kirsten
Grace
Higley**



**Raef
Alan
Kurbin**

**Naomi
Grace
Tanaka**



Brown, AA '62 of Lebanon, MO.
pitcherandhitter@rcn.com

Greg Dixon, BME '92 and wife Lorrie would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ruth Elise, on August 10, 2006. She joins big sisters Hannah, 9, and Chloe, 2. Greg is a worship pastor for Legacy Baptist Church of Northwest Arkansas, a new church plant currently meeting in Lowell, Ark. 1300 N Cardinal Dr, Rogers, AR 72756 greg@lbcofnwa.com

John Mulvany, BA '93 and wife Linda would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Rose Enid, who was born on May 31, 2006. She weighed 5lbs and was 18 inches long. PO Box 129, Roscommon, MI 48653

Christi (Smith) Parker, BS '93 and husband Blaine would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kamryn Grace, born on July 15, 2006. Kamryn is welcomed by Kaia, 4, and Kaci, 3. 200 Bertie Day Road, Forsyth, MO 65653
bcparker@netzero.com

Matthew Keathley, BS '94 and wife Sonja would like to announce the birth of their son, Landon. Landon is welcomed by big brothers Benjamin and Marcus. Matthew is an Associate Pastor at Main St Baptist Church. 86 N. Dade 125, Greenfield, MO 65661

Laura (Zelle) Shreve, BA '95 and husband Wade would like to announce the birth of their son, Brady Woeston, on December 4, 2005. He joins big brother, Logan Wade, 2. Laura stays at home and does Homebound Teaching part of the time. Wade teaches for the Fox C-6 school district. 1428 Apple Ridge Ct., Arnold, MO 63010 wshreve@juno.com

Mark Rideout, BS '95 and wife Genevieve would like to announce the birth of their first baby, Sydney Anne, who was born on June 10, 2006.

Lori (Endraske) Snell, BS '95 and husband Chris would like to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Christopher, who was born on February 22, 2006. He is welcomed by big sisters Natalie, 3, and Lauren, 2. 2422 Sarthe Ct, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
thesnells@peoplepc.com

Tina (Selvin) Dill, BS '95 would like to announce the birth of Davis James on October 5, 2005. He joins sisters Maggie, 6, Emma, 4 and Cora 2. 1258 Castlewood Circle, DeWitt, MI 48820
picklefam@comcast.net

Chris Taylor, BA '96 and **Ruth Ann (Jetton), BS '96** would like to announce the birth of their fifth child, Abigail Elizabeth, who was born on August 9, 2006. She weighed 6 lbs and 15 oz. She joins brothers and sisters Michael, 10, Samuel, 9, Hannah, 7 and Sarah 1. 9107 W 77th Place, Arvada, CO 80005
cmrataylor@iglide.net

Rob Hurtgen, BS '96 and wife **Shawn (White) Hurtgen, BA '96** would like to announce the birth of their third child, Alice Kate, on October 22, 2005. She is joined by big sister Emma, 5, and big brother Westley, 3.

Donald Thompson, MS '96 and wife Betsy would like to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Madison and Meredith, born in February. The twins were welcomed home by big sisters, Ashleigh, 5, and Allyson, 3.5. Donald is beginning his fourth year as an assistant Principal at Alvin High School in Alvin, Texas. 4502 Brookren Ct, Pearland, TX 77584
donaldandbetsy@academicplanet.com

Marc Kurbin, BA '96 and wife **Miranda (May), BS '00 & MS '02** would like to announce the birth of their son, Raef Alan, born on October 20, 2005. Marc is an assistant manager in the admissions office of Grantham University. Miranda is a middle school science teacher

and 8th grade girls' volleyball coach for New Mark Middle School in the North Kansas City school district.

mkurbin@hotmail.com

Jason Eden, BS '97 and wife **Melynda (Campbell), BS '97** would like to announce the birth of their son, Timothy Michael, born on May 28, 2004. Timothy was welcomed home by big sister Emily, 8. The family has recently relocated to the St. Louis area. Jason is now a course developer for VMware, Inc., where he recently received the Practice Development Award. jason.eden@avtnow.com

Beth (Johnson) Tanaka, BA '97 and husband Troy would like to announce the birth of their first child, Naomi Grace, on February 16, 2006. Beth continues to serve as the Director of Preschool Ministries at First Baptist Church in Raytown. 1420 SW 44th St, Lee's Summit, MO 64082 btanaka@firstbaptistraytown.com

Shonda (Dutile), BS '97 and husband **Jon Guthrie, MS '97** would like to announce the birth of their first baby, Lucy Grace. She was 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and 7 pounds 7 ounces and was born on August 27, 2006. Shonda and Jon are both employed at Second Baptist School in Houston, TX. She is a teacher while he is a coach and administrator. shonjon@houston.rr.com

Dusty Jones, BS '97 and wife Jennifer would like to announce the birth of Rosalie Grace born July 7, 2006. She joins big brother Elijah, 3. Dusty is an Assistant Professor in the Mathematics and Statistics Department of Sam Houston State University. 3332 Thornwood Way, Huntsville, TX 77340 dustyandjen@hotmail.com

Mark Roberts, BS '97 and **Amy (Whatley), BS '99** would like to announce the birth of their son, Jack Kilpatrick, on April 17, 2006. Mark and Amy are living in Bolivar. Mark is working for the family business, and Amy is staying

home with Jack. 1293 E Brookside Dr, Bolivar, MO 65613

Lindsey (Burden) Smith, BA '97 and husband Jared would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Maylen Michelle, born on April 12, 2006. She joins her brother Quin, 3. Lindsey is a stay-at-home mom and Jared is a chief surgery resident at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. 7370 E Florida Ave #1010, Denver, CO 80231 linzandjared@aol.com

Delaina (Cox) Ridenour, BM '97 and **Bryan Ridenour, BS '94** would like to announce the birth of their son, Jonah Matthew, who was born on March 4, 2006. He joins brothers Noah, 4, and Nathan, 2. 1407 S 2nd Ave, Ozark, MO 65721 delainajane@yahoo.com

Nichole (Dunstan) Bethards, BS '99 and husband Shilo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Tia Alexis, born on September 6, 2005. She joins daughter, Ashton who is now 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 125 City View Lane, Bonnots Mill, MO 65016 bethardsn@umkc.edu

Paul Hawkins, BS '99 and wife **Tarah (Mela), BS '99** would like to announce the birth of daughter Ellie Rose, on February 8, 2006. Paul is a math teacher and Tarah is a reading specialist. 3503 NE Logwood Ct, Lees Summit, MO 64064 Tarah.Hawkins@leesummit.k12.mo.us

Katie Duncan, BA '99 and husband Shane would like to announce the birth of Madelynn Grace who was born on May 19, 2006 in Bolivar. She was born a year after the death of their first son, Thomas "Riley," who was born with a kidney disorder and died after six weeks. 904 E Colgate, Bolivar, MO 65613 kduncan@yahoo.com

Samantha (Hamilton), BS '99 and husband James Higley would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kirsten Grace, on January 10, 2006.

Samantha works part time for Love Basket adoption agency. 2080 N Preakness Dr, Nixa, MO 65714 samantha@higley.net

Jason Williamson, BS '00 and **Carrie (Fitzwater), BS '00** would like to announce the birth of Jayna Emmaleigh on January 29, 2006. Jason is currently in his 6th year teaching high school physics at Fort Bend Baptist Academy, and Carrie is a senior accountant at Seitel, Inc. 7318 Red River Dr, Richmond, TX 77469 jwilliamson36@houston.rr.com cwilliamson36@houston.rr.com

Stephanie (Noyes) Brotherton, BS '00 and husband **Brad, BS '98** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Windsor Grace, born on August 8, 2006. She joins sister Brynley Haven, 2. Stephanie earned her MS degree in Education Administration from MSU in May of 2006. Brad is employed with BKD. 2960 W Westchester Ct, Springfield, MO 65810 brothertons@hotmail.com

Adam Timberlake, BS '00 and wife **Kodie (Randel), BS '01** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Haven Paris Lisette, born on May 18, 2006. Adam is a Case Manager at Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare in Kansas City, Kan. Kodie is a merchandiser for Jo-Ann Stores in Overland Park.

Terra Kjonegaard, BS '01 and **Chris Schultheis, BS '01** would like to announce the birth of their first baby, Kylan Andrew. He weighed 8lbs 8oz. 10302 E 112th Pl, Bixby, OK 74008 terraek@yahoo.com

Kim (Bredfeldt) Cheezum, BS '01 and husband Jeremy would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Ruth, born on January 11, 2006. She joins big brother Fletcher, 2. Kim stays at home with the kids while Jeremy is an assistant pastor at their church. 123 Murial St, Clinton, MS

Kasha (Katrosh) Klindworth, AAS '01 and husband Joel would like to announce the birth of their first child, Faith Nicole, on May 25, 2006. Kasha is a nurse at The Birth Place in Bolivar. Joel is a Fostercare Case Manager at Boys and Girls Town of Missouri. 2311 E Sharon St, Springfield, MO 65803
KKATROSH11@yahoo.com

Betsy (Nelson) Rucker, BS/MS '02/'03, and husband **Nate, MS '03**, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Abigail, born on September 29, 2005. Betsy teaches high school science in Centralia, Mo. Nate is an assistant cross-country and track coach, as well as an admissions representative. 1643 High Quest Circle, Columbia, MO 65202

Regina (Gabriel) Wooten, BS '03 and husband David would like to announce the birth of their son, Josiah, born on January 12, 2006. The Wooten's are ministering in music and youth at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Regina is in the Counseling Graduate program at Missouri Baptist University. 9409 Harold, St. Louis,

MO 63134 regmeisterb@hotmail.com

Joel Corley, BA '03 and **Megan (Brown) Corley, BS '04** would like to announce the birth of their son, Micah Joel. He joins big brother Jonathan, 2. Joel and Megan are now serving in full-time missions. They credit the experience and knowledge that they gained while at SBU for helping them serve the Lord Jesus while on the field. PO Box 385, Baltic, OH 43804 corleys03@hotmail.com

Hillary (Brenner) Pearson, BS '04 and husband Brian would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Chole Ilene, who was born on April 24, 2006. She weighed 7lbs 2oz. HCR 1 Box 39B, Hermitage, MO 65668
hillary_pearson@hotmail.com

Julie (Worzalla) Bohannon, BS '04, and husband **Josh, BS '04**, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Elise, born on March 31, 2006. Taylor joins her brother Seth who is 20 months old. 720 Cass Rd, Centerton, AR 72719 jbohannon2@gmail.com

Jessie Sawyer B.S. '04 and husband, TJ Sawyer, would like to announce the birth of, Braden Levi, born on May 4, 2006. Braden joins his big brother Daivn Clay. Rt. Box 1743m, Wheatland, MO 65779 jessicasawyer@mailcity.com

In Memory

- Marie (Farrell) Sutton, '39**
- Dorothy (Frazer) Perkins, '40**
- Helen (Bush) Barron, AA '41**
- V. Glen Hamby, AA '45**
- Thelma (Brewer) Brovont, AA '48**
- Margaret E. (Whitner) Farmer, AE '48**
- Marianne (Flood) Dietz, '50**
- Gloria (Laffoon) McCarty, AA '51**
- Deanna Susan Evans, BA '71**
- Roger Hicks, BA '82**
- Phillip A. Schenewerk, BAS '93**

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Encourager of Others

by Dr. Bob R. Derryberry

Senior Professor, Director of SBU Speech and Debate Team



Each year as students receive assistance from the Stephen E. Kulmus Memorial Scholarship, I am privileged to see what a difference a scholarship can make in the lives of developing young speakers. As recipients of the awards plan their academic schedules and anticipate tuition expenses for the coming year, the Kulmus awards help students accomplish their educational dreams and compete as a part of the SBU forensics team. These annual scholarships become even

more meaningful to students when they realize the source of the funds that they are able to receive.

Numerous life events helped prepare Marilyn Kulmus to become an individual known for thinking of others first in the midst of her own challenges. As new graduates of Southwest Baptist College (SWBC) in 1969, Marilyn and her husband Stephen moved to Kansas City, Stephen's hometown. Steve began his career as a photojournalist for the Kansas City Star, and Marilyn began her teaching career in the North Kansas City Public Schools. Eight years later, the Kulmuses experienced a tragedy that brought lasting changes to their young lives. Linda (Kulmus) Cunningham, Marilyn's sister-in-law, recalls that a driver, while high on drugs, slammed into Steve's auto when he was on assignment. The result meant lasting back injuries for Stephen. Despite extensive medical treatment, his health declined, and he was later diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. With Stephen's condition and accompanying disabilities, Marilyn became the primary caretaker of her husband and their adopted son, Shannon. At the same time, Marilyn learned that she was happily expecting a baby daughter whom the couple named Cate. With her increasing responsibilities as mother, family provider, and teacher, Marilyn remained her husband's caregiver until his death in 1996.

In the years following her husband's death, Marilyn continued to grow personally and professionally while also serving others. As she directed students with diverse backgrounds in speech and theatre study and activities, Marilyn inspired many young people with a sense of worth and purpose. Those close to Marilyn remember typical recollections from students such as, "Mrs. Kulmus, do you remember me? You were my speech teacher. I want to thank you for everything I learned in your class. It has been very valuable to me." In recognition of her years of teaching, Marilyn has been named to Outstanding Educators of America, and in 2003, SBU honored

her as a recipient of the Life Service Award. For Marilyn, education has always been a privilege and an opportunity; her exemplary record as a teacher illustrates her love of young students and her commitment to developing talents through speech communication and theatre.

Significantly, giving and receiving the Kulmus scholarships serves as a means of remembering a treasured member of the SBU forensics team. As the director of the early forensics team at SWBC, I remember Stephen's dedication in helping establish our speech and debate program. He was a charter member of the Missouri Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta and a strong competitor in debate and individual events. Fellow SBU competitor, W. B. Tichenor, remembers how Stephen and all members of the early Southwest Baptist speech squad took pride in their accomplishments. Steve wanted, Tichenor notes, for SWBC scholars to not only become better speakers but "ultimately better people." Stephen also treasured his membership as a part of the Pi Kappa Delta alumni. Even as his illness made attending the annual spring banquet a challenge, Stephen, with Marilyn's encouragement, remained faithful in supporting the SBU Pi Kappa Delta Chapter and all aspects of the forensics program. His presence at the banquet was always an inspiration.

Today, the Kulmus awards continue to encourage and inspire young speakers. What began as a single scholarship has now extended to four awards for the coming academic year. With additional gifts to the scholarship fund contributed by Marilyn, the Catherine Kulmus estate, other family members, and matching funds provided by the Boeing Company, the awards now encourage the dreams of several students each year. Often Marilyn reflects upon the joyful reassurance that she has experienced through the establishment of the Kulmus scholarship. She also provides insight for many others while reflecting upon her loss of a decade ago. She notes that flowers given as tokens of friendship and support are so nice; however, she explains, flowers "wither in a few days and die, but investing in another allows the knowledge cycle to continue." Marilyn concludes: "Steve's memorial started as a small sum, but like knowledge, it has grown. The dream of the scholarship has turned into an endowment I never anticipated."

As a speech and debate coach for over four decades, I am filled with gratitude and joy when I see individuals give sacrificially to enrich the lives of students whom they may never meet. Truly, the Kulmus awards will contribute to the lives of growing speakers for many years to come. I am grateful that Marilyn Kulmus, with the support of family and many friends, has chosen to remain an encourager of others.

Dr. Derryberry gratefully acknowledges the use of a nomination presentation for Marilyn Kulmus written by Linda (Kulmus) Cunningham and the assistance of Cindy Rice and Steve Whisler in preparing this manuscript.

2007

Winter / Spring Event Calendar

January 3	8:00 a.m.	Winterfest Begins
January 3		Enrollment/Registration
January 13	7:30 a.m.	Praxis Exam <i>Jester Learning and Performance Center</i>
January 15		Scholars Day
January 20		Winterfest Final Exams
January 22	8:00 a.m.	Spring Classes Begin
January 25-27	7:00 p.m.	SBU Theatre Presents "Molly Sweeney" <i>Davis-Newport Theater</i>
January 27	7:45 a.m.	C-Base Exam <i>Gott Education Center</i>
February 1	7:30 p.m.	Symphonic Winds Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
February 18 & 19		Bearcat Days
March 1-3	7:00 p.m.	SBU Theatre Presents "Merchant of Venice" <i>Davis-Newport Theater</i>
March 3	7:30 a.m.	Praxis Exam <i>Jester Learning and Performance Center</i>
March 6	7:30 p.m.	Music Department Faculty Showcase <i>Meyer Recital Hall</i>
March 9	7:30 p.m.	Opera Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
March 13	7:30 p.m.	Concert Choir Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
March 14	10:00 a.m.	Founder's Day Formal Chapel
March 16		Spring Break Begins at Close of Classes
March 17		Spring Break
March 17	7:45 a.m.	C-Base Exam <i>Gott Education Center</i>
March 26	8:00 a.m.	Classes Resume
March 29	7:30 p.m.	Chorale Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
March 31	9:00 a.m.	Master's Comprehensive Exams
April 3	7:30 p.m.	Orchestra Concert <i>Meyer Recital Hall</i>
April 4	10:00 a.m.	Academic Profile Test for Rising Juniors
April 6		Good Friday – No Classes
April 9		Fast Forward
April 10	7:30 p.m.	Symphonic Winds Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
April 14	7:45 a.m.	ACT National Exam <i>Mabee Chapel</i>
April 18	10:00 a.m.	Major Field Test
April 19	7:30 p.m.	Jazz/Chamber Singers Concert <i>Meyer Recital Hall</i>
April 19-21	7:00 p.m.	SBU Theatre Presents "Waiting for the Parade" <i>Davis-Newport Theater</i>
April 21		Honors Enrollment
April 27-28	7:30 p.m.	Department of Music Showcase <i>Meyer-Recital Hall</i>
April 28	7:30 a.m.	Praxis Exam <i>Jester Learning and Performance Center</i>
May 4	7:30 p.m.	Masterworks Concert <i>Pike Auditorium</i>
May 14		Last Day of Classes
May 15		Final Exams
May 19	10:00 a.m.	Commencement

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BEARCAT DAYS

*Sunday, Feb. 18 and
Monday, Feb. 19, 2007*

Bearcat Days is specifically designed for students who have already applied to SBU. Students will stay with current students in residence halls, attend classes, go to chapel, interact with faculty and staff, and experience campus life.

FAST FORWARD

Monday, April 9, 2007

Fast Forward is especially for high school juniors, to provide them the opportunity to experience academics and spiritual life on campus by meeting with faculty in their area of academic interest, participating in chapel and touring campus.

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