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Many Faces ONE MISSION

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As we begin a new semester at SBU in the aftermath of what will be known in Southwest Missouri as the Ice Storm of 2007, we are all a bit more reflective than usual. Being without electricity, heat, food refrigeration, and/or water for days and days was a humbling experience for those of us used to these twenty-first century comforts, not to mention the indulgences we missed when we also experienced the loss of cell phones, Internet service, and cable television. As my family and I huddled in front of our fireplace in the candlelight, I couldn't help but think of all the places around the world where SBU sends missionaries. How many of these places have never had the comforts of electricity, running water, easily accessible heat and refrigerated food or the advantages of telephone service? Worse yet, how many places around the world have never had a Bible in which to find comfort on their dark and cold days? My family and friends were able to seek comfort from Scriptures and prayer as well as literal comfort in the many shelters set up in area churches. How dark our world literally would be without Christ and His people spreading His compassion and the Good News!

For SBU to succeed in continuing to send out missionaries throughout the world and to prepare all students for the Great Commission responsibilities each Christian faces, we need to be mindful of the needs of our global society. Besides the breadth of a liberal arts education and the depth of study in their chosen academic field, what do students need to be prepared for effectively working in a global society? The bottom-line: Students need the ability to feel compassion for people who do not look or talk like them.

How many times do we see someone different from us and make a rapid judgment about what that person must be like? At SBU, we intentionally seek to welcome many faces – students of different races and of different cultures who are encouraged to invest their time here with one mission in mind:

Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.

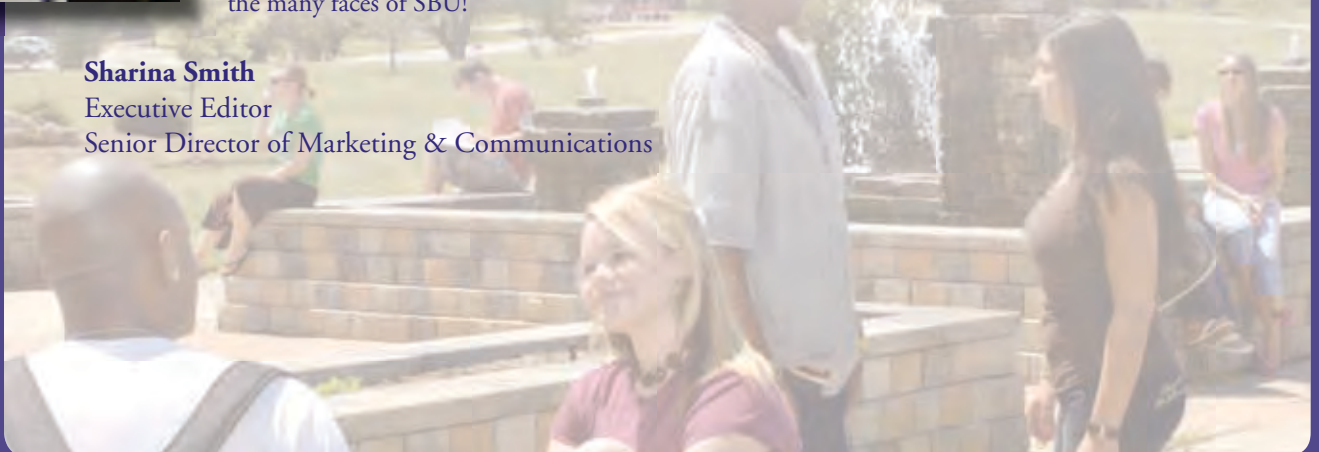
To truly create a caring, academic community for students of many faces, we must continue our efforts to recruit talented students from all walks of life. Students from the city need to learn how to relate to students from the country and vice versa. Students from different races or international cultures need to learn how to relate to students who are different from themselves. In addition, to support students of different faces, we must renew our commitment to recruit more faculty and staff of many faces. Our students of color will have a more difficult time seeing themselves as a scientist, mathematician, poet or business executive if they only see Caucasian scholars in these fields. If a woman only sees men in leadership roles, she will assume that she cannot be a leader. I pray that we will soon see more women in leadership and as many faces of color on our faculty as we see in our student body.

In this issue we feature many SBU faces: some of our international and minority students, our football coaches with a passion to “face the giants” and give minority young men a hand up, our female leadership and female faculty in non-traditional fields, one of our minority faculty members, and two of our faculty and staff members who have lived a “Life Beautiful.” We also feature an alumni couple with a passion for missions and compassion for people of different faiths. Their commitment to the Great Commission can be an inspiration to us all.

As we begin a new semester recovering from the Ice Storm of 2007, we celebrate the global society that is represented by our students, faculty, and staff. We hope you enjoy reading about the many faces of SBU!



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A Dream and a Challenge

As a distinctively Christian university, we must have a genuine Christ-like spirit of warmth, love, openness, and graciousness permeating our campus. We must communicate to people that Jesus Christ is real and at work in this world. We must be intentional in manifesting an atmosphere of warmth and caring, where we treat each individual as a unique child of God. It is my dream that SBU will foster an environment where people can discover their worth and their value as individuals, where minds can grow and personalities emerge, where faith can grow, where hope for mankind is generated and where the name of Jesus Christ is exalted. One of my personal heroes is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I grew up in the 1960s, and I was in Memphis the day Dr. King was assassinated. I was impressed by Dr. King's cause for oppressed people to rise above the discrimination they felt and to answer violence in a non-violent way. I loved Dr. King's ability to speak and walk in a way that influenced people. No doubt, you are familiar with his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech:

*"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."**

My dream for our minority students is that all of them will find a home here at SBU. There are challenges in a rural, predominantly white community to create a climate where minority students can adapt to their new surroundings. Sometimes I think we forget that many of our students are coming to a new culture when they begin their college careers. Campus life is very different from home life and high school. Students from Bolivar may be living with students from New York or South America. Students from California may be living with students from Africa or Asia. Wealthy students might be living with students whose families are poor.

My dream is not only for our minority students to be prepared for a global society but also for our "majority" students to be prepared. We are all God's children in the final hour, and skin color, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cultures won't matter. It is important that we all develop relationships horizontally with each other and vertically with God. If we truly love God, we'll truly love each other. I want an environment here at SBU where it won't matter from where you come or the color of your skin. What matters is your character and your commitment to do the work. I want our students to have an environment that supports them so their personalities can emerge and grow and their talents can develop.

I believe our minority and international students are here to learn about the majority and to teach the majority about their culture. Jesus broke cultural barriers, social barriers and religious barriers. He broke barriers of race, gender and class just in speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well! As we seek to recruit even more minority students and faculty members, I don't want to do it for the sake of artificial numbers. It is my desire for each student to benefit from the SBU experience. I always tell our students there are no free passes in Christian higher education. Minority students should be challenged as much as are the majority students. It is difficult to come to a new culture. My wife, Judy, and I have spent time in China, and that was a very different culture for us. When I encourage a student who feels he/she doesn't fit in at SBU, I challenge them: What have you done to fit in? What have you done to work to fitting in this environment? Who are you and who do you want to become? Who has made you feel badly here? What can we do to make you feel welcome here?

I have a dream for SBU to be a laboratory for life in a global society in which students can explore who they are and who they wish to become. SBU has a caring faculty, administration and staff who will support and encourage students on their journey. The challenge for all of us is to be consistently Christ-like in breaking down barriers to success for all of our students.

C. Pat Taylor
President

**Excerpt taken from www.americanrhetoric.com*

Ice Storm Closes Campus For First Time in 28 Years

A wintry blast struck Bolivar, Springfield, and the surrounding counties with a vengeance the weekend of January 13 & 14. As this issue goes to press, the evidence of the destruction is still all around us as branches are piled high in front of nearly every home in the area hit by the storm. The Bolivar campus is still recovering. Many people were without power for weeks. Many homes are still unlivable after suffering damage from falling trees and other ice-related issues. When President C. Pat Taylor recently addressed the Trustees at their February 6 board meeting, the Ice Storm of 2007 was first on his mind. An excerpt from Dr. Taylor's remarks to the board tells the story best:

Today, I appreciate many things which prior to the ice storm I took for granted. Electricity, warmth, and light are among the things today for which I am very thankful. I am thankful that we are having classes today. I never thought that we would dismiss classes, but when there is no electricity, there is no choice. This was the first time since 1979 that SBU cancelled classes because of the weather.

The Ice Storm of 2007 taught us many things and many memories were made. Our 525 students registered for the January term, 264 of whom were living on campus, will not forget the camaraderie and the spirit of giving that we developed. The students of Woody-Gott, Plaster, and Meyer welcomed students from the other housing units on campus. We also invited students living off campus to stay in these three dorms, which had electricity restored after being out for about nine hours. Our students were magnificent during this time. I did not hear a single complaint from a student. I did have a few parents call and express concern.

One mother called and asked me to talk with her son and tell him to come home. She was concerned that he was cold and not getting enough to eat. She went on to say that the son had told her that he didn't want to come home, because he was having too much fun on campus. I have many similar stories that I will not soon forget.

Crises like the ice storm often bring out the best in people. I saw people rising to the occasion many times during the week of the ice storm. Bob Glidwell and the physical plant staff worked long hours in terrible conditions to get the campus ready to reopen. Dennis Owens and Chef Ernie cooked on grills outside in near zero weather so our students could have hot meals. Mark Grabowski and the safety and security staff worked long hours to make sure the campus, most of which had no power, remained protected. Rob Harris and the resident directors moved students from

housing units without power to the three that had electricity. Ron Maupin managed to contact Bank of America to insure that those of us who get paid on the 18th received our deposits on schedule. The Executive Cabinet members somehow got to campus to meet with me every day to plan what we would do the next day. This crisis did indeed bring out the best in our SBU family.

After we reopened on Thursday, January 18, the faculty did a marvelous job of ensuring that the students were able to complete their courses, covering all of the material expected. I had told the students each day we met, there are no "free passes" in Christian higher education and they would be expected to complete all of the work required in their courses. Today, I am confident that our faculty made sure that all of the learning objectives for each course were met...

The Ice Storm of 2007 was an incredible disaster for this area, but SBU weathered the storm thanks to many willing hands and by the grace of God.



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SBU's Global Society

Students from Argentina, Ghana, Guatemala

There are more minority and international students enrolling at SBU each year. Coming to college for the first time is a culture shock for most first-year students, but for a minority or international student, the fears of racism and adjustments to cultural differences can be overwhelming. As you will learn in the stories below, applying themselves to studies and extracurricular activities, making new friends, spending time with caring faculty and staff, and sharing their culture with fellow students helped these students ease the transition into college life.

Chie Komamiya
Class of 2007

Sam Birks
Class of 2010

Just Be Welcoming

Interviews by Sharina Smith

Q. Are you from a big city or small town?

Komamiya: I am from Tokyo, Japan, one of the biggest cities!

Birks: Big city- Dallas, Texas

Q. What is your nationality and/or race?

Komamiya: I am Japanese.

Birks: African American/Black

Q. What were the factors that brought you to SBU?

Komamiya: I was an exchange student at Bolivar High School in 2000-01. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to come back for college.

Birks: My main reason for coming to SBU was to play football.

Q. What challenges did you foresee in moving to a small town like Bolivar?

Komamiya: No Japanese people at all. Not many choices of restaurants. Everything closed after 5 p.m. It is dangerous to walk outside after dark, Not many places to go (shopping, playing). Not many coffee shops.

Birks: Just getting used to the culture of living in a small town and being kind of secluded from the big city life.

Q. Have there been challenges for you adjusting to life in Bolivar?

Komamiya: Yes. I have to go exercise at the gym because I drive everywhere and do not walk at all. I have to be really careful what I eat because it is so easy to gain weight.

Birks: Not really.

Q. Have there been challenges for you adjusting to life at SBU?

Komamiya: At the beginning, I had a hard time with all my classes (because of my poor English). I also had a hard time with making friends because I was not a very open person, and I stayed in my room most of the time and studied to catch up with my classes.

Birks: No, the biggest challenge has been adjusting to life away from home and all the comforts of home.



Q. How do you keep connected with your culture while here at SBU? Are there particular foods from home you fix, different holidays you might celebrate, or ethnic clothing you wear?

Komamiya: I always check Yahoo Japan to see what is going on in Japan, and I also check the new music released in Japan. Whenever I go back to Japan during break, the first thing I buy at the airport is always Fashion Magazine. Japanese Fashion is so so *sooooo* fast to change. Almost every girl (my age) wears very cute clothes so I have to catch up with them really quickly! Every time I go back to Japan, I always bring many kinds of Japanese food and snacks. I also bring lots of chopsticks because many Americans like to have chopsticks for gifts. I always bring many toothbrushes and toothpaste because I like my Japanese brand. I studied more about my culture after I came to SBU so that I can answer questions if somebody asks me. I learned traditional songs, so that I can teach or perform them.

Birks: The main way I keep in touch is my cell phone (mostly texts), but I also use the Internet and the mail. The main thing I do is every time I go home, I try to catch up on all the new music that's out and either download a lot of songs or buy CDs.

Q. What's a good way to welcome diverse students?

Komamiya: If people show interest in me, I would be very happy. Most Asian people are very shy, especially Japanese. Most people have a hard time to start the conversation with strangers because we are not used to it, and we are also afraid about our poor English. I think we should be presented the opportunity to get to know each other, (for instance, have a language class so that a person HAS to speak with many people!) that would be very wonderful.

Birks: Just be welcoming, hospitable, and most importantly, be yourself. Don't try to act one way around some people and another way around another.

Q. If you were in charge of bringing more diversity to SBU, how would you define diversity and how would you attract more diverse students and/or faculty to the university?

Komamiya: First of all, send many letters or posters about SBU to exchange programs. If I did not come to Bolivar High School, I would never find out about SBU. Bolivar is a very, very safe town, and that can be one good selling part. Since it is a small town, you will not find many people the same nationality as you, which is a very good part also! SBU has many financial aid programs -- that will be good information to anyone! I would say, just send a bunch

Society at a Glance:

Ghana, Japan and the United States

of letters to everywhere! And let people hear about SBU!

Q. How would you describe SBU culture to your friends and family from home?

Komamiya: I always tell my friends time goes so slow in Bolivar. Since there are not many places to go, it is very good for concentrating on school. There are lots of trees and the air is so fresh. The streets are so wide that I love driving in Bolivar. People around here are so kind that if you need help, there are many people who will support you. Teachers are very kind, also. If you go ask them, they will help you a lot! It is amazing that whole town goes to sleep after 9 p.m. It is a good place to concentrate on what you want to learn.

Q. Many minority students are the first in their families to attend college. Was this the case for you? If so, describe why you decided to attend college and any difficulties you might have had in convincing your family to let you come to SBU?

Komamiya: In Japan, most people go to college so that it was not special for me, but my father was against going to SBU at first. He thought I would decide to stay in America, and never come back. I did not want to go to the Japanese college so that I did not study at all for Japanese college entering tests. Now my father says "I think it was alright to let you go to SBU because if you went to the Japanese college, you would not study as hard as right now."

Birks: No, my parents went to junior college, and my older brother graduated from a four-year university with a degree in accounting. The hardest part about coming to SBU was convincing my mom it wasn't too far from home.

Q. If you participate in extracurricular activities, please list them and tell me how you balance these with your studies?

Komamiya: String Quartet, Chorale, Cello Trio, Orchestra, and Opera Theatre. Since I am a Music major, everyday I have to spend a lot of time in practice rooms or rehearsals. Good part is those are my classes so that I can do it for credit, but the bad part is, it takes a lot of practice time, but it is worth only one credit. How I did my other studies was I did not hang out with people during the week; Friday after school was my off day! Most time I went to Springfield. Saturday was my sleeping day. I woke up at 12 p.m. most Saturdays. And then, I started my homework or studying for tests the rest of the weekend.



Birks: I play on the football team, and the hardest part about balancing football and school is just making sure I get enough rest. During the season it's especially important, because the days are really long with practice and the meetings.

Q. Would you recommend SBU to high school students back home?

Komamiya: YES! I sure would!

Birks: I would, but I would

make sure they understood that it's a pretty big culture change. But just based on the school, I would recommend it.

Q. What are your career and life aspirations?

Komamiya: I would like to teach music and English to little children, My dream is to open my own music and English school in my house with my mom. (She is a piano and voice teacher.)

Birks: Graduate with a degree in marketing, get a job in advertising, and eventually open my own advertising firm.

Q. What is the most important lesson you have learned while here at SBU?

Komamiya: Knowing more about God and grow my faith. Be responsible with everything you do.

Birks: The most important thing I have learned so far in college is I need to be sure to be a better steward of my time, and my money.

Q. Is there any other message you would like to send to our alumni readers or to minority/international prospective students who might read this article?

Birks: The main thing I would say to prospective minority students is even though the culture of SBU and the city of Bolivar is extremely different than what you're used to, don't automatically assume that SBU is not the school you should go to.

Q. Has your faith been strengthened by your time here?

Komamiya: My faith got so much stronger during my college time. I am so happy that God lead me to SBU and sent many wonderful people to my life.

Making a Lemonade Out of Lemons

I was born on the seventh of June 1987 to Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Offei in Kumasi, the capital town of the Ashanti region of Ghana. I spent most of my life, however, in Koforidua, the Eastern regional capital of my country where I went to primary school and Junior Secondary. My family

then moved to Cape Coast in the central region of Ghana where I attended senior secondary school at Wesley Girls' High School.

I had lived in my country almost all my life until I came to SBU last year in August. I am not the first person in my family to go to college; I



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Making a Lemonade *continued*

have a big brother who has completed college and a big sister still in college. I had always dreamt of schooling outside my country so I was contemplating on schooling in Canada, but my dad's friend suggested that it would be better for me to school in the United States of America. I really did not know much about schools in America, so I asked my Dad's friend about any Christian university he knew about and he suggested SBU. I did not know Bolivar was a small town. I was just set for adventure. I searched on the U.S. map on the [Inter]net for information about Bolivar, but unfortunately I did not find any information.

I did not know there were no African students in SBU, I thought at least there would be Nigerians, but to my dismay there were none. Every gathering seemed strange to me. At home it was people of my color everywhere, ranging from the dining halls at school to the various chapels even

though one may come across a few white people once in a while. Some sort of tension seemed to run through me immediately when I saw the school atmosphere - I felt out of place. I thought this was the worst decision I had ever made in my life.

Although I have lived in big towns most of my life, Bolivar has not really posed much of a problem to me. At least it has Wal-Mart. Initially, the thought of meeting people who made strange faces at me bothered me, but now I really do not care because I have learnt to ignore them. During my first semester, I went to a church in Bolivar and immediately I entered the church everyone turned to look at me. I felt like just leaving the room, but I managed to convince myself to stay until they finished their Bible study. Immediately, when the session was over, I took to my heels and never returned to the church again. That was not my last time of



going to church; I finally found a church that kind of suited me - First Assemblies of God is the place. I sometimes miss the music and dancing in my church back at home, but I dance and sing on my own when such nostalgia sets in.

Thank God, there are some really helpful people out here who were ready to answer my questions whenever I got confused about things. I am especially grateful to the Ofori-Yeboahs. They sort of understand me because they are Ghanains and can view things from my perspective. I feel very happy when they call to find out how I am doing and invite me over to eat meals from my country while enjoying the company of my "country men." The Halloween gifts and Christmas gifts sent by the international students' director [Judy Dutile] also made me feel better last semester. I also loved the Rotary Club international students' dinner because it created a forum for different cultures to be shared.

I love my culture and love to share it with others if only they want to know. I keep connected with my culture by listening to Ghanaian music and dancing. I also talk about my culture with my friends. On some functions where international students meet, I dress up either in an outfit from home or put on jewelry from home. I also call my parents and my friends and keep abreast with happenings in my country. Other times, I go to a Ghanaian website and update myself on things happening in my beloved motherland.

SBU may be doing well, but there is still room for improvement. I think the administration should attend more promptly to the needs of international students when they need information about their personal files. Also, the school should form an international students' club which meets regularly like the other clubs on campus. This will make it easier for diverse opinions on 'how SBU can be made international-student friendly' to be gathered. SBU can improve upon its international students' population by choosing representatives in different countries to advertise it.

One lesson I have learned in SBU is that if life hands me a lemon, I should make a lemonade. Things may not always seem right, but I just have to make the best of my situation.



Everything Comes Back



I was born in Bahía Blanca, Argentina. It is a city that has around 300 thousand people. I am Argentinean and my parents are, too. I came here with Agustin Mollar, and Dante Cipulli was here (both Argentineans). That might be the main reason [why I came to SBU]. I think it was important to come with somebody else because it made it easier to be away from home. The fact of the small town is that there are not too many things to do. Luckily, I came on the spring and

we played many tennis matches which kept me busy most of the time.

I think that the biggest challenge [for me] was the language. I studied English at home but it is not the same to make it your first way to communicate. And life at SBU is quite different than what it is in Argentina. I would define Argentina as a liberal country and SBU as a conservative school; I think that might be the biggest difference, but it is not that I had to change a lot. I brought some of our particular foods such as *dulce de leche* (something similar to peanut butter) and mate.

[SBU] welcomed me in a great manner so I have nothing to say in order to change those things. I would try to make the

I'm On a Mission

Arthur Woolford
Class of 2007

When senior Arthur Woolford was first preparing to come to SBU from Guyana, South America, his father, Paul Woolford, warned him he might experience racism. Arthur's father had experienced racism firsthand as a student of SBU in the 1970s and he warned his son that it might still exist. Arthur said his father had been "friends with a white girl, not a girlfriend, and people were upset." Paul had been "ready to pack up his things," Arthur said, "when his roommate encouraged him to stay and told him, 'you'll be a leader.'" Like most young men leaving for college, Arthur didn't listen to his father's warning.

"The hardest part of living here in Bolivar is not knowing racism existed here and finding it is here. That hurts. I love people and interacting. I had never experienced racism before. My dad warned me, but I didn't know what to expect. I wondered if a sense of humor was missing in the Midwest. People in Guyana laugh more. I laughed in class once at something I thought was so funny. The professor and students just looked at me. Our culture [in Guyana] is different. I think it is important to tell students the truth: 'Yes, racism exists, but we are willing to work with you and protect you.' I had never been around so many white people before coming here. It was a big culture shock. In Guyana, we have many races: blacks, East Indians, Portuguese, Chinese, Europeans, and AmerIndians. Here, I have had dirty names said to me at Wal-Mart. My mother trained me to walk away. I was upset and I have had to have a lot of long walks. It is hard for minority students here."

Arthur, whose brother, Selwyn, and sister, Robin, are also students at SBU, credits his parents for helping him to cope with the racism he has faced. "I've had to remember I'm on a mission here. It was extremely hard. My mom reminded me that I was on a mission." In addition to adjusting to life in another country and culture, Arthur recently faced the added challenge of serving his native country in Iraq and Kuwait. Although Arthur spent 18 years being raised in Guyana, he is an American citizen, having been born in Kansas City, and he spent ten and a half months on duty with the U.S. Army Reserves in between his studies at SBU. He also noted that Robin spent one year in Baghdad with the Army National Guard and she graduated in December. Arthur said he had a "very hard time settling back into school" after taking time off for the war and took some additional time off from SBU to re-group.

Arthur has a theory that racism is caused by "people acting out of fear and ignorance." He also found that people treat him differently

when they hear him speak, since he usually converses in a very articulate, colonial English-speaking voice. "I actually have a Creole accent that sounds more like broken English," Arthur said, acknowledging that his British-sounding accent gives him more respectability. "I came here as a biology major and I got a different education than I expected. I have learned a lot about other cultures here." Arthur said his unexpected education will actually serve him well for his chosen mission in life:

"I want to be a medical doctor. I enjoy meeting people from a lot of different cultures. I enjoy interacting with people. My experiences with racism will help me understand people better. I worked for two years as a certified nursing assistant at Citizen's Memorial Hospital [in Bolivar]. At first, I experienced some racism. People said 'come over here, empty this bedpan, do this, do that.' They heard me speak and asked me where I was from. People then asked me if I wanted to be a doctor. They said I had a good bedside manner. I was very encouraged."

To further his dream of becoming a medical doctor, Arthur recently left for training with the U.S. Air Force Reserves where he will receive job training as an aerospace medical apprentice. After his apprenticeship, Arthur said he will return to Bolivar to finish his senior year and study for the MCATS.

Despite the pain of racism and the difficulty of transitioning from soldier to student, Arthur said, "I am thankful to be part of SBU and thankful for everything I have received here. It's been hard, but I've been grateful. Dealing with a different culture here has helped me." Arthur was all smiles as we ended our interview and began another interview with KOLR10/KFSX TV from Springfield. The TV reporter was interviewing Arthur about his winning the United States Achievement Academy National Minority Award, and Arthur represented SBU well as he gracefully told the reporter of his difficulties here and his gratefulness for everything good about SBU. -- *Sharina Smith*



school more known in different countries. In Argentina, at least, we only hear from big schools such as Harvard or Stanford, but we do not have the opportunity to know small schools and what they offer. I would say that SBU is a conservative, Christ-centered school.

My father was the only one from my family who attended college, but he did not graduate. He decided to work before graduating. I decided on college because, nowadays, it is extremely important in order to get the job that somebody wants. The biggest difficulty that I faced was to explain to my parents why I wanted to come to study to the States and not study in

Argentina, but they understood and always supported me on my decision.

I am on the men's tennis team. I go to class in the mornings, practice in the afternoon, and study after lunch. It is a non-stop routine. I would recommend SBU. I think it is a great chance to study at SBU. I would like to graduate and maybe get a master's degree. I would like to form a family as well. I am not expecting to get the best of the jobs, something respectable that lets me time to spend with my family. I learnt that everything comes back. Whatever a person does, it will come back to him; even if it is good or bad.



Left to right: Dr. Stephanie Miller, Shelly Francka, Dr. Jennifer Wilson & Dr. Linda Wooderson

Women in Leadership

by Cheryl (Bowles) Summers '96

A W E A L T H O F I N S P I R A T I O N

“There is neither... male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Paul’s words in Galatians 3:28 seem clear enough, but one must wonder how his perspective might have been different had he lived as a woman. In today’s world, women now have more career choices than at any other time in history; however, the struggle for balance between family time and work commitments, as well as for equality in both earnings and respect, continues for many. Southwest Baptist University is home to many remarkable women. Recently, four of these high-achieving women took time from their busy schedules to describe their respective journeys to the esteemed positions they now hold.

SBU is home to two female deans: Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Dean of the St. John’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Dr. Linda Wooderson ’78, Dean of the Lewis E. Schollian College of Education and Social Sciences. Shelly Francka ’04, M.B.A. ’06, serves as Director for the Master of Business Administration Department. Dr. Stephanie Miller ’80 serves as Vice President of Enrollment Management.

Aside from Francka, each of these individuals was the first woman to hold her position. As pioneers in their fields, each woman was asked if she faced competition or even resentment from her colleagues. Dr. Wooderson said, “I feel no animosity from my peers. . . I was led

by God to apply for the position and left the process in His hands.” Dr. Wilson said she was “welcomed by my dean colleagues.” As the sole female Cabinet member, Dr. Miller said she felt welcomed as well. She said, “I have never felt like the ‘token’ female member, and that is directly attributed to the other cabinet members and their acceptance of me. They are exceptional men, but they have not treated me differently and have respected my opinions. They don’t even expect me to bring cookies to Cabinet meetings!”

While Dr. Wilson and Dr. Miller do not have children, Dr. Wooderson and Francka found themselves balancing motherhood with career. Francka unexpectedly became a single mom of two boys while going through school. She said, “In life, it is all about choices. I had two: I could remain a victim of circumstances or not. I had to work full-time while attending college full-time and maintain my ‘cool mom’ status. I found out that I had value. . . and I found laughter. I found myself enjoying my children and motherhood so much more than I had ever imagined. I would never trade those years or the struggles.”

Dr. Wilson’s sacrifice for her education came in the form of serving her country. After 29 years in the Army, including work in an operating room in Vietnam from 1969-70, Dr. Wilson retired as a colonel. “The Army was good to me,” said Dr. Wilson, “I’m glad I did it. I would encourage any man or woman to at least look at it. It was a Godsend for me. I was

on active duty for five years. The GI bill and my 24 years in the Army Reserves both helped me get through graduate school.” Dr. Wilson has traveled far and wide for her education with a B.S.N. from the University of Minnesota, an M.S. from Russell Sage College, an Ed.D. from the Teacher’s College at Columbia University and an M.B.A. from Grand Canyon University.

Like Francka, Dr. Wooderson had two children during her undergraduate studies. She said she found creative ways to pay for her education ranging from weekends at the Bolivar Speedway concession stand to Tupperware parties to a part-time business raising teacup poodles.

Dr. Miller coached and taught at Mountain Grove, earned her master’s degree in education from Drury in 1983 and returned to SBU in 1984 as volleyball coach and assistant women’s basketball coach. “In those days we coached on top of a full teaching load. I worked all the time. I was young and I had energy. I don’t think I realized how much I worked.” As she was wrapping up her coaching career, she wanted a new challenge and decided to pursue her doctorate. Dr. Miller said she continued working at SBU while earning her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in a program that involved monthly classes in Springfield with group and online classes. Her parents were not supportive of her educational choices at first, “but by the time I got to my doctorate they were very supportive and helped me any way they could,” she said.

For each of these women, societal norms during their childhood had an enormous impact. “Today’s world is very different than it was in the 1950s. The choices are much more open to women today. There is no comparison,” Dr. Wilson said. Dr. Wooderson agreed saying, “Keep in mind that I am a product of the fifties. I was under the influence that you either stayed at home to raise children or you taught. I decided to multi-task and do both at the same time.” Dr. Miller remembered another pivotal period for women, “Living through Title IX, we are at a good place today. We are not discriminating against women or men. It had more far-reaching implications than the myopic view associated with athletics. I can see it with the opportunities females have today.” Francka’s mother worked several jobs to provide for her family, and as a result many of the daily household duties fell to Francka and her siblings.” My brother and I grew up rather quickly. We had our chores to do on top of any school activities...my mom was always working so we had the majority of the cooking and cleaning responsibilities.”

These inspiring women all agreed that women today have more opportunities than ever before. “When advising women regarding career choices, I ask them what makes them happy,” Francka said. “I recommend that females pray about their career goal, really find out what makes them happy, develop a plan of action and remind them of the commitment it will take.” Dr. Wooderson concurred, saying, “I truly believe a woman can do whatever she desires in her life. I do not feel that there are traditional roles for men or women. We tend to stereotype jobs in our own minds. Today’s workplace is an open field to any individual who is good at what they do for a living. Work as you are working for the Lord has always been my mindset in all that I attempt.”

Dr. Wilson reiterated that gender diversity in the workplace is important. “There seem to be more men that are coming into nursing. This is a good thing. The mixture of genders is an important thing to have in any field. Sometimes there are cultural paradigms that force women into certain roles, and the women who venture outside those paradigms are perplexing.” Dr. Miller echoed these sentiments by saying, “There are differences in men and women. Having a balance and bringing different views to the table is very important. It gives a more balanced perspective. Males and females have different gifts, different strengths and weaknesses. We need that.”

Another common thread was the power of influence. Dr. Wilson remembered a key figure from her graduate studies, Dr. Elizabeth Hagen. “She was very much a scholar and easy to relate to. She made it in a man’s world at a time when

that was very difficult to do,” Dr. Wilson said. Francka recalled her mentor, Bontiea Goss, CEO of Alternative Opportunities, Inc. in Springfield, MO. “Bontiea taught me that in order to become successful, you must first make others successful. She gave so much of herself, and she expected each person to give his or her best.” Dr. Wooderson admitted that she has admired SBU alumni Louise Wimberly ’49 and Norma Bishop ’36. “Both women have a never-ending source of energy and are active in their community and walk with Christ. Their humor and rapport with individuals are attributes that I desire,” Dr. Wooderson said.

Influence can also have a flip side. As an undergraduate interested in the sciences at SBU, Dr. Miller remembered a coach telling her that she did not need to miss practice for science lab, and to consider going into education instead. Dr. Miller followed that advice. While she admits that the choice has had its rewards, she also said, “I think one of the losses I feel in my life is that no one encouraged me to look at my options. This is a regret, based on my age, that I was not encouraged to be a doctor or a lawyer.”

And what advice do these women have for the female leaders of tomorrow? “I try to role model what I expect my students to personify in their career. I am as honest as I can be in my expectations of them, and do my best to point them – or drag them – in the direction they should go.” Dr. Wooderson said.

Dr. Miller looks to the University Success Center as a tool for women (and men) to discover personal strengths. “The Lord builds strengths into all of us. Students don’t need to worry about how long they will be in school or how hard it is going to be. Their strength may be in a computer or math field that females don’t traditionally end up in, and they need to focus on their unique strengths.”

Dr. Wilson said, “Look at different careers, and see what fits who and what you are. Think of a career as a glove. Does it fit? Follow the passion you have, and do not let anyone dissuade you. I have seen students go into a field that they were encouraged to go into by someone else, and when it was not a good fit, they were miserable.”

Francka encouraged young women to take control of their destiny. “I read a book once that stated, ‘If you don’t like your job, it is your fault. Change it!’ I have never forgotten this. I like to remind women of all ages that we attract what we put off. If we are willing to settle for less, then less is exactly what we will get.”

Four women. Four unique experiences. These four lifetimes of hard work and perseverance provide a wealth of inspiration for those still struggling along the path to success and fulfillment.

Baker University, a Methodist-founded institution, just hired its first female president in its history, Dr. Patricia Long, an SBU alumna. When do you foresee SBU hiring a female president?

We know for a fact that there is not a single female president of a Baptist school of a CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) school in the country. That is problematic. Wouldn't it be nice to have a first at Southwest Baptist University? It is nice to see Dr. Long's success at Baker, but they are not part of the CCCU.
–Dr. Stephanie Miller '80

Time will tell. No place should appoint a person simply because of gender. Gender should not be a disqualifier, but it should not be a shoe-in either. The choice should be made on professional qualifications.
–Dr. Jennifer Wilson

I just want a president, whether it is male or female, to be the person God has chosen to lead the university. Do you feel that God thinks “male or female” when He makes decisions on whom to place where or does He look at their hearts to know what He can accomplish through them for His purpose?
–Dr. Linda Wooderson '78

I believe society is changing and that we will see more women as university presidents – not because they are women, but because they are capable.
–Shelly Francka '04,
M. B. A. '06

by Sharina Smith

There Are No Shortcuts To Success



Dr. Kwasi Ofori-Yeboah came to SBU ten years ago to teach political science. As an African-born man coming to SBU from a large university in Canada, this newly-promoted professor is a poster child for the SBU mission statement as he uses his international experience and academic education to prepare students for servant leadership in a global society. Ironically, along with international relations, comparative government, African politics, political philosophy, and public administration, Dr. Ofori-Yeboah teaches American government. If struggling students ask for sympathy from this educator, they will be told very lovingly, but firmly that no matter their race, gender, or cultural background, there are “no shortcuts” to success in pursuing the dream of opportunity in America.

If minority students come to Dr. Ofori-Yeboah for advice, he tells them this: “There are not any shortcuts to success. America has a lot of opportunities. Opportunity is not an absence of struggles. Opportunity means you have choices to make. People are not going to take this educational opportunity away from you. Education is the key to success. Christian faith in Christ is the answer to all of our problems on earth, but it is no substitute for education.” Dr. Ofori-Yeboah was the eldest of seven kids, and his parents, who had their own business, were “big on education.”

“I went to boarding school from middle school to high school,” Dr. Ofori-Yeboah said, “My parents were not Christians when I grew up, but we went to church for social gatherings. In 1978, when I was 17-years old, a Christian gospel group came to minister. My high school was established by missionaries. The government took over but allowed church services. We had mandatory services Sunday morning and evening. We also had a 30-minute chapel every Monday through Friday morning with brief devotions. The master for the week would preach much like chapel here. One evening Sunday service, when the gospel group had an altar call, I gave my life to Christ. When I accepted Christ, I said I wanted a real, new church for me. The Anglican Church was more about ceremony. I saw a church sign for Bethel Baptist Church. I went one Wednesday and I liked what I saw. They invited me to Sunday morning service and Sunday school. I became a Baptist. The church met in a school building. It was a young church, very intimate and very loving. The music was hymns from *The Baptist Hymnal*, and praise was traditional African choruses (drumming and dancing) – praise is loud singing! West Africa is a combination of Christianity, Islam, and the traditional African religion of Animism, which is very



much like Native Americans’ worship of the natural world. Ghana is predominately Christian, especially in the South. The North is more Muslim, Animists are in the middle. In Ghana 65% of population is in the rural areas, 35% in urban. There are not many urban centers, so they are very populated.”

Dr. Ofori-Yeboah grew up in the big city. He was born in Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana, West Africa, which now has one million people. He was raised in the capital city, Accra, a big, urban area and also, a city of one million. Dr. Ofori-Yeboah said, “It was big and it was the center of everything,” but it also had limitations. “In a Third World country a lot of people want education and can’t get it. In Ghana, you just don’t have the opportunity you have here.” He shook his head in obvious frustration with students who complain about the hard work and other difficulties involved in a university education, “No shortcuts - you have to invest time, energy and resources if you want to succeed professionally. You need that piece of paper that is education. The opportunity for education is here and people should take it. It is not a race issue; it is not a color issue. To succeed in this American system, you need that piece of paper. The legacy in American history of slavery, even though long gone, it casts a shadow. Without an education you will struggle out in the world.” Although Ghana did not have as many educational options as North America, Dr. Ofori-Yeboah made the most of the educational opportunities he had. “In Ghana, my [undergraduate] education was free, but then I had to do national service for two years, so I worked as an RA [residential advisor], and as a teaching assistant.”

Dr. Ofori-Yeboah spent the first 28 years of his life in Ghana before leaving in 1989 for Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where he went to Queens University on a scholarship for his master's degree and Ph.D. in political science. He had met his wife, Janet, in a Christian fellowship, while they were both at the university in Ghana, and she followed him to Canada after a year and a half. They got married and started a family while in Canada. Although Janet's background is in music and her undergraduate degree is in theatre, she began a nursing degree in Canada.

After the Ofori-Yeboah's moved to Bolivar, Janet finished her nursing degree in Springfield at the SBU/St. John's College of Nursing and Health Science. She is a nurse at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar. The Ofori-Yeboahs have four children: Manny (Emmanuel) 13, David 12, and 10-year old twins Sylvia and George.

Dr. Ofori-Yeboah shared the difficulties he had settling into academic life at a secular institution: "When I finished at Queens University I was hired as an adjunct. The smallest class I taught at Queens had 300 students. It was a great university, but just too secular. I was a Resident Director with the students. Every major activity they held involved alcohol. You couldn't discuss your faith or express your faith even if students asked you. It got stifling. I began to pray seriously about where to settle down. After a year or two, I knew I wanted a place where I could express my faith. As an RD I knew kids needed spiritual help for their problems, but it was a big no no – even in the training manuals it said not to share your faith. One of my deans, a Christian, shared his *Christianity Today* magazine with me. I saw the Council of Christian Colleges and University's ad and went to their website. There I saw the SBU job and applied in 1997. I came by myself for the interview. My first impression of SBU: I knew it was an answer to prayer. It was a perfect fit as a Christian university and I am a Baptist. Coming from a big city and a big university I had wanted a program with a master's program, but I liked SBU where I could integrate faith and academics. I liked the campus. It was small enough and yet not too small. The layout was great. The faculty, I could tell, they had an intimate, personal relationship. They were not just colleagues, but friends. They'd say 'You could use my truck!' It's all about relationships. This is a close-knit community. We had the twins in January 1997 and moved in August."

When asked if minority students seek him out, Dr. Ofori-Yeboah said, "When they take my general education American government class, I get to meet most of these minority students. They don't seek me out – I guess there is a gap since I am faculty. I try to sit with them in the cafeteria – I don't try to ruin their party. I wouldn't say they seek me out, but I wish they would." Dr. Ofori-Yeboah said he has the same message for minority athletes as any other student, "Education is key. For the athletes who have an opportunity here, we don't let them slide through the cracks. We don't pass them because they are athletes. We try to work with them, but there is not an alternative to higher education. There's no short cuts. I had a student who said he didn't do well on a test. I said 'We'll work on that.' He said, 'Can I not take the tests?' I said, 'How will I know what you know?'"

"Parents can rest assured if they bring their students here that we insist on the kind of discipline that forces you to learn. I am proud of our tradition here that minority students are held to the same vigorous standards as everybody else. Everyone who walks through our gates here is treated the same. I'm proud of our university. We take care of our own. We affirm discipline. We want our students to do well. I tell them you don't have to like American government, but you have to learn it. I want you to be as competent as the talking heads at Harvard. We want you to hold your own with anyone. We don't water down anything for anyone. The coaches work with us. I've never had one remotely call and ask for favoritism."

If a struggling minority student or a struggling majority student visits Dr. Ofori-Yeboah's office, he or she will be told, "I believe everything happens for a reason. It is not by accident you are here. God has a mission or purpose for you. You may be facing challenge here. If you think life is different here, try living out in the world without an education. Whether gender or race is the issue, if you think doing that homework, having words said against you, feeling that rejection here is bad, it will be worse out in the world. We have resources here. You are not alone. We can help."

"Worse thing you can do is quit and run away. At SBU there is a place for everyone to succeed. We have help. Dr. Stephanie Miller and others [at the Success Center] can help. The issue for you may not necessarily be racism; it may be family pressure, if so we have counselors."

"If you have an academic problem, we have professors here who have open doors and are available. If you have a spiritual problem, there is ample opportunity for help. Whatever the nature of their crisis, people are in the right place. We have resources and a commitment to help, not to down play crisis, but people have help available. Quitting is not a good option. Whatever the issues are, we have the capability, commitment, and willingness to help each of our students whether financial, emotional,

or physical. There may come a time when a person may have to leave, but leaving without getting help won't solve anything. I tell students to take advantage of the resources here. Contrary to how they may be feeling, our overarching goal is to help them succeed. My job is not to make you miserable with homework, exams, and everything else. We have intramurals, mission trips, but this is not a theme park. These are formative, yes. Mom may be sad you left and giving hints to come back, but home will never be the same. Old friends move on. This is a transition. You may be down and feeling homesick, that you don't fit in, or that you are unwelcome. You came here for a reason. SBU was made to help you achieve your goal. Not everyone has this opportunity; make the most of it! If you try to fit in, you will. Have confidence that you can do it. Life is not fair. It is an interesting life. If it were fair it would be boring. Rest assured that God is in charge. He knows best. Life is good when there's God."

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BEARCAT Sports Report

A Multi-Cultural Perspective

By Ben Nielsen, Class of 2008

Men's Basketball

Basketball is a culturally diverse sport that has provided many opportunities for many people around the globe. Bearcats senior center **Jesus Lopez** is no exception. Born in Spain to a Spanish mother and Mexican father, Lopez moved to Mexico as a child. It was in Mexico where Lopez picked up the game and played for the Mexican National Basketball team. Realizing that he could go to the United States and play in college, Lopez chose to attend South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was then contacted by Southwest Baptist University.

Adjusting to American culture has been an interesting road for Lopez. "You live most of your life in one country and then you come here, it's so different," Lopez said. "People are more direct to you. Sometimes, coming from a different culture, it is difficult to understand sometimes what they want to do with you." Sometimes, the culture differences would spill over onto the court. "In Mexico, when you are talking to a superior, you don't look at them in the eyes. Here, people expect you to look them in the eyes. So sometimes coach would talk to me and I would be looking at the floor and coach was like, 'Look at me when I'm talking to you!' So, it was kind of like colliding cultures."

Lopez played for last season's MIAA Championship team and is averaging 5.6 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. Lopez hopes to one day become an American citizen.



Men's Tennis

Daniel Prerad is tall. The six-foot, six-inch tennis player from Perth, Australia, also knows what a big city is like. "Perth is about two million in population," Prerad estimated. "Coming to Bolivar has been quite an adjustment. I enjoy it. It's a lot different, but having the opportunity just to come here and meet all kinds of people, and people from all over the world, I have really enjoyed it." Prerad pointed out Australia is not much different from America in many ways, but he did point out the life style and the weather, especially when it snows, is different.

Bolivar has not been the only place Prerad has visited while being in America. Through tennis, Prerad has traveled to places like San Diego and Los Angeles, California, and Orlando, Florida, places with much nicer weather than Southwest Missouri. "In Australia right now it's like 105 degrees right now. I don't know what it is here, but I am freezing."

Prerad has enjoyed his experience at SBU, especially with his professors and his coach, John Bryant. "I have some friends who go to bigger schools. I think the teachers here are really cool. You have the chance to go one-on-one with them. Coach is really cool, too. He's a really nice guy."





Baseball

With America being a melting pot of several cultures and baseball being America's game, it is no wonder why senior **Skyler Powers** decided to use his talents to experience other American cultures. Working with the group, Athletes in Action, Powers, who is from Diamond, Missouri, played his games in Bolivar, New York, in minor league stadiums where Babe Ruth had played, and lived with a host family in Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania. Powers said, although the experience was unique, it still had many similarities to home.

"People were extremely excited when we got there," Powers said. "People were interested in your life. Once we went to some of the larger towns, things were totally different. You would say 'hi' and they would give you some kind of stare

like you were a foreigner or something." Powers' experience playing baseball in New York gave him some help in trying to pursue a Major League career.

"We were in a different setting. We had to live with host families and so going into a new environment that you were not used to and trying to get comfortable. But we had an awesome host family so it made that a lot easier. Even more, we were reaffirmed of the fact we are a huge role model for people, not just for kids, but even adults. We had people come out to games that we had never met and they were coming up and talking to us like we were professional athletes. They wanted to know what we did, how we got to this level, what we ate, just awkward things that you would never think about, but somehow our status had been elevated just because we were athletes in a different place."



Women's Basketball

Senior **Livia Brito** moved out of her house in Sao Paulo, Brazil, when she was only fifteen years old because there was not a local place for her to play basketball. They did not have high school sports so Brito moved to a place where she could play for a club team. Brito could still see her parents all the time which was something she had to adjust to when she moved to the United States. "At home I could see them every week or so, but here I do not see them as much."

She has found a family, though, with her Lady 'Cat teammates. Her favorite memories include some of the pranks teammates have played on each other.

A math major, Brito hopes to get a job in the United States. She is averaging 12 points and six rebounds for the Lady Bearcats this season, helping them get back to the MIAA Tournament. Last year, she was honorable mention all-MIAA. She has started every game in her two SBU seasons.

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BEARCAT Sports Report

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 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 Alamonte Springs, FL	TBA

2007 SBU BEARCATS GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent
	Course/Location
3/10 & 11	Drury Branson Creek, Branson, MO
3/26 & 27	Washburn Topeka CC, Topeka, KS
4/2 & 3	Missouri Southern Loma Linda GC, Joplin, MO
4/9 & 10	Central Region Swope Park GC, Kansas City
4/16 & 17	Concordia Spring Invitational The Jewell GC, Lake City, MN
4/23 & 24	MIAA Conference Tournament Branson Creek, Branson, MO
5/7-10	Super Regionals Twin Hills CC, Joplin, MO



Zane Montgomery

2007 SBU OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

Date	Meet / Location
3/31	Washington University Invitational St. Louis, MO
4/7	ESU State Farm Relays Emporia, KS
4/12-4/14	ESU Godfather's DII Challenge Emporia, KS
4/19-4/21	University of Kansas Relays Lawrence, KS
4/26-4/28	Drake Relays Des Moines, IA
4/28	Missouri-Kansas City Invitational Kansas City, MO
5/5-5/6	MIAA Outdoor Championships Hays, KS
5/12	Emporia State Twilight Qualifier Emporia, KS

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

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
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President's Report 2006

Southwest Baptist University

Dear SBU Donors and Friends,

For my inauguration as president of SBU in April of 1997, I adopted Romans 12: 9-18 as my inaugural theme. These verses are pertinent to my dreams for the next five years as to how we should live and conduct ourselves as members of the SBU family:

- ⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, give preference to one another in honor;
- ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- ¹²rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
- ¹³contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.
- ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.
- ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- ¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another, do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- ¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

We are fortunate at SBU to have a long and wonderful heritage. Since 1878, for one hundred and twenty-nine years, SBU has offered students an opportunity to receive a distinctively Christian education. Our goals and aspirations for our university have not changed since James Rogers Maupin and Abner Smith Ingman dreamed of a Christian university and founded Southwest Baptist College.

As we approach the next five years, it indeed is an exciting time to be a part of the kingdom's enterprise here at SBU. Yes, we have challenges, but the windows of opportunity are wide open. We have the opportunity to make a significant impact on our society, and it is my dream that we will continue to impact the world for Christ. Because of this commitment, I can declare to you that the state of the university is healthy and will continue to be healthy as we work to improve on a daily basis. We have a great heritage upon which to build an even brighter future. I believe with all my heart that the best days are ahead for SBU.

Thank you for your commitment to the university and its mission.

C. Pat Taylor
President

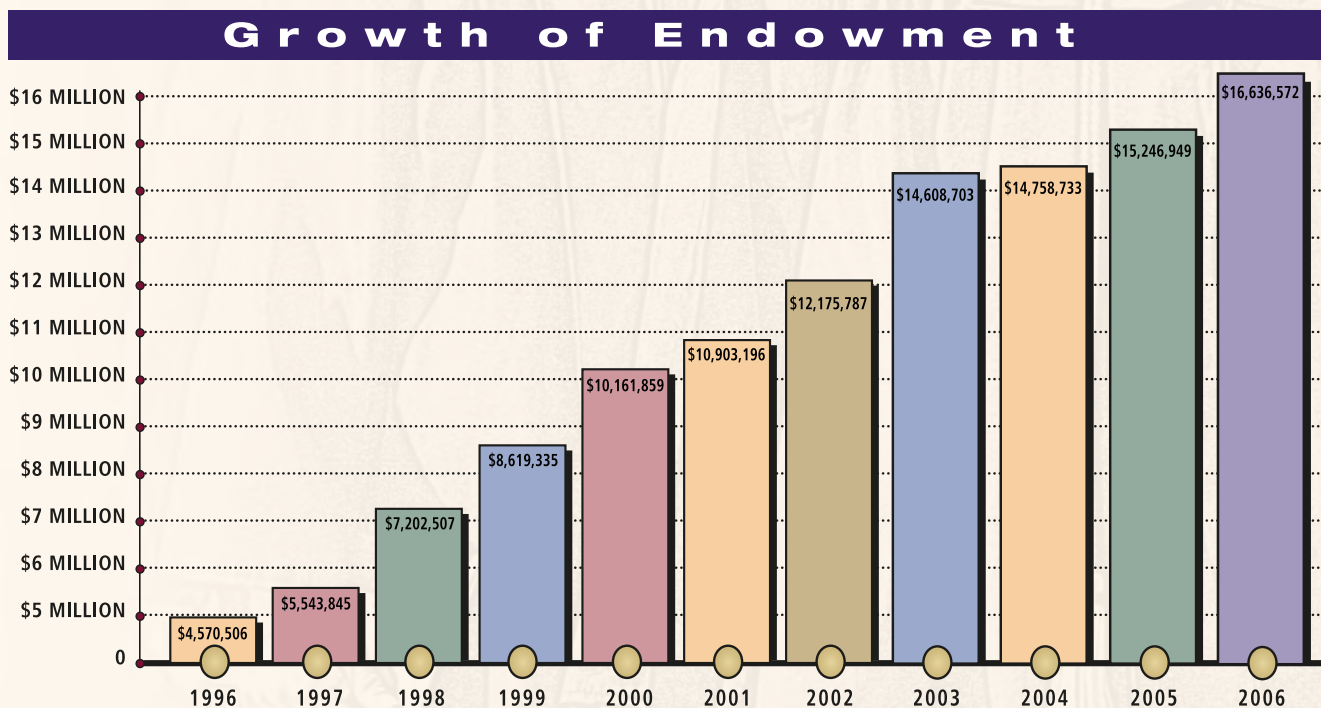


From Dr. Stan Norman, Vice President of Development

The phrase “university development” occasionally invokes in the minds of some people unpleasant images of someone who begs for money on behalf of a university. Although this depiction may in fact represent the experiences of some, this kind of activity does not accurately represent the ideal. “To develop” means to grow, expand, enhance, or mature. When understood this way, university development is the growth, enrichment, and maturation of a university community through diverse activities and meaningful partnerships.



I am thrilled that God has led me and my family to be a part of the SBU community. I pray that our development efforts will credibly serve the best interests of SBU in our Kingdom mission. I also want to invite each of you to join the SBU family in this mission. Your partnership with us is vital to the future health and viability of our university. I look forward to the time when we can explore together how each of us can best “grow and mature” the Southwest Baptist University family.



Revenue Budget

	FINAL BUDGET	PERCENTAGE
Tuition & Fees	\$26,674,543	75.00%
Missouri Baptist Convention	\$1,400,000	3.94%
Other Undesignated Gifting	\$750,000	2.11%
Investment Earnings	\$80,000	0.22%
Financial Aid Revenue	\$1,106,811	3.11%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$474,682	1.33%
Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue	\$5,082,800	14.29%
TOTAL	\$35,568,836	100.0%

Expense Summary

	PRESIDENTIAL REPORT	PERCENTAGE
Total Instruction & Departmental Organized Activities	\$9,835,520	27.65%
Total Library	\$2,111,067	5.94%
Total Student Services	\$938,146	2.64%
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	\$2,227,634	6.26%
Total Administration	\$2,936,001	8.25%
Staff Benefits	\$1,163,352	3.27%
Total General Institution	\$807,776	2.27%
Total Student Aid	\$1,785,425	5.02%
Debt Retirement	\$8,985,405	25.26%
TOTAL AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	\$1,828,679	5.14%
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$2,949,831	8.29%
	\$35,568,836	100.00%

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ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Little Rock, AR
Aladdin Food Management Services Inc., Wheeling, WV
Alton Bank, Alton, MO
Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation, Bayport, MN
Bank of America, Springfield, MO
Benchmark Rehabilitation, Ooltewah, TN
Boeing Gift Matching Program, Princeton, NJ
Bolivar Educational Advancement Foundation, Bolivar, MO
Bolivar Family Care Center, Bolivar, MO
Bolivar Insulation Co., Springfield, MO
Carnahan-White, Springfield, MO
Central Ozarks Private Industry Council, Inc., Rolla, MO
The Chance Foundation, Centralia, MO
Citizens Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Bolivar, MO
Citizens Memorial Hospital, Bolivar, MO
Collegiate Catering, Bolivar, MO
Commerce Bank of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, MO
Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Springfield, MO
Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO
Cooper Foundation, Springfield, MO
Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ
East Side Baptist Church, Independence, MO
Empire District Electric Co., Joplin, MO
First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO
First Baptist Church, California, MO
First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, MO
First Baptist Church, Lebanon, MO
First Baptist Church, Nevada, MO
First Baptist Church, Raytown, MO
First Baptist Church, Richland, MO
First Baptist Church, West Plains, MO
First National Bank of Mountain View, Mountain View, MO
Gaskin Hill Norcross, Inc., Springfield, MO
Gene Kauffman Scholarship Foundation, Princeton, MO
Great Southern Savings & Loan, Springfield, MO
Greater KC Community Foundation and Affiliated Trust, Kansas City, MO
Holt Construction & Rock, Bolivar, MO
Jack Henry & Associates, Monett, MO
James River Care Center, Inc., Fort Smith, AR
Kansas-Nebraska Convention Southern Baptist, Topeka, KS
Leggett & Platt, Inc., Carthage, MO
M.F.A. Foundation, Columbia, MO
J. E. & L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc., Tulsa, OK
Miles Memorial Fund, Bolivar, MO
Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri Baptist Foundation, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri Colleges Fund, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri DESE, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri Hospital Association, Jefferson City, MO
Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City, MO
Nebraska Book Company, Lincoln, NE
Office of the Adjutant General, Jefferson City, MO
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Ozark Action Inc., West Plains, MO
Robert W. Plaster Foundation, Lebanon, MO
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Liberty, MO
Poplar Bluff Regional Health Management Assoc., Inc., Poplar Bluff, MO
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Scholarship America, Saint Peter, MN
Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc., Nashville, TN
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South Central Missouri Community Action Association, Winona, MO
South Central MO Assoc. for Private Higher Education, Mountain View, MO

South County Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO
St. John's Regional Health Center., Springfield, MO
State Farm Companies Foundation, Princeton, NJ
Summit Woods Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO
Sunderland Foundation, Overland Park, KS
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US Bank Trust Services, St. Joseph, MO
USA Funds Access to Education, Saint Peter, MN
United States Treasury Financial Management Service, Kansas City, MO
Walton Family Foundation, Inc., Bentonville, AR
Washington University, Saint Louis, MO
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Wellspring Fellowship, Bolivar, MO
Wilmoth Oil Co., Mount Vernon, MO

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Appleton City Alumni Association, Appleton City, MO
ACT Recognition Program Services, Iowa City, IA
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Antioch Bible Baptist Church, Gladstone, MO
Antioch Southern Baptist Church, Harrisonville, MO
Arkansas Manufactured Housing Association, Little Rock, AR
Arrow Heights Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, OK
Arvest Asset Management, Bartlesville, OK
Baptist Bible Fellowship International, Springfield, MO
Baptist Foundation, Springfield, IL
Baptist General Convention, Columbia, MO
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, TN
Becca's Closet Inc., Planation, FL
Bentonville No. 6 School District, Bentonville, AR
Bill Grant Ford-Mercury Inc., Bolivar, MO
Bill Roberts Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick, Inc., Bolivar, MO
Blue Springs Christian Church, Blue Springs, MO
Blue Springs R-IV School District, Blue Springs, MO
Blue Valley Baptist Church, Overland Park, KS
Bradleyville R-1 School District, Bradleyville, MO
Calvary Baptist Church, Independence, MO
Calvary Baptist Church, Neosho, MO
Calvary Baptist Church, Odessa, MO
Camdenton Moose Lodge, Camdenton, MO
Camdenton R-III Foundation, Camdenton, MO
Canaan Baptist Church, Saint Louis, MO
Charles Lyons Memorial Foundation, Lexington, MO
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant, OK
Circle Drive Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Atlanta, GA
Coleman Travel, Bolivar, MO
Commerce Bank, Bolivar, MO
Community Fellowship Church, Carthage, MO
Community Financial Credit Union, Springfield, MO
Compelled 2 GO Ministries, Brooksville, FL
ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, TX
Coon Creek Baptist Church, Collins, MO
Corinth Baptist Church, Salem, MO
Cornerstone Community Church, Savannah, MO
Country Meadows Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
Coventry Estates Baptist Church, Independence, MO
Crews Service Company, Walnut Grove, MO
Dadeville Baptist Church, Dadeville, MO
Dana Corporation Foundation, Toledo, OH
Dewey's Toys for Kids, Camdenton, MO
Dunnegan Art Gallery, Bolivar, MO
Eagle Heights Baptist Church, Harrison, AR
East Boulder Baptist Church, Boulder, CO
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca, MO

Annual Corporate / Foundation Gift Clubs continued

El Dorado Springs Schools & Alumni Association, El Dorado Springs, MO
 Lake of the Ozarks Elks Lodge No.2517, Osage Beach, MO
 Sikeston Elks Lodge #2319, Sikeston, MO
 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cassville, MO
 Emmaus Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN
 Enid Senior High School, Enid, OK
 Enterprise Leasing, Saint Louis, MO
 Ferrell Gas, Liberty, MO
 Fairmount Christian Church, Independence, MO
 Faith Family Baptist Church, Tekamah, NE
 Farm Credit Services of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO
 Fee Fee Baptist Church, Bridgeton, MO
 Fellowship Southern Baptist Church, Olathe, KS
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kansas City, MO
 Finley Charitable Foundation, Lamar, MO
 First Assembly of God Church, Bolivar, MO
 First Assembly of God Church, Lebanon, MO
 First Baptist Church, Altamont, KS
 First Baptist Church, Alton, MO
 First Baptist Church, Bentonville, AR
 First Baptist Church, Blue Springs, MO
 First Baptist Church, Burlington, KS
 First Baptist Church, Camdenton, MO
 First Baptist Church, Carthage, MO
 First Baptist Church, Centralia, MO
 First Baptist Church, Columbia, IL
 First Baptist Church, Fairfield, IL
 First Baptist Church, Greenwood, MO
 First Baptist Church, Hopkins, MO
 First Baptist Church, Humansville, MO
 First Baptist Church, Lamar, MO
 First Baptist Church, Lexington, MO
 First Baptist Church, Lowry City, MO
 First Baptist Church, Mansfield, MO
 First Baptist Church, Marshall, MO
 First Baptist Church, Marshfield, MO
 First Baptist Church, Maryville, IL
 First Baptist Church, Millersville, MO
 First Baptist Church, Monett, MO
 First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
 First Baptist Church, Mountain View, MO
 First Baptist Church, Oak Grove, MO
 First Baptist Church, Owensville, MO
 First Baptist Church, Platte City, MO
 First Baptist Church, Potosi, MO
 First Baptist Church, Princeton, MO
 First Baptist Church, Rolla, MO
 First Baptist Church, Sedalia, MO
 First Baptist Church, Sikeston, MO
 First Baptist Church, St. Charles, MO
 First Baptist Church, St. Clair, MO
 First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, Union, MO
 First Baptist Church, Wagoner, OK
 First Baptist Church of Harvester, St. Charles, MO
 First Christian Church, Bolivar, MO
 First Southern Baptist Church, Dodge City, KS
 First Missionary Baptist, Ardmore, OK
 First Southern Baptist Church, Coffeyville, KS
 First Southern Baptist Church, Hutchinson, KS
 First Southern Baptist Church, Stockton, MO
 First State Bank & Trust, Caruthersville, MO
 Fortis Foundation, New York, NY
 Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, MO
 Garnett Road Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK
 Gasconade County R-2 Schools, Owensville, MO
 General Motors Corporation North American Operations, Phoenix, AZ
 Girard Bible Church, Girard, KS
 Grand Chapter of Missouri Order of the Eastern Star, High Ridge, MO
 Greater Kansas City SBU Alumni Chapter, Raytown, MO
 Grinnell Mutual Insurance Company, Grinnell, IA
 Hall Family Foundation, Kansas City, MO
 Harrison High School, Harrison, AR
 Harry E. Bovay, Jr. Foundation, Houston, TX
 Hazelwood School District, Florissant, MO
 Heart of America Council, BSA, Kansas City, MO
 Heart of the Country Chapter ABWA, Shawnee Mission, KS
 Hermitage Baptist Church, Fenton, MO
 Hermitage R-IV Public Schools, Hermitage, MO
 Highland Creek Southern Baptist Church, Martinsville, IN
 Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lebanon, MO
 Hollinger & Associates, Inc., Tulsa, OK
 Hopefield Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS
 Horseshoe Bend Baptist Mission Church, Lake Ozark, MO
 Howell County Baptist Association, West Plains, MO
 Jack J. Isgur Foundation, Kansas City, MO
 James A. York Family Fund, Springfield, MO
 Jera Foundation, Rosebud, MO
 Joe Mann, Jr. Memorial Fund, Marshall, MO
 Junior League of Tulsa, Inc., Tulsa, OK
 Keeping Good Company, Inc., Osage Beach, MO
 King Hill Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MO
 Kiwanis Club of Lebanon, Lebanon, MO
 Lake Area Civic Association, Camdenton, MO
 Lakeview Baptist Church, Gore, OK
 Lamar R-1 School District, Lamar, MO
 Thomas & Dorothy Leavey Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
 Lebanon R-3 School District, Lebanon, MO
 Lee's Summit Educational Foundation, Lee's Summit, MO
 Lenexa Baptist Church, Lenexa, KS
 Liberty Bank, Springfield, MO
 Lifetime Learners, Glendale, AZ
 Living Stones Baptist Fellowship, Springfield, MO
 Louisburg Baptist Church, Louisburg, MO
 Macedonia Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Macks Creek Alumni Scholarship, Macks Creek, MO
 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Princeton, NJ
 Martin Transportation L.L.C., Saint Charles, MO
 Maywood Baptist Church, Independence, MO
 Meek Charitable Trust, Springfield, MO
 Meek's The Builders Choice, Springfield, MO
 Memorial Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO
 Mexico School District #59, Mexico, MO
 Mid-Lakes Baptist Association, Bolivar, MO
 Millcreek Apparel, Joplin, MO
 Miss Douglas County Scholarship Program, North Hollywood, CA
 Mississippi Lime Company, Saint Louis, MO
 Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, MO
 Missouri Department of Higher Education., Jefferson City, MO
 Mountain Home Education Foundation, Mountain Home, AR
 Mountain View Lumber Co., Mountain View, MO
 Mt. Vernon Ministerial Association, Mount Vernon, MO
 Mt. Vernon R-5 School District, Mount Vernon, MO
 Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Edgerton, MO
 Muscogee Creek Nation, Okmulgee, OK
 NUCOR Foundation, Charlotte, NC
 National Alliance for Scholastic Achievement, Corona, CA
 National Christian Charitable Foundation, Atlanta, GA
 National FFA Foundation, Inc., Indianapolis, IN
 National Service Trust/CNS, Washington, DC
 National Speakers Association Foundation, Tempe, AZ
 Nevada R-5 School District, Nevada, MO
 New Hope Baptist Church, Duncansville, PA
 Nixa R-2 School District, Nixa, MO
 Norfleet Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO

Northeast Baptist Church, Clinton, MO
 Northgate Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Omaha Community Foundation, Omaha, NE
 Orchard Farm Baptist Church, Saint Charles, MO
 Osage Hills Baptist Church, Osage Beach, MO
 Owensville High School Alumni Association, Owensville, MO
 PCA Program, Nevada, MO
 Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Educational Foundation, Falls Church, VA
 Park Baptist Church, Brookfield, MO
 Park Hill Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Peculiar Charitable Foundation, Harrisonville, MO
 Pisgah Baptist Church, Excelsior Springs, MO
 Plaza Heights Baptist Church, Blue Springs, MO
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, IL
 Pleasant Hope Lady Pirates Softball Boosters, Willard, MO
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 Potosi R-3 School District, Potosi, MO
 Premier Designs, Inc., Irving, TX
 Presidential Freedom Scholarship, Washington, DC
 The Presser Foundation, Haverford, PA
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 Progressive Ozark Bank, Salem, MO
 Rescue Lodge #20, Fort Worth, TX
 Richland Athletic Booster Club, Richland, MO
 Rivers of Living Water, Blue Springs, MO
 Rocky Mount Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, MO
 Bolivar Rotary Club, Bolivar, MO
 Roweton's Home Center, Bolivar, MO
 SBC Foundation, Princeton, NJ
 Southwest Baptist University Alumni Association, Bolivar, MO
 Southwest Baptist University Women's Club, Bolivar, MO
 SCMAFPHE, Inc., Mountain View, MO
 Salem Baptist Church, California, MO
 The Salvation Army, Des Moines, IA
 Scenic View Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
 Scholarship Foundation, Santa Barbara, CA
 School District of Hancock Place, Saint Louis, MO
 Scottish Rite Foundation, St. Louis, MO
 Second Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Seneca R-7 School District, Seneca, MO
 Shelter Insurance Foundation, Columbia, MO
 Sikeston R-6 Schools, Sikeston, MO
 South County Baptist Church Foundation Inc., Saint Louis, MO
 South Gate Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 South Haven Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Southern Hills Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO
 Southview Baptist Church, Raytown, MO
 Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation, Inc., Council Bluffs, IA
 Southwestern/Great American, Nashville, TN
 Special Education Foundation, Chesterfield, MO
 Spring Valley Baptist Church, O' Fallon, IL
 St. John's Hospital, Lebanon, MO
 St. Peter United Methodist, Blue Springs, MO
 St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Saint Louis, MO
 Sullivan Christian Church, Sullivan, MO
 Summit Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur, IL
 Summit Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, MO
 Susquehanna Baptist Church, Independence, MO
 TRA Division of Workforce Development-
 Missouri Department of Labor & Industry, West Plains, MO
 The Doe Run Company, Boss, MO
 Tulsa Teachers Credit Union, Tulsa, OK
 Twin Valley Association Southern Baptist, Havana, KS
 US Bank Trust Department, Saint Louis, MO
 Union Hall Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, MO
 United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH
 United States Bowling Congress, Greendale, WI

University Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 VFW Post #9638, Wheatland, MO
 Verona Alumni Association, Monett, MO
 Wal-Mart Super Center, Salem, MO
 Webster County R-2 School District, Seymour, MO
 Westside Baptist Church, Waynesville, MO
 Westview Baptist Church, Swansea, IL
 White River Valley Electric Trust, Operation Round Up, Branson, MO
 Wilkerson's Commercial Flooring, Springfield, MO
 Willard R-2 Schools, Willard, MO
 Willow Creek Baptist Church, West Des Moines, IA
 Windsor Baptist Church, Imperial, MO
 Winnwood Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Woods Chapel Bible Fellowship, Blue Springs, MO

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American Legion Auxiliary, Sunrise Beach, MO
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 Arcola Christian Church, Arcola, MO
 Arensberg Farmers Mutual Insurance, Perryville, MO
 Arvest Trust Company, Bentonville, AR
 Bailey Chevrolet Pontiac GMC, Willow Springs, MO
 Banc One Management Corp., Houston, TX
 Beta Sigma Phi-Laureate Delta Nu, Bolivar, MO
 Bethany Baptist Church, Peoria, IL
 Bixby Alumni Association, Bixby, OK
 Blue Springs Ministerial Alliance, Blue Springs, MO
 Bolivar Police Department, Bolivar, MO
 Bolivar Woodworks, Bolivar, MO
 Butterfield Assembly of God, Van Buren, AR
 Calvary Chapel of Payson, Payson, AZ
 Calvary Church, Saint Peters, MO
 Calvary Temple, Fredericktown, MO
 Capital Region Medical Center, Jefferson City, MO
 Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Warsaw, MO
 Celebration Community Church, Auburn, WA
 Chatham Baptist Church, Chatham, IL
 Cherry Street Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Christian Service Foundation, Fort Wayne, IN
 First Church of the Nazarene, Bolivar, MO
 City of Riverside, Riverside, MO
 Climax Springs Min. Alliance, Climax Springs, MO
 College Hill Church of God in Christ, Tampa, FL
 Community Southern Baptist Church, Fair Grove, MO
 Corbin Charitable Trust, Nevada, MO
 Cornerstone Health Care Inc., Rogers, AR
 Corticelli Baptist Church, Russellville, MO
 Countryside Bible Church, Plattsmouth, NE
 Crane R-III School District, Crane, MO
 Dadeville R-2 School District, Dadeville, MO
 DaimlerChrysler Corp., Auburn Hills, MI
 Daniel Young, PTA, Blue Springs, MO
 Dorrisville Baptist Church, Harrisburg, IL
 Duck Creek Technologies, Inc., Bolivar, MO
 Educational Foundation of the Missouri Society of CPA's, Saint Louis, MO
 Eldon R-1 School District, Eldon, MO
 Elm Grove Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, KS
 Elm Grove Baptist Church, Richland, MO
 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Webb City, MO
 Empire Bank, Springfield, MO
 Erin Springs Baptist Church, Lindsay, OK
 Eudora Baptist Church, Walnut Grove, MO
 Fair Play R-II Schools, Fair Play, MO
 Faith Community Church of the Christian Missionary Alliance, Red Oak, IA
 Fellowship Baptist Church, Sikeston, MO
 First Assembly of God, Cedar Rapids, IA

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 First Baptist Church, Chouteau, OK
 First Baptist Church, Clinton, MO
 First Baptist Church, Conway, MO
 First Baptist Church, Crane, MO
 First Baptist Church, Gerald, MO
 First Baptist Church, Heber Springs, AR
 First Baptist Church, Iberia, MO
 First Baptist Church, Kearney, MO
 First Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO
 First Baptist Church, Mascoutah, IL
 First Baptist Church, Mexico, MO
 First Baptist Church, Nixa, MO
 First Baptist Church, Orrick, MO
 First Baptist Church, Peculiar, MO
 First Baptist Church, Richmond, MO
 First Baptist Church, Salem, MO
 First Baptist Church, Shawnee, KS
 First Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, MO
 First Baptist Church, Unionville, MO
 First Baptist Church Verdigris, Claremore, OK
 First Baptist Church, Viburnum, MO
 First Baptist Church, Vienna, MO
 First Baptist Church, Wood River, IL
 First Baptist Church, Magee, MS
 First Baptist Church, Harrisonville, MO
 First Christian Church, Rolla, MO
 First Congregational Church, Lebanon, MO
 First Home Savings Bank, Crane, MO
 First Home Savings Bank, Mountain Grove, MO
 First National Bank, Mountain View, MO
 First National Bank, Mt. Vernon, MO
 First Southern Baptist Church, Junction City, KS
 First Southern Baptist Church, Kimberling City, MO
 Freeman Chapel Church, Stewartsville, MO
 Ft. Riley Combined Scholarship, Ft. Riley, KS
 Gashland Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Generation III, El Dorado Springs, MO
 Glenstone Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Green Forest School District 32, Green Forest, AR
 Green Valley Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, MO
 Have Bible Will Travel Fellowship, Hazelwood, MO
 Heather Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
 Heritage Baptist Temple, Lebanon, MO
 Hermitage Lion's Club, Hermitage, MO
 Holmeswood Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Hoover-Koken Foundation, Inc., Junction City, KS
 Hopedale Baptist Church, Ozark, MO
 Horatio Alger Association, Alexandria, VA
 Independence School District, Independence, MO
 Junior Chamber of Commerce Blue Springs Jaycees, Blue Springs, MO
 Kansas Department of Education, Topeka, KS
 Keller Athletic Boosters, Keller, TX
 Keller Independent School District, Keller, TX
 Lamar Metro Club, Lamar, MO
 Lawson Rotary Club, Lawson, MO
 Lebanon Band Parents, Lebanon, MO
 Lee's Summit Community Church, Lee's Summit, MO
 Lee's Summit North Music Parents, Lee's Summit, MO
 Lifepoint Church, Ozark, MO
 Gainesville Lions Club, Gainesville, MO
 Living Stones Community Church, Grain Valley, MO
 Claude & Ada Low Foundation, Orange, CA
 Lujana Pond Golden Construction, Bakersfield, CA
 Maryville Pride Lions Club, Maryville, MO
 McCarthy Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, MO
 The Medicine Shoppe, Bolivar, MO
 Memorial Baptist Church, New Haven, MO
 Memorial Baptist Church, Williamsport, PA
 Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, Minden, NE
 Montauk Baptist Church, Salem, MO
 Moore Scholarship Fund, Hiawatha, KS
 Morgan County Reorganized District, Versailles, MO
 Mount Whitney Baptist Church, Lone Pine, CA
 Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Clarksburg, MO
 Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar, MO
 Myetta Baptist Church, Camdenon, MO
 North Heartland Community Church, Kansas City, MO
 Non Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A., San Antonio, TX
 National Propane Gas Foundation, Washington, DC
 Neosho Wildcat Booster Club, Neosho, MO
 New Life Baptist Church, Cole Camp, MO
 Newman's Country Mart, Warsaw, MO
 O'Bannon Banking Company, Buffalo, MO
 Oak Grove PTA, Oak Grove, MO
 Oakland Baptist Church, Clarksburg, MO
 Oakwood Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Odd Fellows Home Association, Fulton, MO
 Odessa R-VII School District, Odessa, MO
 Olympic Automotive, L.L.C., Saint Peters, MO
 Owensville High School Alumni Association, Owensville, MO
 Ozark Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper, Rolla, MO
 PEO Sisterhood Chapter EP, Lamar, MO
 Potosi Southern Baptist Church, Potosi, MO
 Redford Baptist Church, Redford, MO
 Regions Morgan Keegan, Birmingham, AL
 Reorganized R-II School District, Sainte Genevieve, MO
 Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club, Laurie, MO
 Rotary Club of Perryville, Perryville, MO
 Roy Creasy Scholarship Trust, Mexico, MO
 SEE Corporation, Rolla, MO
 STE Communications, Steelville, MO
 Salem Monument, Salem, MO
 Sappington School Fund, Gravois Mills, MO
 Saverton Community Church, Saverton, MO
 Logan - Rogersville R-8 School District, Rogersville, MO
 Schreiber Foods, Green Bay, WI
 Second Baptist Church, Lebanon, MO
 Second Freewill Baptist Church, Lebanon, MO
 Shannon Baptist Church, Pocahontas, AR
 Sikeston Public Schools Foundation, Sikeston, MO
 Smart Insurance Agency, Marionville, MO
 Smyrna Baptist Church, Ozark, MO
 South Side Baptist Church, Fort Smith, AR
 Southern Hills Baptist Church, Harrison, AR
 So. Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO
 Southside Baptist Church, Aurora, MO
 Southside Baptist Church, Fulton, MO
 Springfield Accounting, Springfield, MO
 St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Joplin, MO
 St. Peter Missionary Baptist, Atlanta, GA
 Sterling Acres Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Sulphur Springs Symphony League, Sulphur Springs, TX
 Texas Higher Education Coord. Board, Austin, TX
 The Woman's Club, Carrollton, MO
 Tonganoxie Education Foundation, Tonganoxie, KS
 Tri-County BPW, Sullivan, MO
 Trimble Baptist Church, Trimble, MO
 Trinity Baptist Church, Galva, IL
 Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Versailles, MO
 US Foodservice, Salem, MO
 US Bank, Saint Louis, MO
 US Foodservice, Phoenix, AZ

Union City Rotary, Union City, TN
 United Freewill Baptist Church, West Plains, MO
 United Methodist Church, Bolivar, MO
 Utopia Baptist Church, Utopia, TX
 Licking VFW Post 6337, Licking, MO
 Valley Park School District, Valley Park, MO
 Valley View Baptist Church, Eureka Springs, AR
 Vernon County Cattlemen, Bronaugh, MO
 Verona Baptist Church, Verona, MO
 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, AR
 Wal-Mart Supercenter, Bolivar, MO
 Warsaw School Alumni Association, Warsaw, MO
 West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Higginsville, MO
 West Craig Baptist Church, Las Vegas, NV
 Westchester Evangelical Free Church, Des Moines, IA
 Wheatland Alumni, Wheatland, MO
 Wheatland Mules Booster Club, Wheatland, MO
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 Word of Life Ministries, Inc., Wichita, KS
 Wyatt Park Christian Church, Saint Joseph, MO
 Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas, Wichita, KS

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 American Legion Foundation of Missouri, Jefferson City, MO
 Appleton City School, Appleton City, MO
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 Arnhart Baptist Church, Purdy, MO
 Automated Business Systems, Salem, MO
 Ava R-1 School District, Ava, MO
 The Bank of Orrick, Orrick, MO
 BAS Plus Three Inc., Sulpher Springs, TX
 Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, MO
 Bunker R-3 School, Bunker, MO
 Bushland School District, Bushland, TX
 CBF of Missouri, Liberty, MO
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 Clear Creek Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Covenant Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, MO
 Crossroads Baptist Church, Riley, KS
 Cuivre River Electric Community Trust, Troy, MO
 Dallas County R-1 School District, Buffalo, MO
 Elks Scholarship Fund, Salina, KS
 Emmanuel Southern Baptist, Decatur, IL
 Entergy Services, Inc., New Orleans, LA
 Eternity Fraternity, Inc., Wagoner, OK
 FASCO, Eldon, MO
 Faith Church, Tamarac, FL
 Fellowship United Methodist Church-United Methodist Men, Roanoke, TX
 First Assembly of God, Richland, MO
 First Baptist Church, Albany, MO
 First Baptist Church, Collinsville, IL
 First Baptist Church, Enid, OK
 First Baptist Church, Fair Play, MO
 First Baptist Church, Henrietta, MO
 First Baptist Church, Hermitage, MO
 First Baptist Church, Huntsville, MO
 First Baptist Church, Independence, MO
 First Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, MO
 First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, MO
 First Baptist Church of St. John, Saint Louis, MO
 First Baptist Church, Pierce City, MO
 First Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 First Baptist Church, Tahlequah, OK
 First Baptist Church, Thayer, MO
 First Baptist Church, Troy, MO
 First Baptist Church, Wentzville, MO
 First Baptist South Greenfield, South Greenfield, MO
 First Congregational Church, Highland, IL
 First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, KS
 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Lamar, MO
 Friends In Action, International, Mansfield, MO
 GMAC Insurance, Winston-Salem, NC
 Galloway Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 General Baptist Church, Ava, MO
 Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO
 Halfway Public Schools P.T.A., Halfway, MO
 Hallmark Corporate Foundation, Kansas City, MO
 Heath Creek Baptist Church, Nelson, MO
 High Prairie Christian Church, Fair Grove, MO
 I-70 Auto Service, Inc., Kansas City, MO
 Iantha Baptist Church, Iantha, MO
 Iron County C-4 School District, Viburnum, MO
 J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, Princeton, NJ
 Kansas State Bank, Scranton, KS
 Lamar Bank & Trust Company, Lamar, MO
 Lions Club of Orrick, Orrick, MO
 Ava Lions Club, Inc., Ava, MO
 Lone Star Baptist Church, Willard, MO
 Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc., Marshall, MO
 Fairfield Memorial Hospital Association, Fairfield, IL
 More With Less, Inc., Moundridge, KS
 Morgan County License Office, Versailles, MO
 Murray Funeral Home, Humansville, MO
 National City Bank, Cleveland, OH
 National Ministries, Valley Forge, PA
 New Harmony Baptist Church, Salem, MO
 New Home Baptist Church, Salem, MO
 New Hope Baptist Church, Elsberry, MO
 New Life Assembly of God, Barnett, MO
 New St. John Baptist Church, Cincinnati, OH
 Noble Hill Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
 Oak Grove Baptist Church, Salem, MO
 Ozark Prairie Baptist Association, Lockwood, MO
 Park Chapel Baptist Church, Clinton, MO
 Portfolio Associates, Houston, TX
 Salem School District, Salem, MO
 School District No. 78, Aurora, MO
 Seminole Baptist Temple, Springfield, MO
 Shannondale Associates, Salem, MO
 Southside Rotary Club, Saint Joseph, MO
 Springfield Public Schools Foundation, Springfield, MO
 St. John's Regional Health Center Auxiliary, Springfield, MO
 St. Joseph School District Foundation, Inc., Saint Joseph, MO
 Stanford Restaurant Management Fox's Pizza Den, Bolivar, MO
 Stepping Stone Baptist Church, Port Gibson, MS
 Sulphur Bluff Scholarship Foundation, Sulphur Bluff, TX
 Summersville R-2 School District, Summersville, MO
 Summit Church, Rogersville, MO
 Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur, IL
 The Real Estate Company LLC, Springfield, MO
 United Country Realty, Willow Springs, MO
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Mark Houston '84, Educator, Columbia
 Wayne Hutchins '51, Businessman, Springfield
 Bob Killian, Businessman, Springfield
 Gary Longenecker '71, Retired Pastor, Nixa
 David Mason '83, Pastor, St. Joseph
 David McAlpin, Pastor, St. Peters
 Larry Payton '70, Businessman, Tulsa, OK
 Mark Rains '70, Attorney, Blue Springs
 Rebecca Randles '85, Attorney, Kansas City, MO
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Shelly Brown, Techno-M.B.A., Director of Web Services
 Mike Pitts '85, Director of Sports Information
 Sharina Smith, M.S.A., Senior Director of Marketing &
 Communications

Shawn Summers '94, Director of Alumni & Church Relations
 Justin Wollard '97, Graphic Designer

Q. When did you join the SBU Family?

Avery: After working in Springfield for seven years, I started working for SBU in November of 2000.

Hopkins: January of 1989

Q. What position(s) have you held during your time here?

Avery: I have always worked in the ITS department as a User Support Specialist.

Hopkins: I became chair of the math department in May 1989 (was hired with the understanding that I would become chair on Dr. Bev Harris' retirement-he had been here over 40 years so I came knowing I had big shoes to fill). I believe my first year or two as chair was officially "acting chair." I came as assistant professor of math, was promoted to associate professor, and then to professor of mathematics.

Q. What were your first impressions of SBU?

Avery: Other than what I heard from other students, faculty and staff I didn't know very much about SBU. After I started working at SBU, I was busy getting to know my responsibilities and meeting new people. What I found was the many godly, self-sacrificing people who seen SBU as their mission field.

Hopkins: I was very impressed by the Christian love and concern shared among the faculty and passed on to the students. I wasn't that familiar with SBU when I came for my interview, but I was sure this was where God wanted me after the interview. Confirming this was the fact that on Tuesday after my interview weekend I got a letter offering me a job at what had been my

Q. How did it feel to be named by your peers as having lived a Life Beautiful?

Avery: It is truly an honor. I was completely surprised. I just enjoy helping people, and I try to treat others the way I would want to be treated.

Hopkins: I found it quite humbling. I felt there were others more deserving of the honor. I am in awe of how God has worked various things together in my life to provide opportunities for service that I never even dreamed about when I came to SBU in 1989. I had the opportunity to share with the faculty about my experiences in running Math Contest Camp 2006 and I think that made my name "stand out" as my peers were voting. But I was also aware that if the rest of my life wasn't sending the same message that my sharing would not be enough to



Staff Life Beautiful Award Recipient, Daemon Avery, Technology Support Specialist, Information and Technology Services
Faculty Life Beautiful Award Recipient, Dr. Kevin Hopkins, Professor and Department Chair of Mathematics

Q. Have you had any children graduate from or attend SBU?

Avery: My daughter Laura graduated in December of 2005 as an RN with an A.S.N. degree. She is working at Bolivar Family Care Center. Terrance is a senior majoring in Business with an emphasis in economics and finance and a minor in accounting. He is working at the SBU physical plant and at Mid-Missouri Bank.

Hopkins: My children are in eighth and ninth grade. I came to SBU without children, but visited the schools during my time in Bolivar for the interview. SBU is certainly on their list of colleges to consider, but they are beginning to mature enough to realize they do have other options for college (and going "away" to school might not be that bad). I think SBU is still their first choice.

first choice (for which I had interviewed a couple of months before--they had planned to advertise their position, so I knew it would be awhile before I heard back from them). Had that particular letter come before our trip to SBU for the interview, we would have accepted that job and not even come to SBU for the interview. We saw the timing as an indication of where God wanted me to teach.

Q. What do you feel is the best thing about working at SBU?

Avery: I enjoy the atmosphere and the people. Coming from a military background isn't exactly a Christian surrounding. That was what was refreshing about working at SBU. SBU still is the best job I have had.
Hopkins: The Christian love and concerned shared among the faculty and students is the best thing about working at SBU.

cause my peers to vote for me.

Q. What is your passion in life? What brings you great joy?

Avery: Our church tries to go on a construction type mission trip every year. It is so rewarding to help brothers and sister in Christ to be a light in their communities. The best part is the relationships you build with someone from the church you are helping.

Hopkins: Right now it is working with math contests. The math department has hosted math contests for the past eight years. It has grown from about 65 students the first year to over 600 (and could have been nearly 800 except for the ice storm) this year, with over 3000 students having attended over the past years. I have gotten numerous "thank you's" from teachers following their bringing students to the

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Faith, & Football & Family:

A Foundation For Life
Interview by Sharina Smith

If you attended any of the Bearcat football games, you might have thought you were on the set of *Facing The Giants* when the Bearcats were faced with defeat. Like the movie's home team, SBU is definitely in "a David-and-Goliath story" as it bravely continues to play NCAA Division II football year after year as the minority, a small Christian university facing the larger public school teams. The Bearcats have three NFL-experienced coaches who are hungry to win, but the game for which they're preparing their players is far bigger than a football field. These three fathers want their adopted "sons" to learn the drills of faith and family as much as they want a winning football season. And they want a winning football season very badly.

In addition to being a minority in its conference, the current roster for Bearcat football boasts 53 minority players. These 53 young men make up one-half of the football team, and they face their own giants as they work to accomplish an academically challenging education while enduring the rigorous training of an athlete. Head Coach Jack Peavey said many of these minority students

come to Bolivar from small towns in the Deep South, and many of these recruited athletes are escaping some of the racism they may have faced in their past. It has often been a greater challenge than facing the racism they may experience as black students in a predominantly white community. More and more student athletes have grown up without fathers in their lives. Peavey said he and the other coaches have made a commitment to be the male role models these men have not had. Assistant coaches Tracy Hayworth and E.J. Junior have a special heart for their players and many of the minority players seek them out for counsel since they, too, are minority men. Peavey said he was the one of the three coaches mentioned who grew up out of a divorced family. Junior and Hayworth both had fathers at home, a now growing concern for the African-American community. "We all see the need for guidance, discipline and consistency for all our team to succeed," Peavey said.

When asked why minority students would want to come play football in a mostly white community, Peavey said, "The first thing we tell them is that we coaches believe we are purposed by God

to be here at SBU, he called us to be here and for that reason he brought them to us. Secondly, we have minority leaders. Third, our guidance as Christian men is important to the players and their families. A lot of our players come from



the South where the Bible is important to them. We're looking for kids who we think will fit into [SBU's] Christian environment. They usually come from smaller Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama or Florida towns that are even smaller than Bolivar. We're small town recruiters. They like Bolivar - there's even more to

do in Bolivar than many of them have in their hometowns.”

“I grew up in small town America, where there are not a lot of families of color - there were two, mine and one other,” Hayworth said. “At first, my wife was unsure if she wanted to move here because of the lack of diversity and now we’re glad we’re here - we have been welcomed to the Bolivar and SBU community with open arms. A lot of our students are kids are from one-parent families. Our role is so important. Most are missing their father - that attracts them to us. It is new to them to have a dad or father figure there for them. By us treating all our players the same, whether black or white, the only time our team feels there is a black/white turmoil is outside these walls. The non-football kids don’t have parent figures here. Our kids have parents here in us - If they’re not in class or acting right, they are disciplined. These kids are here to earn their education.”

to include the athletes.” Junior said, “When I look at my days at Alabama, we had an athletic dorm, a special cafeteria. It isolated us. Only during spring were we with others. I love the fact that here the athletes share the cafeteria and wellness center with others.”

In addition to providing a family away from home for the football team, all the coaches interviewed said they wanted the focus this year to be creating a foundation of faith for the players. “Every time we get together to pray with the team,” Peavey said, “we pray for Dr. Taylor, Dr. Datile, the Cabinet, and our student body. There is such great power in praying with these kids. It constantly reminds them to whom they are accountable. We pass along our faith - we pray every day. Last night, we got onto their fannies but ended the meeting by reminding them all of what they are doing that is right. They need to know there’s right and then there’s wrong.

an academic family - honor society, and chess club - sports kept me busy. I played football, basketball, baseball, and did track. At Alabama, they said if you keep playing



“We treat them as our sons. If they do something wrong, we punish them. We talk to their parents; we are their father figures away from home.”

-- SBU Bearcat assistant coach E.J. Junior

“We create a family environment here,” said Junior. “We treat them as our sons. If they do something wrong we punish them. We talk to their parents; we are their father figures away from home. We call their parents and talk to them. We want them to be in class and have class. Any time you are a sports figure you are under a microscope. There is an expectation of excellence athletically, socially, and spiritually. I have seven boys, so I know they make mistakes.”

When asked about the frustration many other students have with what is perceived as athletes’ privileges, Hayworth said, “One of the hardest obstacles to overcome as an athlete is that you are in an elite group. You eat differently, train, and the rest of campus sets activities for other students right in the middle of our practice time or meeting time. Sometimes the athletes feel outcast from student events. At most schools, athletes are separate from the rest of the students, but our goal is to continually change that. We are trying to improve our relationship between faculty and the student body to adjust or change student schedules

We have a mission. We’re not perfect. We acknowledge our mistakes and hold each other accountable. We are far from perfect. Bottom-line: they are still boys; we constantly remind them of what God has planned for them. Our bond with our players is greater than our wins and losses, and I believe the bond will lead to our future success.”

For the hopeful Bearcats who still dream of the NFL, these coaches said to hold onto your dreams, but get an education. Both Hayworth and Peavey dreamed of playing in the NFL as little boys and held onto their dreams. Despite his status as an NFL celebrity, Junior defies stereotypes by saying he would have rather gotten a graduate degree like his siblings and parents than play in the NFL: “I played football because it gave me a chance to be physical without getting in trouble! I actually loved baseball, but you don’t get kicked out of football for hitting someone. I got better and bigger as I got older. If you told me I’d play in the NFL, I would have said you were crazy. I came from

at this rate, you’ll be a number one draft choice. What helped me is that I was a great student and a good athlete. My brother is an M.D., my sister has a J.D., my mother has two Ph.D.s, and my father almost has a Ph.D. I want a master’s degree!”

Hayworth said he loves football because when he “grew up in the 60s and 70s, a time when relationships between blacks and whites were not great. Blacks and whites would sit on different sides of the building in class and in the cafeteria. At 2 p.m. we went to practice together not trusting each other and when we crossed those chalk lines for practice, the guys who didn’t understand each other would be hugging each other on the field saying ‘good play.’ Every team I played on won championships. What other sport knocks you down and you get up. Each time in life you get knocked down, you need to get up. I learned how to get back up in football. Tell me I can’t, and I’ll leap the wall or go through it. Growing up I knew I was sometimes the only black kid in class. They thought I wasn’t smart enough. I wanted to show them ‘I’m just as smart



E.J. Junior

COACHING AND FRONT OFFICE STOPS

- Seattle Seahawks
- Miami Dolphins
- Minnesota Vikings
- Jacksonville Jaguars
- Rhein Fire (NFL Europe)

NFL/NCAA PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- St. Louis Cardinals (NFL)
- Miami Dolphins
- Seattle Seahawks
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- University of Alabama

AWARDS/HONORS

- Two-time NFL all-Pro
- Named to first All-Madden team
- First round NFL draft pick
- SEC Player of the Year
- Two-time national champion
- Two-time all-American
- Three-time all-SEC selection
- Lombardi Award finalist

Tracy Hayworth

NFL/AFL/NCAA PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Detroit Lions
- Nashville Kats (AFL)
- University of Tennessee

AWARDS/HONORS

- All-Madden Team
- Four trips to NFL Playoffs
- All-SEC Second Team
- Captain at Tennessee

Jack Peavey

SELECTED COACHING STOPS

- Bishop Feehan High School
- William Patterson University
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Arkansas
- Jacksonville State University

NFL/NCAA PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- New England Patriots
- Denver Broncos
- Troy State University

AWARDS/HONORS

- NCAA Division II Championship at Troy St.
- Member of Broncos' Super Bowl XXII team
- Won 3 Massachusetts high school state titles
- All-American offensive lineman

as you are.' I made that a challenge and I was the 'smartest boy' in elementary school when they gave out the awards at the end of the year."

Despite many "naysayers," Hayworth pursued an NFL career with the same determination and was successful in meeting his goal. Since he left college to answer the call from the NFL before he finished his degree, Hayworth is now enrolled in class



"The Bolivar area has a desire for a multi-cultural church," Junior said. "When I preached in chapel the other day, the kids said, 'When are you going to start a church?' Like them, I hunger to learn

something different." A minister himself, Junior has learned a lot from the local pastors in Bolivar who are encouraging him to start a multi-cultural church. "I'm just preaching to the people of God; trying to touch souls. This is where I live, this is where I plan to retire and raise our kids. We are adjusting.

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-- SBU Bearcats head coach Jack Peavey

at SBU with a college degree in his sights. Although he came from a divorced family, Peavey's parents both encouraged him. "I always dreamed of pro football since I first put on pads. I drew up plays from five- and six-years old and would show my dad. I think he thought I was crazy! I guess my parents knew at some point football would end. They always reminded me "you're playing football to get an education." It is a lesson we pass on everyday to our players. I was the first Peavey to graduate from college, but the NFL was my dream — it was important to me."

Although they would not turn down a winning season, all three coaches expressed the desire to create a football tradition at SBU that is about more than wins and losses. They want the minority kids and the majority kids all to "step up" and be ready for the cultural changes that can happen at SBU and Bolivar. Both Junior and Hayworth see a change coming soon, when they do not have to go to Springfield to fulfill a need. More importantly, they are hoping to see a different kind of church started in the Bolivar community.

I have celebrity status. People have been so warm to me regardless. Genuine love for people, regardless of skin color, is beginning to grow here. During the ice storm people took us in for a week; these are people who love you genuinely." At the time of this issue, Junior's wife is still in Florida trying to sell a house and find an engineering job in the Bolivar area. While the Hayworths and the Peaveys have opened up their homes to the players seeking a home-cooked meal or just a relaxing game of pool, Junior is starting a Bible study starting with the football team and growing to include all SBU students who would like to attend.

"We got a lot of compliments on our team even if we didn't win on the field," Junior said. "We want to be winners in life. We want this team to stay and learn and grow as businessmen and in other fields, which leads to them being better alumni and giving back. We are holding the kids accountable. The faculty teaches the students accountability to their academic fields. We teach them from the football field to be players in the game of life."

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When African-American Christopher Gardner competed for an internship at the financial brokerage firm Dean Witter Reynolds, the odds were stacked against him. Time and money constraints plagued his every move. Clearly the underdog in the program, Chris rose to greatness. He is now a multi-millionaire, has appeared on *Oprah*, and had his story retold in the hit movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*. Chris suffered severe financial hardships and the struggle of being a single parent, and viewers are able to relate to his life story because they, too, have barriers in their lives. These barriers can be in the form of a physical disability, lack of self-confidence, discrimination based on a person's race or religion, or gender biases. In the past, the workplace has held limited opportunities for women and minorities. In today's work environment, barriers are falling and doors are opening to both minorities and women.

Three women at SBU who have broken into typically male-dominated fields are Dr. Rosalyn Snellen '73, professor of anatomy and physiology, biology, and pathophysiology; Hillary Glauser-Patton '01, professor of cell and molecular biology and biochemistry; and Nikki Rogers, assistant athletic trainer. While each of these women boasts her own unique story, common ground exists in their fields and backgrounds.

Dr. Snellen has been a chameleon around the university, serving in both administrative and educational capacities. In the past 12 years, Dr. Snellen has served as the assistant dean, dean, associate provost, and professor. She was also the coordinator for the university's recent Higher Learning Commission self-study. This year, she has re-entered the classroom full-time.

Dr. Snellen has enjoyed the world of science since grade school but entered college as a mathematics major. By the end of the first semester,

Dr. Snellen could not part with her first love and added biology in addition to her mathematics major. Her love for teaching developed a few years later when she accepted a teaching assistantship in graduate school. Her plans changed yet again when a graduate school professor encouraged her to pursue her doctoral degree; she had originally planned to work in conservation. Despite her unplanned journey into the classroom, Dr. Snellen loves "helping students get excited about biology and God's wonderful creation."

Like Dr. Snellen, Glauser-Patton has cherished the world of science since childhood. She says, "I cannot recall a time when I did not find science completely fascinating. I've been hooked since I was old enough to wonder." Fellow scientist Dr. C.W. McLaughlin and Glauser-Patton's parents were chief encouragers in shaping her approach to academia and her educational goals. Along with her teaching duties, she is currently working on a Ph.D. in science (biochemistry) education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Glauser-Patton fostered her addiction to science in her participation in various competitions and activities such as the Science Olympiad; Missouri Academy of Science meetings; Science Knowledge Bowl; the Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities



Snellen

Trailblazing Women Breaking Barriers at SBU

by Amy Bopp, Class of 2007



Glauser-Patton

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-Hillary Glauser-Patton

Symposium at Duke University; and a research trip to Antarctica. Her interest in teaching came a few years later. She first became intrigued with the teaching experience in junior high when she presented research at the Missouri Academy of Science. After her teaching assistantship at Iowa State University, Glauser-Patton truly found the classroom to be her natural element. Her career in education naturally allows her to empower students with knowledge and further her own passion for science. Glauser-Patton adds,

Trailblazing Women

“The moment when all is aligned and an experiment is successful is reward beyond description.”

As an assistant athletic trainer, Rogers stays busy working with the women’s soccer, basketball, and softball teams. She provides medical coverage for all practices and games and travels every weekend with the teams from August-May. Besides her practice and game responsibilities, Rogers teaches two athletic training practicum courses; supervises eight to ten athletic training students; and teaches a course for the health, physical education and recreation department. While her responsibilities might sound grueling, Rogers finds enjoyment in the athletic training field because it joins her love for sports with her desire to work in the medical field. Rogers possesses a passion for athletic training similar to Glauser-Patton and Dr. Snellen’s dedication to science.



Rogers’ path to athletic training began in her first year of college. She was initially thinking of physical therapy or medical school, but a sign advertising athletic training sparked her interest. After conversing with the head athletic trainer, Rogers started the journey through which she now guides beginning athletic trainers. Sharing her love for athletic training with students is one of the highlights of her career. Most of all, Rogers cherishes the opportunity to impact her students and athletes, “My office is open for any discussions that may help them mentally or spiritually grow as an individual.”

Fortunately, none of these women can cite any incidents where they have been particularly discriminated against for being women in their professions. Rogers does cite the presence of discrimination in athletic training in the past, “In the past, female athletic trainers have typically been hired to work only female sports. This trend is beginning to change, and now more females are entering the athletic training profession.”

Throughout *The Pursuit of Happiness*, Will Smith’s character references how Thomas Jefferson writes of Americans’ rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Happiness is in no way guaranteed to American citizens; rather, Americans must work toward accomplishing their dreams. To fellow young women who wish to break into the world of science or athletic training, all three of these trailblazing women agree: pursue your goals, prepare by taking classes in your discipline, maintain professionalism, and don’t ever give up.

contests as they recognize the work that is involved in running them. God has richly blessed these events and even when they don’t go as smoothly as I would like, students and teachers are grateful for the opportunity.

From running these contests (and having a son who is VERY interested in such contests), I have moved on to working with local Bolivar Middle School students in preparing for these contests. From that I taught a couple years at Summerscape (a program Drury University runs for gifted Middle School students). Then in summer 2006, I took a leap of faith and decided to run a camp at SBU, which I called Math Contest Camp. God blessed me with 25 campers (and four excellent helpers) in 2006. I am planning two one-week camps for summer 2007 (see www.sbuniv.edu/~khopkins/2007mcc.html) and am waiting to see where God will take this camp.

Q. Where do you live? Are you active in your community and/or church?

Avery: I live here in town. I have always been very active in church. I serve as a deacon at my church. I also take care of all technology at church, and my wife and I work together to run the sound and video during church services.

Hopkins: I live in Bolivar. My community involvement is with the school (I have coached my kids on youth sports earlier in their lives)--I teach my son there 4 days a week (and have for his 7th and 8th grade year) and run a Math Contest Club that meets after school two Thursdays a month. In my church, I help with 4th-5th grade children’s choir and youth handbells. I sing in the adult choir. I am secretary of the deacon body at First Baptist Church and coordinate my Sunday School class’s email prayer letter. I have also worked in Vacation Bible School.

Q. Tell me a little bit about your family.

Hopkins: My wife, Lori, and I met in a singing group at the Baptist Student Union at the University of Illinois. We were married in 1986 while I was still a graduate student at University of Illinois (she graduated in 1985 with a degree in accounting). Megan was born in 1991 and Eric in 1993. Megan is in ninth grade and Eric is in eighth grade. Both are excellent students and musicians. Music has been important to me. It was where I first worked with children and part of what led me to believe God was gifting me to do the Math Contest Camp. I have discovered (and tried to write a few) math songs (parodies of songs, modifying the lyrics to talk about math concepts). These songs have proven useful in classes as a stress reliever and my camp kids have really enjoyed them, too.

Q. Anything else our readers should know about you or that you would like to tell someone about SBU?

Hopkins: My parents taught me a lot about service with their lives. My father built a softball field on our farm outside Greenville, Illinois that an entire generation of young people remember fondly in that community as “Hoppy’s Field.” My mother was very involved with organizing Red Cross blood drives and was secretary/treasurer for over 20 years for a group of six churches. They were recognized by Greenville College for their service to the community in the 90’s.

Faculty/Staff News

Faculty Members Join North Central Association

Three faculty members are consultant evaluators for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Dr. David Whitlock, Dr. Janet Juhlin, and Dr. Jennifer Wilson have been and will be serving on accreditation teams that visit other institutions.

Dr. David Whitlock, dean and professor, was selected as a member of a comprehensive review team with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Schools in October. As a member of the team, Whitlock traveled to Minnesota and Wisconsin to conduct the visit. He previously served as a member of a team evaluating a university in Ohio. He also received training as a Consultant-Evaluator with HLC held in November in Lisle, Ill. Consultant-Evaluators are members of the Commission's Peer Review Corps, charged with conducting on-site visits and making recommendations regarding accreditation status as well as providing consultation to institutions of higher education. Dr. Whitlock also was selected as the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs Mentor for Campbell University in North Carolina. He also serves as the ACBSP Mentor for St. Francis University in New York and just completed

a mentoring assignment with Alvernia College in Pennsylvania. He recently concluded an on-site visit having chaired a team assigned to review Mount Vernon Nazarene in Ohio.

Dr. Jennifer Wilson, professor and dean of the St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU, attended a Higher Learning Commission workshop "Focus on Evaluation of Distance Education" in November. She was invited to serve on the Board of Ozarks Fighting Back and began her work with this board in November. In January, she served as a Higher Learning Commission peer evaluator for a comprehensive evaluation of a program in Michigan.

Dr. Janet Juhlin, professor of education and director of institutional effectiveness, received training as a Consultant-Evaluator with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The training was held in November in Lisle, Ill. Consultant-Evaluators are members of the Commission's Peer Review Corps, charged with conducting on-site visits and making recommendations regarding accreditation status as well as providing consultation to institutions of higher education.

DeClue Selected to Present Results at CCSC Regional Meeting

Dr. Tim DeClue, professor and chair of the computer information science department, has been selected to present the results of a project to the Central Plains Regional meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC) in Springfield, Mo. on April 14 at Drury University. The project, which he completed during the fall semester of 2006, resulted in a paper titled, "A Comprehensive Capstone Project in Computer Science 1: Getting the (Instant) Message." The paper discusses DeClue's approach to teaching software engineering to beginning computer science and computer information science students. In the paper he suggests that one approach to teaching software engineering which increases success for first-year students is to choose projects for them which are real-world enough to challenge the students, yet fun enough to motivate those same students to succeed. The project discussed in the paper, and which every student in his fall class completed was a working instant messaging system.

Credille Presents Paper for Christian Business Faculty Association

Dr. Ronda Credille, associate professor of business administration, presented a paper titled "Memorable Hires: Seasoned Business Faculty Reflections" at the Christian Business Faculty Association's annual conference in Dayton, Ohio, on Oct. 27. Credille interviewed eight seasoned business faculty members at Christian postsecondary institutions concerning

their "most memorable hires." Their recollections were analyzed for possible insights into the connections, if any, between recruiting processes and satisfactory hires. Credille presented six conclusions and six implications for faculty searches at Christian postsecondary institutions.

Eldridge Defends Doctoral Project

Dr. Carole Eldridge, assistant professor, St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU, successfully defended her doctoral project, "Creating an Online Training Center for Faculty in a College of Nursing" in November; the degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice was awarded by Rush University on December 16th. She also has written a series of training modules; she wrote 25 modules for long-term care nurses and aides for Thomco Insurance Company (a company who insures long-term care agencies and distributes the material to their insured facilities for staff education) and three modules for hospice nurses and aides. These were written for Trinity Hospice. She also prepared two continuing education activities for registered nurses at Trinity Hospice; these activities were approved by the Texas Nurses Association.



Baker Receives Honors, Serves in Roles

Dr. Martha Baker, program director and professor, St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU served as secretary and newsletter editor for National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association (NANAINA) and was elected president-elect of this organization, beginning her term as national president in October of 2007. She presented a paper, "Cardiovascular Risk Factors Among American Indian Women," at the NANAINA's 12th annual summit "Honoring our Traditions" in Tempe, Ariz. She also served as Coordinator for 1st Founders' Symposium honoring Dr. Roxanne Struthers at this summit. In addition, she is Project Coordinator for the Competence in Aging grant for NANAINA. Lastly, Dr. Baker published an article in the September issue of *Journal of Gynecological and Neonatal Nursing* titled "Cardiovascular Risk Factors among American Indian Women."



Compton Earns Multiple Honors

Dr. Josh Compton, department chair and assistant professor of communication, has been published in the latest issue of *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta*. *The Forensic* is the oldest journal publishing scholarship related to intercollegiate speech and

debate. Compton's article, "Remembering Forgetting, and Memorializing Forensics' Past: Considering Forensics from a Collective Memory Theoretical Perspective," was based on a presentation he made at the 2004 annual convention of the National Communication Association in Chicago. Compton was awarded the Top Paper award from the National Communication Association for his work in 2004. Dr. Josh Compton also presented five papers at the National Communication Association Convention in San Antonio in November.

Brown Completes Dreamweaver Certification Exam

Shelly Brown, director of web services, recently passed the Certified Dreamweaver 8 Developer exam. Brown is the only person in the state of Missouri that is certified in Dreamweaver 8. Macromedia Dreamweaver is a web development tool by Adobe Systems Incorporated. The Dreamweaver 8 Developer certification represents a professional level of expertise in the activities that demonstrate an individual's competency as a Dreamweaver developer. A certified individual should thoroughly understand the Dreamweaver application, web page design, web page authoring, and supporting technologies.

Selected Faculty/Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Susan Debauche, professor and chair of the department of business administration, served as the chair of the reaffirmation team for the evaluation of the business program at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, Texas, in October 2006.

Dr. Duke Jones, assistant professor of Christian education, taught an intensive five-day course, survey of the Old Testament, for Dallas Baptist University during the Christmas break.

Dr. William Brown, dean of the Geneva Casebolt College of Music, Arts and Letters; performed a Sonata by Dr. William Hooper, emeritus professor of music, at a composers' conference at the University of Central Missouri in February. Dr. Brown played piano accompaniment for a choral concert at Stockton High School in November.

Dr. Melinda Smashey, associate professor, is the pianist for the new chamber music group "Mosaic" which performed three concerts in Springfield in October and November. She also performed with the group "Ensemble 21" in its debut concert at Drury University in November.

Laura Compton, instructor, was soloist in a performance of Mozart's Requiem at First Christian Church of Norman, Okla., in November. She performed three concerts with the chamber music group "Mosaic" in Springfield in October and November.

Dr. Brian Hopwood, director of instrumental studies, worked with 200 Colorado students in a rehearsal/clinic at three high schools. In November, he served as a clinician/conductor for Marion C. Early High School clinic band in Morrisville, Missouri. In December, he attended the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois.

Terri Schmitt, instructor, St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU, was elected President-elect of the Theta Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, nursing international honor society. She continues with her doctoral coursework at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. In addition, she did patient exams on a voluntary basis for Breast Cancer Awareness month at Deliverance Temple. This activity was held in conjunction with the American Cancer Society

Dr. David Whitlock, dean of the College of Business and Computer Science, **Dr. Barry Ellis**, associate professor of business administration, and **Dr. Arnold** authored the paper, "An Examination of Tentmaker Ministers in Missouri: Challenges and Opportunities," *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry*, Fall 2006 Edition, www.baptistcenter.com, New Orleans, La.

Dr. Tom Hollis, director of graduate studies in education and professor, and **Jo Collier** authored a chapter in *College Student Death: Guidance for a Caring Campus*. It will be featured by the Association of College Personnel Administrators as one of the few books chosen by this organization to be published this year (2007).

Office of Alumni & Church Relations

The Many Faces of Our Alumni

In my brief time as your alumni director, I have come to appreciate the many faces of our alumni. I have had the privilege of connecting with men and women of all ages, races, and walks of life who believe in and support the mission of Southwest Baptist University. If you are one of our alumni, you know the value and importance of an institution that, within a caring academic community, is Christ-centered and prepares students to be servant leaders in a global society. I appreciate that the ways in which our alumni support the university are as varied as our alumni themselves.

I believe the most important support the university receives from our alumni and friends is prayer. There are forces at work in this world, both physical and spiritual, that would love to see SBU fail in its mission. The impact of alumni praying for our students, faculty, and administration is great, and its impact on the world will probably not be known this side of heaven. SBU is indebted to its alumni who have sacrificed their time and energy to be present on campus. Your interaction with students inspires them to persevere and gives them strength to finish this part of their journey. As you interact with staff and faculty, you reaffirm to us that what we are doing here is important and has eternal value. By choosing to spend your valuable time and energy assisting SBU in its mission, you show to the world that you support and believe in the work that is being done by the university. Our alumni are goodwill ambassadors for the university and often the only face of SBU that the rest of the world will see. You are definitely our number one recruiters! Your personal testimony of how SBU changed your life is more meaningful to a prospective student than any university publication. Finally, the fulfillment of the mission of SBU would be seriously compromised without alumni and friends who sacrificially give of their financial resources.

I would like to hear from you how SBU, and particularly the Office of Alumni & Church Relations, can assist you in your journey as you seek to fulfill God's call upon your life. I am working on planning several alumni events around the country. Homecoming 2007, October 5-6 is quickly approaching and we look forward to your return to campus. I would like to hear from those of you who have been to a homecoming in the past on what you do and do not enjoy and would like to see in the future. I would also like to have input from those of you who have not been to homecoming. What would you like to see that might interest you in returning to campus? Email me at ssummers@sbuniv.edu – I love hearing from you.

I am proud of and excited about the involvement of our alumni in the work of Southwest Baptist University. I want to say thank you to all of you who, in one form or another, have chosen to be a part of impacting students' lives for the kingdom.

Shawn Summers '94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations



**Kansas City
Alumni Chapter
Spring Banquet -
Friday April 21, 2007,
7:00 p.m.**

**Little Rock area
Alumni Reunion -
Saturday April 28, 2007**

**Dallas/Ft. Worth area
Alumni Reunion -
Saturday May 12, 2007**

**Homecoming
October 5 & 6, 2007**

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Shawn Summers at
417-328-1806 or
ssummers@sbuniv.edu**

one receives the prize
that you might win."



by Sharina Smith

Witnessing to Diverse People

Compassion Guided Dr. Jack & Edythe Fellows

Dr. Jack and Edythe Fellows '40 have lived a life dedicated to spreading the Good News, and during their many mission trips, they have witnessed to diverse groups of people including Jews, Palestinians, and Muslims. Dr. Fellows said of his travels, "I have witnessed to Hamas leaders. I have taught conversational English to Arab Muslim school teachers. When I spoke before one group, at the beginning I told them I was a Christian and that was the last time they would hear me say that. When asked, I tell people that I have no way to prove that if you don't believe in Jesus you're going to Hell. I have to accept it by faith."

Compassion for those of different faiths has guided Dr. and Mrs. Fellows on the mission field. "I have spoken to a Rotary club in Israel where I was the only Christian," he said. "I told them I accepted the Messiah they didn't. Afterward, I was thanked for not condemning them."

Dr. and Mrs. Fellows have logged many miles in following God's commandment to share the Gospel. They are an inspiration to others to "go and tell," and Dr. Fellows' catalogue of their destinations proves lengthy:

"I would like to have included stories of the many places in the world where I have had the privilege of witnessing. One was in a cave off the coast of China for three days with a small group of Chinese Christians, while on a visit to Taiwan (Taipei); in two churches in Seoul and Pusan, Korea, and three in Japan included Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the five years I was in the Balkans, I had the opportunity to witness in the following: Fuzine, Karlovac, Osijek, Selce, Zagreb, and Vukovar in Croatia; in Bosnia at Bana Luka and Sarajevo; in Kosovo, Montenegro, and other places in [the former] Yugoslavia. While working and traveling, I also spoke in churches in Germany, Great Britain, Scotland, Switzerland, and Wales."

Because of their passion for missions, Dr. Jack and Edythe Fellows are on the planning team for the endowment for missions at SBU. They and others will be calling on your generosity during the next campaign. If you would like to make a leadership gift before the public start of this campaign, please contact Dr. C. Pat Taylor or Dr. Stan Norman at 800-526-5859.

1935

Weldon Thomas Duncan died Wednesday Oct. 25, 2006, at the Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, Kan. He was a former Trenton resident and businessman. Mr. Duncan was born on July 30, 1915, on a farm near Halfway. The son of Thomas Luther and Minnie Annie Gordon Duncan, he attended rural elementary school and graduated from Bolivar High School and Southwest Baptist College Academy. He spent two years at Southwest Baptist College before working in the retail business in Bolivar. He served in the Army Air Corps in the European Theater during the 1940s and was honorably discharged. He returned to the Vernon County area and married Jewell Aralee True on Jan. 19, 1946, in Kansas City. The family lived in Bethany for several years before moving to Trenton. He moved to the Kansas City area in 2000 to be near his children. He was involved in the Trenton Rotary Club, was a member of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce, and served as a deacon for more than 15 years in the First Christian Church at Trenton. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, training hunting dogs, judging field trials and enjoyed raising cattle and horses on his farm and doing farm work.

1941

Robert Lee Shank died on October 16 peacefully surrounded by his family. He was born at Claremore, Okla., in 1918. He attended the public schools of Wichita, Kan., where his father served 16 years as minister of Immanuel Baptist Church. He attended Ottawa University in Kan., Southwest Baptist College, William Jewell College and graduated from Northeast Missouri State College. In 1941, he married Ruth Marybelle Sutton of Independence, Mo. On September 1 he and his wife celebrated 65 years of marriage. He served faithfully in Christian ministry for over 60 years as pastor, preacher, author, lecturer and teacher. He served churches in La Harp, Kan., and in the Missouri towns of Lebanon, Milan, Camdenton, Lake Ozark, Macks Creek, Branson, Louisburg,

Billings and Mt. Vernon. He lectured widely throughout the U.S. in churches, conferences, and seminaries and received an honorary doctorate from Pepperdine University in 1975. For the past 44 years Robert Shank lived with his wife in Mt. Vernon, Mo., where their four children attended the school.

1942

Betty C. Ferguson died Tuesday October 3, 2006, in Citizens Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Russell M. McIntire has recently published another book titled, *Finally Brethren*, containing forty-two of his sermons. In 1996 McIntire was a recipient of the Life Service Award. 30 Cascades Cir. W, Clinton, MS 39056

1948

Frances Spainhower Wolfe formerly of Albany, Mo., died April 3, 2006, at her home in Lakewood, Colo. She was born January 6, 1930, near Denver, Mo., to Chris and Bessie (McLeod) Spainhower. She received her elementary education at the old Dawson District rural school and graduated from Albany High School in 1947. She attended SWBC and the Missouri Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in St. Joseph, Mo. She married Raymond E. Wolfe of St. Joseph in 1951. Throughout their 47 years of marriage their association with Ford Motor Co. took them to several different states. She worked as a volunteer at Craig/Swedish Hospital in Denver, Colo., helping accident victims and serving as an organist during worship services at the chapel. She taught piano lessons and enjoyed her involvement in church activities, particularly in the music department.

1950

Veda (Williams) Locke, B.A. '76 resides in Springfield, Mo. Her husband Russell Locke died in August 2005. Russell attended SWBC 1943-44 and was the recipient of the Life Service award in 1962.

The Lockes retired in 1991 after serving 36 years as Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria. Veda continues serving Christ through the ministries of her church and enjoys spending time with her family. She has five children, thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1952

Harry P. Asher, 87, of Seymour, Mo., passed away Saturday Oct. 14, 2006, in Cox Medical South, Springfield, Mo. He was a member of the Seymour First Christian Church, a farmer and a retired rural mail carrier.

1954

Michael Speer and **Mary Speer** both graduated from Southwest Baptist College in May of 1954. Michael served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1956. Mary went on to Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU). Michael was discharged from the Navy in the spring of 1956, and the two were married on August 18, 1956. They have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mary graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1957 and Michael graduated in 1958. He went on to Southern Seminary and graduated with a master's degree in religious education in 1960. Michael served as associate executive director of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work; Minister of Education at Ocean View Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., for 2 years; an associate in the Church Training Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 2 years; director of stewardship development for the Kentucky Baptist Convention for 2 years; and associate executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commissions for nearly 15 years. He then became a certified financial advisor with American Express and worked for 20 years before retiring in 2002. Mary worked for various companies as an accountant until her retirement in 1991. 1048 Misty Morn Circle, Spring Hill, TN 37174

1959

Marilyn Brown retired in June of 2004 after teaching special education in the Kansas City school district and at Children's Mercy Hospital for 29 years. She taught elementary grades for eight years in Missouri and Kansas. Marilyn also spent two years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. Marilyn and her husband Thomas have two children. 4115 N. Harrison Ave, Kansas City, MO 64116.

1960

Dr. Charles Anderson and his wife Jan have moved to a senior adult park in Renton, Wash. Charles still preaches some and leads the youth Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church. He has served as a chaplain on cruises as well as serving as a deacon. c-janderson@comcast.net

Kay (Locke) Bristow sold her house and business after her husband passed away in February 2006. She moved into a lovely retirement apartment complex and would love to hear from SBU friends. 2900 S. Jefferson A219, Springfield, MO 65803

Nita (Abbiatta) Hastings

recently moved to be close to their two grandchildren, Miles (3) and Ava (6 mos.). Nita retired in 2004 as a Project Manager for a Design/Promotional Firm in Oklahoma City after the death of her husband Richard. 12325 W 105th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66212

1964

Alan Rawley lost his wife Beverly to cancer on December 29, 2006. Beverly was also a student at SBU from 1963-1964. Alan and Beverly were married at the old Second Baptist Church in Bolivar on May 16, 1964. Alan would love to hear from old classmates. 4541 N Locust, Kansas City, MO 64116 smrawley@sbcglobal.net

1968

Roger Dixon and wife Kathy retired to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2003 after 35 years with the state. They are now keeping

busy boating, fishing, and "futzing" around. They are also having fun rekindling old friendships. rldrkd@aol.com

Ronnie Lowry will be listed in The Registry for ministers. 1433 Ingleside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205
ronnie_lowry@yahoo.com

1971

James Lowery was recently named to the national publications committee of the International Professional Management Association (IPMA). He and his wife Karel have two children, Evan (21) and Emily (16). Evan is pursuing cello performance and business administration degrees at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. Emily is a junior at Jefferson City High School and is looking for an excellent university.
trugrit657@aol.com

1976

Doyle Swiney is an administrator with the North Callaway R-1 School District and is in his 31st year in education. Doyle and his wife, Phyllis, have one daughter, Katie (18), who is a freshman at Missouri State University and another daughter, Bethanie (15), who is a freshman at Fulton High School. They would love to hear from friends. 1407 Kingswood Dr, Fulton, MO 65251 doyle_s@sbcglobal.net

1977

Connie (Scott) Hollis has been home-schooling her children since 1987. Marie (25) is an intern at Dallas Methodist Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Jay (22) is entering Marines OCS in the Spring of 2007. Elisha (21) is a junior in college while Joel (16) and Scott (14) are at home. Her husband, Ralph, has been working at L-3 Communication for 19 years. 4011 Lake St., Greenville, TX 75401
sonshineinmysoul@yahoo.com

1978

Duane Berry attended SBU in 1978 and went on to receive his B.A. in 1982

from Missouri Baptist University (MBU). He also received his master's in church music from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998. Since graduating from MBU Duane has served as minister of music for churches in North Dakota, Illinois, Georgia, Kansas and Missouri. In November of 1985, Duane married Diane Weldy. Diane has recently taken a Data Entry position at Von Hoffman Printing. Duane and Diane have twin sons Micah and Nathaniel, now 16. The boys are both juniors at Owensville High School. 106 Springfield Rd, Owensville, MO 65066
duaneberry@juno.com

1981

JoAnn Saunders and husband Lee have worked with the North American Mission Board since 2000 doing the Nashville World Changers site. Lee is the project coordinator and JoAnn works as support staff. JoAnn also continues to teach first grade at Fort Bend Baptist Academy in a Houston suburb. Lee took a ministerial position last February at Garden Oaks Baptist Church as minister of church development. 13935 Oakwood Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77478
iteach81@houston.rr.com

1983

Charles Kimball is the senior pastor at Pine Lake Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Ga. He teaches martial arts three evenings a week to kids and teens for community outreach. His wife, Connie, works with autistic children at Trickum Middle School. Their 14-year-old son, Josh, is an eighth grader. 710 Catamount Way SW, Lilburn, GA 30047

Lori (Myers) McKenzie and husband Dennis reside in Missouri after having lived in Arizona for 15 years where Lori was a caseworker for the Arizona Department of Economic Security for 12 years both as a caseworker for individuals with disabilities and a state adoption caseworker as well. She currently works for the Missouri Department of Mental

Health as a caseworker. Dennis is a house painter. They have one daughter, Sarah (7). lorimckenzie@no.gov

Andrew Ramer and wife Wanda recently moved with their children, Tyler (12) and Laci (8). Andrew has completed a portion of the requirements for a North Carolina license for teaching secondary math. The Ramers would love to hear from old classmates. 614 Morning Side Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27107
ramers614@earthlink.net

1984

Wayne Corum was named the director of the Equipment Services Department, which keeps nearly 4,000 city police cruisers, fire engines, cars, trucks and other vehicles and equipment working to serve the citizens of Fort Worth. 4920 Belladonna Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76123
thecorums@integrity.com

Greg Clark has been selected as superintendent of the Hancock Place school district effective July 1, 2007. He is currently the assistant superintendent in the Jennings school district. He and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters, Annaliese (16) and Abigail (13). 725 Napa, St. Charles, MO 63304 four-clarks@charter.net.

Craig Leeds and wife **Janet**

(Pearson) have recently relocated to the Kansas City North area. Craig has accepted the position of chief executive officer of Braille Bibles International, a non-profit organization that provides Bibles in braille, large print and audio formats to the visually impaired community. 3910 NE 78th St, Kansas City, MO 64119
craig@braillebibles.org

1985

Hugh McComb passed the National Licensed Professional Exam. He is now an LPC in the state of Texas. He would like to thank Drs. Hugh and Twila Smith for all the encouragement they gave him during his years at SBU. They always believed

he could achieve his goals despite some handicaps. Hugh and his wife **Debbie Beck** have two children, Leah (15) and Mark (12). 3901 Cedarwood, Pearland, TX 77584 hdlmmcc@sbcglobal.net

Juan Pinto lives in Quito, Ecuador, with his wife, Alexandra, and their four children, Fernando (18), Felipe (16), Sebastian (14), and Gabriela (12). Juan would like to hear from his friends from SBU. Eloy Alfaro 2214 y 6 de Diciembre, Quito, Pichincha 999999 jfxpinto@hotmail.com

1987

David Allan Lantz, 52, Republic, passed away October 13, 2006, after an automobile accident. David was born to Mary Lee (Garbee) and Dean W. Lantz on February 28, 1954, in Springfield, Mo. David graduated from Parkview High School in 1972 and went on to get his B.S. in education at SMSU in 1979. David married Irene Chapman on October 28, 1978, and to this union two children were born, Michelle Elizabeth and Matthew Allan. David was involved in Boy Scouts, was a Sunday School teacher, an ordained minister and had a nursing home ministry at The Manor for over 20 years. David loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid bow hunter. David had been a postal clerk at the post office for 32 years.

1988

Marti (Stocker) Smith and her son, Jordan (13), both of Olney, Texas, were killed in a car accident November 26, 2006. Marti and Jordan are survived by daughter and sister, Savannah, and husband and father, **James A. Smith**, pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Olney, Texas.

1989

David Donahue is pastor of Beale Memorial Baptist Church. His wife, Veronica, teaches Spanish in the local schools. They have a daughter named Lauren (9) who is in the fourth grade and enjoying life on the river. The Donahue's

would love to hear from friends. Their church's website is www.bealembc.org. 648 Meadow, Tappahannock, VA 22560
david@bealembc.org

Rena Robinson would love to hear from her former roommates, Rietta McCrary and Vicky Lou Hermetz. Rena has four children, Jordan Sharaya (18), Bailee (15), Ashley (7) and Gabrielle (3). 4000 E 115th St, Kansas City, MO 64137

Robin Fry keeps busy as a substitute teacher and freelance writer. She also volunteers for the Celebrate Recovery group at her church and Lifebuilders (a ministry that reaches out to homeless and disadvantaged people and helps them rebuild their lives.) Robin is currently residing in Warrensburg, Mo.
rjf_sunflower66@yahoo.com

1989

Micah Clark received a bachelor's degree in Political Science. As the Indiana Family Institute's Director of Public Policy, and later as executive director of AFA of Indiana, Micah has continued to work closely with the Indiana legislature in efforts to monitor legislation and inform Hoosiers of state policies affecting churches, businesses, and families. On November 1st Micah became the Executive Director of the American Family Association of Indiana. Micah's wife Cherie is a marriage and family therapist at the Church at the Crossing Counseling Center in Indianapolis. They had their first child, Olivia Grace, in September 2001 and their second in April 2003, Benjamin Gabriel.

1990

Randy Miller is pastor of discipleship for NorthWood Church. His wife Jennifer is a reading specialist for the local school district. Randy and Jennifer have an ongoing relationship with Vietnam and Randy travels there at least once a year to continue work primarily in higher education. He has completed his coursework for a doctorate in higher

education from the University of North Texas and will be beginning his dissertation on higher education in Vietnam. The couple has two children, Cara (11) and Allison (8). 7804 Woodhaven Dr, North Richland Hills, TX 76180
rsmiller5@sbcglobal.net

1991

Roland Reitz has joined the U.S. Air Force as an active duty Chaplain after four years of reserve duty and is currently stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base in N.D. preitz@yahoo.com

J.B. Bates III, his wife Stacey and their two wonderful children, J.B. IV (11) and Codey (6) would love to hear from any of the guys from the old days in the big town of Bolivar. 83445 Westbrook Dr, Olive Branch, MS 38654 J.b.Bates@up.com

1992

Valerie (Yates) Randolph will be marrying Russell Crocker in April 2007. Russ and Valerie are both from Viburnum, Mo., and knew each other from school. They reconnected after about 20 years in 2001 and have been together since. Russ has four kids as well as two grandchildren. He works for Olin in Cuba, Mo., where he has been for the last 18 years. He is a junior at Columbia College in Rolla, Mo. Valerie has worked for the State of Missouri Department of Mental Health at Rolla Regional Center for the last five years as a case manager. She has two children.
r_v_crocker@hotmail.com

1993

Heather Clark is now working for multi-state library consortia and enjoying life in Denver. 6954 E 1st Place, Denver, CO 80220 hjclark@frys.com

Stephanie Cheves is hoping to get in touch with old friends from college. She is working at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center doing special events. 11522 Meadowchase Dr, Houston, TX 77065
sjcheves@earthlink.net

Mike Geimer currently works as a Research Technician doing molecular biology and cancer research. Mike recently met his soon-to-be wife at a church retreat in September of 2006. 19929 Sweetgum Circle, Apt 22, Germantown, MD 20824

Jeff Bigler is in private practice as a Gastroenterologist. His wife, **Jennifer (Gray)**, gave up physical therapy to be a full-time mom and to home school the children. 1732 East 30th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114 jennbig@cox.net

John Stewart is the full-time minister of worship/discipleship at Henderson Street Baptist Church in Cleburne, Texas. 1109 Trace Rd, Cleburne, TX 76033
jwshendst@sbcglobal.net

1994

Byron Dudley works for Laclede Electric Cooperative while his wife, **Carmen (Rees)**, stays busy with their children, Carly (12), Cassidy (9), and Billy (5). 1713 Bittersweet Circle, Lebanon, MO 65536
thedudleys5@earthlink.net

Jennifer (Gray) Bigler (see 1993 news)

1995

Mark Zaragoza completed a master's degree in human resource management from DeVry University in June 2005 and then took a position as a Human Resources Specialist for Futron Corporation. Mark is currently pursuing an M.B.A. in Project Management from DeVry University with plans to complete it in June 2007. He recently became co-leader of the New Comer Ministry Team at McLean Bible Church in McLean, Va. 1215 Stillmeadow Pl. Apt. TB, Frederick, MD 21703
solidrock69@verizon.net

Jason Watson is now employed as a photographer with Studio One to One, a fine portrait studio in the Chicago suburbs. He also does his own freelance photography. Jason's website is

www.watsonportraits.com. He and his wife, Sherri, have three children, Thomas (9), Rachel (7), and Liberty (4). 709 Franklin, Shorewood, IL 60404
jswatson94@yahoo.com

1996

Ben Carter (see 1998 news)

1997

Peggy (Harris) Campbell has been teaching fourth grade in Wyatt, Mo., for ten years. She has been married for five and has twin daughters, Emily and Sara (4) and a baby daughter, Erin (2).
pcampbell@charleston.k12.mo.us



Bryan Fuqua was recently presented with the 2006 Tom Smith Award. The Tom Smith Award is GHG Corporation's highest award for technical achievement. He received his bachelor's degree from SBU and attended graduate school at Oklahoma State University. He has been an employee of GHG Corporation in Houston since August 2000. Throughout the past year, Bryan has been a key player on numerous projects on the Safety and Mission Assurance contract at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Bryan currently resides in League City, Texas, with his wife of three years, Michelle.

Kasey Reid has accepted a job as the Roane County 4-H Agent with the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension. 325 Bailey Rd Apt 2, Kingston, TN 37763 kreid995@ugaalum.uga.edu

Brock Mitchell, M.P.T. '98 works for Hannibal Regional Hospital and manages

an outpatient clinic in Bowling Green, Mo. His wife, **Courtney (Gambrel) '02**, stays home with their three-year-old son Deacon. They are expecting their second child in August. 53435 Eagle Ridge, New London, MO 63459

1998

Shaun Sells is now the senior pastor at Calvary Chapel in Cheyenne while his wife, **Sheila, M.S. '99**, continues to enjoy being a stay-at-home mom to their children, Abigail (6) and Caleb (4). They continue to serve part-time in the Wyoming Air National Guard where Sheila was selected as Outstanding Airman of the Year for Wyoming. 4021 E 7th St, Cheyenne, WY 82001 sells1994@bresnan.net

Emily (Stanton) Carter, husband **Ben Carter** and their four children, Gavin (6), Travis (5), Ann Marie (3), and Drew recently moved to Fort Rucker, Ala. After serving a tour in Afghanistan, Ben, a Captain in the U.S. Army, is flying Apache attack helicopters. Emily is using her elementary education degree to homeschool their children.

James Streicher graduated from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., with a Master of Divinity degree. On September 1, 2006, he accepted the associate pastor position at the First Baptist Church of Lexington, Mo. James was also commissioned with the U.S. Air Force as a Reserve chaplain to serve in ministry at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., on November 26, 2006. 2125A Hickory Dr, Lexington, MO 64067 jamstreicher@yahoo.com

1999

Julie Reid would appreciate prayer on behalf of her husband, Chris, who will be leaving for Iraq in March to help with the change over of the Riverine Squadron, that is currently handled by the Marines, to the Navy. 761 Daimler Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 cjmwilson@cox.net

Meggan (Polic) has been married for four years and has two children, Chloe and Jason. She is still pursuing a teaching field in the preschool area.

Sheila Sells (see 1998 news)

Stephan Thomas, wife Jan, and kids Shelby (13), Stephen (15) and Susanna (11) just celebrated their third anniversary serving in the pastorate of New Way Baptist Church. Jan is in her sixth year of teaching at Temple Christian school. preacherths@sbcglobal.net

2000

Beth Cox, M.S. '00 went on to be an investigator of child abuse and neglect with Greene County Children's Division after completing a second master's degree ('02) in criminal justice at Drury University. She completed her teacher certification through Drury and is now a high school teacher of dual credit psychology and sociology through Missouri State University and world history at Branson High School. Beth is also the freshman girl's basketball coach. She looks forward to hearing from any alumni who played on the SBU women's soccer team. ecox@drury.edu.

Matthew Chase is a regional training supervisor. 12109 E Mainsgate, Wichita, KS 67226 mchase24@hotmail.com

Brian Terry started working at the world headquarters for H&R Block, Inc., in April 2004. He was promoted in the summer of 2006 to project manager, field operations and support. 15506 Terry Ave, Belton, MO 64012 bterry816@aol.com

Brian Gardner and wife **Hope (Taylor)** began teaching at Weaubleau Elementary in August 2005. Hope has found her dream job teaching Title I and Brian has had a great time teaching fifth and sixth grade science. This will be his first year coaching fifth grade basketball. 714 E Freeman St, Bolivar, MO 65613

2001

Brent Porter recently accepted the position as minister of students at Second Baptist Church of Lancaster, S.C. 530 Dalton Ridge Dr Apt A, Lancaster, SC 29720 brent.porter@lancastersbc.org

Shauna Gillette was promoted to senior staff accountant in financial reporting in August 2006. She is actively involved in many areas of service at her local church including working with the youth group. 7018 NW Chapel Woods Lane, Kansas City, MO 64152 acctingchick628@yahoo.com

Cheryl Welsch and husband **David Williams** recently moved to a new house. David also received a job promotion as finance manager at John Harvey Toyota. Cheryl still teaches third grade at Calvary Baptist Academy. 3524 Dewberry Dr., Shreveport, LA 71118 cj_welsch@hotmail.com

Betsy Blount began a new teaching position at Woodlake Hills Middle School. She teaches seventh grade Texas history. 1111 Vista Valet Apt. 1614, San Antonio, TX 78216 goeagles25@hotmail.com

2002

Courtney (Gambrel) Mitchell (see 1997 news)

John Rutledge and wife **Susan (Huebner)** recently started their own Real Estate Company. They specialize in investment real estate and have a staff of seven agents. John and Susan have three children, Rebekah (12), Jackson (7), and Isabel (4). 549 Blazedwood Dr, Ballwin, MO 63021 john.rutledge@professionalsrealtygroup.com

Michelle Keller is earning her writing consultant certificate in the summer of 2007 at Oklahoma University in Norman, Okla. She has one son, Josh, who is 18.

Melissa (Silvey) Yount and husband Marty are both working at Farmington High School. Melissa is the junior/senior counselor and Marty is the shop teacher. 10185 Drury Rd, Caledonia, MO 63631 yountz@centurytel.net

David Williams (see 2001 news)

2003

Shelley (Miller) Mulford is the children's ministries coordinator at Missouri United Methodist Church. Ben is the associate pastor and youth pastor. The couple would love to hear from friends and alumni. 322 Crown Point, Columbia, MO 65203 shelleymulford@prodigy.net.

Susan (Huebner) Rutledge (see 2002 news)

2004

David Sepanski has enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He will be leaving for boot camp on March 19, 2007.

Emily Miller is currently in graduate school at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing a degree in children's ministry and is heavily involved in Student Association for Educational Ministry (SAEM) council. SAEM is an honored council to which one is selected by a faculty member's recommendation and having excellent academic requirements for candidacy. PO Box 22154, Fort Worth, TX 76122 e_j_miller@hotmail.com.

Jenny (Trevathan) Miner (see 2005 news)

2005

Thomas Miner recently began a new job at the seminary that his wife, **Jenny (Trevathan) '04**, attends. Jenny has a couple years left, and then the couple will be preparing to go overseas as missionaries. They are currently training for an ironman triathlon. They have already completed an Olympic distance and half ironman distance race. 2825 Lexington Rd #341,

Louisville, KY 40280 tjminer@gmail.com.

2006

Sara Landrus is now working as a community support worker in the Senior Connections Division at Transitions in Springfield, Mo. Sarakay40@yahoo.com.

Marriages

Carol (Cannon) '55 was married to John Barber in April 2006. She retired from nursing after 48 years. She stays busy during retirement. 478 Harts Way, Collierville, TN 38017 cann1467@bellsouth.net

Teresa Penrod '93 was married to Allen Nichols on August 12, 2006. Allen is pastor of First Baptist Church in Blodgett, Mo. Teresa is employed at Family Counseling Center, Inc. 1207 W Harper, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 asecrettoday@yahoo.com.

Christy Rohrbach '97 married Lucas Heimericks on July 22, 2006. Lucas is a dairy farmer while Christy teaches English at California High School. 1014 Dave Dr, California, MO 65018 christy.heimericks@californiak12.org

Lisa (Winder) Detig '98, M.S. '06 was married to Matt Detig on September 21, 2006. Matt is employed as a computer programmer at Duck Creek Technologies in Bolivar. Lisa is a fourth grade teacher in Branson. 5591 N Green Ln, Ozark, MO 65724 l_detig@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Davis '99 was married to Brent Lundgren on September 30, 2006 at First Covenant Church in Omaha, Neb. Jennifer is working for the Omaha Public School District and Brent works for Signa Development. 4251 N 146th Ct, Omaha, NE 68116 cnadajunkie@yahoo.com.

Nathan Warson '00 and **Carrie (Stowe) '99** were married on November

18, 2000. They had their first child, Case, who was born on July 5, 2004. Nathan was promoted to customer service manager. 1420 Nathaniel St, Lebanon, MO 65536 nwfoto@hotmail.com

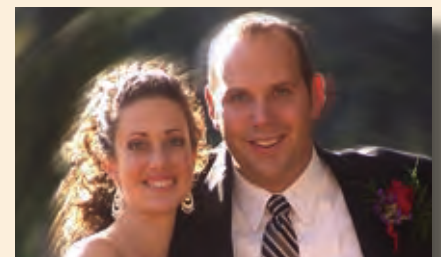
Samantha Hager '00 was married to Matthew Dove on December 22, 2006. PO Box 1623, Warsaw, MO 65355



Umang Chadda '02 was married to Palak on December 21, 2006, in Ahmedabad, India. umangrk1@yahoo.com



Julie Dieterle '02 was married to Joseph Smith of Hepler, Kan., on April 22, 2006, in Uniontown, Kansas. 208 W Southern, Girard, KS 66743.



Sean Smith '02 was married to Sarah Early on November 4th, 2006, in Lancaster, Pa. They live in Bolivar, and both are currently working for SBU. Sean

is assistant director of admissions and Sarah is admissions correspondence and data coordinator. ssmith@extendglobal.org

Karl Tan, M.P.T. '03 was married to Abigail Louise Isom on June 24, 2006. He received a doctorate in physical therapy May 2006 from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. karl@christfirst.net

Christy Shanks '03 was married to Ronald "Kim" Reid on June 10, 2006. Kim works at Doss & Harper Stone Quarry in West Plains, Mo. Christy works for Poplar Bluff Regional Center in the West Plains office as service coordinator for the development population. 9142 County Rd 1420 Peace Valley, MO 65788 dolphin050977@yahoo.com.

Future Bearcats

John Turnipseed '90 would like to announce the birth of his daughter, Tiffany Ann, who was born on November 12, 2006, at St. Johannis Drankenhau in Landstuhl, Germany. She joins sisters Savanna (4) and Caroline (1),

Michele (Walter) Snider '91 and her husband, John, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Maysie Rose Michele, who was born on October 3, 2006. John is the worship pastor at First Baptist Church in Macon. Michele works in part-time practice as a licensed professional counselor in Macon. msniderson@yahoo.com

Jody (Joe) Rogers '91 and wife Laura would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Ariel Rogers, who was born on September 27, 2006. She joins big sister Parker Kelley and dog Brown Sugar Booger. Jody is the sales manager of the Good Earth Green House in Little Rock, Ark. 4 Redbud Drive, Conway, AR 72034 jody.r@sbcglobal.net

Laura (Woody) Smith '92 and her husband, Scott, thank God for the blessing of Caroline Michelle born September 7, 2006. Caroline joins Hannah (7), Eli (5), and Jessica (2). Laura has been home schooling for three years.

Kevin Stewart '93 and wife **Candice (Moore) '94** are adopting a child from Liberia, West Africa. They have set up a website and an email loop to keep others up-to-date. Please check out www.bringingthemhome.org. They would love for others to partner in prayer with them. Kevin and Candice currently have five children: Abigail (9), Emma (6), Samuel (3), Chaella (1), and Amaris (1). 12421 Goldsborough Rd, Midwest City, OK 73130 candice@texasrubies.com.

John Hulen '94 and wife **Krysten Hulen '94** would like to announce the adoption of their daughter, Tatum, on October 4, 2006. Krysten recently became licensed to sell insurance. She works for Agri-Risk Services, which sells equine and farm insurance. John and Krysten started an organic house church in 2005 and have a new website – www.thegateringkc.org. john@thegateringkc.org.

Jason Buschert '94 and wife **Jennifer (McCord) '95** would like to announce the birth of their son, Michael Benjamin, who was born on August 31, 2006. He joins brothers Tyler (5), Ryan (3), and Matthew (2). Jjtbusch@sbcglobal.net

Bruce Crenshaw '95 and wife **Krista (Ridgell) Crenshaw '95** joyfully announce the arrival of Kale Randal, who was born on May 10, 2006. He joins Karis Annalise (4). The family lovingly remembers Cade Randal. 1032 Westridge Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590 cade1sam12728@charter.net

David Thiessen '95, M.B.A. '03 and wife Erica announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Ruth, who was born June

28, 2006. She joins older sister Claire. thiessenD@sbcglobal.net

Josh Jenkins '96, M.S. '00 and wife **Cami (McCroskey) '98, M.S. '02** would like to announce the birth of their son, Trevor Joshua, who was born April 5, 2006. Josh is a manager at Nixa Hardware and a General Contractor. Cami is now a stay-at-home mom finishing her Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. 719 W Osage Dr, Nixa, MO 65714

Tammy Allison '96 and husband **Matt Hensley '94** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jamison Ann, who was born on September 6, 2005. 12719 Garnett St, Overland Park, KS 66213 hensley@kc.rr.com.

Jason McGuire '97 and wife Shawna would like to announce the birth of their first child, Brendan Phillip, who was born on August 23, 2006. Jason was recently promoted to Store Manager and opened a Starbucks at Pinnacle Hills in Rogers, Ark. 1105 S. 25th Pl, Rogers, AR 72758 heartlandjason@hotmail.com

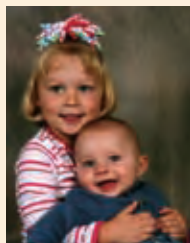
Laura (Ford) Chambless '97 and husband Rick are proud to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Dean, on April 28, 2006. After four years of being missionaries in Russia, they have returned to the United States where Rick serves as associate minister and ministers to college students. Laura is a stay at home mom. 9016 Mutual Dr, Smyrna, TN 37167 rlchambless@hotmail.com

David Hollaway '98 and wife **Kristen (Reichley) '97** announce the birth of their son, Tate Lee, who was born on May 12, 2006. Tate joins big sisters Reese (4) and Drue (2). David is a six sigma black belt with Quest Diagnostics in Lenexa, Kan. Kristen works in the admissions department of Carondelet Manor Nursing Home in Kansas City, Mo. 1831 E 153 Terr, Olathe, KS 66062 dkhollaway@sbcglobal.net



Michael Benjamin Buschert with his brothers

Kale Randal Crenshaw with sister Karis Annalise



Trevor Joshua Jenkins

Tate Lee Hollaway with sisters Reese and Drue



David Boyd LaBerge

Annaleigh Marguerite McKinney with sister Ella Camille



Braden Levi Sawyer with brother Davin Clay

Dana LaBerge '99 and wife **Kayla (Meeks) '98** would like to announce the birth of their son, David Boyd, who was born on July 6, 2006. 806 Evans Ave, Ashton, IL 61006 dana@fbcashton.com

Jennifer (Morton) Fansler '99 and husband Judah would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Brielle Susanna, who was born on November 29, 2005. They have recently relocated to Forsyth, Mo., where Judah works as the marketing/graphic artist for the National Enzyme Company. Judah's personal website is at judahstudio.com fansler@judahstudio.com.

Sara (Axline) Weiss '99 and husband Scott would like to announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Scott, who was born on May 6, 2006. 13220 Meadowmere Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078 saraaxline@hotmail.com.

Jaime (Moore) McKinney, B.S.N. '00 and husband Will would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Annaleigh Marguerite, who was born on June 21, 2006. She joins big sister Ella Camille. 1015 N 7th St, Rochelle, IL 61068 jaimemckinney2001@yahoo.com

Heather Miller '00 and husband Gregory would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, who was born on September 1, 2006. She weighed 8lbs 2oz and was 21.5 inches long. She is welcomed by big sister, Alyson (2), who just loves her baby sister and enjoys helping mommy. 211 Dryden St, Warrenton, MO 63383 heather_miller7@hotmail.com

Angela (Mattingly) Littlejohn '01 and husband Jonathan would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Noelle, who was born on December 17, 2006. "Evie" is joined by big brothers Anthony Josiah (4) and Gideon Levi (2). 1301 W Third St, West Plains, MO 65775 jalittlejohn@centurytel.net

Jason Ingold '02 and wife **Rachael (Neal) '03** announce the birth of their son, Brody Andrew, who was born at CMH on September 20, 2006. He weighed 8lbs 7 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Jessie (Pearson) Sawyer '04 and husband T.J. would like to announce the birth of their son, Braden Levi, who was born on May 4, 2006. Braden is welcomed by big brother Davin Clay. Rt 1 Box 1743M Wheatland, MO 65779 jessicasawyer@mailcity.com.

In Memory

Weldon Thomas Duncan, '35
Robert Lee Shank, '41
Betty C. Ferguson, '42
Frances (Spainhower) Wolfe, '48
Harry P. Asher, '52
David Allan Lantz, '87
Marti (Stocker) Smith, AS '88

Tessie E. Dukes, 66, of Halfway died Tuesday, September 26, 2006, in her home. She was born September 26, 1940, in Springfield, the daughter of Ralph and Aliene Potts Dohle. Tessie grew up near Pleasant Hope where she attended high school. She was saved at an early age and joined Providence Missionary Baptist Church and was a member of Lindley Creek Missionary Baptist Church at the time of her death. Tessie was a cook at Halfway School and worked at SBU in the housekeeping department for many years. Beloved by students and faculty, she was awarded the Life Beautiful Award in 2003 before she retired. She will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Dr. Melvin G. Hall died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006. Mr. Hall was born Sept. 4, 1914, in Dallas County, Mo., to the late Ralph and Clara Hall. After high school he began work for the A.L. Taylor Oil Company in Bolivar, his start in the oil industry. He obtained his first jobbership in Noel, Mo., the Melvin Hall Oil Company, followed by others in southwest Missouri and Jacksonville, Fla., selling Phillips 66 brand for 30 years. He acquired Webster Groves Trust Company in 1960 followed by banks in Springfield, Mo., Alton, Ill., and Branson, Mo. He retired after 50 years in banking in 1998. Always the entrepreneur, Mr. Hall purchased real estate in Branson

and built the Branson Inn in 1970 and two music theaters, the Will Rogers (now Yakov) and the MGH Theatre in the early 1990s. He was a member of Webster Groves Christian Church since 1996, serving on the board as elder and deacon and as trustee of the pension fund of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church for 17 years. He generously gave the organ to his church in 1965 and had it restored to celebrate his 90th birthday. Mr. Hall was a member of the Webster Groves Lodge #84 AF&AM, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite, Mason and Moolah Temple, and received the highest Masonic honor, the Brand Cross of the Court of Honor for exceptional service in 1983, one of

the only three in Missouri. He served on the boards of the Salvation Army, William Woods University and SBU; as chairman of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri; and as advisory director at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton, and the College of the Ozarks, providing scholarships and grants for many. He received honorary doctorates from both William Woods University and Southwest Baptist University, and a Free Enterprise Award from Lady Margaret Thatcher at the College of the Ozarks. In 2002 he moved from Branson to #1 McKnight Place in St. Louis. Throughout his life, he was an avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman.

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Spring is a time for an awakening of the earth and a renewal of our minds. SBU's very own alumni, faculty and staff authors have devoted much thought and many hours to create something for everyone that will refresh, renew, and awaken our minds and spirits, including "old west" history, Christian understanding, poetry, and lessons in communicating.

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The Baptist Way: Distinctives of a Baptist Church

R. Stanton Norman, Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2005

The Baptist Way is an introduction to the basic principles that distinguish Baptists from other Christians. In some cases these ideas were once peculiarly Baptist, though they are now more widely held among other groups. For Dr. Stan Norman, healthy Baptist churches intentionally and diligently adhere to their Baptist distinctives. Dr. Norman introduces his readers to the principles that differentiate Baptists from other Christians. He also offers distinctions of theological doctrine among healthy Baptist churches. Dr. Norman states a need for churches to clearly understand Southern Baptist theology. He explicates many flaws in the church today, including measuring growth by numbers. Norman focuses on how Baptists have gotten away from the ideas on which they were founded. He concludes, "As Baptists, our distinctive theological identity is an expression of our loyalty to Jesus Christ and his Word."

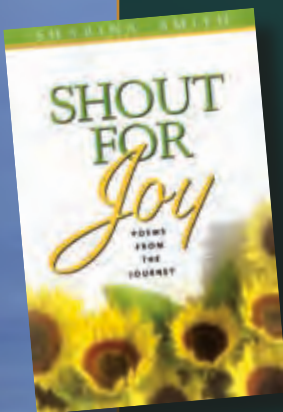


Shout for Joy: Poems From the Journey

Sharina Smith, Xulon Press, 2004

Twenty-nine years ago, Sharina Smith survived a suicide attempt and began a long spiritual journey. Chronicling the loneliness she felt at the loss of her earthly father and the bitterness of feeling abandoned by her Heavenly Father, these poems show that Smith saw glimmers of joy despite a lingering sense of ennui and emptiness. "As one who has survived trauma such as childhood incest, a teenage suicide attempt, the tragic loss of both parents,

alcohol abuse, depression, betrayal and divorce," writes Smith, "I believe my personal experiences will resonate with many modern readers ... The essential message of my book is that joy can be found no matter what the circumstances of life." Pastor Hosea Bilyeu of Ridgecrest Baptist Church writes, "Her transparency will help fellow travelers who are struggling with this awesome and sometimes awful thing called Life."



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Wisecracking

M.E. Tappmeyer, Southwest Baptist University Press, 2005

Mark Tappmeyer cleverly depicts verses and stories from the Bible into sixty-five short poems. He walks his readers from Genesis to Revelation portraying his interpretation of these verses in an imaginative, amusing, and oftentimes ludicrous way. His poems will leave you wondering if he got the scriptures correct or if he is just losing his mind. Join Dr. Tappmeyer as he journeys through the Bible in an unusual yet entertaining way.



Wire of the West Autry Brown, University Press, 2006 (*faculty emeritus*)

Wire of the West is a history of barbed and barbless wire. In the publication, Dr. Brown calls his work "a definitive guide to barbed wire." The book is divided into two parts: the history of the different types of wire and the men involved in identifying them. Dr. Brown wrote about the early beginnings of wire, the similarities and differences of the different wires, fence riders and drift fences and wire collectors and collecting. Division Two contains photographs of the different wires divided into categories. The pictures are a guide to identification and are organized by the following physical characteristics: number of wires, number of barbs and ornamental.

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For God's Sake, Shut Up! Lessons for Christians on How to Speak Effectively and When to Remain Silent

Brian Kaylor, Smyth & Helwys, 2007

The primary lesson of *For God's Sake, Shut Up!* is that the old maxim is true: sometimes it is not just what you say, it is how you say it. Kaylor's premise is that one of the great problems in the Christian community today is a general inability to communicate effectively without polarizing or driving people away. Sometimes the greatest problem is the seeming inability of many Christians to learn the truth of another old maxim: silence is golden. Kaylor offers numerous insights for Christian leaders and followers who desire to share their beliefs in more meaningful and effective ways.

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"This scholarship makes it possible for me to attend a university such as SBU. I really enjoy this campus because of the Christian morals present with the faculty and other students."

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"Both my mother and father are unable to work since they are disabled. You have no idea how great a blessing this scholarship is toward my education. This scholarship makes me know that God wants me here, and that I am headed in the right direction for my life."

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