Editor's Note

Show and Tell

It's one thing to say the right words, it's quite something else to do the right thing. Faithfulness is revealed by what disciples do, not by what they say.

-Dr. Rodney Reeves in *A Genuine Faith: How to Follow Jesus Today*

I've spent the past few days reading Dr. Reeves' latest book and pondering SBU's long-standing commitment to missions and ministry. What a tremendous honor SBU received this spring when we were named first in the nation by the North American Mission Board (NAMB) for sending students on missions! What a shock I received when I learned from the NAMB president how dark our own continent is in terms of how few people acknowledge Christ as their Lord and Savior! It was sobering to learn that even in a nation we presume to have been founded on Christian values, all around us are people who do not yet have a personal relationship with Christ or a commitment to Biblical principles and expectations. To correct this problem, we can certainly join our students on mission and “go and tell,” but after reading Dr. Reeves' book, I wondered what we can do to better “show and tell” closer to home?

In our interview, Dr. Reeves posed this question: Is a geographic area that has already been told the message of the Good News, how can we show the Good News? Read more about Dr. Reeves' book and his thoughts on this dilemma on p. 30. Bottom-line: all Christian disciples have a purpose to go on mission and to find a ministry. These assignments may be close to home or far away, but more importantly, they need to be heart-felt and grace-filled moments of connection with others.

Remember “show and tell” in elementary school? As a child, I always looked forward to “show and tell” day. I usually brought a book to show the class and enjoyed showing the pictures while telling them all about the story. My younger kids plan for days what they will take on that special day. I was especially proud of my son the day he took his Super Flower Bible to public school and couldn’t wait until class time to show his friends, so he pulled it out of his backpack before school and started sharing what he knew about Jesus. May we all be that excited to share our faith!

Our trustees and donors have shown their commitment to ministry with their support of The Commons Redford School of Theology and Ministry renovation project. Once the final few dollars are raised, The Jim Millers Center will begin a dramatic conversion from a conference center with dated HVAC into a more efficient classroom space for students and faculty members. Alumni Jack and Edythe Fellows have continued their tradition of supporting missions by presenting Global Ambassadors Awards to a faculty and student recipient.

In addition to SBU’s emphasis on missions and ministry, I am delighted to showcase our commitment to excellence in academics in this issue of SBU Life. The interviews featuring some of our scholar-athletes and our new Honors Program students began as feature stories, but when reading the responses of the students to my interview questions, I decided to let them tell their own stories and discipline in their academic, athletic, and extra-curricular endeavors. They make me proud to be a part of SBU!

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The Great Commission is Christ’s commandment to us to go into our local communities, our regional area, and our global society in order to spread the Good News of God’s love, His forgiveness of sins and the hope for eternal life in His presence. If you have ever heard one of my speeches or presentations, you will know that I often speak of SBU as a Great Commission University. I am convinced that the sun never sets on SBU because of our history of preparing and sending students, faculty, and staff to missions and ministry.

As we prepare to begin our 128th year of classes, I am pleased to announce that SBU has received another 10-year accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. I am even more pleased that the Higher Learning Commission visitors commended our university family for living our mission statement out in daily life. They said SBU “is truly a Christian institution.”

Since its founding by Abner Smith Ingram and James Rogers Maupin in 1878, SBU has had an unwavering commitment to Christian higher education with a special emphasis on missions and ministry as well as academics. Without a doubt, I know this is why SBU has kept its doors open despite fire, the Great Depression, and other economic downturns that might have otherwise closed the university. God truly has blessed our commitment to maintain an academic community that is and, I pray, always will be Christ-centered.

I believe if SBU maintains its focus on nurturing a Christian community and sharing God’s love with others, we will continue to weather the storms of life until Christ returns. I will soon celebrate my 10th anniversary at SBU, and it is my desire to continue to lead SBU with a renewed focus for faculty, staff and students so that we may remain a Christ-centered, Great Commission university with a global impact.

President's Message

C. Pat Taylor
President

The Southwest Baptist University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team returned to Bolivar as regional winners for the 22nd consecutive year after participating in the St. Louis SIFE USA Regional Competition on April 5, 2006. The event was one of 17 SIFE USA Regional Competitions held across the United States in March and April.

J. C. Walker, SBU MBA Director and the Sam Walton Fellow for the SBU SIFE team, said, “This year more than 35 students worked really hard on projects that helped people in the Bolivar community. The team is really about helping others achieve their greatest potential. Winning the competition is great, but our focus is still on our projects.”

During this academic year, the SBU SIFE team organized projects in Bolivar, Halfway and the Springfield communities. Projects included computer training for businesses and community members, a marketing competition for area high school students, financial independence seminars for the community and several other projects.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization present on more than 1800 university campuses in 40-plus countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that teach market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills and business ethics. Their projects are judged at competition on creativity, innovation and effectiveness.

SBU SIFE Team Wins Regional Competition for 22nd Consecutive Year

SBU Trustees Approve Renovation of Jim Mellers Center

During its spring Board of Trustees meeting May 9, Southwest Baptist University gained approval for a complete renovation of the Jim Mellers Center, which houses The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry.

“The Jim Mellers Center was built in 1985 as a conference center,” said SBU President C. Pat Taylor. “In 1998 The Courts Redford College moved into The Mellers Center when it outgrew its location in Maker Chapel. The Mellers Center was not originally designed for academic classroom use, and the continued growth of the Redford College programs has made this renovation a necessity.”

Taylor said the planned renovation will create new classroom space, replace an outdated HVAC system, and provide for new furniture at an estimated cost of $1,260,700. To date, 85% of the cost has been raised for the project. The engineers and architects are currently reviewing the programming plans with faculty and staff members who will be using the building. The project is expected to begin late this summer and be completed in one year.

In other Board action, the trustees approved the 2006-07 budget of $34,671,057, which includes an increase in wages and salaries for faculty and staff.

The trustees also reviewed plans for a campus-wide initiative to further encourage excellence in academics and behavior based on Christian principles and expectations.

The next trustee meeting is scheduled for October 16-17, 2006.
SBU STUDENTS SCORE HIGH IN NATIONAL TESTING

SBU Speech and Debate Wins Awards in National Invitational Tournament

The Southwest Baptist University speech and debate team recently won several awards in the National Invitational Tournament sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta on March 10-12. In overall team awards at the tournament, SBU ranked tenth in the debate sweepstakes total and third in individual events. Ten students represented the university for three days of competition held at the River Terrace Resort in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

In the final team rankings, SBU finished third, just behind Carson Newman and McKendree universities. The event involved thirty-six participating colleges and universities from across the nation. Other finishers in the top ten schools included Mt. Holyoke College, Texas at El Paso, William Carey College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Webster University, Bowling Green, and Carsons University.

One of the best achievements for SBU was the final defeat of the team defeated by Jessica Kershner, Nixa, Mo., and Amy Bopp, Fredericksburg, Va. Kershner and Bopp advanced to the octa-finals. In addition, Amy was a semi-finalist in prose interpretation and finished second speaker in debate as well as informative speaking. Kershner was awarded the first place speaker award in novice parliamentary debate and earned fifth place honors in both duo interpretation and program oral interpretation.

Other individual accomplishments for SBU included Rachel Ammerman, Paola, Mo., who received the excellent award in persuasive speaking, and Jordan Compton, Appleton City, Mo., who earned an excellent award in after-dinner speaking and was a quarter-finalist in prose interpretation.

Dr. Steve Gross, Blythe, Springfield, Mo., placed eighth in dramatic interpretation and received an excellent award in duo interpretation while Mithil Hallow, St. Louis, Mo., finished seventh in dramatic interpretation and was a semi-finalist in prose interpretation. Other participants for the SBU team were Ben Burns, Springfield, Mo.

Additional significant achievements came from Vandi Eiler, Riley, Kan., who took fifth in duo interpretation and was a quarter-finalist in prose interpretation. Sean McCormack, Overland Park, Kan., was a semi-finalist in impromptu speaking and finished sixth with speaker in IPDA debate and David Vothboge, Riley, Kan., was a semi-finalist in program oral interpretation and received an excellent award in duo interpretation.

In addition to the awards, Bryan Fisher, a SBU alumna and graduate student at Missouri State, joined as a tournament judge and guest coach for the weekend of competition.

SBU in 95th Percentile in Business Testing

Southwest Baptist University's College of Business and Computer Science (COBACS) graduates scored in the 95th percentile after taking the ETS Major Field Test for Business. This is the highest test score in the history of COBACS and the highest ranking given by ETS.

Dr. Janet Juhlin, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at SBU, said the Major Field Test for Business is an assessment designed to measure the basic knowledge and understanding achieved by students in business. This test scores students and their respective business school or program in eight business disciplines including accounting, economics, management, quantitative skills, finance, marketing, legal environment, and international business. The test is administered to over 80,000 business majors each year at over 470 institutions.

Business students at SBU have scored at or above the 90th percentile on the MFT for four graduating classes in a row, and have scored above the 85th percentile on the MFT with ten of the last thirteen graduating classes.

Dr. Dr. Whitlock, Dean of the College of Business and Computer Science, commented, “Our students continue to excel academically. Our recent ranking among Business Reform Magazine's Top Ten Christian business schools in the nation in the categories of job placement and best faculty, combined with the prestigious Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs accreditation, and our students' continued performance on the Major Field Tests prove that the integration of faith and discipline are complementary goals. These recent scores are remarkable and underline the excellent education SBU students receive. It is also testimony to the superb faculty in the College. They are among the nation's finest educators.”

SBU students who are classified as rising juniors recently scored in the 94th percentile among other universities in the United States taking the Academic Profile test.

Dr. Janet Juhlin, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at SBU, said the Academic Profile is a test of general academic knowledge and skills. It includes material usually covered in courses taken during the first two years of college, which are often called the “core curriculum” or the “general education requirements.” This test is intended for use by colleges and universities in assessing the outcomes of their general education programs to improve the quality of instruction and learning.

According to Juhlin, all incoming students must take the Academic Profile test at the beginning of their first year at SBU. The students’ beginning-scores are recorded and then compared to the test scores achieved as a rising junior. Juhlin said these students’ scores had then from the 55th percentile to the 95th percentile since they arrived at SBU - a testament to an emphasis on academics supported by the SBU Success Center, where all incoming students receive advisement in their first year at the university.

SBU Names Student “Life Beautiful Award” Recipients

Danny Miller, a senior at Southwest Baptist University, and Courtney Hopp, a sophomore at Missouri State University, were named recipients of the 2006 Life Beautiful Award.

Miller, who is from Carthage, Mo., and is majoring in biblical studies, was chosen for his leadership abilities and his passion for missions. Miller is a member of the church’s Disiples of Christ and was awarded Life Beautiful Awards in 2005 and 2006 for his involvement in mission work.

Hopp, from Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a junior majoring in public relations. She was chosen for her commitment to faith, service and leadership. Hopp is a member of DISCiple Now, a program that helps to provide food to ship to New Orleans. She is a member of the church’s Disiples of Christ and was awarded Life Beautiful Awards in 2005 and 2006 for her involvement in mission work.

The SBU Chorale, a choir of 24 members, performed on the opening night of the international music festival in Rothenburg o. d. Tauber, Germany. The choir was directed by Dr. Mark Fraizner and accompanied by the church’s organist. The performance included a capella choir music, including the masterful “Ute Cathedrals” and “This has been an undertaking of some 18 months,” explained Tarrant. “On the basis of audi- tion recordings we sent earlier, these sites have extended an invitation for us to perform. “We’re not quite sure of the specific context of the festival, but it is likely to be a reunion event for the choir’s alumni.”

The choir is scheduled to return to Rothenburg o. d. Tauber for another performance on May 26. The choir is also scheduled to perform in the city of Franziskanerkirche in Rothenburg o. d. Tauber, Germany. The performance included a capella choir music, including the masterful “Ute Cathedrals” and “This has been an undertaking of some 18 months,” explained Tarrant. “On the basis of audi- tion recordings we sent earlier, these sites have extended an invitation for us to perform. “We’re not quite sure of the specific context of the festival, but it is likely to be a reunion event for the choir’s alumni.”
SBU Articulates Agreement with Cottey College

Southwest Baptist University and Cottey College will be working together in transferring course descriptions from both Southwest Baptist University and Cottey College. Meet April 4 at SBU Taylor National Fine Enterprise Center to sign an articulation agreement for a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting between the two schools. Under the terms of the agreement, students completing their Associate’s or Associate in Arts degree at Cottey, along with other suggested courses, will be able to transfer those hours to SBU and be on-track for a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Employed by colleges and universities across the nation, articulation agreements are used to assist students in taking the appropriate courses at two-year colleges that will transfer for credit toward a bachelor’s or associate degree at the college or university of their choice. On hand to sign the April 4 SBU-Cottey agreement from Cottey College are Dr. Mary Kitterman, vice president of academic affairs and Susan Yoss, transfer and career planning coordinator. Signing for SBU was Dr. Gordon Dantle, provost and assistant professor Wayne Clark, CPA, and Department of Accounting chair. Cottey, a two-year independent, liberal arts and sciences college for women in Nevada, is designed as a transfer institution. Approximately 95 percent of the school’s graduates transfer to four-year colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad.

SBU Receives 10-year Re-Accreditation from North Central Association

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visited SBU this past spring to evaluate the university. The HLC recommended and the Institutional Actions Council recently voted to continue the accreditation of SBU for the next 10 years.

A positive re-accreditation, SBU received approval for the post-professional doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. In addition, restrictions have been lifted on SBU’s ability to offer any major on the Bolivar campus at Mt. View or the satellite campuses in Mountain View and Salem. This is a great compliment to Dr. Bob McGlasson and his staff. The third commendation noted SBU’s significant improvement in facilities, especially the Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness and Sports Center. They commended us for having excellent facilities for our students and faculty.

Dr. Taylor also acknowledged the faculty and staff who played a part in compiling the self-study used by the HLC in their evaluation process. “The University owns Dr. Boulter Stull’s a great debt of gratitude as well as all of the Steering Committee members, faculty and staff who were involved in the self-study and subsequent HLC visit.”

SBU closes Year Breaking Fund Raising Record

Fiscal year 2005-2006 was a record fund-raising year for Southwest Baptist University. An all-time high of nearly $6,720,352 surpassed the previous record of $6,627,735 recorded in 2003. Dr. Taylor and the development staff attribute the record year to the timely and faithful payment of pledges made to the Partners in Excellence Campaign, record gifts of more than $982,000 to the Unrestricted Student Aid Fund, and the generosity of alumni and friends through bequests of nearly $840,000.
SBU Missions Ranked First in Nation

by Sharina Smith

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Mr. Don King, Student Mission Mobilizer from the North American Mission Board, presented the NAMB award to the SBU Missions staff and acknowledged their extraordinary efforts:

“It is for your commitment in reaching North America for Christ that the NAMB recognizes Southwestern Baptist University for ranking first in the country in mobilizing student missionaries in 2005. We are thankful for the willingness of individuals like: Kurt Caddy, Don Gallamore, Kelly Rehm, Shandra Ward, Donna Collins, and Taby Lane who make this possible. Their work, which is often behind the scenes, impacts lives on the front-line in the spiritual battle taking place across the country and around the world.

“We are thankful for the willingness of students who, in response to God’s calling and gifting, leave their comfort zones and cross cultural, geographic or other barriers to proclaim the Gospel and live out a Christian witness in obedience to the Great Commission.”

Marking the day’s 2005 achievements, King spoke to the assembly about the attitude and culture of missions in North America: “Three out of four North Americans have no personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The spiritual needs across our nation can seem overwhelming. But we’re not evangelizing to just 10 percent of the people who live here to go on a mission project. The world needs what you have to offer. It is an educational opportunity to learn from another culture. I know of no other university that sends out as many mission teams as we do.”

Among the awards given, two were specifically given to members of the SBU family. Graduating senior Landee Nevills received the annual Global Ambassador Award for her specific leadership and involvement with missions at SBU. During her time at SBU, Nevills spent her semester abroad studying in Taiwan and sponsored a mission trip to Thailand. Nevills told the crowd gathered in Mabee Chapel that she was grateful for her award, “it is humbling to get an award just for doing what you were born to do.” Nevills also received the SBU Life Beautiful Award upon her graduation in May.

Kurt Caddy received the Faculty Global Ambassador Award for his hard work, support, and service for missions at SBU. Caddy has served at SBU since 1997. Caddy went to college at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark., and majored in Pastoral ministries with a minor in Psychology and Greek. He received his M.Div. with an emphasis in missions from Southwestern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has worked with the Greene County Baptist Association as an NAMB church planter apprentice and has traveled as a team leader to many countries including, Morocco, Nicaragua, East Asia, Nepal, Alaska and New Mexico. He and his wife, Laura, will lead a student mission trip to Alaska this summer.

The Global Ambassador Awards are new at SBU. The award is made possible by an endowment given by Dr. Jack and Edythe Fellows, class of 1940. The award is given to those who have made a significant contribution in missions.

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“The lost view Christians as hypocritical, judgmental, pious persons. The Christian life is seen as irrelevant and unnecessary. The spiritually dead are watching all of us — not just clergy and missionaries. They are setting our priorities and they see what we do on Friday and Saturday nights. They see our emails and steamy gossip passed around.”

“I am ready to see revival in North America. Our nation needs a movement of God so big that only God can take the credit. Our Vision at the North American Mission Board is this: Where everyone in North America has the opportunity to respond to the gospel.”

After King’s presentation, Caddy commissioned student ministry teams, which will be serving this summer in Denver, Thailand, Turkey, Costa Rica, India, and Alaska. SBU students and faculty will lead these teams in expanding the kingdom in North America and around the world. Everywhere they go, the SBU mission teams will tell Jesus’ story and hope to change our world.

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The Martins have been a part of the SBU baseball program for the past four years and have helped form a strong foundation for the future. These twins were leaders both on and off the field and did whatever Coach Sam Berg asked of them. They are both members of the MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll.

Baseball

For the second year in a row, the SBU baseball team finished with a 20-28 season. The Bearcats finished in seventh place in the MIAA with a 10-18 record and were 32-28-1 on the year. Sam Berg accumulated several firsts as the head coach of SBU in his eighth season. SBU was regularly ranked as high as #7 earlier in the year by the NCBWA (National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association) and then his team swept Pittsburg State in all four games and defeated #1 Central Missouri State, 6-3.

For the second time in three years, SBU had a pitcher named to the all-MIAA First Team and to the all-Central Region team. Sophomore Zane Montgomery (Ozark, Mo.) compiled a 12-3 record with a 2.56 ERA and was named all-MIAA Honorable Mention. Monte had 114 strikeouts. Nguyen broke the SBU career steals record and were 21-28 on the year.

Women’s Tennis

Finishing 13-13, the SBU Lady Bearcats had one of their finest seasons in the history of the program. With a 4-2 record in the MIAA, SBU was awarded the #2 seed in the MIAA Tournament where they finished fourth. They also reached as high as #3 in the North Central Regional rankings.

Five players were named all-MIAA with two being on the first team. Claiming all-MIAA First-Team honors were #2 doubles partners seniors Lynn Klauser (Kuna, Idaho) and junior Jenna Wolffgram (Eugene, Oregon). They went a perfect 5-0 in the MIAA for doubles play and went 17-4 overall.

Claiming all-MIAA Second-Team awards were freshman Josh Misco (Lubbock, Texas), sophomore Valerie Jones and sophomore Lauren Hudson (Bloomfield, Mo.). Morton made the team at #4 singles and then teamed with Hudson as #3 doubles. Jones was the #1 player at #1 singles.

Men’s Tennis

The 2006 season was a season of learning for the young squad as the Bearcats finished 6-16. SBU went 5-1 in the MIAA and then finished third in the MIAA Tournament. The team was comprised of one senior, two sophomores, and three freshmen.

Senior Peter Joos (Budapest, Hungary) was the only player to be named unto the all-MIAA First-Team at #2 singles. He was named to the all-MIAA Second Team at #1 doubles with senior Daniel Prerad (Prerad, Australia). Prerad, a sophomore, received the MIAA Sportsmanship Award and was also all-MIAA Second Team for #1 singles. Freshmen Emilko El Nabab (Dubai, United Arab Emirates) and Agustín Molina (Escobar, Argentina) were both all-MIAA Second Team and honorable mention. El Nabab and Molina were second team for #3 and #4 singles and then honorable mention at #2 doubles. Sophomore Brian Bujeta (St. Louis, Mo.) was all-MIAA honorable mention at #5 singles.

Valerie Jones

Chris Martin

Casey Martin

SBU SPORTS

Bamm (Springfield, Mo.), Alyssa Maggart (St. Joseph, Mo.), and Christine Shover (Eltimona, Mo.) all were all-MIAA. Broadhurst earned two all-MIAA awards for fifth in the 1,500 meter run and fourth in the 5,000 meter run. Sheolow claimed second place in the 10,000 meter run and then Maggart finished fourth and Bamm fifth in the 800 meter run.

Three men were named all-MIAA in Corey McElhaney (Elgin, Okla.), John McCoy (Allteboro, N.J.) and Michael Pastier (Caldonite, Mo.). McElhaney was fifth in the 800 meter run and Pastier took 9th in the 1,500 meter run. McCoy finished third in the javelin.

Track

The track program continued to move forward in the 2006 season as they improved in every meet. Running at prestigious meets such as the Kansas Relays and Drake Relays, SBU made its name known.

A highlight to the season came at the Kansas Relays when the SBU women’s two-mile relay went neck-to-neck with NCAA Division I Bowling Green State University for first place. With 100 meters left in the race, BGU pulled ahead of SBU just before 2000 people to take the win with a time of 9:54.28 in SBU 9:53.16.

In the MIAA Championship Track Meet, eight members picked up all-MIAA honors. On the women’s side, Amy Broadhurst (Raymont, Mo.), Lisa

Montgomery (Ozark, Mo.) compiled a 12-3 record to gain the honors while breaking the SBU single season record for wins. His 12 wins were also the best in the MIAA. Also garnering all-MIAA honorable mention were junior Kevin Miller (Springfield, Mo.), sophomore Josh Baggett (Springfield, Mo.), and freshman Jason Auer (Eastwood, Mo.). Auer also was named Co-Freshman of the Year in the MIAA. Baggett led the team with a .477 batting average while Miller had seven home runs and 45 RBIs. SBU will only lose four seniors in Beau Davis (Republic, Mo.), Joel Gould (Lincoln, Neb.), and Chris and Casey Martin.

Softball

In her senior season, the Lady Bearcats had a winning season and were 12-4-1 and recorded 114 strikeouts. Nguyen broke the SBU career steals record and has great character, and is a strong, Christian example. Jones, who was also an all-MIAA selection, helped to turn around the women’s tennis program. In her senior season, the Lady Bearcats had a winning season and were 12-4-1 and recorded 114 strikeouts. Nguyen broke the SBU career steals record and now has 52 career steals.

Men’s Tennis

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Senior Peter Joos (Budapest, Hungary) was the only player to be named unto the all-MIAA First-Team at #2 singles. He was named to the all-MIAA Second Team at #1 doubles with senior Daniel Prerad (Prerad, Australia). Prerad, a sophomore, received the MIAA Sportsmanship Award and was also all-MIAA Second Team for #1 singles. Freshmen Emilko El Nabab (Dubai, United Arab Emirates) and Agustín Molina (Escobar, Argentina) were both all-MIAA Second Team and honorable mention. El Nabab and Molina were second team for #3 and #4 singles and then honorable mention at #2 doubles. Sophomore Brian Bujeta (St. Louis, Mo.) was all-MIAA honorable mention at #5 singles.

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Chris Martin

Casey Martin

SBU SPORTS

Bamm (Springfield, Mo.), Alyssa Maggart (St. Joseph, Mo.), and Christine Shover (Eltimona, Mo.) all were all-MIAA. Broadhurst earned two all-MIAA awards for fifth in the 1,500 meter run and fourth in the 5,000 meter run. Sheolow claimed second place in the 10,000 meter run and then Maggart finished fourth and Bamm fifth in the 800 meter run.

Three men were named all-MIAA in Corey McElhaney (Elgin, Okla.), John McCoy (Allteboro, N.J.) and Michael Pastier (Caldonite, Mo.). McElhaney was fifth in the 800 meter run and Pastier took 9th in the 1,500 meter run. McCoy finished third in the javelin.

Track

The track program continued to move forward in the 2006 season as they improved in every meet. Running at prestigious meets such as the Kansas Relays and Drake Relays, SBU made its name known.

A highlight to the season came at the Kansas Relays when the SBU women’s two-mile relay went neck-to-neck with NCAA Division I Bowling Green State University for first place. With 100 meters left in the race, BGU pulled ahead of SBU just before 2000 people to take the win with a time of 9:54.28 in SBU 9:53.16.

In the MIAA Championship Track Meet, eight members picked up all-MIAA honors. On the women’s side, Amy Broadhurst (Raymont, Mo.), Lisa

Montgomery (Ozark, Mo.) compiled a 12-3 record to gain the honors while breaking the SBU single season record for wins. His 12 wins were also the best in the MIAA. Also garnering all-MIAA honorable mention were junior Kevin Miller (Springfield, Mo.), sophomore Josh Baggett (Springfield, Mo.), and freshman Jason Auer (Eastwood, Mo.). Auer also was named Co-Freshman of the Year in the MIAA. Baggett led the team with a .477 batting average while Miller had seven home runs and 45 RBIs. SBU will only lose four seniors in Beau Davis (Republic, Mo.), Joel Gould (Lincoln, Neb.), and Chris and Casey Martin.

Softball

In her senior season, the head coach, Cindy Staal, guided SBU to a 17-32 record and a 1-13 record in the MIAA. The Bearcats started the season off 8-4 and were in contention for the MIAA Tournament all the way down to the final game played.

There players were given all-MIAA honorable mention in senior Cheratin Dunn (Manifield, Mo.), sophomore Stephanie Martin (St. Charles, Mo.), and junior Mary Nguyen (Republic, Mo.). All three athletes were on the all-MIAA team for a second time in their careers. Dunn had 15 doubles on the year and finished batting .290 while Martin were 12-14 and recorded 114 strikeouts. Nguyen broke the SBU career steals record and now has 52 career steals.
## WOMEN’S SOCCER

- **9/26** – Tuskegee, AL – Bolivar, MO – 2:00 p.m.
- **9/28** – Missouri State – Rolla, MO – 7:00 p.m.
- **9/29** – Central Missouri State – St. Joseph, MO – 7:00 p.m.
- **9/30** – Missouri Southern – Joplin, MO – 7:00 p.m.
- **9/30** – SW Oklahoma St. – Topka, KS – 3:00 p.m.
- **9/30** – Missouri Western – Maryville, MO – 7:00 p.m.
- **9/16** – Missouri Western – St. Joseph, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **9/21** – Central Missouri State – Warrensburg, MO – 7:00 p.m.
- **9/23** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **9/25** – Washburn – Bolivar, MO – 4:00 p.m.
- **9/27** – Emporia State – Emporia, KS – 12:00 p.m.

## MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

- **9/8** – Central Missouri State Mule Run – Warrensburg, MO
- **9/9** – Missouri Southern Stampede – Joplin, MO
- **9/10** – Loyola University Lakefront Invitational – Chicago, IL
- **9/10** – Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Border War – Edwardsville, IL
- **9/10** – MIAA Championships – Bolivar, MO
- **9/11** – NCAA Division II South Central Regional – Joplin, MO
- **9/16** – NCAA Division II Nationals – Bolivar, MO

## GOLF

- **9/13** – Central Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/18** – Missouri State – Springfield, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/20** – Central Missouri State – Warrensburg, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/20** – Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Invitational – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/26** – Missouri Western – St. Joseph, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/27** – Washburn – Topka, KS – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/30** – Missouri Western – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/6** – NW Missouri State – Maryville, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/7** – Washburn – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/9** – Central Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/10** – Central Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/14** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/14** – Emporia State – Emporia, KS – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/20** – Missouri Western – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/21** – NW Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/27** – Washburn – Topka, KS – 8:00 a.m.

## WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

- **9/25-9/26** – Missouri Southern Tournament – Joplin, MO – TBA
- **9/29-9/30** – Quincy Tournament – Quincy, IL – TBA
- **10/9** – Washburn – Bolivar, MO – TBA
- **10/12** – Emporia State – Bolivar, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/14** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/15** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/17** – Missouri Southern – Bolivar, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/21** – Central Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/22** – Drury – Bolivar, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/23** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/24** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/25** – Emporia State – Emporia, KS – 12:00 p.m.
- **10/27** – Washburn – Topka, KS – 12:00 p.m.
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- **9/11** – Harding – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/13** – Missouri State – Springfield, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **9/16** – Missouri Southern – Joplin, MO – 8:00 a.m.
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- **10/29** – Southern Illinois-Edwardsville – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/30** – Pittsburg State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/30** – PSU vs. St. Edwardsville – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/31** – Central Missouri State – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **10/31** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **11/1** – Missouri Western – Bolivar, MO – 8:00 a.m.
- **11/4** – Truman – Kirksville, MO – 8:00 a.m.
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Casey Beavers

Smith: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in women’s basketball with your studies?
Beavers: I have always put basketball behind my studies. I always put God, family, school, in front of basketball. I took basketball as a reward for doing well in school. I think to be a student athlete you need to have your priorities in line before you can be successful.
Smith: How has each part of your life at SBU (academics and athletics) enriched the other?
Beavers: Athletics has made me self-disciplined in the classroom. I know that I am there to get an education first. Academics, on the other hand, have helped me in athletics by helping me maintain my competitiveness on the court. I used to be really competitive with grades, but now I know that I can work hard and do my best in class and be competitive and strive to win in athletics. I think that athletics really helped me to excel in the classroom. Just because I know that I have to get my work done in class to be able to participate in basketball.
Smith: Were you a scholar-athlete in high school?
Beavers: Yes, my high school coaches always put a big emphasis on grades before basketball.
Smith: What do you want to do when your athletic career is over?
Beavers: My family has had a lot to do with my success as a scholar athlete. They have always pushed me to do my best in everything, but they also know how important grades were going to be in my life and wanted to see me mail it at that. All of my coaches always stressed the importance of grades. Coach Mocklin has mandatory study hall for all freshmen and any player with a C in any class. That helped me a lot when I first transferred to SBU.
Smith: When do you expect to graduate?
Beavers: I am excited to be graduating May 20, 2006 with a B.S. in Social Science Education.
Beavers: I believe anything you do is worth doing well. Volleyball has taught me a line before you can be successful.

Chelsea Kenney

Smith: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in volleyball with your studies?
Kenney: Through extensive time management skills.
Smith: How has each part of your life at SBU (academics and athletics) enriched the other?
Kenney: I believe that giving what you are worth doing well. Volleyball has taught me a great deal about dedication and sacrifice and I have learned to incorporate those skills in the classroom. Academics have taught me about discipline and that has enriched my volleyball career.
Smith: To what and whom do you contribute your success as a high-achieving scholar and high-achieving athlete?
Kenney: My parents have always supported and pushed me to do the best that I can in all I do. They taught me the benefits of hard work and how to apply that in every area of my life. My sister, Kalena, has always been there for me. She let me know when it’s okay to fail and when I need to get tough and do better. I contribute any success I have ever had to God (because without Him nothing is possible) and my wonderful family.
Smith: What is a typical day for you?
Kenney: A typical day during season is 7:15 a.m. wake up, breakfast, class until 2 p.m. or so. Then practice from 3-5:30 p.m. and weights following. After that the volleyball team goes to dinner in the cafeterias together, then homework and studying to prepare for the next day. I usually practice 18-20 hours a week and study for about 10 hours.
Smith: Why did you choose SBU?
Kenney: I looked at several different universities before choosing SBU. When I visited SBU I felt like it was the place for me. I really felt led to be here, and as an athlete I felt drawn to the volleyball program. The athletic department here is wonderful and they really care about all of the athletes at SBU.
Smith: How has SBU met your expectations?
Kenney: SBU has more than met my expectations as a university. I have felt challenged in academics as well as on court as a volleyball player. Each semester I am here, I thank God that this the University I chose to attend.
Smith: Would you send a friend to SBU?
Kenney: I would recommend SBU to anyone, especially a friend.
Smith: When do you expect to graduate?
Smith: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?
Kenney: I hope to have started a successful career and have a family. I also hope to travel and see the world!

Andy Joggerst

Smith: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in track and cross-country with your studies?
Joggerst: To what and to whom do you contribute your success as a high-achieving scholar and high-achieving athlete?
Joggerst: Running scholarship, my friend, Corey McElhaney, who was my roommate from community college decided to come here as well.
Smith: What is a typical day for you?
Joggerst: It was recommended to me, and after visiting, I felt that it was the right school for me.
Smith: What is a typical day for you during basketball season was: wake up and go to classes all morning, eat lunch, go to practice for about two to three hours a day, go home, shower, eat supper, hang out with friends, study, and go to bed.
Smith: Why did you choose SBU?
Joggerst: It was recommended to me, and after visiting, I felt that it was the right school for me.
Smith: How each part of your life at SBU (academics and athletics) enriched the other?
Joggerst: Both sports and academics keep me focused on the other and make me realize that anything worth having is worth working for everybody’s practice. Because I have done this for so long, it has become a habit to get things done.
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Corey McElhaney

Smith: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in track and cross-country with your studies?
McElhaney: Time management. Track and cross-country take up a lot of time, but that time is well spent. I really do not know what I would do if
In high school I was a three sport All-Stater. I was All-State in cross.

Wake up at 7:00 a.m., go to breakfast, go to class, tennis practice

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I hope to be a successful coach somewhere. I would like to stay on

work and dedication is my roommate/teammate Andy Joggerst. He has been my

have ever known. Whether it is in track and cross-country or schoolwork she will

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Smith: Would you send a friend to SBU?
Sanderson: Sure, if that was where God was really leading him.

Smith: When do you expect to graduate?
Sanderson: Fall 2006

Smith: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?
Sanderson: That’s honestly too far away to know exactly...but all I can hope is that I am following after the Lord and doing his will for my life.

Smith: Do you have any additional thoughts to add for our alumni and friends?
Sanderson: May God bless you and keep you close.

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Christine Showler

Showler: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in cross country with your studies?
Showler: Actually, running has helped me to balance my academic studies. Working around daily practices and weekend meets has helped me become disciplined to not procrastinate as much but stay on top of things since I knew that I would not have time to get behind. Also, since travel is part of competing, I along with many of my teammates have traveled together with our team and o it during the trip to and from competitions.

Showler: How has each part of your life at SBU (academics and athletics) enriched the other?
Showler: Both have made me more disciplined and have helped me stay organized. Also, many of my teammates are great students and we all try to encourage and help each other to bring out the best on the track and in the classroom. If anyone has a question or is struggling, we try to help/encourage that person the best that we can.

Showler: What do you expect to graduate?
Showler: I graduated in December 2004 with a BS in elementary education and make an impact as a teacher. Outside of my degree, I also want to have a family and be a good wife and mom. [editor’s note: Showler is engaged to Corey McElhaney, featured above] I believe the campus is growing and has had some very nice additions.

Showler: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?
Showler: I hope to take what I have learned at SBU and make an impact as a teacher. Outside of my degree, I also want to have a family and be a good wife and mom. [editor's note: Showler is engaged to Corey McElhaney, featured above] I believe the campus is growing and has had some very nice additions.

Showler: To what and to whom do you attribute your success as a high-achieving scholar and high-achieving athlete?
Showler: Running has helped me develop character and perseverance, and I have made many friends that I know I will last forever. I will always treasure the good times that I had in cross country/basketball practice, competing in meets, and working hard to succeed in the classroom. All of these are great memories that I will cherish and remember as I soon transition from a student-athlete to an SBU alumna.

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Nick Smart

Smart: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in football with your studies?
Smart: I was taught at an early age that my academics came before athletics. I know how much time I have throughout my day that I don’t have to be in football, and I have to use that time wisely. A lot of nights there isn’t time to hang out with friends or do some of the fun things. Doing the right thing, I still have fun, but when there’s work to be done, it always comes first.

Smart: Were you a scholar-athlete in high school?
Smart: Yes, I was salutatorian at Marionville High School in 2004. My grades were extremely important to me in high school. My parents made sure I had my priorities right as far as school work went. It was also my senior year of football that I quarterbacked my high school team to win the state championship and lose the state championship game in basketball. I was later named the Springfield News-Leader athlete of the year for my success in all sports and in the classroom.

Smart: What are your academic goals? As far as a scholar athlete, I have to attribute it solely to my parents Randy and Gayle Smart. They instilled in me at a very young age that I was to make good grades in classes. They never had to tell me about SBU and what it was about. I didn’t want to come here because of the poor tradition in football. Once I started looking at other schools recruiting me, SBU really became my best option. I liked the coaches and I had been a Baptist all my life, so it seemed as if God really put it in front of me.

Smart: Has SBU met your expectations?
Smart: SBU has met my expectations. It took a little adjustment but I’ve really had some solid friends that made my transition to college very simple. SBU has given me what I wanted - a chance to continue my athletics as well as pursue my academic goals.

Smart: Would you send a friend to SBU?
Smart: Yes, I would. I actually have a teammate coming here to play next year that I went to high school with. I was a big part of encouraging him to come. I believe the football program is very close to competing at the highest level. I also believe the campus is growing and has had some very nice additions.

Smart: What do you expect to graduate?
Smart: I expect to graduate in December of 2007. I am graduating in three and a half years. My full load of classes enabled me to graduate a semester early.

Smart: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?
Smart: I really hope to become a successful businessman. My Dad has been very successful in his career and I hope to follow in his footsteps. Smart Insurance Agency has been in my family for over 45 years and I anticipate working under my Dad and helping the agency to branch out and become even more successful. It’s an exciting opportunity and I look forward to running a business and having the challenges of reaching goals for the company.

Smart: Do you have any additional thoughts to add for our alumni and friends?
Smart: I would really like to thank my grandparents and parents for supporting me through my entire life. I couldn’t have been blessed with better people to model my life after. They have encouraged me throughout life’s endeavors and taught me many valuable life lessons and taught me about God.
“W ith the support of their peers and the University, our new Honors Program students have immersed themselves in the University,” said Allison Langford, SBU Honors Program Director and Instructor in the University Success Center. “They are friends with each other, but I also see them out and about at sporting events, at the alumni trivia extravaganza, at chapel—really they are really immersing themselves in life here.”

A former math teacher, Langford was an honors program student during her college years at Texas A&M, and her positive experiences have given her a desire to make students feel welcome at SBU. “The honors program students have welcome week dinner at my house. We also have a dinner party with parents during open house at my house. My first-year experience in college was great. I felt teaching math, which I loved, to come to the Success Center to re-live that freshman year. I am so happy to be involved in our Honors Program and at the first-year experience with other students.”

“I lived in an honors dorm at Texas A&M. I loved that experience. I was amazed at the fact I was one of many honors students. We shared more. We looked for people of different strengths to study with—instead of being down on ourselves more. We looked for people of different strengths to study with—instead of being down on ourselves.”

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Smith: How has each part of your life at SBU (academics and missions) enriched the other?

Powers: I have seen academics and missions enrich each other in ways that I never thought possible. I am an Intercultural Studies major and it is rewarding to study something so close to my heart. My World Christian Foundations class with Dr. Frost has changed my outlook on missions, it has confirmed my desire to serve as a cross-cultural missionary, and it has convinced me in many ways. The Global Health class offered earlier this semester reaffirmed my desire to study nursing to help me realize the vast medical needs around the world. I love the fact that my studies are vital to my preparation for cross-cultural missions.

Smith: Were you involved in missions in high school?

Powers: I began going on annual short-term mission trips to Guatemala when I was 15, and I continued throughout high school. My mom helped coordinate these trips, so I was active in planning them as well. We traveled to the highlands of Guatemala each summer and built roads, dug latrines, and facilitated vacation Bible schools. One year we lived four hours (one way) into a village where we were the first group of white people to arrive in the village’s 108-year history. We were shocked when through the Polochic translator we learned it was so remote that they were actually afraid we were going to eat them. The local pastor quickly dispelled this myth assuring them that we were not going to eat them.

During my junior and senior year of high school, I volunteered to teach English as a Second Language at Third Baptist Church in St. Louis to immigrants and refugees. Teaching provided the opportunity to establish friendships with people from Iraq, Iran, Mexico, Peru, Romania, and many other countries.

The last summer of my senior year of high school I spent just over two months in rural Guatemala. These two months stretched me tremendously. I volunteered with HELPS Internatinal, an organization that takes medical and construction teams from the U.S. into rural areas in Guatemala. I translated in clinics, taught English, and saw our teams transform the lives of Guatemala each summer and build roads, dig latrines, and facilitate Vacation Bible schools. I translated in clinics, taught English, and saw our teams transform the lives of Guatemala each summer and build roads, dig latrines, and facilitate Vacation Bible schools.

In fact, this past April I flew down for four days to attend an indigenous Cakchiquel wedding, where I spent the weekend carrying firewood, learning to translate on medical teams. Even though college is my primary focus now, God is showing me how to balance both my studies here and my work in Guatemala since they are both an important part of my life.

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Smith: What to and whom do you contribute your success as a high-achieving scholar and your interest in missions?

Powers: God instilled in me a heart for missions and a love for learning. I always enjoyed the challenge of school, and knew that it was God’s will for me to study hard and to pursue missions. Also, my mom would be the person that I have to...
thank for contributing to my success in school and also my interest in missions. Her heart for people of other cultures always inspired me. We went on mission trips together, taught ESL together, and she taught me the importance of praying for the countries. My mom homeschooled me through middle school and high school, which provided countless opportunities for me academically. She ultimately was the one who most encouraged me both in my dreams and in my studies.

Smith: What is a typical day for you? How many hours a week do you spend on missions? How many years do you study?

Roberts: I spend a lot of time with other people. My room mates and I am pretty sure our room seems to attract a lot of attention. If we’re all at the same time on a hike or a random party, I like to hang out with the crowd a lot, whether that’s watching a movie, camping, or playing a little late night volleyball. On my alone time I really like to read, workout, or involve myself with music.

Smith: How has SBU met your expectations?

Roberts: I believe that the goal of studying the Word of God is not that I can have a head full of knowledge but that I can apply it to my life and help others apply it to theirs. In this sense, my studies prepare me to better practice God’s truth in the way I live my life here at SBU and the opportunities I am provided to apply the things I learn.

Smith: Do you have any additional thoughts to add for our alumni and friends?

Roberts: Thank you alumni and friends for generously supporting our campus! As I plan my wedding tonight I noticed that it was the alumni who donated the lights to support our late night habit. We are very grateful.

Kara Stephens

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Smith: How has each part of your life at SBU (academics and other interests) enriched the other?

Roberts: I believe that the goal of studying the Word of God is not that I can have a head full of knowledge but that I can apply it to my life and help others apply it to theirs. In this sense, my studies prepare me to better practice God’s truth in the way I live my life here at SBU and the opportunities I am provided to apply the things I learn.

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Smith: Are you interested in communications in high school?

Roberts: Quite honestly, no. I didn’t really have an interest in communications in high school. Speech class was not a marvelous experience, so I put any thought of such things out of my head. I did greatly enjoy English though.

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Stephens: I don’t know quite when I’m going to graduate, but I think I somewhere around Fall 2008.

Smith: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?

Stephens: I hope to attend graduate school and I would like to get married sometime. I want to learn as much as possible, and I am thinking of maybe even becoming a college instructor or professor.

Smith: Do you have any additional thoughts to add for our alumni and friends?

Stephens: The SBU Honors Program is one of the newer programs that SBU has to offer. My experience in it thus far has been a great one. There are those who are working to help the Honors Program offer varied cultural and educational experiences for those who participate in it. I think and applaud those individuals.

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Vincent Tichenor

Smith: How have you balanced your athletic pursuits in cross country with your studies?

Tichenor: It has been a hard year. I am studying Pre-Medicine, working toward a double major in Biology and Chemistry, and keeping up with the intensity of a year-long season in cross country and track. It has been a gratifying challenge. In fact, the way in which I’ve held the tension between athletics and academics is hard to recall because it has all been a blur. Cross country fueled into indoor track which fueled into outdoor track, first semester chemistry and biology fueled into second semester chemistry and biology, and before I knew it, the year was over. I guess I just took things one week at a time.

Smith: How has each of your friends in both cross country and track enriched the other?

Tichenor: Honestly, it’s hard to say. I’ve had few friends in both cross country and track, so study partnerships have been rare. Many times I’ve had to take a test in the morning on a day or two early because I was going to a track meet the day of the test. I’ve had to go to many 8:00 classes without sleep because there was not enough time between practice and my first class to take a shower. My studies have helped me understand the kinetics of my running, but otherwise, the two have simply made one another more challenging. However, I would not take it back. Sure, I am pretty much exhausted from the whole year, but I had a blast doing it.

Smith: Were you a scholar-athlete in high school?

Tichenor: Yes. I also ran cross country and track in high school.

Smith: To what and whom do you attribute your success as a high-achieving scholar and high-achieving athlete?

Tichenor: The first credit that I have to give is to God. He gave me the physical ability to do well in academics as well as athletics. He has kept me safe during my years of running. He’s blessed me in ways that I don’t deserve. I also have to give credit to my parents. They encouraged me to do my best in whatever I did, not necessarily concerned with what I wanted to do, but more concerned that I enjoyed what I did and that it honored God. I also have to give credit to my friends in high school. I competed academically with certain friends, athletically with others, and I think that the friendly competition that we had gave me a taste for hard work.

Smith: What is a typical day for you? How many hours a week do you run?

Tichenor: A typical day, if I had to generalize, would be classes from about 9:00 to around 1:00 or 2:00, running in the afternoon until about 5:00, then different things in the evening. I volunteer at Springfield Baptist Church on Wednesdays, I have Uganda mission meetings on any given day of the week, and then whatever fun stuff I have time for. Honestly though, there really is no typical day. The schedule of my classes is the most controlled thing in my week, other than that, there’s no way to know what the next day holds. Running takes up quite a bit of time. During track, we could spend two hours every afternoon practicing, plus about three hours all together on the weekends. During cross country it’s longer. Practices would sometimes go from 5:00 a.m. right up to my first class at 8:00 a.m. I don’t really spend too much time out of class studying, I admit. I have studied more this year than ever, but mainly I just got most of my learning digested in the classroom.

Smith: Why did you choose SBU?

Tichenor: There are a few reasons why I chose SBU. It is a Christian campus. I came here for church camp every summer in high school, so I knew the campus inside and out. My church is another reason; they’ve always had close ties to SBU. Dr. Reeves comes to my church occasionally and speaks. The fact that they have a Pre-Med program was a big factor. Scholarships are always a consideration. All of those things made me consider SBU heavily along with Arkansas and Yale, but pretty much, in both the good and the bad. I knew that it would be a good place to study and grow as a Christian, and I knew that it would be a great place to study and grow as a Christian, and I knew that I would have a blast.

Smith: Has SBU met your expectations?

Tichenor: Pretty much, in both the good and the bad. I knew that it would be a great place to study and grow as a Christian, and I knew that I would have a blast here (which I have). But I also knew that there would be a downside. It is sometimes hard to find something to do, and people sometimes act in ways that are uncomfortable of Christians, but I do that too. Those things are to be expected, though. I was also not surprised when no one respected us as a track or cross country team.

Smith: Would you send a friend to SBU?

Tichenor: Without hesitation.

Smith: When do you expect to graduate?

Tichenor: I have worked out a plan that lets me graduate halfway through my senior year.

Smith: What do you hope to achieve in the 10 years after SBU?

Tichenor: Occupationaly, my hope is to become a physician in Salt Lake City, Utah. I hope to get married, have a family, and all that stuff too.

Dr. John Wheeler Named 2006 Orien B. Hendrix Distinguished Teacher

In addition to recognizing the graduates at the May commencement, the 2006 Orien B. Hendrix Distinguished Teacher Award was presented to education professor Dr. John Wheeler during the ceremony. The Distinguished Teacher Award is chosen by the current and three previous graduating classes and is presented annually to a faculty member for “outstanding teaching ability and personal guidance.” Wheeler first received this award in 1987 for his accomplishments as a faculty member.

SBU Faculty/Staff News

DR. BILLIE LANG

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. Billie Lang completed her B.S. in zoology at Mississippi College in 1965. In 1967 and 1970, respectively, she earned her master of science and her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Following completion of her dissertation, Lang completed four years of postdoctoral work at Cornell University and the University of Texas Health Science Center. Prior to coming to SBU in 1990, Lang had a distinguished career in academia with faculty appointments at the University of Minnesota, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas, St. Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois; Montgomery Bell Academy and Belmont University in Nashville. She held the rank of professor of biology, and serves in the university’s department of biology where she was active in teaching, sponsoring undergraduate research, and serving as advisor to SBU’s medical technology program and pre-health careers committee. She is a former Alpha Chi sponsor and has served as chair or as a member of the academic honors committee for sixteen years.

Lang is a active member of University Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, where she is a deacon, an adult Sunday school teacher. She is active in WMU and in teaching Sunday school. Lang, and her late husband, Roy, have a daughter, Leslie Donegan, who is married to Christopher Donegan. Lang is the proud grandmother of Emma, who is five.

Lynn Penticuff

Lynn Penticuff, associate professor of music, joined the faculty of Southwestern Baptist University in 1975. He earned a bachelor’s degree in music education and a master’s degree in music from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. Penticuff also completed some courses toward a doctoral degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. During his teaching career at SBU, Penticuff taught applied voice preparing students for senior recital and a vennery of classes including music education, music literature, vocal pedagogy and concert choir. Prior to his employment at SBU, he taught on the secondary level in Carpentersville, Illinois, and at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Paul, an attorney and a member of the SBU class of 1990, and Mark, a biology teacher and a member of the SBU class of 1993. Lynn and Karen have four grandchildren. The Penticuffs attend First Baptist Church in Bolivar.
pate in an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land. More recently, in 2000, Ann was the recipient of the SBU Staff Life Beautiful Award.

Prior to working in the registrar’s office at SBU, Ann worked for a local dental office. She also says her full-time mother raising her two sons, Kyle, and Scott, is who is a 1995 SBU graduate. Ann and Rex have been married since 1962, and they have four grand- children, Michael, Mallory, Patrick and Cody. The Browns attend First Baptist Church of Bolivar where Ann has taught the four-year old Sunday school class for 29 years and serves on the NTO committee. Ann’s plans are to retire at the end of May.

More than 400 undergraduate and graduate students received their degrees during the ceremony. The commencement address was given by guest speaker Dr. Carolyn G. Bishop, President of the Consortium for Global Education. Bishop has more than twenty years of experience with international public and private schools, government ministries and foreign educa- tion institutions. She earned her B.A. in education at Furman University and received her M.Ed. at Emory University and Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Leadership from Emory University. Bishop became the International Director for the Consortium for Global Education (CGE) in 1997 and was elected president of CGE in 2002.

Prior to joining CGE, Bishop taught undergraduate and graduate level students in teaching methods at Emory University and supervised 50 student teachers in Atlanta area schools. Also from 1991-1996, she was an education consultant for Global Partners based in London where she provided educational program assistance to develop curricula coordinating for student and faculty exchanges in thirty countries.

Bishop is the recipient of numerous awards including the Olympic Service Medal from the Republic of Korea; the Educational Honor Award from DePauw University in Indiana that awarded senior status to all students who completed 120 semester hours at DePauw; and the pursuit of a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Georgia in 1994.

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Meadow Grove Baptist Church, Brandon, MS
Mr. Vernon R. S. School District, Mount Vernon, MO
Pleasant Hope School District, Pleasant Hope, MO
Porter Seed House, Bolivar, MO
Providence Baptist Church, Bonnie Terre, MO
SBU Women’s Club, Bolivar, MO
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Dean and Professor Promotes A Genuine Faith… Not Another Marketing Scheme

One of the things a successful promoter or marketing specialist must master is the art of not appearing to be promoting or marketing. The most successful promotions are usually the ones that simply show the consumer the benefits of the product. The Great Commission or the call for Christians to “go and tell” is no different, except Dr. Rodney Reeves would say that for today’s Christian there is an even more urgent call to “go and tell.” If the product is a life following Jesus, what would be the benefits for today’s consumer? Reeves, the current dean and professor of biblical studies at the Courts Ruby College of Theology and Ministry at SBU, attempts to answer this question in his latest book, A Genuine Faith: How to Follow Jesus Today.

“Here’s the boring truth: God doesn’t need a public relations department; weak people are God’s best workers and the world will never understand grace. This is why we never tire of singing the song for the ages: ‘Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.’ We all tell the same story: once I was blind, but now I see.” (from A Genuine Faith by Dr. Rodney Reeves)

“Believing Him is one thing, following Him is another. We cannot do it by ourself. We have to be in community as the body of Christ. Be honest about the struggle and less judgmental to each other. We need to be more honest with ourselves. I find it interesting that there is not a single command in Paul’s writings to go and tell. His admonitions are all for the Church to heal ourselves—that never worked. It won’t work. People have tried sharing the gospel by beating themselves over the head with it. We are not marketing a product, we are living our faith.”

How can the church do a better job of promoting a life of following Jesus? Reeves said, “We need to be more genuine with each other at church. We are afraid to be honest with one another—afraid that we will be stoned with words as Christians. We need to recover a sense of discipleship. We need to live the life of Christ.”

Revealing he always had a “secret ambition to come back” to SBU, Reeves said he felt this time spent as a pastor before his return to his alma mater as a professor was providential. “I had taught at Williams Baptist College and I knew I was preparing men and women for the ministry. I was teaching students how to read the New Testament in light of scholarship. If the church benefited, all the better. Were passing a large church; I told myself, ‘If I go back to the classroom, my priorities have shifted.’ My goal now is to meet the needs of the church and to serve the church. The academic study of the Bible is secondary to serve that purpose.”

“A Genuine Faith: How to Follow Jesus” by Rodney Reeves

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Director of Alumni & Church Relations

Rediscovering SBU

As I walked across campus this spring, memories of my days as an SBU student flooded my mind: the countless meals at Mellors, basketball games with friends, quads tournaments in the student union and the occasional late-night study sessions in Lunden Hall. In June, I began a new aspect of my relationship with SBU as Director of Alumni and Church Relations.

Just as I have had the opportunity to recall my own campus life experiences, I am excited to assist fellow alumni in reconnecting with our alma mater and in helping area churches rediscover SBU. It is a privilege to be able to work for a place that holds so many great personal memories, and I know many of you hold your time at SBU in high regard as well.

When was the last time you have been able to attend Homecoming? You may feel too busy with work and the demands of family life or you may just not know what to expect. If so, I would like to invite you to rediscover Homecoming in 2006. Just as family reunions strengthen the ties in a family, Homecoming events will intensify the ties of the SBU family as stories are told, memories re-lived and old friendships rekindled. I envision Homecoming as a time when all members of the family—students, faculty, staff and alumni of all generations—are able to gather together and reconnect with their own good times at SBU.

Another goal of mine is to serve alumni as we each seek to respond to God’s call on our lives. It was through my own connections with alumni, faculty and staff at SBU that I was able to work in full-time ministry with a Christian music evangelist for the past nine years. SBU offers its students a wealth of resources, and I would like to see the relationship extend past graduation. As a united, connected community with each member having unique experiences in his or her walk of life, we can work together to further the cause of Christ in the world. Energized alumni demonstrating excellence in the world around us will also serve to attract new students to SBU, where they can be trained in a Christ-centered environment and experience the same opportunity we have had to be a part of the SBU family.

I am excited to get to know many of you in a new way as we work together to strengthen the connection between alumni and SBU. I look forward to working as a part of the SBU team, and devoting each day to seeing the lives influenced and changed for the Kingdom.

Shawn Summers ’94
Director of Alumni & Church Relations

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Keeping in Touch

Let's Keep in Touch! Fill out the form at the end of this section and let us know what's happening in your life.

Emma Lou (Huff) Moore, AA '38, now resides with her daughter Ann and her husband, Dale, near West Plains, Missouri. Emma is doing very well and loves being back in Missouri. She would love to hear from old classmates from 1935-38 and can be reached at 296-2863.

Norma Bishop '56 AE would like to start a 70-year class of SBU alumni. If you are interested in joining, please contact her at 777-7491.

Bob Smith, AA '79 and wife Dee currently reside at Prarie Home Retirement Center in Winona, Kansas. The long-time SBU alumnus, he serves as part-time pastor at Fairview Community United Church of Christ. The Smith's address is 201 S. Elizabeth's #602, Winona, KS 67103, and they can be reached by email at smith1@us.net.

Jean (Bopp) Branca, AA '64 and husband Bill celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2006. The couple was married following World War II at a victory ball at Fort Leavenworth. The Bopp's are active in their church and community. The Branca's address is 183 Alabama Road, Deerfield, MO 68432.

Pamela (Bell) Horne, BS '78, would like to hear from classmates from 1978-80 and can be reached through email at jbell1907@gmail.com.

Jim Frey, Class of 1990, is currently teaching Science and Math at Wilson High School in Long Beach, CA. He can be reached by email at bnml9911@gmail.com.

Karen Prater who is 20 is attending college where she is majoring in Biology. Karen is also a wedding consultant for Prestonwood Baptist Church. The couple resides at 3412 Meadow Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Brian Beckner, BS '98, just finished his MBA in Management at Proctor College in University City, MO. He can be reached by email at jbeckner@proctor.edu.

Barbara (Potter) Johnson, AA '85, and husband Donald plan to attend Homecoming 2006 to celebrate with the 50-year class. The couple resides at 220 SW 20th St., Columbia, MO 65201.

Donald have four children and ten grandchildren. Their twin daughters, Marilyn and Marianne, graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a Master’s degree in Science in May of 2006. Donald has been employed with SBA since 1983. Donald is a member of the SBA Board of Directors and currently serves as a regional administrator.

Kelli has an MA in English from Southwest Baptist University. She has been employed with Bank of America for nearly two years and was recently promoted to AVP, Client Manager where she manages approximately 150 business clients in a three state region. Jamie resides in Rogers, Ark. and can be reached by email at jameybecker@bankofamerica.com.

Jennifer (Cain) Westworth, BS '00, is currently employed by Georgia Republic's Specialists. Jennifer's husband is a 25 year Air Force man, NE, GA, AD, CA, and she can also be reached by email at jwestworth79@live.com.

Lindsey Johnson, BS '94, and husband Bryan currently reside at 10324 Schenck Cir., Rolla, MO 65401.

Shona would love to get together with friends in the St. Louis area and is employed at General Services Technical Community College. The couple has one child, Darian Izaya, who is 7 months old. The Poston's address is 378 Highbrooke Blvd., Ocoee, FL 34761 and they can be reached by email at gposton@cfl.rr.com.

Allen Mansell, BS '90, has returned to the Kansas City area and is employed at General Services Administration. Allen can be reached by email at alkmansell@aol.com.

Diane (Feldkamp) Harlow, BS '91, is currently a senior project manager. Diane and her husband Terry have four children: Tyler, 12, Damon, 7, and Trenton and Teanna who are both 2. Diane and her husband reside at 11021 Schrenk Ct., Rolla, MO 65401. The couple also resides at 10324 Fire Ridge, Frisco, TX 75034 and Shona's email is shonajohnson1989@gmail.com.

Frederick Ricker, BS '89, is an attorney for Suddenlink Communications. His wife Charity (Carrington) Ricker is a junior case counselor for the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater St. Louis. They have one child, Quinton Scott who is three years old. The three live in 3952 Sweeney Ln., St. Louis, Missouri 63129. They can also be reached at CharityCarrington@spindrift.net.

Laura (Franklin) Montgomery, BS '99, and husband Jeremy have a beautiful daughter Mia who is now 4 years old. After graduating from SBU with a degree in Biology and Chemistry, Laura graduated from Southwest Missouri State with a master's degree in Chemistry and went on to study optometry at the University of Missouri St. Louis School of Optometry. She graduated in May 1999 with her optometry degree. Laura, Jeremy and Mia currently reside in East Grove, MO.

Steven Winder, BA '95, is currently employed by FairWinds and can be reached by email at sowinders@yahoo.com.

Anna Marcus, BS '82, is currently employed at New Prime Inc., which is a trucking company in Springfield, Mo. Anna is trying to live low to the blazing sun while doing God's work. She can be reached by email at annamcm@msn.com.

Kendra Jeune (Boy) Lindemann, MS '96, currently resides in St. James with her husband Gregory and their 13-year-old son, Zachary. She is the daughter of the late Carl C. and Virginia D. Frey of St. James. Kendra teaches at the St. James middle school.

Jamie Beckner, BS '98, just finished her MBA in March of 2006. Jamie resides in Rogers, Ark. and can be reached by email at jbeckner@proctor.edu.

Liz Policht, '04, resides at 3201 Oxforden Drive, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 and can be reached by email at cpolicht04@hotmail.com.

Shona (Bratton) Huffman, BS '92, married Chris Huffman on May 19, 2006. Shona is a wedding consultant for Prestonwood Baptist Church. The couple resides at 3020 NE 38th St., Ft. Worth, TX 76109 and Eric's email is BigEWash45@aol.com.

Besides being a stay-at-home mom, Shona is also a wedding consultant for Prestonwood Baptist Church where she putting her OCD to good use. Shona would love to get together with friends in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Huffman reside at 10524 Far Ridge, Fulshear, TX 77449 and Shona email is shonahuffman@hotmail.com.

Eric Washington, BS '93, was recently inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at East Mississippi Community College in Seneca, Miss. The induction was based on his background in football at Mississippi Community College and he has 10 years at Southeastern Baptist University, which included receiving the Student Athlete Award. Eric is currently employed for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and his wife Elizabeth (Millbound), BS '93, works for Orchak Technical Community College. The couple has three children, Dallas, Inaya, who is 7 months old. The Washington's reside at 870 W. Cambridge, MO 65714 and Eric's email is BigWash56@msn.com.

Jamie resides in Rogers, Ark. and can be reached by email at jameybecker@bankofamerica.com.

Matt Clingan, BS '96, and his wife Jill, BS '96, recently moved to the Wichita, Kan. area where Matt is a computer programmer and Jill is a freelance writer/editors. The couple have one daughter Amelia who is two years old. The Clingan's address is 211 Columbus, Augusta, KS 67010 and their email is jclingan@gmail.com.

Candace Warner, BS '94, is currently an on-service placement coordinator and resides at 24501 E. Broken Arrow Dr., Tempe, AZ 85280. Candace can be contacted by email at cwarner006@cox.net.

Jill Clingan, BS '96, has returned her MBA in May of 2006. Jamie resides in Rogers, Ark. and can be reached by email at jameybecker@bankofamerica.com.

Larry Scantlan, BS '78, married Janet (Griffin) on November 30, 2005. Larry accepted the position as Director of Information Technology with ERA, Tom Grinnell in Lexington, Florida on January 16, 2006. In February Larry and Janet moved from Orlando to Saltspring, Florida. The couple reside at 24860 NE 188th Lane, Salt Springs, FL 32134 and can be reached by email at larryscantlan@gmail.com.

Heidi Johnson, BS '91, resides at 2111 Eastman Drive, Columbia, MO 65201, and can be reached by email at jjohnson383@msn.com.

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Marilyn works at First Baptist Church Windermere. The Clingan's address is 211 Eastman Drive, Columbia, Augusta, KS 67010 and Jill's email is jclingan@gmail.com.

Cara Hines, BS '94, is currently teaching 6th grade math at Blvd. Elementary School. The Hines' address is 3201 Oxforden Drive, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 and can be reached by email at cpolicht04@hotmail.com.

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Future Bears cats

Charlene (Jensens) Pirsch, BS '87, and husband Richard announce the birth of their daughter, Julie Faith, on June 28, 2005. Julie joins her five siblings: Matthew 12, John 11, Eric 9, Grace 6, and Emily 2. The Jensens reside at Hickory Lane Apt. 124, Sioux City, IA 51106 and can be reached by email at jjjoy73@yahoo.com.

Annabel L. Neece, BS '04, and husband Rocky announce the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Ann, on July 22, 2005. Mackenzie joins her sister, Marigold on December 11, 2005. Ava joins three siblings, Malayna Grace, Rylee Jayde, and Bo Lyle on September 14, 2005, and with Nicole announce the birth of daughter Jeana Marie on July 22, 2005. Jeana was 9 pounds and 4 ounces and 22 inches long. David is an athletic trainer at Venusian Sport Medicine and Becky works at DFS 60th in Aurora, CO. They can be reached by email at ryan@benecons.com.

David Compton, BS '94, MS '97, and wife Becky announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on March 26, 2005. Grace joins her sister, Jocelyn Kate, 2. The Comptons reside at 1010 WYB, Leipers Fork, TX 75453 and can be reached by email at dcompton2005@gmail.com.

Jeff Freeland, BM '98, and wife, Terri (Benneke), BS ’99, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Nicole born on February 8, 2006. Jeff received his MS in Educational Administration in 2003 and was employed as a principal in May with his MS in Lead Teaching. Jeff is an elementary music teacher and Terri teaches 3rd grade. The couple reside at 406 East Marshall St, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744 and can be reached by email at freelandb126.nco.

Samantha (Hammond) Higley, BS ’99, and husband, Jason Higley announce the birth of their daughter, Kinsie Joy, on August 26, 2005. The Higleys reside at 417 N. Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 and can be reached by email at higley895@msn.com.

Rebecca (Shinkle) Bledsoe, BS '04, and husband, Levi announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Marigold on December 11, 2005. Ava joins three siblings, Bianca 10, Paxton 8, and Spencer 4. The family resides at 2976 Old Acres Rd, Bolivar, MO 65610 and can be reached by email at cldavis2@mirocore.net.

Jennifer Davis, BS ’01, and husband, Jeremy Davis, BS ’01 announce the birth of their daughter, Lexi Elizabeth on November 13, 2005. Lexi joins two loving big brothers, Hunter James 3 and Bo Lyle 2. Jeremy and Julie would love to hear from you. The couple resides at 2601 N. Oakdale Ave., Bolivar, MO 65613 and can be reached by email at jdavis2@mirocore.net.

Valerie (Hankel) Hass, BS ’02, and husband Mark announce the birth of their son, Adam James on October 6, 2005. Mark works as a civil engineer for a government contracted agency and Valerie is the athletic director at Westside High School. The couple resides in Texarkana, Illinois.

April Jones, BS ’02 and husband James, TN announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace on March 29, 2006. April is currently a Parent Educator at Squires Elementary School. Thomas is working as a manager at Massman Furnace, Churubusco. The happy family currently lives in Squires Manor.

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In honor of Hazel B. “Mom” Craig by Cindy Rice, ’73

Anonymous Alumnus Creates Professional Development Fund

Hazel Craig Professional Development Fund

More than one year ago an education alumnus created an endowed fund in memory of Mom Craig. The purpose of the fund is to assist all faculty in the department of education to attend professional development seminars. The donor stated, “Mom Craig was there for so many of us at a crucial time in our lives. She had a sympathetic ear, was a positive role model and offered sound counsel.”

For several years the donor said he had thought about the impact various faculty and administrative people had on his life while at Southwest. In retrospect, he realized the sacrifice these people had made in order to minister to and encourage students during those years. Knowing how difficult it is for universities to have money available for conferences, workshops and additional training, he decided to create this fund.

The create planning office at SBU invites you to join this donor in honoring the memory of Mom Craig by your financial support. Please consider a one-time gift or pledge over one to three years to the Hazel Craig Professional Development Fund. For more information please contact Cindy Rice, Director of Private Scholarship Development/Estate Planning Associate, (417) 328-1838, crice@SBUniv.edu or Steve Whisler, Director of Estate Planning, (417) 328-1528, swhisler@SBUniv.edu, Southwest Baptist University, 1600 University Avenue, Bolivar, MO 65613.
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