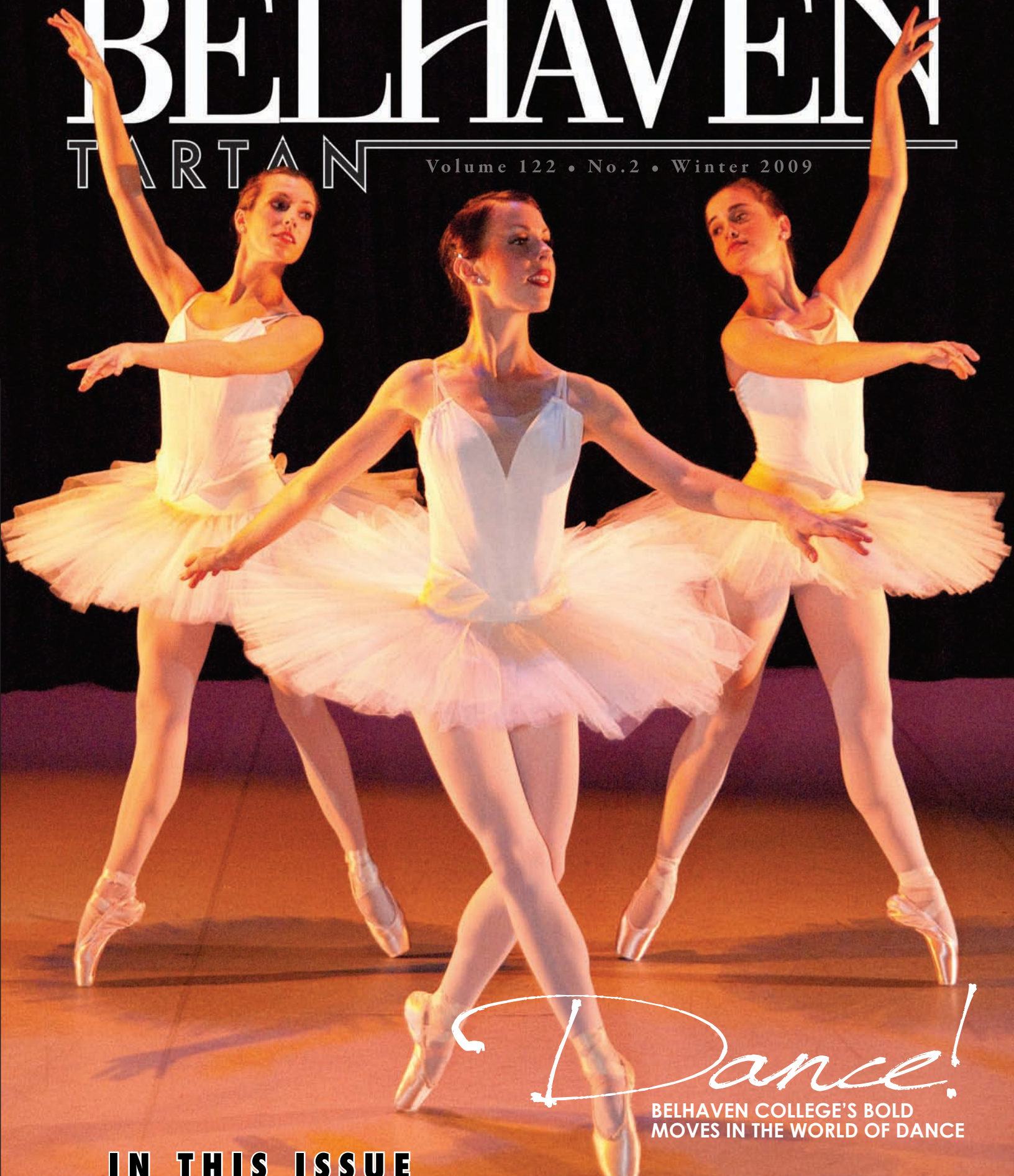


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Dr. Roger Parrott
President of the College

Mark Hopkins was president of Williams College for 36 years, retiring at about the time Belhaven was founded in the late 1880s.

His influence was made famous in a quote from one of his former students, the 20th President of the United States, James Garfield, who commented on his administration's education policy saying, "The ideal college is Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other."

Colleges used to be fairly simple organizations, as depicted in black and white movies. But all that has changed. The complexity of rapidly shifting curriculum, delivery systems, financial structures, accrediting, and government regulations have taken all the simplicity out of running a campus.

Even when I began in the college presidency 21 years ago, the "moving parts" of a college were much more predictable than they are today.

Along with the changes to the academy, Belhaven College has become an especially complex place as God has allowed us to grow so rapidly in the past years and extend our reach through innovative delivery systems that reach a diverse audience of students.

- We serve 2,951 students on four physical campuses, plus our online campus, ranging in age from 15 to 70s.
- We have four academic schools, supported by 262 full time faculty and staff, plus 317 adjunct faculty.
- We offer 80 different academic degrees or certificates, including 8 master degrees.
- We operate in 412,731 square feet of space, plus athletic facilities, and in those buildings we hold about 2,005 academic courses within a single academic year.
- We have 32 different tuition rates, depending on the level of program, delivery system, and location, and we manage a federal financial aid budget of \$28.8 million for our students.
- We provide library facilities that include, along with the hard copy collection, 44,000 electronic volumes for students on each of our campuses, plus we offer graduate level library services for both students and our faculty conducting research.
- We have significant partnerships with a wide variety of international universities, mission agencies, and other service organizations.
- We work with 11 different accrediting agencies to evaluate the college as a whole as well as measure the quality of our individual schools or programs.

Operationally, Belhaven College has become an extremely complex place. But for our students, education is simple—it is the interaction that takes place between the student and the faculty member—one sitting at each end of the log as they discuss the big questions of life.

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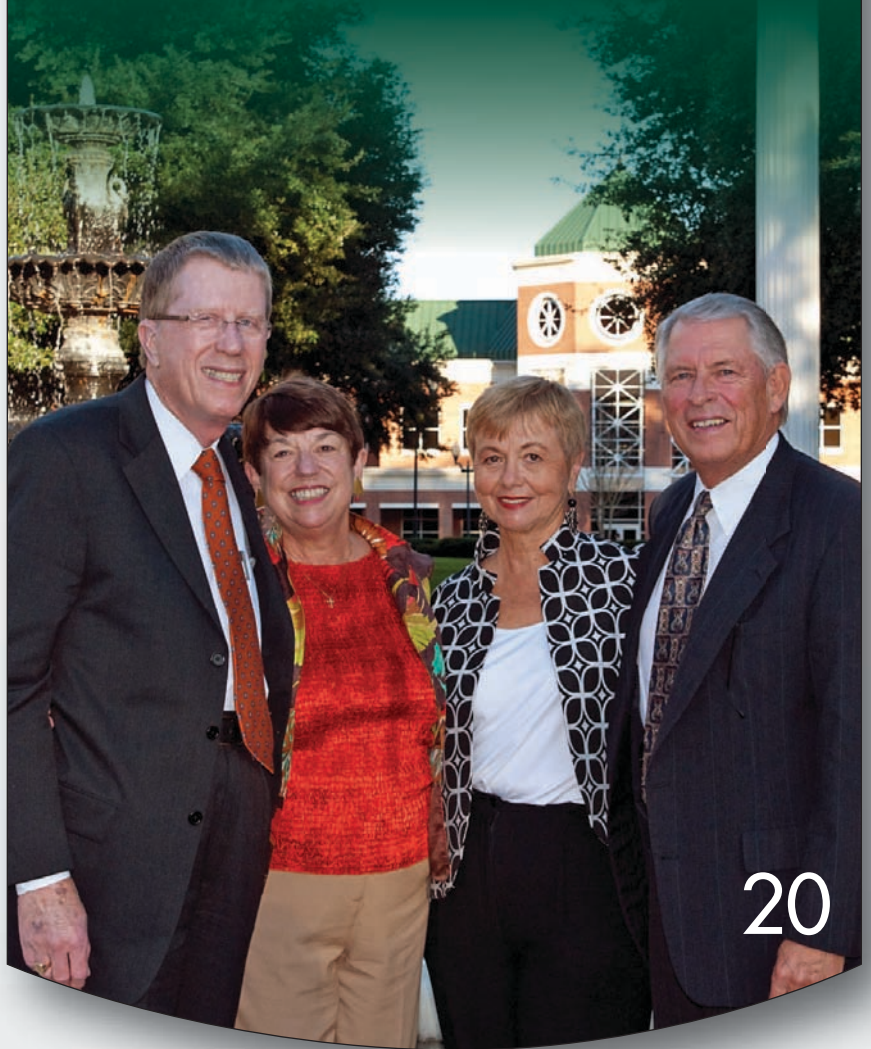
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100 *Legacies* FOR BELHAVEN



Former Presidents Dr. Verne Kennedy and Dr. Newton Wilson, along with their wives Martie and Becky, know first-hand the impact that legacy gifts can make. The 100 Campaign encourages Belhaven friends to consider a strategically developed planned gift that will leave a lasting legacy for the College. As chairpersons, the Kennedys and Wilsons are leading the 100 Campaign effort, first to help identify those who have already included Belhaven in their planned gifts but have never told the College, and secondly to help those who still need to develop an estate plan. (See page 20 for details on how to be involved.)

15 Years and NOT Counting

I can hardly believe I'm in my 15th academic year as president of Belhaven College—the second longest serving president of any of the four-year schools in Mississippi.

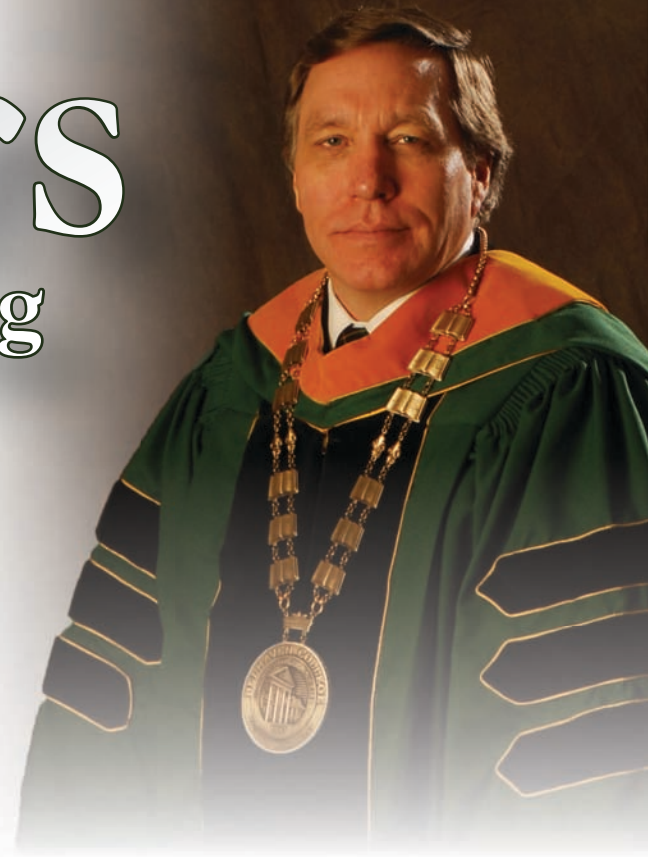
It seems like just yesterday that I held the first press conference in Girault Auditorium (which we've since torn down), made the first major decision about whether or not we could afford to continue the music program, and hired the first new person on the leadership team—Tom Phillips, who served as VP for Campus Operations and oversaw the physical transformation of the campus.

Much has changed in 15 years. God has been good and gracious to Belhaven College.

- We launched, by faith, new campuses in other states, moved into online education, expanded graduate degrees, developed our Worldview curriculum, and have grown the size of our faculty and staff as the enrollment took off.
- We developed extensive construction projects across the campus that seemed to go on forever, trusted God to supply our needs during tough times when we didn't know how we'd meet payroll, and rejoiced in years when we were blessed with modest surpluses.
- We negotiated hurricanes, purchased property on Riverside Drive, ramped up the Arts to become a world leader, began a football program, and faced accrediting challenges that sometimes scared me to death and other times made me burst with pride for the quality of Belhaven.

Normally at milestone anniversaries of college presidents, the school magazine displays charts and graphs counting successes during the leader's tenure. In my 15th year, I didn't want to do that kind of counting for three reasons:

1. It would be both selfish and silly to think I did this. The remarkable progress of Belhaven is only the result of God empowering 262 full time employees and 317 adjunct faculty, as well as scores of alumni, friends, and churches who continue to give and pray for the College.
2. Good things didn't start the day I got here. I'm deeply thankful for my predecessors in leadership who advanced Belhaven in such important ways, going all the way back through the nine presidents before me—and especially Drs. Cleland, Kennedy, and Wilson of this most modern era. And I thank God for strong leaders like Dan Fredericks and the senior faculty who have carried so much during these years, as well as a Board of Trustees who have been unshakable in their vision for a Christ-centered college.
3. I didn't plan God's direction for Belhaven during these years—the Lord did. My responsibility as president is to guide us in being good stewards of the resources (people, dollars, and ideas) and be ready to capture the opportunities God has given us.



I also did not want to create a “score-card” for the past 15 years, because that is not how God measures success. I feel so strongly about this, I wrote a book to address my concern, stating this in the opening chapter:

“The Church has been duped into fostering a generation of leaders, board members, employees, and constituencies who value short-term gain over longview significance. Ministry leaders believe it and act accordingly—hiring and rewarding people who can promote Band-Aid fixes as monumental solutions, creating plans that promise the moon and always come up short, raising funds from unrealistically compressed donor relationships, and touting to boards and constituencies those results that can most easily be measured and applauded.”

As the apostle Paul challenged us in I Corinthians 13, it is time to put away childish things in leadership and not be wooed by the immediacy of appearing productive by making meaningless sounds like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. Rather than our noisy quarterly reports (or even 15-year graphs), our standard for how we measure success as Christian leaders needs to reflect the longview desires of God, built on values that endure.

When I look back on the 15 years I’ve been privileged to lead Belhaven College, I want to focus on:

- students whose lives were transformed as they captured God’s best for their future
- faculty who have invested in developing insightful worldview thinking and Christ-like mentoring

- chapel services during which the Lord spoke to us all in deepening ways
- athletic teams and residence hall living that purposely built character

Those successes don’t show up in graphs or charts, but they are how God measures the value of Belhaven.

I love Belhaven College—I love our God-honoring mission and the people who have such a passion for ministry through Christ-centered higher education. I love that we have been given a worldwide reach for the Gospel from this charming campus in Jackson, Mississippi.

As I look back over these years, I’ve loved every day, and I am filled with anticipation knowing the Lord has great things in store for us in the years to come—I’m *counting* on that!—RP *B*

Belhaven deepens Korean ties with New Exchange Program

Belhaven College has formed a “sister school” partnership with Sungkyul University of Korea, which expands Belhaven’s Korean exchange programs to include three universities: Sungkyul University, Dong-Ah Institute of Media and Arts (DIMA), and Seoul Women’s University.

The partnership with Sungkyul University was formalized on August 12, 2009 at the Belhaven College service of dedication for the 2009-10 school year. Dr. Jeong Sang-un, President of Sungkyul

University, and Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven College, signed the agreement that will allow the exchange of both students and faculty between the sister schools.

Dr. Parrott emphasized the shared Christian emphasis of each institution as he stated, “Sungkyul University is a Christ-centered institution that shares its ideals with Belhaven, and we pray that God will bless our new partnership as we follow the path before us.”

WE ARE FAMILY:

Dr. Jeong Sang-un, President of Sungkyul University, and Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven College, signed into effect a “sister school” agreement.





BELHAVEN COLLEGE'S BOLD



TRUE FORM:
Briana Christian
Sewanee, Tennessee

By the time a dance major graduates from Belhaven College, he or she has averaged 3,000 hours of dancing, spent 1,280 hours with dance faculty, gone through at least 40 pairs of Pointe shoes, and performed in up to 60 major dance performances.

Pursuing a dance degree at Belhaven is not something you should try at home. In fact, anyone who knows a Belhaven dancer could tell you that graduating in dance takes the endurance of a long-distance runner, the time management of an event planner, and the determination of a mountain climber.

Even with these challenges—perhaps because of these challenges—dance has become the second largest major at Belhaven, and this just ten short years since the first dance degree was granted. With over 100 dance majors making up 10% of the student body, dance is not just a part-time hobby for these students—it's a life calling. All of this begs the question: why do students come from 44 states and 4 foreign countries to study dance at Belhaven?

For one, Belhaven is the only Christian evangelical college to offer both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. That status alone makes Belhaven stand out amidst a sea of secular institutions, but Belhaven's dancers come for more than just its status of Christian college—they are drawn to the experienced, high caliber faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and the unapologetically Christian curriculum.

HIGH CALIBER FACULTY



DANCE FACULTY:
(Left to Right)
Krista Bower
Cynthia Newland
Emily Wright
Britta Wynne
Caleb Mitchell
Stephen Wynne
Amanda Parsons Browning
Laura Morton
Erin Scheiwe Rockwell
Ravenna Tucker

MOVES IN THE WORLD OF DANCE

Cynthia Newland, chair of the dance department, took the helm of the program because, “Belhaven takes seriously the call of Christ on the lives of the students.” In her six years here, the program has more than doubled in size, and last spring she won the prestigious Mississippi Alliance of Arts Education 2009 Higher Education Award for her engagement in the classroom and the community. Newland’s passion for excellence has also helped the school obtain coveted accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD).

Working with Newland are four full-time dance faculty, two specialty instructors, and three adjunct instructors, all representing a wide array of professional experience. In fact, if they were all gathered in one room, their combined dance careers would represent more than 100 years of experience and span nine countries. Their backgrounds include dancing with the prestigious American Ballet Theater (NYC), Joffrey

Ballet Company (NYC), Houston Ballet Academy, Pacific Northwest Ballet (Seattle), Pennsylvania Ballet, Milwaukee School of Ballet, the Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet (England), Rotterdam State Academy of Dance (Holland), Tanz-Forum of the Metropolitan Opera House (Germany), The State Theater (Switzerland), Centre De Danse International (France), Stagione Lyrica (Italy), Dance Society (Malaysia), and DC Dance Company (Singapore).

The dance faculty have come to Belhaven for a number of reasons, but their desire to develop the next generation of excellent Christian artists is the common thread that unites them. Stephen Wynne, Associate Professor of Dance, became aware of Belhaven’s vision for the arts when his Philadelphia dance company worked with several

Belhaven dance graduates. He says, “I felt that God was nudging me to investigate Belhaven. It took a few years, but I deeply felt I was supposed to offer my insights to help develop a new generation of choreographers who incorporate their faith and art in a way that addresses real life issues in today’s

I deeply felt I was supposed to offer my insights to help develop a new generation of choreographers who incorporate their faith and art in a way that addresses real life issues in today’s anti-faith culture.

anti-faith culture. It became apparent that Belhaven would be the best place to begin this process.”

Ravenna Tucker, Associate Professor of Dance, was drawn to Belhaven from a successful international

as a principal dancer for The Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet companies. She says her desire to work for a “Christian institution” brought her to Belhaven. For some instructors, working with other Christian dance professors at Belhaven is a dream come true. Erin Rockwell, Specialty Instructor of Dance, says, “The chance to work,

collaboration with a united Christian faculty, with a large number of skilled dance students who have a heart for Christ and a passion for dance, is a dream—or calling—come true.”

STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

In 2006, Belhaven’s growth in the arts demanded more space, and the addition came in the form of the beautiful 42,756 square-foot Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center. Dance classes take place in four spacious, well-lit studios, and performances occur in the flexible dance performance theatre. Faculty offices, lockers, and full bathrooms provide dancers with the amenities they need. This new space has allowed the dance program to further expand and offers some of the best practice

and performance space available anywhere.

CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM

“When you are a Christian and you dance in the world, you can’t be lukewarm, watered down, or wavering,” states Caleb Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Dance. Mitchell and the other faculty members build upon the foundation of the Worldview Curriculum, Belhaven’s innovative Christian core curriculum, to offer students a way to stand against the pressures of the secular dance world. Mitchell, who danced with a secular company for nine years, says he and other faculty use their own experiences as Christians in the professional dance world to teach students how to hold to their convictions in the face of adversity. One way they do this in Mitchell’s class is Scripture memory. He says, “The Belhaven staff firmly stands by the hiding the word of Christ in the hearts

of their students. So when the students face struggles in their profession, the word of God is easily accessible to help them persevere.”

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Word about Belhaven is getting out, and alumni are perhaps the greatest advocates for the dance program.

Over 90% of the

dance alumni are working in the field of dance in some capacity—from dancing in a professional company—to teaching—to using arts on the mission field. Katy Hagelin ’08, Keith Williamson ’05, and Elizabeth “Deder” Gordon (plans to graduate in 2010) are all using their gifts for dance in unique ways across the country.

Katy Hagelin, a Seattle native, had at first planned to attend a secular school that the dance world would applaud. When she decided her commitment to the Lord was more important, she was thrilled to find

FLIGHT: (Left to right) DeMarcus Suggs from Concord, North Carolina and Erik Sampson from Alfred, Maine.



Katy Hagelin

Belhaven, a school that doesn't compromise standards or its Christian focus. She says, "Belhaven was a place where excellence was the standard—both in dance techniques and in service to the Lord. God has blessed this accredited dance program with amazing faculty and facilities. Through the Belhaven dance department, He has equipped me to enter the secular dance world and make an eternal impact."

Katy is back in the Seattle area making an impact through freelancing opportunities to teach and choreograph, and she has also started her own non-profit dance company, the Katy Hagelin Dance Project (katyhagelin.com). She says the vision for her dance company was inspired by her time at Belhaven: "I believe I would not be the confident and gifted choreographer and dancer that I am without my life there. I will always continue to strive for even more excellence, because I will always remember what my instructors taught me while I was at Belhaven."

Keith Williamson, who hails from Clayton, New Jersey, quickly discovered Belhaven when he narrowed down his college criteria to include only an "evangelical school with a dance program." Belhaven was the only one that he found with a dance major!

Keith is working as a freelance theater technician based out of Atlanta,



Keith Williamson

and he credits Belhaven with giving him a passion for behind-the-scenes technical work. He says, "I went to Belhaven as a performance major and left a technician."

During his freshman and sophomore years, he watched dance performers pour their hearts out on stage without seeing

the same efforts take place backstage. It was then that he realized his heart and calling was in setting the stage for each performance to come to life.

Today, Keith is on the Board of Directors for Refuge Dance Company, a small company that he and several friends formed together. As the Technical Director, he says, "When Refuge performs, the only thing the dancers have to worry about is glorifying God with their movements. By allowing them to do that I bring glory to Him—that is how Belhaven has prepared me for today."

Elizabeth "Deder" Gordon grew up in Shizuoka, Japan and is now living in San Antonio, Texas, where she dances professionally with Ballet San Antonio. She says that her time at Belhaven helped prepare her for the



Elizabeth Gordon

transition from college to career: "The faculty did a tremendous job of maintaining a Christ-centered atmosphere in which nothing we did was separate from our faith. We never stepped out

of our Christianity to become dancers. We were always encouraged to first and foremost be Christ-lovers, and to dance, or do whatever we did, on top of this foundation."

The faculty's influence and continued friendship still astounds Deder: "What an amazing gift to have teachers with very little obligation other than to teach you to dance who continue to be dear friends and advisers long after their requirement to you has been fulfilled."

As the dance program continues to expand and more alumni spread the name of Belhaven across the country (and world), the essence of the dance program is still the same: the pursuit of excellence in a Christ-centered environment. Cynthia Newland sums up her hopes for each student in a simple prayer "that each student would hear God's calling for their lives. Our hope is that each student will be an intentional



USA International Ballet Competition International Village

Since 1990, Belhaven College has become an International Village for dancers who flock from across the world to attend the USA International Ballet Competition, which is held every four years. The Summer of 2010 will be no different, as hundreds of dance students gather in Jackson to compete for their future as a dancer. This prestigious honor puts Belhaven on the cutting edge of the dance world and validates our standing as a leader.

voice both in the market place and in God's kingdom." If the words and lives of Katy, Keith, and Deder are any indication, it appears that the Belhaven Dance department is achieving its goal—creating a new generation of Christian dancers who, as Deder puts it, "never step out of our Christianity to become dancers."—MP *B*



Belhaven named "Best Buy" for 10th Year

From cars to colleges, everyone is looking for a quality product at a reasonable price in today's economy. Belhaven works hard to keep costs low and the quality of education high, and for this reason the college has been named a "Best Buy Institution" in *America's 100 Best College Buys* for the 10th year.

America's 100 Best College Buys is an annual report compiled by Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., an independent research and consulting organization. Belhaven is one of only two colleges in the state of Mississippi to receive the "Best Buy" distinction, joining The University of Mississippi in this honor. Using analysis from the Annual National College Survey, Belhaven was chosen as a "Best Buy" based on the criteria of accreditation, residential facilities, student GPA and SAT/ACT scores ranking at or above the national average, and cost of attendance below the national average.

For the past 10 years, Belhaven's "Best Buy" status has kept it on the top of the list for students seeking an affordable Christian education, and with an explosive 15% enrollment increase this year, this trend is only growing stronger. Students and parents who are interested in learning about the value of a Belhaven education should check out President Parrott's video "5 Reasons Belhaven College is Affordable:" www.belhaven.edu/financial_aid.

Belhaven College Enrollment Soars 15%

In a year when most private colleges are struggling, Belhaven College has seen its student body grow by 15% to a historical record enrollment total of nearly 3,000 students. The 14.91% increase over last fall brings the combined student body to 2,951 students. This includes Belhaven's undergraduate and graduate students on four campuses: Jackson, Memphis, Orlando, and Houston.

"Belhaven has seen a 5% growth among our traditional age students, and the adult accelerated undergraduate program and business graduate programs are up 15% to 19% on each of their campuses," said Dr. Roger Parrott, "And we have seen skyrocketing growth in our newest graduate programs in education and public administration, and in our online program as well."

Nearly half of Belhaven's Jackson traditional age student body come from out of state and have chosen Belhaven College over options across the country. Freshman dance major Stefanie Wright is from West Palm Beach, Florida, and she says she chose Belhaven for its Christian emphasis: "I like what Belhaven stands for. I knew I'd be encouraged in my Christian walk at Belhaven, and as I weighed my opportunities at other schools, I knew Belhaven had what I wanted."

Dr. Parrott credits the work of the faculty, staff, coaches, and administrators with making the fall enrollment such a successful one. He states, "This year's enrollment is the answer to many prayers and the work of our marvelous team of staff and faculty. I'm especially thankful that this incoming class is of such high academic caliber, and have come ready to develop God's best in their lives."

Memphis Campus partners with MCUTS

In 2000, the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies (MCUTS) was created to offer an opportunity for urban pastors and ministers who

had not had the opportunity to access biblical studies at an undergraduate or master's level. This fall, Belhaven College in Memphis has partnered with this unique center and is offering for the first time a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Ministries, an Associate of Arts in Christian Ministries, and an Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies. Mr. Don Jones, Memphis Director of Admission, says that to pull off this "strategic partnership" between Belhaven and MCUTS, there was wonderful collaboration between the Provost's office, Admission, and Student Services. He also says, "We're delighted to work with MCUTS. They are fully behind the Christian Worldview Curriculum that Belhaven uses, and we are of one heart. We're also excited to welcome 22 new undergraduate students to Belhaven through the MCUTS program."

Belhaven announces Graphic Design major

In the fall of 2010, Belhaven College will build on its strong Christian arts curriculum by adding a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design to the undergraduate degree program, with emphases in Digital and Print Media or Web and Interactive Media. The Graphic Design program's purpose is to enhance any student's professional, design, and artistic skills through course work with intensive theory and practice, practical real world experiences, in-studio practicum, and professional internships.

Mr. Kris Dietrich will be the chair of this new department and major, and he is already passionate about this program. He says, "It is through the dynamic integration of Art, Design, and Technology that we will develop passionate, relevant, and strong graphic designers. This, on top of the foundation of a Christian worldview, will set our students apart from the crowd and prepare them to influence the culture in whatever field God calls them."

Classical Education Announced as Major

In response to the growing Christian classical education movement, Belhaven College has introduced the Classical Education major, a degree program for students who seek to serve in classical Christian schools as teachers or administrators, desire a strong foundation in the liberal arts, and seek to learn in an environment that promotes a biblical worldview.

Dr. Dan Fredericks, Senior Vice President and Provost, says that the Classical Education degree at Belhaven, “prepares students to serve in classical

schools as teachers or administrators by deepening their understanding of biblical truth for forming and expressing a coherent worldview in rhetorically successful ways.”

Dr. Wynn Kenyon, Professor of Classical Education and Chair of the Philosophy Department and Division of Ministry and Human Services, calls the degree “holistic,” and he says that the program’s goal is to prepare students “to see the significance of worldview thinking, understand the truth in the Christian perspective, grasp the history of ideas, and show the next generation how Christianity is true and practical.”

Belhaven unveils ESL Program

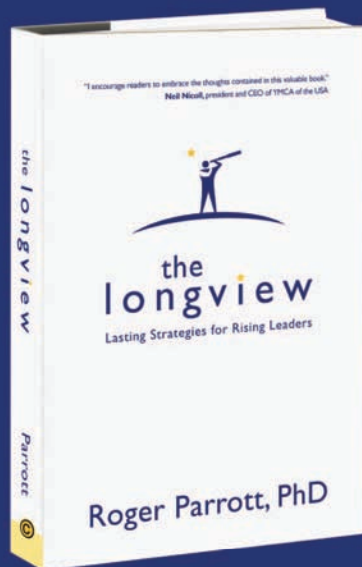
Beginning in the Fall of 2010, Belhaven will offer the English Language and American Culture (ELAC) studies program for Asian students who seek to improve their knowledge of the English language before beginning their undergraduate studies. Students in the ELAC studies program will have the opportunity to earn college credit as they learn the customs and language from classes, field trips, and immersion into the Belhaven community.

Dr. Parrott Writes on Leadership

The *Longview: Lasting Strategies for Rising Leaders* (publisher David C. Cook) presents a strong challenge to leaders, along with an array of tools to prepare them for success.

“I wrote this book out of my deep concern that we live in a quick-fix, immediate-impact, short-view world. But we serve a longview God, and we have not equipped leaders with the principles of techniques to follow the leadership model of Jesus,” says Belhaven’s President.

Dr. Parrott argues that for three decades our culture has increasingly valued short-term producers—from stockbrokers to college coaches—as leaders at every level have indoctrinated us to believe immediate gains trump long-term consequences. And the Church has been swept up into this same leadership pattern, hiring and rewarding people who promote Band-Aid fixes as monumental solutions, creating plans that promise the moon and always come up short, raising funds from unrealistically compressed donor relationships, and touting to boards and constituencies those results that can most easily be measured and applauded.



The book encourages returning to a biblical model of leadership that values transformation over turnaround and measures eternal outcomes as well as immediate effectiveness.

Written for ministry, pastor, and marketplace leaders, it is a guide to a leadership lifestyle of lasting significance and features chapter titles such as:

Planning Will Drain the Life from Your Ministry

Deflate Your Ego to Expand Your Influence

Preempting the Stickiest Challenge of Long-Term Leadership

Shepherding a Vision Without Scaring Away the Flock

Lead As If You’ll Be There Forever

In *The Longview* Dr. Parrott challenges leaders to “spend more time dreaming, praying and listening to what God wants for us, rather than huddled around conference tables attempting to plan God’s best for us.” Dr. Parrott is currently involved in a series of national and regional radio broadcasts to discuss the book with leaders.

“Now more than ever, leaders everywhere are realizing that short-term thinking doesn’t work. *The Longview* by Dr. Roger Parrott is essential medicine for today’s hurry-up, quick-fix lifestyle. Read this book, read it again, and apply its message to your life.”

—KEN BLANCHARD, COAUTHOR OF *THE ONE MINUTE MANAGER®* AND *LEAD LIKE JESUS*

“Do we need another book on leadership? We do if it is as chock full of wisdom, experience, and godly counsel as Roger Parrott’s *The Longview*. This is a book I would love to see in the hands of every Christian leader, young or old, new or well-worn. It would be in the best interests of many a Christian organization to make sure their leaders have steeped themselves in its insights.”

—DUANE LITFIN, PRESIDENT, WHEATON COLLEGE

Creative Writing program featured in *byFaith* magazine

“One wonders what Eudora Welty might think if she could gaze out her window at the young writers scurrying about the campus of Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss.—her discerning eyes wearing a worn path across the lawn.” So begins Adam Miller’s article “Training a new Generation of Christian Writers” in the fall 2009 edition of *byFaith* magazine. Miller describes creative writing director Dr. Randy Smith as “helping carry the torch of academic rigor and literary acuity fueled by a Reformed Christian worldview,” and includes Smith’s emphasis on writers as “explorers of the human condition and of the complexity of creation.”

With Belhaven’s standing as the only Christian college in the US offering a Bachelor of Fine Arts in creative writing and one of only 26 undergraduate institutions offering such a degree, the program is well-positioned to make a statement in the world of writing. In the closing paragraphs of the *byFaith* article, Dr. Smith emphasizes the importance of his writers becoming saturated with the

biblical worldview. He says his hope for his students is that they “will offer the full range of human experience digested from a Christian worldview perspective” in their creative works.

Maximum Security: Accounting Students volunteer at Angola Prison

When Kathy Wooten, Assistant Professor of Accounting, asked her classes if anyone would be interested in traveling to Angola prison for some hands-on accounting experience, she only had two volunteers: Mallory Hammack and Molly Yildirim. This is not exactly surprising, given Angola’s infamous reputation in the movies and its old nickname as “America’s bloodiest prison.” Hammack and Yildirim, both Belhaven basketball players, volunteered with some trepidation to lend a hand on this very unorthodox internship, where they would assist Ms. Wooten in examining the prisoner accounts from the bi-yearly Angola Rodeo.

The women, who were later joined by adjunct professor Ed Jones, set off for Louisiana with some anxiety about the unknown territory of performing

accounting in a maximum security prison setting. These fears quickly dissolved as they started work on an overwhelming amount of paperwork and saw that their presence meant a lot to the prison. As Mallory Hammack says, “I realized that I could actually help people even as a sophomore accounting major—I don’t have to be a ministries major to have an impact.” This realization also confirmed to the accounting student that “this is what I want to do for the rest of my life, and the value of that realization—well, you can’t put a price on that.”

All three of these women say that the experience at Angola changed their perspective on many things, and one of those things is the fact that God can work even in a dark place like Angola. They all say God’s work is evident there, from the guards to the prisoners themselves. Warden Cain, who is a former chapel speaker at Belhaven, is an outspoken Christian who has implemented faith-based programs at Angola, including a Bible college on the prison grounds. Many of the prisoners have completed seminary there, and as Mallory states, “God can heal all kinds of people—he doesn’t throw anyone away.”

A Doll’s House

In October, the Theatre department presented “A Doll’s House,” which many hail as Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen’s most famous play. The plot hinges upon a secret from the past that threatens to destroy the thin veneer of the marriage between Nora and Torvald, the main characters. When they are forced to face the fact that their relationship is not what they have been pretending, Nora makes a decision that shatters many 19th century norms. Faculty member Dr. Louis H Campbell directed this stylish production of Ibsen’s ground-breaking 1879 play.

Pictured: Dave Harris and Kerri Courtney





CROSSING CONTINENTS:
Eliud Michura and Randy Russ

Belhaven Connects with Kenyan University

This fall, Mr. Eliud Michura, Dean of Students at Kabarak University in Kenya, visited Belhaven's campus to observe how Belhaven integrates faith and learning into student development. Even with Belhaven connections spanning the globe, it is still surprising to follow the path of Belhaven's relationship with Kabarak University. The path began with an alumna who moved to Kenya, and it will likely culminate with Belhaven students studying and ministering in Kenya for a summer term in 2010. The pathway, from start to finish, looks like this:

Jane Lang 'at '98 and her husband Robert moved to Kenya, where Robert is the Provost at Kabarak University. Dr. Joe Martin, Chair of the Belhaven Biblical Studies dept., connected Jane and Robert with Dr. Randy Russ, a Belhaven Business professor who was already planning a trip to Africa, and who often gives seminars on faith integration in the classroom. Dr. Russ changed his summer plans (2008) to include a stop in Kenya, where he did a seminar for small business owners, one of whom was Mrs. Anne Michura. She told her husband, Eliud, about Dr. Russ's seminar, and a friendship was born between these two men. When Dr. Russ returned to Kenya in Winter 2008, he then invited Mr. Michura to visit and observe how Belhaven trains students in faith integration.

Dr. Russ hopes that this relationship continues to such a degree that Belhaven students will be able to study in Kenya next summer, learning and practicing "Business as Ministry" with students from Kabarak University. The goal of this program is to help communities spiritually and economically.

Hot Topics: Fall Biology Seminar Series

The Fall Biology Seminar Series kicked off on August 8 with one of the hottest topics in health today: the Swine Flu Pandemic. Paul Byers, M.D., Medical Director of the Epidemiology Program at the Mississippi State Board of Health, spoke about Swine Flu's prevention and the prognosis for the future. On October 16, the seminar series presented "The Physical Health of our Nation," with guest lecturer Shannon Cole, MSN, FNP-BC, from the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. She addressed important public health issues including obesity, diabetes, and nutrition. For the final event of the fall series, Freda Bush, M.D., spoke on "Sex and the Brain" on November 13. Dr. Bush, a partner in private practice with East Lakeland OB-GYN Associates, is a well known doctor, speaker, and author. Along with her speaking engagements and abstinence education work, she recently co-authored the book *Hooked, New Science on How Casual Sex is Affecting Our Children*.

Newland receives 2009 Humanities Teacher Award

Mrs. Cynthia Newland, Associate Professor of Dance and Chair of the Dance department, has been awarded the Humanities Teacher Award for 2009, which is given by the Mississippi Humanities Council. The award is given annually to one humanities faculty member at each higher education institution in the state.



Cynthia Newland

"Belhaven College is blessed by Cynthia Newland's passion for excellence, and we congratulate her as this year's Humanities award recipient. From her unceasing service to her students and her untiring efforts to

advance Belhaven College into an elite group of 30 institutions in the US accredited in all four of the arts, she is well-deserving of this honor," said Dr. Dan Fredericks, Senior Vice President and Provost.

In response to this award, Cynthia Newland presented "Embodied Imagery: Engaging Body, Mind, Spirit" on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009.

The Humanities award will be formally presented to Mrs. Newland on February 26, 2010, at the Mississippi Humanities Council Annual Awards Dinner.

Alaska's Fiddling Poet visits Belhaven College

Ken Waldman, known as "Alaska's Fiddling Poet," was on the Belhaven campus for a performance and master class on October 22 and 23. Waldman, a singer, songwriter, poet, nonfiction author, and storyteller, has performed and taught at venues and schools across the nation, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. With six collections of published poetry, one nonfiction memoir, and nine music cds of his old-time Appalachian style fiddling, Waldman has earned his title as "Alaska's Fiddling Poet." He has also been nominated for five Pushcart Prizes for his writing.

MBA Students Outscore Peers in Business Game

Since 2005, the Belhaven MBA students have been participating in the Capstone simulation game, which is a computerized game in which business students are tested in seven areas: Strategy & Policy, Human Resources, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Production, and "Other." This year, Belhaven MBA students not only consistently outscored their peers nationally, but one Belhaven team reached the top 1% of all 1504 teams participating. The MBA students who participated in the simulation include: Beverly Epperson, Chris Kile, Yvonne Knox, Kyle Lewis, Padra Reeves, Carleton Smith, Stacey Williams, Kelly Woods, and John Wilkaitis.

SPORTS *News*



Sarah Benson, Senior,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Men's Soccer builds on 2008 Success

The 2009 Belhaven Men's Soccer team had high hopes as they headed into the 2009 season following a solid 2008 campaign that helped put the program back on the national stage. In 2009, the Blazers had a 10-4-2 overall record and were ranked as high as 19th in the NAIA College Top 25 Poll.

Belhaven leading scorer Juan Rodriguez and standout goalkeeper Zach Wallace were joined on the list of returners for 2009 by Alan Hannon, John Kehoe, and Jose Morales. Belhaven had to replace some key players for the 2009 season, but they had a great recruiting year by signing both junior college players as well as some outstanding first year players. In all, there were 17 new faces roaming the sidelines in 2009 for Belhaven.

"We added depth at every spot with recruiting during the offseason," says Head Coach Steve DeCou. "In fact, for every player that we lost we found someone who possesses an equal or even greater amount of talent...In 2008 we were able to put the program back in the national spotlight due to the fact that we have been able to recruit quality student-athletes. We will continue to strive to recruit and sign the most talented student-athletes that fit the core values of Belhaven College and that want a chance to compete for championships."

The men's season came to a close in the semifinals of the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tournament at H.T. Newell Field in a hard fought 2-1 overtime loss to the University of Mobile.

Women's Soccer makes it to NAIA Tournament

In 2008, the Lady Blazers put together an 11-7-1 record and made it to the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament Championship game. "The team performed very well in 2008 and made tremendous strides from the previous season" says Head Coach Josue Sabillon.

The team has had the luxury of retaining their core group of players for the 2009 season. Dana Sullivan and Nicole Trawick, along with Christin Kaim, have been key contributors on offense. Seniors Evelyn Torres and Sarah Benson also provided a spark on the offensive side of the ball. Samantha Breland and Mallory Hodges also supplied solid senior leadership in 2009. Along with the six senior returners, the Blazers had five returning underclassmen.

The Lady Blazers fought hard in the 2009 season, and finished second in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular season standings, with a record of 7-6-3. Though the Blazers lost in the semifinals of the GCAC Tournament to the University of Mobile, they earned an at large bid as the number five seed to the NAIA Unaffiliated Tournament.

Cross Country Finishes Strong

The Belhaven men's and women's cross country teams headed into the 2009 season with high hopes and momentum thanks to an outstanding 2008 season. The men's and women's teams both had a strong finish to the 2008 year with three of the Lady Blazers earning a trip to the NAIA National meet.

The Belhaven men had a tremendous amount of experience as they pushed forward in 2009. The Blazers returned four of their top five runners from a year ago, including sophomore Thomas Kazery who led the team last year. Kazery was joined by senior Douglas Coker and fellow sophomores Peter Davis and Luke Lennon, along with freshman runners Andrew Sinclair, Sonny Gunn, and Adam Jones.



THE NEED FOR SPEED: Cross-country runner Jackie Bateman and soccer player Jose Robles push forward, giving it their all.

The Lady Blazers have some new faces in 2009 with only one runner coming back from last year's team. Sophomore Jackie Bateman is the only returner and is looked upon to help lead this year's group of runners. Bateman is joined by senior Lea Schumacher and junior Callie Osborn. Hannah Reese and Nikki Stackhouse are the other two newcomers and are both freshman.

The team's hard work was put to the test at the 2009 Gulf Coast Athletics Conference Championships held at the Choctaw Trails Course in Clinton, Mississippi. The men's and women's teams both came in 4th place out of seven. Blazer freshmen Hannah Reese and sophomore Thomas Kazery both qualified for the NAIA National meet in Vancouver, WA, where they will compete with the best runners from across the country.

Volleyball makes a Comeback

In the win/loss column, 2008 was a tough year for the Belhaven Volleyball team, but last season proved to be a valuable experience builder for a team composed of mainly freshman players. Five freshmen from last year returned to the team this season with lots of playing time under their belts. Due to injuries, many of the players saw time at different positions, which has been an advantage for Belhaven in the 2009 season.

New faces on the court for Belhaven this year are Samantha O'Malley, Taylor Williams, Erin Bradley, Christina Jaques, and Lauren Zell. O'Malley was the kill leader for her Dulles High School team in Sugar Land, Texas last season. Williams brings tremendous athleticism and good ball control to this season's team. Bradley has some big shoes to fill, as she was called upon as a freshman to replace Stack as the team's setter. Bradley has done a nice job transitioning to the college game and has proved to be a very good player for the Blazers. Jaques is also an outstanding athlete and is another excellent offensive asset. Jaques has seen time as both an outside hitter and middle blocker.

The Blazers finished the season at 18-20 overall and made it to the GCAC tournament semifinals before eventually losing to the University of Mobile who went on to win the tournament.

Football begins a New Era with Winning Season

The 2009 season began a new era for the Belhaven College football program as Joe Thrasher took the reins as the Blazers Head Coach. Prior to coming back to Belhaven, Thrasher spent the past three seasons at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma after having been a Blazer assistant coach during the 1998-2000 seasons.

"I am excited to be back leading the Blazer Football Program," says Coach Thrasher. "As an alumnus and part of the first team, I feel it an honor to serve this institution and football team." Thrasher inherited a Belhaven team that went just 2-9 overall and 1-4 in the Mid-South Conference in 2008. In stark contrast, 2009 saw an overall record of 6-5 and 4-2 in the Mid-South Conference, clinching a winning record with an overtime win against Union College (KY) in the final game of the season.

The Blazers were able to build upon a rough 2008 season with some solid returning offensive players. Senior running back Ricardo Bolton has proven to be a big play threat out of the backfield, while receivers Kevin Dizer, Barry Johnson and Shaun Ector have stretched opposing defenses down the field. The Blazers looked to returners Jacob Phillips and Sarron Anderson to



Joe Thrasher

be the stalwarts on the offensive line. Transfer quarterback Alex Williams has done a great job leading the Blazer attack in his first season, while transfer wide receiver Cordario

Calvin has made an immediate impact on the field.

The defense has made big strides in 2009 thanks in large part to some very experienced returning players. Defensive Coordinator Danny White has had the luxury of leading a defense that returned 10 starters, including All-MS-C linebacker Reginald Lumpkin and MSC Honorable Mention defensive lineman Melvin Dyson. "The offense has always been a strong point for the Blazer program so we wanted the defense to match that in 2009," says Coach White.



30 Years of Excellence

For three decades Dr. Phillip Kelly and Dr. Al Chestnut have been staples in the Belhaven College Science Department. Over that course of time, many students have had the privilege of sitting under their teaching, being guided and educated through their gifts and passionate approach to the sciences. Most of their students would agree that both Dr. Chestnut and Dr. Kelly have influenced not only the way they approach their chosen discipline, but life itself.

“I must acknowledge the tremendous influence both gentlemen have had on me,” said Dr. Glenn Harris, a 1987 graduate who majored in Chemistry and minored in Biology and Mathematics. “The classroom instruction I received from both these men was second to none. In several respects, the courses I took under them were more challenging than some in medical school. However, it was the ‘life’ instruction I received from them that truly made the difference in my life. These two men really care about their students, and we are their legacy.”

In May, Dr. Kelly completed his 30th year of teaching service at Belhaven, while Dr. Chestnut began his 30th year in the classroom when the fall semester started in August. In celebration of this remarkable achievement for both, the College hosted a “Thirty Years of Excellence” Celebration event in their honor during Back to Belhaven 2009 Homecoming festivities on the evening of Friday, November 6. The event was attended by a great number of Belhaven science alumni, current science students, Belhaven faculty and staff, and other key friends. A panel of six science alumni, emceed by Dr. Maxie Gordon '83, shared of the lasting impact Dr. Kelly and Dr. Chestnut have had on their lives and careers. The additional panelists were: Dr. Richard Whitlock '82, Dr. Glenn Harris '87, Dr. Sara Smith T '89, Dr. Brad Steenwyk '94, and Dr. Jeremy Allen '99.

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BELHAVEN COLLEGE

2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR IN REVIEW AND PARTNERS IN STEWARDSHIP

The past academic year was full of opportunities for us to see God work in wonderful ways in the lives of Belhaven students, faculty, and staff. Once again, He proved Himself faithful by guiding and protecting each person connected to the Belhaven family. We relish the opportunity to once more say THANK YOU to all of our Partners in Stewardship. Your generosity and commitment to Belhaven is a primary reason we are able to make such a significant difference in the lives of our students. THANK YOU again!

OVERVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Our verse for the 2008-09 academic year was Ephesians 4:13, "Become mature and measure up to the full stature of Christ." We were reminded of our call to be "like Christ" as we approach every aspect of life, extending even to the workplace. Our collective heart's desire was that God would be glorified through every word and deed, as we promote His work at Belhaven. Some of the highlights of the year included:

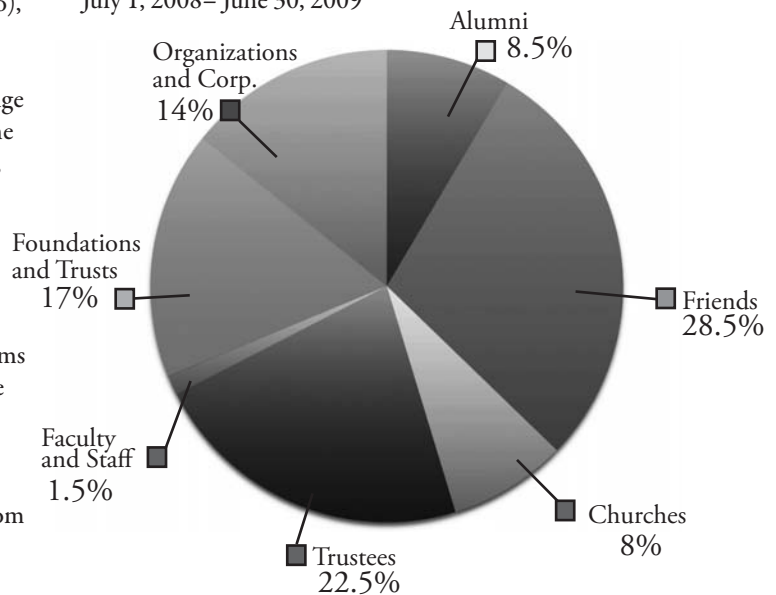
- The College had an enrollment of 2,568 in the 2008-09 academic year. This total number included 974 Traditional students (18-22 years old), 1,521 Adult and Graduate students across four campuses (Houston, Jackson, Memphis, Orlando), and 73 students in our Online program.
- At the start of the fall semester, Belhaven announced a change with the College identifier. "Our Standard Is Christ" became more than an expression of the College's vision and mission, but our official statement placed on marketing pieces from business cards to the Belhaven website. The new identifier replaced, "Where the power of knowledge meets the power of faith."
- Moving all marketing efforts of Adult and Graduate programs at the Houston, Memphis, and Orlando campuses under the leadership of full-time Belhaven staff was completed.
- For the ninth consecutive year, Belhaven was recognized as one of America's Best College Buys, according to analysis from the Annual National College Survey.
- Dr. Sandra L. Rasberry and Dr. Elizabeth B. Williford were welcomed into the Belhaven Legacy of Learning. They join the other forty-two faculty members who have devoted twenty years or more of teaching service to Belhaven.
- More than two dozen Belhaven students, faculty, and staff participated in summer mission projects. Six students chose to "go international" by participating in overseas ministry and educational study abroad through the David C. McNair Great Commission Fund.
- The College was proud to welcome Mrs. Liza Looser and Mr. Gaines Sturdivant as the newest members of the Belhaven College Board of Trustees.

- Blazer Athletics enjoyed solid years from several of its programs. Belhaven Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, and Softball each enjoyed winning seasons. The Blazer Baseball program advanced into the Opening Round of the NAIA National Tournament.
- The Belhaven School of the Arts produced thirty-three special performances in the disciplines of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Art throughout the school year.

ALWAYS THANKFUL

More than at any other time in Belhaven's 126-year history, more students and their families are looking at Belhaven as their college choice. We remain thankful for the men and women that God will choose to put on our campuses. We continue to rest in the fullness of knowing we are established in Christ, and through the efforts of His people, we will further our mission to "serve, not be served."

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July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009



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Faculty And Staff	\$31,387.12
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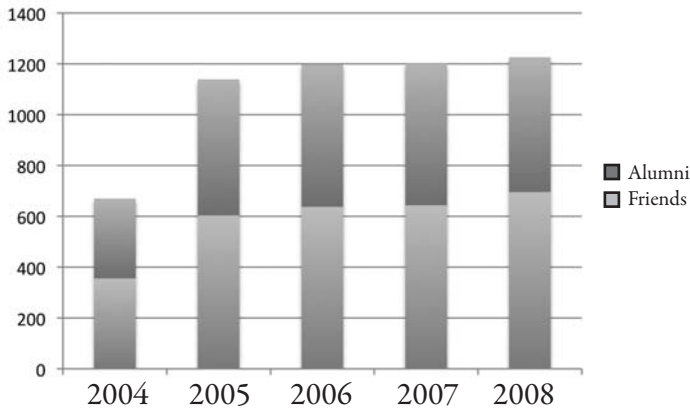
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A SLICE OF LIFE:

Mrs. Harmon enjoys her beloved garden, prizes book of poems written by her daughter Mary Parker Buckles (cover is photo of handmade lace tablecloth by Mrs. Harmon), and values her collection of photos taken by husband T. Carter Harmon (pictured: mother and daughter on the coast)

Keep On Keeping On

Happy 103rd Birthday, Mrs. Harmon!

Ever think “what was the greatest thing before sliced bread?” Mrs. Mary Harmon could tell you. Belhaven’s legendary retired home economics professor just celebrated her 103rd birthday. This means Mrs. Harmon was growing up in Goodman, Miss. long before sliced bread was even invented (1928) or the creation of the Model T car—or even the discovery of Penicillin.

Mrs. Harmon, a member of the Legacy of Learning, began her Belhaven career in 1952, when Dr. Gillespie asked her to “finish out” a semester in the home economics department. This temporary position quickly turned into a 30-year career of which Mrs. Harmon says, “I loved every minute of it.” When asked what she taught, she answers without skipping a beat, “everything it takes to make life worthwhile.” Her love for home economics is still evident by the grace and hospitality she shows in her Jackson home today. Mrs. Harmon says she was drawn to home economics by her “love for beauty, progress, and family life.” Not only was family life an important aspect of her teaching, it is evident by her own life that she views family as foremost. Upon meeting her, it doesn’t take long to hear about her love for her late husband, “T Carter” Harmon, and her daughter, Mary Parker Harmon Buckles, both of whom she admires greatly.

Perhaps it’s also Mrs. Harmon’s sense of humor that kept her teaching home economics for so many years. She tells the story of a former student who called her up on Christmas morning wondering how to thaw and cook the turkey she had just pulled out of the freezer. Mrs. Harmon instructed her to do three things: put it back in the freezer, go out and find whatever she could, and save that turkey for next year!

In 1954, when the announcement was made that men would be entering Belhaven, Mrs. Harmon says she glibly remarked, “Oh, that won’t concern me”—only to have the

very first man at Belhaven take her class! He wanted to become a buyer for the food service industry, and when he graduated, he got the job.

In her 103 years, Mrs. Harmon has faced many things—from the outlandish (finding a snake in the home economics dining room)—to the gut wrenching (watching her uncles and brothers leave on the train to serve in World War II). Through it all, she has developed an attitude that can only be described as selfless. From taking it upon herself to empty the swimming pool in the basement of Fitzhugh for more classroom space (they had to back trucks up to the windows... there was no “easy way” to empty the pool)—to putting most of her paycheck back into the home economics program—Mrs. Harmon truly has lived out the Belhaven motto, “to serve, not to be served.”

Her legacy continues through her students, who still use her recipes and speak of her as “family.” Mrs. Diana Howie ’69 says that Mrs. Harmon was like a mother to her students, and today, she is like a great-grandmother to her students’ grandchildren! Just this past September, Mrs. Howie’s granddaughter, Caroline Grace Hodges, was the seventh child baptized in the baptismal gown sewn (by hand) by Mrs. Howie for Mrs. Harmon’s “Child Care and Clothing” class in 1968. Even 40 years later, Mrs. Howie says, “I find myself doing things in my home like we did them in the Home Economics ‘practice house.’” She adds, “Mrs. Harmon has impacted a lot of people through the years, and I am fortunate to be among them. She’s never been just a teacher to her students—she’s always been family.”

Mrs. Harmon, thank you for adding to the rich Belhaven heritage with your 30 years of diligence, grace, and perseverance. And in your own words of encouragement to Belhaven: “Keep on keeping on!” —MP *B*



ALUMNI AWARDS

REUNIONS



1959
 (left to right)
 Morris Taylor
 Charles Echols
 Christine Miller Gilbert
 Sylvia Howell Krebs
 Buck Mosal
 Betty Bergland Mosal
 Mary Loo Patton Whitlock
 Joan Wells Underwood



SPORTS HALL OF FAME



1969
 (left to right)
 Diana Gomez Howie
 Carol Davis Thomson

ALUMNI RECEPTION
 (left to right)
 Sarah Passarilla Allen
 Jeremy Allen
 Leslie Dickinson Gentry
 Aaron Gentry



FOOTBALL



MORE FOOTBALL



ALUMNI RECEPTION



MINI-CAMP



TANGO?: Natalie Springel and Isaiah Tolo finesse their introduction.
 FRESHMAN COURT: Erin Bradley, Javante Ingram, Grace Wheeler, Donald Sayre, Andrew Sinclair, Dennis Williams
 SOPHOMORE COURT: Mary Morris, Allison Kalehoff, Natalie Springel, Peter Davis, Dave Harris, Isaiah Tolo
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30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

BACK TO '09 BELHAVEN



CAPTION: (Top) Mark Windham '77 Alumnus of the Year. (Middle) Dr. Parrott awards Madison Childs with flowers as the 2009 Homecoming Queen and congratulates Alex Freel as Homecoming King. (Bottom) And they're off!

Spectacular weather, meaningful events, and wonderful interactions between Belhaven alumni were the highlights of Back to Belhaven - Homecoming 2009! When the curtains closed on the final event of the weekend, more than 350 individuals participated in the festivities across campus.

"I enjoyed myself greatly during the weekend," expressed Sara Smith T, a member of the Class of '89. "I was so very impressed with the state of my alma mater. The campus looked wonderful, the students were friendly and helpful, and it was great to be with all the dear faculty who were such blessings in my life."

Homecoming events kicked off on Thursday, November 5, with the Blazer Volleyball team squaring off against conference foe, the University of Mobile, in the Rugg Arena. The annual Homecoming Dance continued its recent tradition of being held on Thursday, as the student body ventured out to Reservoir Pointe in Ridgeland to eat, fellowship, and dance, dance, dance.

Friday, November 6 was full of activity from the beginning, as the Office of Admission conducted its "Discover Day" program for prospective students and their families. After alumni checked in at registration, they were welcomed at the Alumni Reunion Reception in the McCravey-Triplett Student Center commons. From the general reception, individuals from the classes of 1959, 1969, and 1999 branched off for special gatherings at various locations.

The highlight event for Friday evening was the "Thirty Years of Excellence" Celebration honoring Dr. Al Chestnut and Dr. Phil Kelly for their thirty years of teaching service in the Belhaven Science Department. (See page 14 for recap)

More than 120 people attended the 17th Annual Belhaven College Sports Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday evening in the H.C. Bailey Dining Commons. The five new members inducted into the Hall this year were: Mrs. Wanda McDonald Gatlin, '99 (Women's Basketball); Mrs. Leanne Smith Henderson, '02 (Women's Soccer); Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, '88 (Men's Soccer); Mr. Orley Hood, '71 (Sports Information/Manager); and Mr. Danny Lewis, '81 (Men's Basketball).

The 4th Annual Belhaven Homecoming 5k Run/Walk took place first thing Saturday morning, November 7. Participants enjoyed spectacular weather as they either ran or walked the 3.1 mile course that rolled throughout the Belhaven neighborhood. Both male and female champions were crowned, with the winning times being a little more than 18 minutes and just short of 20 minutes, respectively.

A crowd of nearly 130 people was present for the Alumni Awards Luncheon, honoring Belhaven alumni for their outstanding achievements in the arenas of business, church ministry, community service, and education. This year's recipients were: Mr. Mark J. Windham, '77 (Alumnus of the Year); Mr. Grant Callen, '05 (Young Alumnus of the Year); Mrs. Erma Driver, '04 (Community Service Award); Mrs. Peggy Skattebo, '78 (Church Service Award); Mrs. Beverly Weathersby, '78 (Bettye Quinn Education Award); and Mr. John Eichelberger, '76 (Jim Park Business Award). In addition to hearing from each of the recipients, attendees were witness to the induction of the newest members into the Fifty Year Club from the Class of '59.

The Blazer Football team got caught up in a shootout with Mid-South Conference foe Shorter College. Unfortunately, the Blazers could not pull out the victory, falling by a score of 55-42. At halftime of the game, Mr. Alex Freel and Miss Madison Childs were crowned the 2009 Homecoming King and Queen.

Saturday evening the Belhaven String Chamber Orchestra presented "The Landing," by Belhaven's Dr. Andrew Sauerwein in the Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts. All those who attended enjoyed featured performances by the Belhaven College and Jackson Community Symphony Orchestras. Additionally, the Blazer Men's Basketball team defeated the Pensacola Christian College Eagles by a score of 86-64, and improved to 3-0 on the season. —MD *B*



Leg-a-cy (leg' e-se) n. pl. 1. A bequest 2. Something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor, or from the past.

Belhaven College graduates have long been known for the impact they have made throughout the world to glorify Christ in their varied vocations and ministries. In an effort to preserve and expand Belhaven's mission, we are excited to announce the 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign. Put simply, we want to identify at least 100 friends to help establish a lasting legacy for future generations through the creation of 100 planned gifts that name Belhaven as beneficiary.

The "100 Campaign" seeks to create awareness of the benefits for not only creating a will, but also developing a comprehensive estate plan that will allow donors to expand the mission of Belhaven while providing for their family and loved ones. With numerous tax advantages, creating a planned gift can truly be a "win-win" for everyone.

As indicated in the arch above the logo, through initial efforts, the 100 Campaign has already identified 31 friends who have named Belhaven College as a beneficiary of their estate plans. Over the course of the campaign, watch the number of planned gifts grow as the arch above the 100 fills with green!

The Time has Come

Over the 127 years of Belhaven's existence, the College has been blessed by many alumni and friends who have made regular and annual gifts to sustain Belhaven's Christ-driven mission—these gifts are essential! The 100 Campaign encourages our friends to consider a strategically developed planned gift that will leave a lasting legacy for the College. Through wise estate planning, individuals can often leave a gift to the College that is 10-20 times greater than what they might be able to give on an annual basis.

In establishing the 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign, we have identified a campaign leadership team of individuals from a broad range of classes and college relationships that will serve as ambassadors for our efforts over the next several months. Through future issues of the *Tartan* and specific mailings, you will hear their compelling stories of support for Belhaven College. Former Presidents and first ladies Dr. Verne and Martie Kennedy and Dr. Newton and Becky Wilson have agreed to serve as co-chairs for this important effort.

Planned giving is simple and impactful

"People often think that making a planned gift is an extremely complicated process," notes Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kevin Russell. "That's just not true! No matter your age or stage in life, it is extremely easy to make a significantly larger gift to Belhaven through any one of several planned giving options." Quite simply, a planned gift is any written document that names Belhaven as a future beneficiary of a portion of one's assets. Planned gifts include but are not limited to:

WILLS – Consider adding, "I give, devise, and bequeath to Belhaven College (insert percent, amount, or nature of gift)." By using this simple phrase you can make a lasting gift to Belhaven College.

LIFE INSURANCE – A policy that you no longer need or a new policy that names the College can be low cost to you but a significant way to give to Belhaven College.

PROPERTY – Giving your home or other real estate is an attractive way to support the College and gives you tax benefits—you can even live in your home the rest of your life.

ANNUITIES – Increase your spendable income and take a charitable deduction by providing the College cash or stocks to be managed for you.

RETIREMENT PLANS – You might find that after providing for your personal needs you can make a gift to the College through your IRAs, 401 (k)s, Keoghs, and other plans.

REMAINDER OF LEAD TRUSTS – Trusts are excellent ways to support the college while fulfilling your personal needs—the corpus from the Remainder Trust stays with the College, while the Lead Trust allows it to return to you after a time.



LEADING THE WAY: Dr. Verne and Martie Kennedy and Dr. Newton and Becky Wilson are ready to launch the 100 campaign!

Former Belhaven College Presidents, Alumni, and Friends volunteer to chair the 100 Campaign

When Belhaven College decided to launch a concentrated effort to significantly increase the number of documented planned gifts through the 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign, we wanted to select chairpersons who have an abiding love for the College and understand the full impact that a coordinated planned giving effort can make. Former Presidents Dr. Verne Kennedy and Dr. Newton Wilson, along with their wives Martie and Becky, know first-hand the tremendous difference that legacy gifts can make. “During both our Presidencies, Belhaven benefited greatly from the foresight of donors who made planned gifts that named Belhaven College as a beneficiary of their estates when they passed on to glory,” noted Dr. Wilson.

“The Wilsons and Kennedys are extremely excited to serve as leadership co-chairs for this important effort,” exclaimed Dr. Verne Kennedy, “It was important to both of us to participate in this significant effort, and we are thrilled to help the College encourage others to do the same. In my own tenure as President, I saw the Lord use planned gifts to provide for the College at critical times of need.”

The 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign has assembled a broad group of alumni and donors to serve as the outward leaders of this important effort. Graduates spanning over 50 years have agreed to participate in the campaign. The leadership team is composed of alumni and friends who understand the value of preparing the way for future Christian leaders.

Twenty-nine year old alumnus Joel Bomgar and his wife Rachel were delighted to name Belhaven as a beneficiary through Joel’s life insurance policy: “Belhaven College was an integral part in my spiritual and professional development. The lessons I learned at Belhaven still thrive today in the corporate values of the company that I researched, developed, and launched. No matter one’s age, it is never too early to make plans to provide for your loved ones and the institutions you care about.”

“The 100 Campaign is already off to a wonderful start,” says co-chair Newt Wilson, “and we’d love to see this effort achieve its goal as soon as possible—first through those who have already included Belhaven in their planned gifts but have never told the College and secondly by those who still need to develop an estate plan. Either way, it will be exciting to watch the giving arch grow as we strive for 100 legacies!”

Will you be number 32?

As we kick off the 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign, we have already received commitments from 31 donors. Would you consider becoming number 32? All those who make a planned gift to Belhaven automatically become a part of the Heritage Society, which is a leadership group of donors who desire to provide for the long-term success of Belhaven College through the establishment of a planned gift. Heritage Society members are recognized annually in the fall “Partners in Stewardship” portion of the *Tartan*. Members will also receive a lapel pin, identifying ribbon at Homecoming, membership certificate, and an invitation to the annual “Kick-off” celebration for faculty and staff in August.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you could join the 100 Legacies for Belhaven Campaign. The Development office is blessed to have two highly experienced planned giving officers in Larry Mills and Jay Chance. Either of these gentlemen would be glad to offer you counsel and ideas that would be best for your personal situation. Please contact us at 100Legacies@belhaven.edu or (601) 968-8738 for assistance, or simply complete the reply card and envelope attached to the center of this issue of the *Tartan*.

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Leadership Team

Verne '63 and Martie '63 Kennedy
 Newt '63 and Becky '64 Wilson
 Joel '03 and Rachel '03 Bomgar
 Alan Walters
 Virginia Gillespie Brock '50
 Tom '61 and Ann '61 Maynor

Virginia Wicke Morris '67
 Wayne and Nancy '58 Hoffman
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40's] Josephine Simrall Gilliland '41 celebrated her 90th birthday on December 8. She commemorated the event by attending the Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree with members of her family.

60's] Yong Choon Kim '60 has enjoyed travel and leisure after retiring from 35 years of teaching at the University of Rhode Island. He recently took an Alaskan cruise and travelled to Seattle, Mt. Rainier, Portland, Mt. Hood, the Columbia River, and the Oregon coast.

Dixie McKie Baird '62 has sold her Harley and is keeping both feet on the ground with cross-country skiing in Colorado and hiking in the Smokies. She works part-time at an import home furnishing store and enjoys church volunteer work.

Polly Bullard Woods '62 and husband Bill will celebrate their 30th anniversary on May 9, 2010! The couple has four children and ten grandchildren, with their first great-grandchild arriving in October. They love to go camping in either their 17' Casita travel trailer or 40' Park Model RV.

Corinne Fox '63 was appointed Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Jackson by Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr. It is Corinne's second time to work under Mayor Johnson's administration, as she served as Deputy Planning Director from 1998 to 2005.

Robert Griffin '63 is a retired U.S. Army Chaplain, Retired Hospital Chaplain (14 years). He remains active in community affairs and has been recognized as "Citizen of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce in Henry County, Georgia. He is now in private practice as Pastoral Counselor and Family Life Educator in Georgia. He recently organized the Atlanta Chapter of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy.

John Sumrall '64 has written a book entitled *Classic Magnolia Rock-History of Original Mississippi Rock and Roll 1953-1970* which is currently available at most book stores and from his website www.classicmagnoliarock.com.

Robert “Bob” Penny ’66 and Adrienne DeYoung Penny ’67 recently moved back to Jackson after more than thirty-five years of Presbyterian ministry. Bob serves as Vice President for Development at Reformed Theological Seminary, while Adrienne devotes part of her time to producing water color art pieces for local shows and custom work for patrons.

70’s] **Diana O’Toole ’71** is the Program Director of Mississippi Development Authority’s Hometown Retirement, and she was featured in the October 5th issue of *Mississippi Business Journal* for her knowledge on the economic impact of retirees relocating to a community.

Richard Burguet ’77 and Anne Dodson Burguet ’74 are now the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Mackenzie Owen. Richard continues serving as Senior Pastor at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Eustis, Florida. Anne stays busy teaching sixth grade Language Arts at the Geneva Classical Christian School.

Jerry Kennedy ’75 recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary as Jefferson County Hospital Administrator.

Richard McKey ’76 was featured in the *Jackson Free Press* for his artwork, which can be seen all over Jackson. He recently opened a gallery on Duling Street in Fondren.

Mike Peters ’78 was featured in the *Clarion Ledger* for his work promoting Jackson’s continued development. He is the owner of Peters Real Estate, is married to Anne Mitchell Peters, and has two grown sons, Mitch and Sam.

William Keith King ’79 and wife Shelia are the proud grandparents of William Gillentine King, born July 22, 2009.

80’s] **James “Neil” Barham ’84** and **Julie McRae Barham ’80** moved to Miami, Florida in 2002 to care for Julie’s mother after the death of her father. The couple has three children: Hannah (19), Seth (16), and Leah (15). Seth would like to attend Belhaven when that time comes.



Old Testament, New Life

Michael Crews ’02 keeps his Belhaven diploma hanging prominently in his Shelter Insurance office in Brandon, Miss. He is proud of his Belhaven degree, but that’s not the main reason he brings it up in daily conversations with his 1200 clients. As he shifts his gaze towards his diploma, he says, “I look at my degree as secondary to what I gained from my time at Belhaven.” With that bold statement, he begins the story of how God used an Old Testament survey class at Belhaven to bring him to Christ.

In 1999, Michael had a good business, was living a “good life,” but felt empty inside. Thinking a college degree might fill the void in his life, he enrolled in the Belhaven Adult Studies program, called “Adult Edge” at that time.

On his first night in the program, he sat in an Old Testament survey class scribbling down questions that had been bothering him for most of his life: “Isn’t the Bible outdated? Why do we suffer? What is grace?” He says it brought back memories from when he was kicked out of Sunday school at age 13 for “asking too many questions.”

Week after week, his professors answered Michael’s burning questions through their classroom lectures. Unbeknownst to them, they were scratching questions off of Michael’s list one by one. Slowly, the Bible stopped sounding completely foreign and started making sense to Michael. The skepticism, objections, and doubts that had built up from years of unanswered questions began melting away.

On the last night of class, during the final written exam, Michael says, “I wrote down all the themes of the Old Testament—how they all point to Christ. I couldn’t stop writing. The words, which had been foreign to me months before—flowed like water.” Ten years later, he still gets emotional as he recalls the rest of the night: “After I left the exam, I pulled my car over at I-55 and Lakeland Drive, and I confessed everything and accepted Jesus to be my Savior. At that moment, my whole paradigm shifted. My relationship with Christ meant that life wasn’t just about chasing the dollar—it was about relationships.”

Since that pivotal night, Michael has had many opportunities to share what he learned at Belhaven. In 2003, he was deployed overseas and had the opportunity to become the religious lay leader for his battalion. Today, he shares his testimony daily with clients and prospective clients. And turning to his Belhaven diploma again, he says, “I’d gladly pay tuition all over again for what I gained from Belhaven: a life with purpose.”



(left to right)
B.J. Johnston,
Libby Millé,
"Skip" Davis, and
Amile Wilson

Watch Out, Hollywood! Belhaven Alumni create Independent Film

This October, Belhaven Alumni Guinn "Skip" Davis '05, Amile Wilson, '07, Libby Millé '05 and Katie Davis '07 worked together on a film entitled *Mr. Holloway's Toy Company*. Written by Guinn Davis and directed by Wilson, the film featured former Belhaven staff member B.J. Johnston in the title role. Millé acted in one of the lead roles and Katie Davis worked on the crew.

Holloway tells the story of a small independent toy maker as he makes a stand against the large corporation trying to buy him out. Funding for the film was provided by a grant from the Mississippi Film and Video Alliance's Emerging Filmmaker's program.

"We all loved working together in school, so were very eager to work together professionally," said Wilson.

"It was great to work with Amile in fulfilling this vision; taking the story from page to the screen," Guinn Davis said. "I look forward to working with him on future projects."

Once finished, the short film will tour the country at film festivals. Wilson and Davis hope this work will attract attention to them as a writer-director team.

The toyshop set, Pickenpaugh Pottery in Madison, Miss., received a special visit from the mayor of Madison, Mary Hawkins Butler, also a Belhaven Alumna.

All alumni on this project majored in theatre and were regular performers with Belhaven's Joshua Squad. Davis now works as a freelance writer based out of Los Angeles. You can keep up with him via his blog www.guinnterrydavis.com.

Millé recently left her job as performing arts director for White Dove Church and joined the performance team at Chabod Academy in New Holland, PA.

Wilson is a freelance filmmaker based in Jackson, MS. He and his father, Belhaven alumnus Bill Wilson '84 own a children's entertainment business. Their work can be found at www.pippinandmaxx.com.

Rebecca Buchanan Saenz, MD '85 and her husband Joe are proud to announce the birth of Samuel Joseph Saenz, born November 16, 2008. He is welcomed by older siblings Janette, Larissa and Jacob.

Jonathan "Jon" Byler '86 recently published his second book on leadership, "The Art of Christian Leadership." While serving as a pastor for more than a dozen years in East Africa, Jon developed a model of leadership training that he has shared in more than 15 countries. Jon serves as the International Coordinator for the Global LEAD Alliance, a ministry track of Global Disciples.

Jason Guynes '89 has been elected to a three-year term as the state of Alabama's representative on the Southern College Art Conference Board. Jason serves as chairman of the Visual Arts program at the University of South Alabama.

90's] **Carl van Copenhagen '91** was featured in the *Hattiesburg American* for his business, Carl's Wine and Spirits, which has been open since 2007. Carl was also inducted into the Belhaven Sports Hall of Fame for tennis in 2008.

Mack Clements '95 has joined the Center for Excellence as PC hardware technician.

Cecelia Grinstead '96 is getting re-certified to teach in the state of Alabama and is substitute teaching in grades second thru eighth in the greater Birmingham area. Cecelia is also putting her artistic talents to use by starting a small business with a line of stationery cards known as "Caring Cards" that can be seen on her blog at ART FOR JOY at caringcardsbycece.blogspot.com.

Brian DeHuff '98 and his wife Danellen live in Montgomery, Alabama and recently welcomed their first daughter, Rivers. She joins her older brothers Johnson (4) and Knox (2).

Amber Foster Kidner '98 married her husband, Jason, in 2007. The couple celebrated the birth of their son, Elliot, on February 23, 2008. They are serving with World Harvest Mission on a church planting team in West London, with a special interest in South Asians living in the community.

William "Dan" Marks '98 has been Chief Marketing Officer at First Tennessee Bank for two years. His wife, Katie, was recently named Chairperson for the Junior League's Merry Marketplace 2010. Dan's and Katie's son, Sam, will turn two on Christmas Day.

Gage Walker '98 was recently named Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Lender of Rankin County for M&F Bank. Gage has been in the banking industry for more than 11 years.

John Mark Whitney '98 and **Beth Tippet Whitney '99** made the jump from Christian education to specialty advertising earlier this year by starting Whitney Advertising Products (www.whitneyadvertising.com). The company, based in Jackson, offers a variety of marketing and advertising products.

Vanessa Oliver '99 is the Missions and Events Coordinator at McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia.

00's] **Norman "Randy" Keyes '00** has recently been promoted to Colonel in the United States Army Reserves. Following several deployments in the Middle East from 2003-2006, Randy currently serves as Manager for the Land Department at the Tennessee Gas Pipeline, based in Houston, Texas.

Dan Purvis '00 and his wife Leigh Ann welcomed their second child, Austin Reese, on July 1, 2009. He joins older sister, Lindsey. Dan continues to serve as Head Baseball Coach for Louisiana State University-Alexandria.

John Dooley '01 was featured in the *Jackson Free Press* for "turning his passion for scuba diving into a

business." John recently won a \$10,000 grant from the Mississippi Technology Alliance to develop Diver's D\Lyte, a performance energy drink for scuba divers. He lives in Madison with his wife Kellie and their three children, and his website is diversdlyte.com.

Suzanne Niess Sanders '01 and her husband Marcus welcomed their first child, Clara-Grace Marie, into the world on November 4, 2008. Suzanne is Co-Director of Center Pointe Dance Academy with locations in Brandon and Clinton.

Paul Gundy '02 and **Annie Roberts Gundy '03** currently reside in Diamondhead, Mississippi with their two little girls—Averie Jane and Olivia Mae. Paul is serving a six-month deployment in Afghanistan with the 74th Naval Construction Battalion. He also ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Afghanistan, placing 12th out of 256 finishers. The family will be moving to Beaufort, South Carolina in the summer of 2010 to finish out Paul's stint in the Navy.

Elizabeth Rose '02 and her husband David recently moved to England, where David serves active duty with the United States Air Force. The couple is expecting their second child, Christopher Nathaniel, due in late November. He will join his older sister, Hannah.

Louise Beckham Anderson '02 was recently installed as Corporate President of Executive Women International at their annual conference, held this year in Louisville, Kentucky.

Christian Funderburk '03 is a Fine Arts Teacher at Parkview Baptist School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Thomas Gardner '03 and his wife Mollie, along with sons Thad (4) and Ian (2), have been living in Vienna, Austria since 2006, serving as full-time missionaries at Vienna Christian School. Thomas serves as Chaplain, as well as 9th grade Bible and 10th grade World History teacher.

A portrait of Heather Logan Ivery '00, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a brown sweater and a necklace with a circular pendant. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

Ending Homelessness

Heather Logan Ivery '00
Homeless Program Coordinator
for the city of Jackson, Miss.

Ivery works to end Homelessness in Jackson

Heather Logan Ivery '00 began volunteering at Stewpot Community Services when she was a freshman Biblical Studies major at Belhaven. What began as an after school volunteer job turned into an 11-year position that included Stewpot's children's program, senior/mentally disabled program, and the day shelter for the homeless. Building on her foundation at Stewpot, Heather has recently become the City of Jackson's Homeless Program Coordinator. This gives her the huge tasks of implementing the city's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and coordinating with various service agencies to ensure that the city is meeting the needs of the homeless.

When Heather began her studies at Belhaven, she had a very different view of her calling. She says, "When I was a student, I just knew the Lord had called me to missions. And I thought I knew where he wanted me to go. I was prepared to go to Africa and serve the neediest of the needy there...and my family, friends, and church were all supportive."

The Lord had different plans, however, and they did not include Africa. She continues, "As it became more clear that the Lord was calling me to go just down the street, I resisted that idea. People were not as supportive of this idea. It was too close to home. It was a part of town even my family was not willing to drive through, and I was going to live there? But, thankfully I decided to listen to His calling and follow his will for my life." She says her classes in Missions not only "helped prepare me for the work I do," but they influenced her to buy a home in the midst of those she serves in West Jackson.

To say that Heather faces a challenge in her job is an understatement. She says, "I do not believe we will ever be able to say there is no one in Jackson that is in need of a home, but I do believe that we can greatly reduce the number of street homeless we have." The resources are in place to meet the physical needs of the homeless, but Heather says that often it's the "relationship piece" that is missing. She continues, "People don't usually become homeless overnight. There are situations and events that cause their homelessness and many have been on the streets for a long time. It takes time to work through those issues whether they are addictions, mental illness, depression, family issues, disability or whatever. Working with someone in this position can be slow and sometimes frustrating. Often, if they cannot 'get with the system' so to speak, they are passed up and continue in the cycle of homelessness."

So, what is the solution? Heather states, "I believe we have to get our churches involved in ending homelessness on an individual level. Feeding at Stewpot or Gateway is great. Donating clothes and canned goods is great. But to really end homelessness, we have to become invested in the lives of individuals. A couple of churches have taken this approach and have had some success. I think relationships are the key."

As Heather looks at her path since college, she says, "I love my work—and I have my time at Belhaven to thank for nurturing that call."

Jeremy Ballard '03 has served as a Louisiana State Trooper since 2004. He and his wife Casey were married in 2006. The couple's daughter, Aubrey Brooke, was born November 28, 2008.

Rebecca Rose '04 graduated from medical school in May and was promoted to Captain in the United States Air Force Reserves. She is currently completing her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Grant Callen '05 was recently featured in "Keeping Our Eye On" in the *Mississippi Business Journal*. Grant is the Director of Development for Mississippi Center for Public Policy, is married to **Page Chestnut Callen '05**, and is father to Freeman. He is the winner of the 2009 "Young Alumnus of the Year" award and is currently working on his masters in government from Regent University.

Bethany Herron '05 is currently employed with the State of Missouri as a Workforce Development Specialist in one of Missouri's Career Centers. She is still passionate about the performing arts and is currently the President on the Board of Directors for the New Haven Community Theatre Company (NCTC), and she recently directed the musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Tamara Hall '07 is pursuing her Doctorate in Organizational Leadership through Argosy University's online program.

Lana J. Morris '07 was recently certified as an engineer intern with ABMB Engineers, Inc. in Jackson.

Kathy Skipper Nasianceno '07 has been promoted to Credit Officer for the Bank of Yazoo.

Charles "CL" Pearce '07 and his wife Kirsten, along with their daughter Eva, will begin serving Christ in India in January 2010.

Daniel Crisler '08 celebrated the release of his first album, "Four Days on the Moon," on December 1. The album's first single, "Houston Street," is now streaming on www.myspace.com/danielcrisler

Janice Shannon Smothers '08 is currently working as a Program Assistant with the Mississippi Community College Foundation in Jackson.

Lindsey Berg '09 is serving in Mbarara, Uganda, through Africa Inland Mission from October 1, 2009 until May 27, 2010. She is using health education as a means to share Christ in the community and hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

Ethel L. Conger '23 passed away August 10, 2009 and was a native of Monroe, Louisiana.

Lillian M. Gayden '31 passed away July 21, 2009 in Granbury, Texas.

Ida N. Ashburn '40 passed away September 28, 2009 at Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Stamford, Connecticut.

Katharine W. Cowen '40 passed away December 10, 2008 at her home in Crowley, Louisiana.

Clara R. Roberts '41 passed away March 3, 2009 at her home in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mamie E. Elston '41 passed away September 20, 2009 at Grace Home in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Margaret J. Mansell '41 passed away August 14, 2009 at Hospice Ministries in Jackson.

Beth M. King '43 passed away August 25, 2009 at St. Catherine's Village in Madison, just four months shy of her 89th birthday. As a student at Belhaven, she competed in tennis and as an alumna she became chair of the 50-Year Club.

Anna R. Lloyd '43 passed away Monday, June 1, 2009 at St. Dominic Hospital.

Rosa F. Emmons '47 passed away September 24, 2009 at Poplar Springs Nursing Center in Meridian. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert. She served on the board of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra, was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Junior Auxiliary, Fortnightly Literary Club, and Heritage Literary Club.

Nancy G. Owens '50 passed away August 15, 2009 at University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

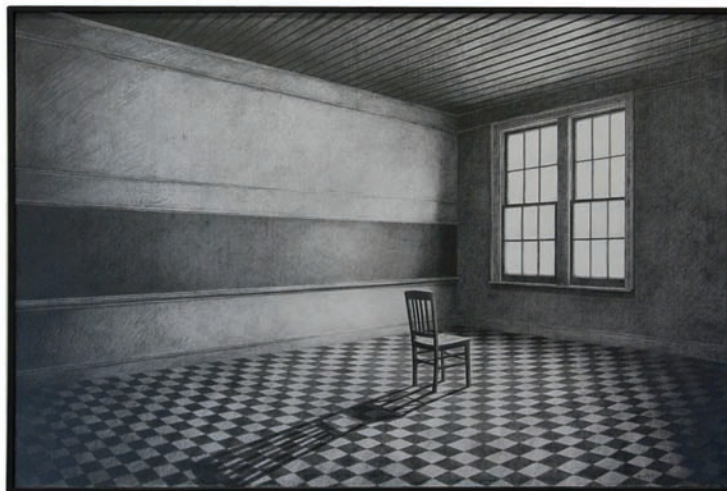
Katherine R. Simmons '50 passed away August 23, 2009 at her home in Hammond, Louisiana.

John A. Little '60 passed away September 14, 2009 at Dekalb Medical Hospital in Lilburn, Georgia. He served as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Tucker, Ga. for 24 years, was a member of the Stone Mountain Barbershop Chorus, and enjoyed playing the piano and organ.

Nanette Tabor '63 passed away Friday, May 29, 2009 of heart failure, at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, GA.

James M. O'Toole '71 passed away October 5, 2009 at his home in Brandon. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, **Diana '71** and daughter, Megan Elizabeth.

Betty McDaniel '84 passed away on September 3, 2009 at University Medical Center. She is survived by her two children, Dan M. McDaniel III and Meredith Lee McDaniel. After graduating from Belhaven, Betty held several executive positions with the State of Mississippi, including service as the first female Director of Surplus Property.



Stephen Delatte '08 is exhibiting his art from November 21st-December 22nd. His works, comprised of drawings, paintings and sculpture, focus on the relationship between his thirty year career as a pipe draftsman and the unique landscape of his native southern Louisiana.

Check out the Belhaven College Visual Arts Department at www.belhaven.edu/art/default.htm for more information about Belhaven's unique opportunities for aspiring artists.

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2010 Spring Schedule Highlights

January 9

Women's Basketball vs. William Carey
Rugg Arena, Heidelberg Gymnasium, 5:00 pm

January 21-February 15

Belhaven Faculty Exhibition
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center, Gallery
Opening reception is Thursday, January 21, 6:00
- 8:00 pm

January 21

Men's Basketball vs. Loyola University (LA)
Rugg Arena, Heidelberg Gymnasium, 7:30 pm

January 26

Preston Chamber Music Series
An Evening of Diamonds I: Belhaven Piano Trio
and Sachs Piano Duo
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Concert Hall
General Admission \$10, Seniors/Students/
Children \$5

February 6

Belhaven College Orchestra Pops Concert
Saturday, 7:30 pm, Concert Hall

February 9

Preston Chamber Music Series
An Evening of Diamonds II: Tim Holley, cellist
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Concert Hall
General Admission \$10, Seniors/Students/
Children \$5

February 18-20 and 24-27

The Importance of Being Earnest
by Oscar Wilde, directed by Guest Artist
John Maxwell
Wednesday - Friday, 7:30 pm;
Saturday Matinees, 2:00 pm;
Blackbox Theatre; General admission \$10,
Seniors/Students \$5

February 20 - March 22

Annual Belhaven Student Exhibition
Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center, Gallery
Opening reception is Saturday, February 20,
2:00 - 4:00 pm

March 4-6

Musical Theatre & Dessert
Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 pm,
McCravey-Triplett Student Center,
Dining Commons
General admission \$10, Seniors/Students/
Children \$5 includes dessert

March 27

Tennis vs. Tougaloo College
2:00 pm, Tennis Courts

April 9-10 and 15-17

Spring Faculty Dance Concert
Friday-Saturday, 7:30 pm; Thursday Matinee,
11:00 am; Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center
General admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$5

April 15-17 and 21-24

Murder in the Cathedral by T. S. Eliot
Wednesday-Friday, 7:30 pm; Saturday Matinees,
2pm; Blackbox Theatre
General admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$5

April 24

Glory to God - Belhaven College
and Jackson Community Symphony Orchestra
and Choral Arts Concert
Saturday, 7:30 pm, Concert Hall

April 29

Commencement for Houston Campus

May 6

Commencement for Memphis Campus

May 8

Commencement for Jackson Campus

February 12 Admission Discover Day

Friday, 8:00-3:00 pm
www.belhaven.edu/admission
for more information

Alumni News

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(See Page 18 for more Homecoming photos.)

