Equipping Students with a Christ-centered Worldview

Celebrating 10 years of Worldview Curriculum

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I spend too much time reading, which seems appropriate for a College President, but most of it is not what I’d categorize as “genuine reading” because it does not enrich me. Reading should lead us into ideas that are deep and complex, it should transport us to places where we’ve never been, and it should allow us to look into the lives of those who inspire or challenge us. Reading should make us think and reflect.

It seems that life today has become filled with reading that comes like a continual cascading waterfall, but it all misses the point of genuine reading. We have endless emails to read, snippets of news reports, and headlines from dozens of watched websites. Many have delved deeply into reading Facebook, Twitter, or Instant Messages—all which keep words in front of us but have little intellectual, emotional, or spiritual nutritional value.

Genuine reading should be memorable, but informational reading is fleeting. Genuine reading should be transforming, but informational reading is numbing. Genuine reading should be valuable, but informational reading tends to be void of meaning.

I was recently in an airport and saw a fellow traveler with a Kindle, the new electronic book device created by the president of Amazon.com. The businessman in line beside me couldn’t take his eyes off the screen, as he was deeply engrossed in the book. When he did look up, I asked him about it, and he told me how much more reading he’s done since he started purchasing the electronic version of books.

I told him that when I invest the time to read a book, I want to own it so that I can have it on my shelf, and every time I look at the spine of the book, it will bring back the memories that were triggered by reading the volume. The electronic book owner said he couldn’t agree more, so now when he reads an electronic book, he also buys the hardback volume so that he too can have those memories on his shelf.

I don’t know anyone who wants to keep e-mails, Twitter messages, or Facebook pages on their shelf for decades, but books that enrich our lives are the type of reading we should cherish—and not be pushed out of daily life by all the information we are tempted to read.

While our students Tweet, I also know they read, discuss, and critique the great ideas of the ages as they work through our Worldview Curriculum—a two-year general core curriculum that connects big picture concepts of history, literature, philosophy, arts appreciation, and the development of the Christian Church.

The feature article of the Tartan will share with you the significance of this course of study we developed a decade ago. I can assure you that our students are reading books that matter—and when I talk with them about how their worldview has changed during their time at Belhaven—I see the strong preparation they are receiving to stand tall as followers of Christ in the global marketplace of ideas.

So after you finish reading this issue of the Tartan, I’d also encourage you to pick up a good book and get lost in it—maybe one of the texts included in our Worldview curriculum, which can be found at www.belhaven.edu/academics/Programs/worldview.htm.

Dr. Roger Parrott
President of the College
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HT Newell Field
6:30 p.m.

Community Dance Concert
Concert Hall, Center for the Arts
7:30 p.m.

A Doll’s House, by Henrik Ibsen
Flex Theatre, Center for the Arts
7:30 p.m., Doors open at 7:00

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Everyone likes a good story. For centuries, children have sat curled up in bed with wide eyes, listening to fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Today, if “Humpty Dumpty” is mentioned, most adults can recite it verbatim, conjuring up images from their own childhood:

“Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
And all the king’s horses,
And all the king’s men,
Couldn’t put Humpty together again.”

But what if parents and school teachers began telling this classic rhyme in new ways? What if they kept the same elements, but “Humpty Dumpty” was retold in whatever order the reader chose? It might sound something like this:

“All the king’s horses,
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
And all the king’s men
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Ridiculous? Yes, but this incoherent rhyme was a good metaphor for the fragmented landscape of education today, which stresses the parts over the whole. Take the modern liberal arts core curriculum, for example. Students take their foundational classes in any order, studying ancient Greek civilization side by side with Renaissance literature and 20th century Modern Art. To add to the incoherence, they are often taught from varying worldview perspectives in each of these classes. Like poor Humpty Dumpty, the pieces are scattered with little hope of ever creating a coherent whole.

A decade ago, concern for students to grasp a biblical, holistic view of the world prompted Belhaven to create its own core curriculum. This August, Belhaven celebrates the 10th birthday of the innovative Worldview Curriculum (WVC), a core curriculum that focuses on the grand narrative of history, with the humanities woven together and taught chronologically from a Christian perspective.

Professor Dr. Dan Fredericks knew that the former approach to education would not prepare Belhaven students as well as a cohesive, interdisciplinary approach could. However, he didn’t see any schools setting an example for Belhaven to follow. He says that, “At best, there is a silo approach among many Christian institutions—each individual department does its best to represent their own discipline from a biblical perspective. This is admirable, but it is not enough.” So, he rolled up his sleeves and went to work designing a core curriculum that harmonized the humanities into a chronological study that hinged on a biblical worldview.

As Belhaven prepared to leave the traditionally accepted path of general education, tough questions awaited: Could a core curriculum have meaning beyond disparate survey courses? Could faculty members work together from across disciplinary lines to form a cohesive, contextual, and chronological curriculum that is centered on the Christian Worldview? In other words... could Humpty Dumpty be put back together again?

After searching the educational landscape and much deliberation with the faculty, Dr. Fredericks knew that Belhaven would need to start from scratch. With a single sheet of paper and pen in hand, he drew 4 columns and placed history, art, literature, and philosophy side by side, so that the story of the world was told from the beginning to end. This simple sheet of paper marked the beginning of Belhaven’s unique Worldview Curriculum.

The Birth of the WVC
Move-in day of August 1999 didn’t look any different from the past—scores of freshmen unpacked in the last hot breath of summer heat, parents learned how to take bunk beds apart only to put them back together again, and almost everyone took at least one trip to Wal-Mart for snacks and storage bins. Many of the freshmen of ’99 were clueless about the countercultural curriculum that would challenge and inspire their freshmen class.

Annie (Roberts) Gundy ’03, Nathan McNeill ’03, and Matt Quarterman ’03 were all freshmen in 1999. They dutifully registered for names like Form and Meaning (art and music), Christian Perspective (philosophy), and of course, the familiar subjects of literature and history.

As Matt Quarterman, an English major, describes it, “It was a really exciting time in the life of the college [...] We knew we were the first batch of students to go through [the Worldview Curriculum], so I think it made us all more critical in examining what we were taught and how, but also more open-minded because it was such a big experiment.” Everyone was intrigued to see how this cutting-edge curriculum would affect their college experience, and as the guinea pig class, everyone expected some bumps and surprises along the way.

One such surprise was the way the WVC brought the freshmen class together across the typical dividing lines of major, athletics team, or hometown. Since every incoming freshman is required to take the WVC until the close of their sophomore year, students get to know a more diverse group of people. Reminiscing about one of his favorite memories of the WVC, Matt Quarterman remarks: “I love remembering the conversation I had in the dorm at 1 a.m. with a fullback, arguing whether Oedipus’ fate was his own fault or the gods.’ That’s the kind of thing you just don’t get outside of WVC, exposing the whole spectrum of the student body to the same high-octane stuff.”

The WVC also contrasted with the general education requirements of peers at other institutions. Annie Gundy, also an English major, describes her surprise when, “at the same time I was experiencing the WVC at Belhaven, my sister was experiencing a very different education at a large public university. When we would have conversations, she was in awe of the knowledge that I had obtained in such a small period of time. Over the course of the two years of WVC, I learned more than she did in all four years of her education—more than just book knowledge.”

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One of the strong points of the WVC is the way it puts everything into close proximity. Nathan McNeill, a philosophy major, reflects, "The WVC doesn’t contextualize your education for you—you still have to be paying attention to get value—but what it does do is put the ideas, events, and artifacts of history in close enough proximity to each other to make the relationships plain. Unless you see two things side by side, you may never recognize that they are the same."

When Annie, Matt, and Nathan look at taking part in the inaugural class of the WVC has influenced the way they think today, each of them feels a unique perspective. McNeill, who works in Product Strategy at BGMRGAR Corporation, says, "Most of the facts, dates, and names are gone, but the thought processes that the WVC encouraged have been very instrumental in my work and in my family. For instance, at the WVC, everything is interconnected. All of those things are bound up together at Belhaven, and I don’t know if I was able to see it from that perspective."

As Quartemian, an Apple Store trainer who also completed a 2nd degree in songwriting, says, "It strengthened my sense that looking at the WVC is like looking at this unified lens—making these connections—is a legitimate and necessary way to view our own culture and history."

With its synchronized schedule across the humanities, the WVC is not about curriculum as defined, but professors are passionate about it. All of the professors within the humanities are involved, and many have been involved since its inception. Regular WVC faculty meetings mean that professors dialogue about what they are discovering. As Dr. Edwin McAllister, Associate Professor of English, says, "I get to find out what Dr. Hause is teaching, how Dr. Kenyon is testing, and when Dr. Huebel is covering the romantics. The process improves the overall quality of the WVC by ensuring not only that our schedules are synchronized, but also that we are emphasizing many of the same themes and historical processes." Dr. Melissa Hause, Associate Professor of Art History and Dean of the Honors College, is passionate about teaching students to look for connections. She sees the WVC as an "opportunity to help students grasp what I believe is the most important thing about history: that people in previous historical periods who wrote books, set up political and religious systems, built cities, created artifacts, fought wars, settled new territories, etc. were just that: people, human beings made in the image of God who were faced with the same inescapable questions about the meaning of life that every one of us has to face."

Dr. Hause emphasizes that the purpose of the WVC is "to enable students to really grasp that things don’t happen in isolation—humans don’t do things in isolation. Political systems, artistic styles, works of literature, family structures, and organizations of society are all interconnected. All of those things are bound up together at Belhaven, and I don’t know if I was able to see it from that perspective."

When taking part in the inaugural class of the WVC, students have had difficulty transferring their credits to other institutions. Phillip Holmes, a senior Biblical Studies major from Pickens, Miss., says, "I had no idea what a worldview was when I entered Belhaven. The summer before I came to Belhaven I had a conversation with a very intelligent but misguided unbeliever. He was talking about the Bible and other beliefs to describe what he believed, and I had no idea what he was talking about. Because of the Worldview Curriculum I’ve been equipped to participate in discussions like this. Though the WVC had its challenges for Holmes, who juggled basketball along with the rigorous WVC classes, he says, "From now on, everything I approach—movies, books, etcetera—I will approach with Christ in mind and I will look at it from a Christian perspective."

Sarah Vanbiber, a Junior Creative Writing major from Texas. As an honors College fellow, she says she is "trained to look for connections." She recalls, the first time she truly "got" the WVC: "In the first month of my first semester, we were studying the Greek Empire in Civilization. Learning about the Knockos frescoes in Art, and reading Plato in Literature. Suddenly I was able to see the worldview, the cultural practices, and the thought processes influencing the art, literature, and society of the time. Through the connection I saw between these differing fields within one time period and cultural context, I came to a deeper understanding of the complexity of history and humanity."

As the updated Worldview Curriculum goes forward, future generations of Belhaven students will have the opportunity to see history, art, literature, and philosophy in context with one another and in light of the Christian worldview. With this biblical, holistic view of the world, Belhaven will continue to see graduates who are putting the pieces together and changing the world for Christ in every sphere of life. —MP
1. Life does not revolve around self.
2. Truth exists and matters.
3. What you believe informs everything you do, and what you do shows what you really believe.
4. Real tolerance is not (and cannot be) based on relativism. All roads do not lead up the mountain!
5. Not everything that works is right.
6. Not all change is good.
7. Our technology does not give us the ability to solve every human problem.
8. This material world is not all that there is.
10. You are worse than you think you are. You are what you are alone, when no one sees you.

So backwards you will need a mirror to read 10 opposing philosophies commonly heard at colleges today:

| 1. Individualism: The self is the prime reality. |
| 2. Relativism: There is no such thing as absolutes or morality. |
| 3. Secularism: Religion must be kept out of all public spheres. |
| 4. Pluralism: All views, values, and lifestyles must be accorded equal standing. |
| 5. Pragmatism: Whatever works is right. |
| 6. Progressivism: Change is always good and progress is inevitable. |
| 7. Rationalization (or Technophilia): Technology can solve all our problems. |
| 8. Naturalism: Reality is material. |
| 9. Antinomianism: Freedom is right and it means I can do whatever I want. |
| 10. Privatism: Private life and public life have no necessary connection. |

For 35 years, Barber Auditorium has been a gathering place for lectures, performances, concerts, meetings, and campus ministries. It was built in honor of Mr. Harold Barber, Board of Trustees member, and his wife Annie Ford Barber, class of 1925 and one of five sisters who attended Belhaven. In 2007, Barber underwent a complete renovation, and a dedication was held in the fall of 2008 with Barber family members, close friends, and Belhaven representatives in attendance. Along with new foyer furniture, hardwood and carpeted flooring, elegant curtains, and 148 newly re-covered theatre-style seats, Barber Auditorium now boasts of an updated audio and visual system with wireless internet, digital projection, two VGA computer inputs in the stage, two wireless microphones, two wired microphones, and a CD/DVD player.
Belhaven College: One of Nine Schools Worldwide selected for Exchange Program

Belhaven was selected as one of nine schools across the globe (U.S., China, Russia, U.K., Thailand) to form a student exchange program with Dong-A Institute of Media and Arts (DIMA), Korea. Belhaven College joins Illinois State University and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago as one of three American schools chosen for this honor.

A delegation from the Korean institute recently visited the campus, and Dr. Parrott met with Mr. Sejin Lee, President of DIMA, signs the student exchange agreement, while Dr. Miran Yang, DIMA Director of International and External Affairs, Dr. Dan Fredericks, Belhaven Senior Vice President and Provost; and Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven, look on.

**Newland Wins 2009 Arts Award**

By Becky Russell

Special to the Northeast Ledger article visit: blogs.belhaven.edu/alumni-magazine.

Belhaven professor Cynthia Newland has been honored with the 2009 Higher Education Award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education. Mrs. Newland is an associate professor of dance and Chair of the Dance Department at the school. She has traveled extensively both nationally and internationally as a teacher, choreographer, and performer.

President of the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education, Dr. Penny K. Wallin, said the award was given in recognition of Newland’s service to improve the role of arts in the community.

“It is clear that her passion for art and for teaching has provided the energy to develop exceptional programs. Such commitment and dedication to the greater good of arts in our state deserves to be recognized and celebrated,” said Wallin.

Colleagues and students alike use two words to describe Newland: passion and devotion. They say she is devoted to her faith, her family, and friends and she is passionate about letting all persons in every walk of life experience the art of dance.

“She has such passion to see the arts flourish throughout the community. Her faith is certainly what leads her in the direction she goes, because her relationship with the Lord is so dear to her. Her calling is to share her faith through dance,” said Laura Morton, Associate Professor of Dance at Belhaven.

President of Belhaven College, Dr. Roger Parrott, said, “Cynthia is a model for excellence in every way. Her efforts have helped advance Belhaven into the elite group of 30 institutions in America which are accredited in all four of the arts. We are blessed to have her at Belhaven, and Mississippi is a better place because of her.”

To read the entire Northeast Ledger article visit: blogs.belhaven.edu/alumni-magazine.
Belhaven launches Neighborhood Concerts at the Pavilion
This spring, Belhaven announced Neighborhood Concerts at the Pavilion, a free, open-air performing arts series held on select Saturdays in the spring and fall. The purpose of these concerts is to bring the college and community together in a relaxed, family-friendly environment featuring music, dance, and theatre performances. The spring season met with full neighborhood enthusiasm, so the fall season should be even better! The spring season kicked off on April 4, 2009 with Dead Fiddlers Collective and the Belhaven Guitarists. On April 18th, Ballet Magnificat! Trainee Company presented a dynamic dance performance with a wide variety of music and choreography. On May 22nd, three musical groups shared the Pavilion: Silver, Magnolia Choruses, and Jackson Academy’s Encore. All concerts are held on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Pavilion in the center of the Belhaven College campus.

Students Awarded Hobson Cosby McGehee Scholarship
Seven education majors were chosen to receive the 2008-2009 Hobson Cosby McGehee scholarships: Kelli Anderson, Megan Benson, Ashleigh Dolan, Emma Nordan, Christina Poe, Kerissa Reed, and Emily Walters. The McGehee Scholarship, given by the Field Cooperative Association, Inc. of Jackson, is given to select education majors who have excelled in the classroom and have shown outstanding qualities in their community. Students are chosen as a recipient based upon the recommendation of faculty and high academic achievement.

Commencement Exercises emphasize God’s Plan
In the 125 plus years of Belhaven College’s existence, students and faculty have donned caps and gowns and experienced the traditions that make a Belhaven College commencement a special time for students and their families. Saturday, May 9th was no different: the somber but thrilling “Piping of the Colors” by bagpiper and student James Wakeland, the flowing procession of students and faculty, and the singing of the Belhaven College Hymn and alma mater combined to create an atmosphere of great expectation in what God will do, even in the difficult times these graduates face.

Dr. Doris Broughton, missionary, educator and multimedia producer, delivered the commencement address “Making a Difference” to the class of 2009. She also received the honorary degree Doctor of Christian Ministries, conferred by Dr. Parrott, to “start on the right path today” and keep on the road that God has planned for them.

Dr. Broughton clearly communicated that God has a plan for each graduate’s life, and as her own testimony shows, the plan is often different than first imagined. She shared her experiences in civil war China and with the tribal peoples of Taiwan, both of which God used to strengthen her trust in His faithful plan. She told of the humble radio program that she started to spread the gospel to unreached territories. She spoke of God blessing that radio program into an international Christian broadcasting company that has reached hundreds of thousands of Chinese speaking people. Above all, Dr. Broughton spoke of a life of no regrets—a life that has been surrendered to God and a life lived for God. She challenged the graduating class of 2009 to “start on the right path today” and keep on the road that God has planned for them.

Dr. Delphus Weyra, Director of Development for Mission Mississippi, gave the benediction, and hundreds of Belhaven graduates were released into the world with high hopes—hopes that are not set on the stock market or the end of a recession—but hopes set on the good plan of their Creator and Redeemer.
Tennis Makes Strong Strides in 2009

The Belhaven men’s and women’s tennis teams each saw marked improvements in 2009 under first year head coach Levi Patton, who was recently honored with the Southern Rookie Tennis Pro of the Year Award, given by the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA). The men’s team finished the year with a 6-12 record which was two wins better than the previous year. The Lady Blazers improved on a 2-7 2008 record with an 8-11 overall record. Both teams made it to the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals.

Women’s Tennis

The Belhaven women’s tennis team got off to a hot start by winning three of their first four matches, including wins over NCAA Division 1 Arkansas-Pine Bluff, conference rival Tougaloo College, and Co-Lin Community College. Belhaven then suffered three straight losses, including losses to NAIA perennial power Xavier University of New Orleans and to Mississippi College. Belhaven won their next four matches in the season’s longest winning streak. The Lady Blazers pounded Louisiana College, had a match sweep of cross town rival Millipaps, and wins against Rust College and Tougaloo. At that point, Belhaven owned an overall record of 7-4.

Belhaven women’s tennis had some key players that contributed all season long. The Lady Blazers then hit a rough spot and lost their next six matches to close out the regular season. The Lady Blazers rebounded with a win against Tougaloo in the GCAC tournament quarterfinals, but they fell short in the semifinals against top seeded Xavier University.

Belhaven was led by seniors Neely Johnson, Mayra Prado, and Lindsey Berg. Freshman players Kristen Kelly, Rebecca Riley, and Mary Kris Young all gained valuable experience in their first year, and along with junior Julia Watkins will return for a promising 2010 season.

Men’s Tennis

The Belhaven men’s tennis season began with a pair of tough losses to Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Huntingdon College and two victories over Tougaloo College and Holmes Community College. Belhaven then lost twice to Xavier University and once to Mississippi College.

The Blazers regrouped with three wins in their next four matches which included victories over Louisiana College, Rust College, and Tougaloo College. Belhaven faltered and dropped their next five contests, but rallied for a win over Spring Hill in the regular season finale. The 2009 campaign came to a close in the semifinals of the GCAC Tournament, with a loss to the University of Mobile.

Many players will return to build upon the 2009 season. Keith Sikes was the only senior on this squad, and everyone else is scheduled to return next year. Henry Marshell and Gabriel Prado will be looked upon to anchor the top of the rotation, while Josh Sturgis, Harris Brabston, Damien Bone, and Jim Strickland will play key roles in 2010.

The 2009 season was truly a rebuilding year for the program,” says Coach Patton. “The team had a combined 1 win for the year which doubled the amount of wins for the past two years combined, and there was a definite movement in the right direction. Interest around the campus and in the community is beginning to rise and all in all, the Belhaven men’s and women’s tennis programs are on the rise,” adds Patton.

Men’s Basketball

The Men’s basketball team had a strong season, finishing with an overall record of 18-13 and 9-9 in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tournament. Belhaven started off strong by winning eight of their first nine games of the year, including victories over Blue Mountain College, Wesley College and cross town rival Millipaps College. Belhaven then proceeded to take three of their next four games, including a big road win over Lambuth University who was ranked 14th in the country at the time. This strong season opening garnered them a ranking of 19th in the December 8th edition of the NAIA Top 25 Poll.

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The Blazers then dropped six of their next seven games and started the conference schedule with a 1-4 record. Belhaven balanced those losses with wins in four out of seven games to go 13-10 overall and 5-7 in the GCAC.

The Blazers then exploded for three straight victories over William Carey, Mobile, and Southern University of New Orleans, raising their record to 16-10 and 8-7 in conference play.

Following a couple of tough home losses, the Blazers capped off the regular season by beating Tougaloo College on the road who was ranked 20th in the nation at the time. Their GCAC semifinals brought the Blazers’ season to a close with a loss to LSU-Shreveport.

Several players led the Blazers in the 2008-09 campaign: Korey Whiting averaged 14.2 points per game and grabbed a GCAC lead with an average of 7.84 rebounds per game; Nathaniel Roche averaged 14.1 points and 8.6 rebounds per game; and Imarn Walcott had a season average of 12.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Belhaven will lose seniors Julien Marion, Imarn Walcott, Dax Miller, and Thomas Timberg, but with a number of solid players returning, 2009-2010 should be an exciting season for Belhaven basketball.

Women’s Basketball

The Lady Blazers finished their 2008-09 season with an overall record of 17-14 and 8-10 in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. Belhaven had a hot 3-0 start with two wins over Blue Mountain College and a win against Wesley College. Then the Lady Blazers suffered a loss to Freed-Hardeman University, who was ranked 5th in the NAIA Preseason Top 25 poll. Four straight victories against Wesley College, East Texas Baptist University, LeTourneau, and Wiley College improved their record to 7-1 on the season.

In their tour of the great Northwest, the Lady Blazers lost to tough 24th ranked Carroll College and with a win against Wesley College. Then the Lady Blazers suffered a loss to perennial power Xavier University of New Orleans and to Mississippi College.

To balance these losses, Belhaven reeled off wins against East Texas Baptist, Wesley, and Spring Hill College. Over the next six games, Belhaven went 3-3 with key conference victories against the University of Mobile, Dillard, and Southern University of New Orleans, raising their record to 13-6 and 4-3 in the GCAC.

Belhaven suffered a pair of defeats to Tougaloo College and William Carey, but they rebounded by winning four of their next five games to improve to 17-9 overall and 8-6 in the conference. Unfortunately, some injuries started taking their toll on Belhaven’s players, and the season came to a close in the quarterfinals of the GCAC tournament at William Carey.

Belhaven will lose seniors Holly Dial, Jalyn Stringer, Molly Yeffirm, Jiremeal Rude, Jamie Dominio, and Lauren McDaniel but will return Jira Williams and Courtney Ward, who led the team in assists. They will lead the Lady Blazers during 2009-2010 which promises to be another eventful season.

Neely Johnson
Senior, Tupelo, Mississippi

TOO: Forward Imarn Walcott powers through the center for the easy two.

COUNT IT: Women’s Basketball Guard Joelyn Stringer delivers for the Blazers.
Breaking Ground and Breaking Records
A year of Service and Success for Blazer Baseball and Softball

The Blazer baseball and softball teams have experienced their most successful seasons to date, breaking school and national records, receiving NAIA recognition, and watching senior Craig Westcott win Mississippi’s most sought after college baseball award—the Ferriss Trophy.

Before their season even began, the teams were building a strong foundation of teamwork through community service projects across the city. With an eye towards the college motto “to serve, not to be served,” teammates and coaches first found success in breaking ground with shovels—and later breaking records with bats.

**Baseball Team: Blood, Sweat… and Books**

Since the day after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Belhaven Baseball team has carried on an annual tradition of giving blood. Head Coach Hill Denson says, “We look forward to our blood drive every year. We talk to our guys a lot about how important blood donation is, and I am really proud of our guys this year.” This year the team broke a record with 32 pints of donated blood.

At the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day, the baseball team worked together to help New Life Ministries with a number of outdoor projects. Chris Bennett, junior baseball player, says the Service “gives us a chance to come out and serve the community. It’s not about us looking good or helping each other—it’s about helping everyone else around us.”

The Blazers also worked with Read Across America to read aloud to elementary school children. It was a busy year for the Blazers—even before the program’s history. To top it off, senior Craig Westcott won the 2009 Cellular South Ferriss Trophy, which recognized him as the top college baseball player in Mississippi!

Belhaven started strong with six wins in their first seven games but the hottest flames—the Lee University Flames. After one win against the University of Mobile, a shutout by pitcher Craig Wescott against LSU-Shreveport, and a second win against LSU-S—Belhaven was vaulted into the NAIA recognition, and watching senior Craig Westcott win Mississippi’s most successful seasons to date, breaking school and national records, receiving NAIA recognition and watching senior Craig Westcott win Mississippi’s most sought after college baseball award—the Ferriss Trophy.

**Smashing Records, Recording Success**

The softball team broke 26 various national and school records en route to a 36-19 record. The 36 wins by the Lady Blazers sets a new school record for most victories in a season, and it was the second time in four years that the previous record has been eclipsed.

They started the season with key victories, including one over NAIA Division I Gambling State University. After two losses, they bounced back to win 13 of their next 17 games. With a win over Jackson State they tied the previous school record for most wins in a season—33. The next day Belhaven surpassed the record with a win over Spring Hill College.

They advanced to the GCAC tournament championship contest for the third time in four years, where they fought hard but bowed out to William Carey in the championship game. Senior Britney Webb, Mallory Meadows, and Keresa Steichen had solid seasons to complete their Belhaven careers. Webb set a new school record for most runs scored in a season (70), led the nation in triples (9) and stolen bases (55), and broke Belhaven’s single season record with 181 trips to the plate. Meadows turned up in the best of seasons in school history, as she led the team with a .485 batting average, NAIA best 78 RBIs, 18 home runs (2nd nationally), 150 bases (4th nationally), and a total of 80 hits on the year. Meadows holds the Belhaven single season record in each of the aforementioned categories.

Freshman Heather Pace led the NAIA with 24 doubles, which put her at the top of the Belhaven record books for the most in a single season. Pace also broke the NAIA record for 11 RBIs in a single game.

Players who received conference and national recognition for their efforts in 2009 include: Mallory Meadows, Britney Webb, Heather Pace, Tiffany Andel, Salina Cervantes, Ashley Mortaz, Jessica Eggold, and Keresa Steichen.

“I am very proud of this group for breaking the school record for wins and getting back to the GCAC Championship game after a year lapse,” says Head Coach Rick Fremin. “I also feel that this team has raised the level of play for the program and that the future is bright.”

With such a strong foundation, 2010 looks like a bright year for both teams to “Blaze” a winning trail, full of service and success.

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**Lady Blazers’ season marked by Service and Success**

The Lady Blazers softball team has worked together to serve the community and to achieve a record breaking season. The Lady Blazers volunteered their time to serve as a team, building bonds between teammates and the community. In September, they spent time with mentally disabled adults at The Mustard Seed in Brandon, Miss. They played board games, danced and sang, played softball games, and made a day to remember for both the team and the residents. They also volunteered for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day by removing debris and raking leaves at the Perkins Foundation. These service projects set the stage for the necessary teamwork that would culminate in the Lady Blazers’ most victorious season in the softball program’s history.

**Records: Craig Westcott, Ferriss Trophy winner and Heather Pace, NAIA record breaker for RBIs in a single game.**

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**Baseball Team “Blazes” New Trail**

The baseball team’s season was unprece...
Charlotte Rose Causey honored with Scholarship Endowment

Though Mrs. Charlotte Rose Causey graduated with a Music degree from Belhaven College over fifty years ago (1953), her legacy will be passed down to future generations of Belhaven vocal musicians. Because of her deep love for Belhaven College and inspired by her current fight against cancer, her son Mr. Billy Causey has chosen to honor his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Rose Causey, with the gift he feels will show his love and appreciation the most: an endowed scholarship in her name.

The Charlotte Rose Causey Music Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student majoring in Vocal Music who, in the judgment of an awarding committee designated by Belhaven College, represents the character and moral grounding of the Causey family. When Mr. Causey began thinking of a significant way to honor his mother, forming a Belhaven scholarship in her name was almost an immediate conclusion. Mrs. Charlotte Rose Causey, who hails from Winona, Miss., is a true “Belhaven girl” in every sense of the word.

As a member of the class of 1953, she was in the last class before the school became co-educational. She reminisces about the college and says, “The spirit of the campus, from faculty to classmates, was always supportive and helpful. My time [at Belhaven] meant so much.” As the wife of Dr. Bill Causey, longtime pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton and former Executive Director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mrs. Causey credits Belhaven with preparing her to be a pastor’s wife, with its unique role and responsibilities.

As a Belhaven student, Mrs. Causey was involved in numerous activities and received many honors, including class treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president. She was also named a Belhaven Beauty and received the “Love of the Beautiful” award.

Belhaven College is honored to continue passing down Mrs. Charlotte Causey’s passion for music, faithful Christian example, and love for her alma mater to the next generation of Belhaven students. Her son’s action is a testimony to her life, as Proverbs 31:10, 28 states, “A wife of noble character is a crown to her husband.” Mrs. Causey’s passion for music, faithful Christian example, and love for her alma mater to the next generation of Belhaven students. Her son’s action is a testimony to her life, as Proverbs 31:10, 28 states, “A wife of noble character is a crown to her husband.” Mrs. Causey’s passion for music, faithful Christian example, and love for her alma mater to the next generation of Belhaven students. Her son’s action is a testimony to her life, as Proverbs 31:10, 28 states, “A wife of noble character is a crown to her husband.”

On February 19, the Causey family, along with the trustees and faculty of Belhaven, were honored with the announcement of the Charlotte Rose Causey Music Scholarship, the first endowed music scholarship to be created at Belhaven College. The scholarship is open to Belhaven vocal performance majors who exemplify the character and moral grounding of the Causey family.

Billy Causey with his mother Charlotte Rose Causey
Chris Caughman '99 has been promoted to Senior Vice President at Peoples Bank in Mendenhall.

90’s | Charlene Swain Bouzek '91 and her husband welcomed their second child, Christina Marie, on April 10, 2008. She joins older brother Clay, who is now two years old.

Elizabeth Ragland Davis '95 is a stay-at-home mom and homeschooler to four children: Johnny (12), Aly (9), Bradley (6), and Conley (2). Her husband, John, recently became an engineer for King Kutter, moving the family from Chattanooga, Tennessee to Carbon Hill, Alabama.

Alexandre Weis '95 and Haren Knight Weis '97 welcomed their third child, Isaiah Stephen, in April. Isaac joins older brother and sister, Gabriel (3) and Rebekah (18 mos.). The family currently resides in Beaverton, Oregon.

Justin Breck '99 and his wife, Christina, have three children: Nathan Asher (5), Allie-Makhlona Lynn (4), and Isabel Joy (2). Justin serves as Manager of Product Marketing at BOMGAR Corporation in Jackson.

The recipients were selected from nominees - Elizabeth Ragland Davis '95 of Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for 22 years. Cliff Powers, Kindergarten instructor, has taught at Presbyterian Christian School in Flowood, Mississippi for three years. Betty Sugg, English Teacher of the Year award, respectively. Both are Belhaven graduates.

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Congratulations to these dedicated alumni who are living out the vision of Belhaven College: to prepare students academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships, and in the world of ideas.

Leann Stevens Barnes '99 and her husband, Ross, welcomed their third child, Nathaniel Jon Rainer, on March 27. He joins older brother and sister, Gabriel (3) and Rebekah (18 mos.). The family currently resides in Beaverton, Oregon.

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**Creating a Legacy for the Future**

We all want to make a difference in the world and in the Kingdom of God. It has been said: “Don’t just leave an inheritance—create a heritage.” Let us tell you about an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact for the cause of Christ by investing in the ministry of Belhaven College... through the Belhaven College Heritage Society.

- **People** call them “The Golden Years”—the time when you have finished raising your family, rounded out your career and are ready to live life at a more leisurely pace. As you plan for the future, we invite you to consider how you can leave a legacy for generations to come by becoming a member of Belhaven College’s Heritage Society.

**The Heritage Society** is made up of donors who choose to provide resources for the College by giving in forms other than cash. These instruments are typically called “planned gifts.” Planned gifts allow flexibility and tax advantages to the donor while also providing for the current and future needs of Belhaven College.

So how can you make a planned gift that would recognize you as a member of the Heritage Society? Here are a few simple ways:

- **Annuities:** You can increase your spendable income, receive a charitable deduction, and provide for future scholarships. This is a very attractive investment in today’s economy.

- **Wills:** Simply insert into your will the statement, “I give, devise, and bequest to Belhaven College (percent, amount or nature of gift).”

- **Life Insurance:** A life insurance policy that names Belhaven as a beneficiary can offer a convenient way to fund a meaningful gift to the College.

- **Property:** Giving of your home or other real estate has become increasingly attractive.

- **Retirement Plans:** You may find that after providing for your loved ones you can make a gift from “what is left” in your retirement accounts.

- **Remainder Trust:** Generating income through a Remainder Trust can be accomplished, and then upon your death, the remaining assets come to the College.

- **Lead Trust:** You give an amount of money to Belhaven to manage, from which the College will receive the earnings for a designated time. When the terms are complete, the trust goes back to you or other heirs that you name.

Any of the above actions are simple to put into place. The Belhaven College Development Team is ready to receive your call or inquiry. We can assist you with a Planned Gift that perfectly meets your needs and also fulfills your charitable intent for Belhaven. Call us today at 601-968-8738 or email us at heritagesociety@belhaven.edu.

**Memorial Gifts**

You often see in the Obituary Notices: “In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to...” It is one way we honor the memory of a family member, a loved one, or friend. Belhaven College welcomes this way of honoring family members, loved ones, or friends who have died. If you choose to have memorials sent to Belhaven, an acknowledgment will be sent to the family.

Elizabeth Mayer Rose ’02 and her husband, David, welcomed their second child, Christopher Nathaniel, on November 30, 2008. Christopher joins big sister Hannah. The family has recently moved to England, where David is on a three-year assignment at RAF Moleworth.

Jessica Highfield Anderson ’03 has spent the past year training as a doula and volunteering with Operation Special Delivery. Jessica is currently completing her certification as a childbirth educator. She and her husband, Michael, welcomed their third child, Peter, on December 11, 2008. Peter joins older sister and brother, Lilly Grace and Micah.

Bill Broadway ’03 received the 2008-09 National Master’s Cohort Leadership Award for Education Leadership and Research at the University of Southern Mississippi's College of Education and Psychology Awards banquet.

Merilee Olps Paxton ’03 was married to Faris Paxton on December 20, 2008. The couple resides in Jackson, where Merilee works as the Assistant Director of College Communications for Belhaven and Faris is completing a Master of Divinity at RTS.

Thomas Dent ’03 and Christina Bomgards Dent ’05 welcomed their first child, Cole Joseph, on October 28, 2008. Thomas continues to work with Dent Air Conditioning, while Christina works part-time at BOMGAR Corporation.

Michelle Gravlee Roll ’03 was married to Jacob Roll on January 10, 2009. The couple resides in Colorado.

Shequila McCriggis ’03 has recently moved to West Chester, Pennsylvania, where she is conducting cancer research for a major pharmaceutical company.

Matthew A. Weaver ’03 and Jill Kille Weaver ’03 welcomed their first child, Dawson Aaron, on July 21, 2008. The family has recently purchased a new home in Dublin, California.

Stephen Crowder ’04 and Natalie Piazza Crowder ’09 were married on September 27, 2008. Natalie recently graduated with a degree in Business Administration. Stephen is employed as a Senior Health Program Specialist at Hudspeth Regional Center and is a 2nd year Ph.D. student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, pursuing a doctorate in Clinical Health Science.

Abigail Shanks Olsen ’05 and her husband, Jonathan David, were married February 28. The couple currently resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

Katherine Hall ’05 was promoted to business manager at Pycamore. She has been with the company for two years.

Beth Alliston ’06, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer at River Oaks Hospital, was named Department Director of the Year.

Danny Shaw ’06 has been accepted into the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College and began work on his M.A. in English in June. Danny has been an Admission Counselor at Belhaven College since January 2007 and will remain so while attending Bread Loaf during the summers.

Jessica Guider Dendy ’06 and her husband, Corey, were married April 17 in Destin, Florida. Jessica is a fitness professional, training clients in weights, cardio, and pilates. The couple currently resides in Houston, Texas.

Brad ’06 and Amy Lejarzar Fultz ’06 celebrated two years of marriage on March 4. Brad serves as an Environmentalist with Gwinnett County Environmental Health, while Amy completed her first year of teaching 10th and 11th grade history and coaching 9th grade volleyball at Grayson High School.

Misty Hamilton Patton ’06 has been promoted to Assistant Vice President for Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

Justin R. Pierce ’06 and his wife, Devin Marie, were married on March 28 in Pensacola, Florida. Justin was promoted to Recreation Supervisor at Vickery Community Center in March 2008.

Adrian Briones ’07 is currently serving as a Strength and Conditioning Graduate Assistant at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. Adrian is the lead trainer for the varsity tennis program and also assists with the UT football program.

Mick Bullock ’07, Communications Director for Lt. Governor Phil Bryant, has been elected president of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi's central chapter.

Vinson Chatman ’07 was promoted to Information Technology Specialist at the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery Medical Center.

Jessica Merrill ’07 has been named a vice president at Regions Bank. She manages relationships with the bank's private banking customer base throughout the region. She joined the bank in 2007.
Twylah Hamilton Davis '08 completed her first year as an 8th grade teacher in the Copiah County school system. Twylah has enrolled in the MAT program at Belhaven.

Francisco Egiguereon '08 is pursuing a degree in Global Management and Peace at Bridgewater University in Bridgewater, Connecticut.

Kathleen G. Fenn '08 began her professional dance career with TALK Dance Company in Jackson after graduation. In the fall of 2008, Kathleen moved to Mansfield, Ohio to join NeoS Dance Theatre.

Stephen A. McDill '08 was recently hired by the Mississippi Business Journal as a researcher/reporter. Stephen is also a regular columnist for Metro Christian Living magazine.

Mike Knezevich '09 completed his MSM degree in May and has been accepted into Jackson State's Doctoral Program in Public Administration for this fall. While an MSM student, Mike accepted into Jackson State's Doctoral Program in Public Administration for this fall. While an MSM student, Mike

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Izey Ainsworth Huffman '42 passed away peacefully at St. Dominic Hospital on January 5, 2009. She was a devout Christian and a dedicated wife and mother.

Marilyn A. Shirley '51 passed away on November 22, 2008. She was a lifelong resident of Jackson.

Sue Gaddy Huthorn '77, of Florence, passed away on May 16, 2009. She was a member of Clarity Baptist Church.

Patricia "Patty" Morris '83 passed away on March 7, 2009. Her passion was community theatre and worked tirelessly for its advancement.

Robert Davis '84 passed away on November 16, 2008.

Robert Davis '86 passed away on January 30, 2009. She was a resident of New Albany, Miss., and had an active career at New York Life.

Nell Graves Taylor '47, of Jackson, passed away on April 12, 2009. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Junior League, the High Noon Luncheon Club, the American Antiques Club, the Museum of Art and the Symphony League.

Dr. Mark Belcher, Belhaven's exuberant, out-of-the-box, and much loved Sports Medicine and Exercise Science professor, passed away on May 26, 2009. This sudden loss has left the Belhaven campus shocked and grieving. Dr. "M" arrived at Belhaven in 2005 with a zeal for injury care and prevention, an infectious smile, and a dynamic personality that captured the attention of any audience—students, patients, or seminar attendees. He opened an Outpatient Teaching Clinic on campus, so students could watch and learn from this 25-year veteran in the field.

Belhaven faculty, staff, and students will feel his loss deeply, but are thankful for the indelible mark he leaves in the many lives he touched. In the words of Dr. Roger Parrott: "We will miss his captivating smile, contagious enthusiasm, and passion for students, but we have confidence in life eternal and we thank God for allowing Mark's earthly life to be shared with us for these years."

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In MEMORIAM

Mary Katharine McCravey '32 passed away on March 27, 2009 at S.E. Lackey Memorial Hospital in Forest. She was an iconic Mississippian artist, philanthropist, the recipient of the 2004 Mississippi Arts Commission's Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement, and the 1972 recipient of Belhaven's "Alumnus of the Year" award. The McCravey-Tripplett Student Center is named in honor of her family.

Caroline Weir Bennett '33 passed away on January 23, 2009 at her home in Starkville. She was the recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award in 1998.

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Anne C. Gardner '43 passed away on May 20, 2009 after a brief illness. She was a resident of New Albany, Miss., and had an active career at New York Life.

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Gloria Jean "Sammie" Furr Smith '47 passed away on February 21, 2009 in Nashville, Tenn. He was employed by Security Archives for the past nine years.

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Robert Davis '84 passed away on November 16, 2008.

Susan Flowers Davis '86 passed away on November 16, 2008 from heart disease. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. W. Mel Flowers, Jr., and sister, Shari Flowers Schmidt. She is survived by her mother, Marilyn Case Flowers.

Timothy W. Wilkinson '88, of LaGrange, Ga., passed away on November 16, 2008. He was a member of the Belhaven College Board of Trustees for a lifetime of service and the legacy that continues through the lives of her students.
**Edinburgh** by Addie Leak

The night in town is thick and damp: no star,
No moon, no shadow seen. Just north, the Firth
Of Forth lies silent and dark, breathes the haar
As chilled waves kiss the steaming earth.

Without the lamps, I'd lose my self in grey,
Alone, perhaps, in all the city. As I walk,
The modern world begins to fade away;
The sun may rise on new-young gleaming lochs

Of yesteryear with Viking ships upon
Them, half-husked corncobs with carved curling prows,
Or clear the fog to find the Gardens gone
Again in lake. Mute Swans may float and bow,

Their beaks unpressed with symphonies to sing
As from each grasslet misty moisture drops,
And in the Royal Mile a fairy ring
Of mushrooms grows, trees replacing tartan shops.

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**Brogue wins 3rd Place at Southern Literary Festival**

The Brogue, Belhaven College’s annual creative arts journal, won 3rd place in the literary journal category at the 2009 Southern Literary Festival. There are thirty member schools across the southeast, ranging from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee to Furman University in South Carolina.

View The Brogue at [www.belhaven.edu/academics/English/brogue.pdf](http://www.belhaven.edu/academics/English/brogue.pdf). To request a copy of The Brogue, email admission@belhaven.edu.