INSIDE | Makoto Fujimura | Back to Belhaven—Homecoming 2011
During our 100th Anniversary Chapel Service I told the story of the most significant three hours in the history of Belhaven. It happened August 9, 1927. In those days, our entire campus was limited to one building, which we now know as Preston and Fithugh Halls. These two stately white buildings, were all one building at that time, with the center section being where the fountain now stands.

Knowing that the College had to grow, and eventually build more buildings, President Gillespie, who had been president for six years, left Jackson for most of that summer to go to Columbia University in New York City to take a course in college architecture to prepare for this anticipated expansion.

At the end of his study at Columbia, and beginning his trip home, Dr. Gillespie was taking the train to visit a sister Presbyterian College, Princeton University. But while on the train, he received a telegram from his secretary Jennie Armistead, which was sent at 7:35 that summer, Saturday morning. It read: "Belhaven on fire • Absolutely no chance of saving."

Lightening had hit the center part of the building, and that section was going up in flames. And with the limited fire fighting capabilities in those days there was nothing to be done to stop the College’s only building from burning.

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For a century Belhaven has seen many changes. Parts of the campus have been built up, torn down, burned down, rebuilt, burned again, expanded, and even crossed state lines. Through these many changes, Christ has remained the unshakable cornerstone this university was built upon.

Please join Belhaven as it celebrates these 100 Years that we have been located on Peachtree Street with this photo tribute to "this dear green hill" that binds us still to God and thee in heart.
BEHIND THE SCENES:
Before the fire of 1927 behind present day Preston and Fizhugh Halls.

PHOTOS
A] 2005—Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center
B] 1929—Helen White Hall
C] 1998—Gillespie Hall
E] 2002 McCravey-Triplett Student Center

PHOTOS
F] 2002—Center for the Arts
G] 1940—Raymond Hall
H] 1958, 1999*—Stuart C. Ivey Science
I] 1963—Heidelberg Gymnasium
J] 1969—Fine Arts Building (Razed)
K] 1928, 1939*—Lancaster Hall, (Razed)

OTHER PEACHTREE BUILDING HISTORY
1927—Preston and Fizhugh as separate buildings
1936—Men’s Small Dormitory (Razed)
1967—Caldwell Hall
1974—Warren A. Hood Library
1999—Lagoon Renovations
2002—Bettye Quinn Alumni House and Welcome Center
2006—Entergy Pavilion

*multiple years indicate significant renovations
• A visit to the city of Jackson required permission and an adult chaperon.

• Absolutely no visitors were permitted on campus during class hours or on Sundays.

• Only on written request of the parents would male visitors be allowed on campus.

• Students could receive mail only from individuals whose names appeared on a list of approved correspondents provided by the parents.

• In 1933 a student was disciplined for “ordering hamburgers through boys after hours.”

• All printed material owned by the students was subject to inspection by the dean.

• Students were required to be in their rooms and quiet for two hours every Sunday afternoon.

• Possession of bridge cards resulted in being grounded for four weeks.

• Spending a night off campus without permission resulted in being grounded for six weeks.

• In 1946, students were allowed to wear socks and go bareheaded to picnics.

• By 1953, freshmen were permitted to ride in cars with upperclassmen and to go on double dates on the bus.
Makoto Fujimura

Fujimura, one of the world’s most significant visual artists, creative catalyst and influential leaders in the arts, was the commencement speaker for Belhaven University’s April graduation ceremony in Jackson. Fujimura was awarded an honorary doctorate from Belhaven University during the commencement ceremony for his significant work and leadership in the arts. His commencement address, “Aroma of the New,” was presented to a full auditorium of eager graduates and their families at the Christ United Methodist Church.

Fujimura opened by thanking Dr. Parrott and the Board for their commitment to the Arts and added, “Belhaven is making a statement: that the arts are fundamental to the core of higher education. The arts are not a peripheral luxury for the elite few but a central necessity, how a civilization is to be defined and how our humanity is to be restored. The arts, like the spring flowers all about Belhaven this day, bring the aroma of the New.”

Belhaven is one of 40 institutions in the nation accredited in visual art, music, theater, and dance. Belhaven competes with some of the top schools in the nation and is the only Christian university in the nation to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts in creative writing.

Fujimura’s influence spreads to almost every area of the arts. Artist, writer, creative catalyst, and speaker are just a few examples of his depth of talent. Fujimura is also recognized worldwide as a cultural influence by both faith-based and secular media.

Fujimura’s message focused on the importance of art as a testimony of God’s life and light to a dead and dark world. Fujimura adds, “Instead of reminding people of the cold earth, we need to sneak the deposit of what is to come. There is a banquet waiting for us beyond the veil. If all is in flux, our task is to touch the fragile earth with the promise of heaven.”

Bob Parrott, Chair of the Visual Arts Department, says “Fujimura is one of the most important contemporary artists; he is held in high regard as a practicing painter who advocates the connectivity between art and faith in Christ.”

Prior to the commencement ceremony, Fujimura toured the Jackson campus and hosted several lectures with students, staff and faculty. He also took time to answer questions and discuss his art with all participants.

Fujimura was a Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts (2003-2009) and has contributed internationally as an advocate for the arts, speaking with decision makers and advising governmental policies on the arts.

The International Arts Movement (IAM) is one of Fujimura’s creations that he considers his greatest achievement. IAM is a Christian nonprofit arts organization created by Fujimura to influence and mentor current or beginning artists about matters of faith and art. Artists with IAM produce lectures, performances, exhibitions, screenings, projects, and workshops.

Fujimura’s work is exhibited at galleries around the world, including Dillon Gallery (New York), Sen Gallery (Tokyo), The Contemporary Museum of Tokyo, Tokyo National University of Fine Art Museum and Oxford House, Taiku Place (Hong Kong). He has painted live on stage at New York’s legendary Carnegie Hall as part of an ongoing collaboration with composer and percussionist Susie Ibarra and the American Composer’s Orchestra.

Fujimura has lectured at numerous conferences and universities, including the Aspen Institute, Yale, Princeton, the Q Conference, and IAM’s Encounter 10. Fujimura’s essays and books have expanded the dialogue about faith, art and culture. His first book, River Grace, is an intimate, autobiographical look at his early years as an artist in Japan. Fujimura’s second book, Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture, is a collection of essays bringing people of all backgrounds together in conversation and meditation on culture, art and humanity.

He is currently exhibiting The Four Holy Gospels which he created in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.
Tim Keller Speaks on Campus

Dr. Timothy Keller, Founder and Pastor of New York’s Redeemer Presbyterian Church and New York Times Bestselling Author, spoke to a capacity crowd at Belhaven University’s Center for the Arts about his new book King’s Cross. Keller’s new book is about the life of Christ as found in the Gospel of Mark. The publisher describes it as a “revelatory look at the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark.” In it, Keller shows how the story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. Like Keller’s other books, it speaks to skeptics and is ideal for the faithful, those who are looking for a closer connection to Jesus and a saving faith.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Keller graduated from Bucknell University, Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary. He spent his first nine years as a pastor at Hopeville Presbyterian Church in Hopeville, Virginia. He left Hopeville and founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan in 1989 with his family. Christianity Today has called Redeemer, "one of Manhattan’s most vital congregations." It draws about 4500 attendes to its services on the Upper West Side and Upper East Side. Keller is an acclaimed speaker and evangelist as well as a very successful author. He has published many titles including Glimpses Justice, The Reason for God, and Counterfeit God.

Afterward Keller stayed to talk with guests and sign copies of his books. The event was sponsored by Belhaven, Lemuria Books and Reformed University Fellowship.

Dr. Philip Kelly Retires After 32 Years of Service

After 32 years of devoted service at Belhaven University, Dr. Philip Kelly retired from teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching. He traded his lab coat for a Hawaiian shirt, a periodic table for the teaching.

Dr. Kelly started teaching at Belhaven in 1979 and was the Professor and Chair of the Chemistry/Physics Department and Division of Natural Sciences. Those who had the opportunity to work alongside him or be one of the many students passing through his door were tremendously blessed and affected by his teaching.

A retirement dinner and reception in his honor was held in the H.C. Bailey Dining Commons where colleagues and students past and present could express their gratitude. Dr. Al Chestnut, Chair of the Biology Department, said, “The one word I would use to describe Dr. Kelly would be ‘refreshing.’ I was always amazed at the patience he had while teaching or answering questions. Not only did he teach with clarity, but he would spend countless hours helping students and investing in people’s lives. We will miss him and never forget the legacy of a devoted professor, colleague, and brother in Christ!”

ASPIRE Program Moves to Lefleur’s Bluff Tower

The ASPIRE degree program relocated to the Lefleur’s building, just north of the main campus, on I-55 Frontage Road in August. Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University, said, “The growth of our ASPIRE program and graduate enrollment brought us to a wonderful but complex challenge; we were out of space for evening students on our campus. So, we took a bold step in August that enhanced adult students’ learning experience, made parking abundant, and allowed students to learn in a first-class environment that reflects their career desires.”

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The ASPIRE program occupies two floors of the Lefleur building and houses staff, faculty, and students. A Belhaven University sign was constructed on top of the five-story building, now visible from the interstate at night.

The administrative offices are on the first floor where students will have admission support in one centralized location. The second floor contains 17 “smart” classrooms that utilize current technology to give each student a quality learning experience. Students no longer have to worry about the long hikes from car to class. Parking at the new location is spacious and right next to the new building. Belhaven security officers and the well-lit parking lot help ensure the safety of each student.
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Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Admission, said, “I’m so proud of Jake and the work he has done for Belhaven. He has a passion for students and their families, and it shows in all that he does. It’s obvious that Jake enjoys what he does by his attitude and actions.”

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Back to Belhaven – Homecoming 2011

Alumni, parents, friends, and prospective students filled campus during the Back to Belhaven – Homecoming 2011 event. Participants enjoyed the fabulous Homecoming festivities, including competing against each other in an interactive game of Family Feud. Current Belhaven students enjoyed ice cream and social interaction with other families, including competing against each other in an interactive game of Family Feud.

Members of the Class of 1963 enjoyed a special Fifty Year Reunion dinner on Friday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Larry Mills. A large group enjoyed an evening of good food and sharing wonderful memories of Belhaven days past!

Friday’s festivities concluded with capacity crowds during the Blazers Volleyball team competition against Jackson State University at Huddleston Gymnasium, as well as the Belhaven Musical Review and The Life of Galileo Theatre productions, held in the Bitsy Irby Dance Studio and Black box Theatre, respectively.

Saturday morning began with the 7th Annual Belhaven Homecoming 5k Run/ Walk, which took place along the newly installed walking trail around the perimeter of campus. Participants enjoyed the fabulous weather, the trek around campus, and the ‘BC pride!’ This year’s champions came from the same family, as freshman Tianna Rogers (28:12) and her 7th grade brother, Josiah (24:25), took home winning honors.

The President’s Breakfast gave parents and current students a chance to hear from and talk with Dr. Roger Parrish.

Sophomore Justin Krimm gives Union ball carrier a lift back to the line of scrimmage. Blazers claim the victory over Union College 20-14.

Honor the 50 Year Reunion of the Alumni Awards Luncheon. (LEFT TO RIGHT): Brad White ’86 – Young Alumnus of the Year, Ann Scott ’77 – Bettye Quinn Education Award, Tom Kay Jr. ’82 – Church Service Award, James “Bebos” Elikin ’66 – Alumnus of the Year, Evelyn Tackett ’56 – Spirit of Belhaven Award, Helen J. Martin inducted into the Legacy of Learning and Billy Sims ’76 – Jim Park Business Award.

Blazers enjoyed a dominating performance over Union College. Senior Justin Mims gives Union ball carrier a lift back to the line of scrimmage. Blazers claim the victory over Union College 20-14.

Honor the 50 Year Reunion of the Alumni Awards Luncheon. (LEFT TO RIGHT): Peter Davis and Ashton Long take home the crown and title, Belhaven’s 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

The Alumni Reunion Reception was a time of reminiscing with former classmates and friends. (MIDDLE) Bettye Quinn (’58) and Peggy Rockey (’58) greeted by Jan Carmes Elikin (’68) (BOTTOM) The 50 Year Club’s Annual Meeting inducted the class of 1961.

and communities. This year’s recipients were: James “Bebos” Elikin, ’66 (Alumnus of the Year); Brad White, ’86 (Young Alumnus of the Year); Tom Kay, Jr., ’82 (Church Service Award), Evelyn Tackett, ’56 (Spirit of Belhaven Award); Anna Scott, ’77 (Bettye Quinn Education Award); and Billy Sims, ’76 (Jim Park Business Award). Additionally, those attending from the Class of 1963 were inducted as the newest members into the Belhaven Fifty Year Club, which included Helen Skow Martin, Mrs. Martin was also recognized as the newest Belhaven Legacy of Learning faculty member.

Football fans were treated to a great homecoming matchup between the Blazers and the Union College Bulldogs. The Blazers enjoyed a dominating performance from the defense and held off a late rally for the 20-14 victory. At halftime of the game, Mr. Ricky Howard and Miss Rachel Kurtz were crowned the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen.

Highlighting the concluding events for the weekend was the Belhaven Basketball “Meet the Blazers!” event in Huddleston Gymnasium, as both the Men’s and Women’s 2011-12 Basketball teams were introduced. Team members also took part in free throw and three-point shooting contests, as well as a high-anticipitated dunk contest! Current students took to the dance floor at the nearby Duling Auditorium in Fondren for the Homecoming Party.
CONGRATULATIONS!
HOWARD BAHR
2011 Winner of the Governor’s Award
for Excellence in the Literary Arts

Howard Bahr, adjunct professor of Belhaven’s Creative Writing program, was awarded the prestigious 2011 Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Literary Arts. He joins a notable list of past winners like: John Grisham, Cassandra Wilson, Charley Pride, Bo Diddley, B.B. King, Larry Brown, Ellen Douglas, Shelby Foote, Willie Morris, Ellen Douglas, Shelby Foote, Willie Morris, Richard Ford, Eudora Welty, Barry Hannah, and Natasha Trethewey.

“Howard Bahr teaches writing with grace, wit, and good sense,” said Dr. Randall Smith, Director of Creative Writing. “He writes with stark power and indelible detail. He’s good enough to be numbered with the great, and he’s humble enough to know that writing itself is a gift to all—writer and reader alike—who love the beauty of words,” adds Smith. The 2012 recipient will be honored at a ceremony in Jackson, February 16.

Faculty Honored with Tenure
Belhaven University professors are some of the hardest workers in higher learning who passionately teach the many students who pass through Belhaven’s doors. Six of Belhaven’s faculty members were recently honored with tenure.

Glenn Sumrall, Vice Provost and Dean of Arts and Sciences, said, “These faculty members are representatives of the Belhaven commitment to excellence in academics along with a deep commitment to integration of faith and learning. Each has demonstrated outstanding classroom teaching, a love for students and a commitment to the Christian mission of Belhaven University.”

As a part of the tenure process, each faculty member was required to write a 15 page paper explaining their plans to integrate Christian principles into their academic disciplines. Congratulations to each faculty member that received tenure this year.

YUSUFI JINKIRI
Assistant Professor of Business Administration

CHRIS SHELTON
Professor of Voice, Church Music and Choral Activities

RAVENNA TUCKER-WAGNON
Associate Professor of Dance

EDWIN MCALLISTER
Professor of Radio, TV, Film, and Student Publications Advisor

CYNTHIA NEWLAND
Associate Professor of Dance and Chair of the Dance Department

PAUL REESE
Associate Professor of Biology

Stepping into the Bright Lights
24 new lights, generously donated by Belhaven Alumni (pictured above), now illuminate the Heidelberg Gymnasium. The new lights in Heidelberg are brighter and energy efficient. (Left to Right) Billy Evans, Head Women’s Basketball Coach; Michael Dukes, Director of Development and Alumni; Dr. Roger Parrott, Belhaven President; Rebecca and Thomas Jackson (and children); Ailin Brown; Bill Brown, Scott Little, Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics; and Tom Kelsey, Head Men’s Basketball Coach.

New Social Work Degree Added to Majors
The Bachelor of Social Work is the newest degree available at Belhaven and will give students the skills to improve and help the needs of individuals in society. This degree program begins with the study of professional activity and extends to helping individuals, families, groups, organizations, or communities.

Belhaven’s social work degree program moves from an in-depth study of social work to a practiced application of theories and principles. The social work program actually prepares students through work experience.

The social work club, His Hands His Feet, provides additional avenues for experience and application of classroom knowledge.

Belhaven’s professors integrate current social work methods with a Christian perspective and show students why social work is a rewarding, purpose-driven career.

The degree prepares students for entry level social work practice and can prepare students for several master degree programs. The broad exposure of the social work program can also provide students with multiple career opportunities in other fields.

Paxton Girtmon publishes Concerto, Quartet, and Minuet for Music Labels
Dr. Paxton Girtmon, Associate Professor of Music, in conjunction with Camerata Music Press and BVD Music Press published three of his music works. Concerto Grosso in G Minor Op. 6, No. 6 and Minuet Woodwind Trio (Flute, Oboe, and Bassoon), Quartet No. 4 in C(K.157), Mvt. 1 and Minuet Clarinet Quartet (3 Clarinets and Bass Clarinet), and Minuet No. 2 huthers, Clarinet Trio (2 Clarinets and Bass Clarinet).

Krista Bower Awarded Fellowship
Krista Bower, adjunct instructor of dance at Belhaven University, was awarded a Performing Arts Fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This fellowship is given to select professional artists producing work of high artistic quality and is a portion of the $1.5 million in grants the Commission will award in 2011-2012. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Professor Melissa Hause Releases CD with the “The Margarets”
Dr. Melissa Thomson Hause, Associate Professor of Art History and Dean of the Honors College (’86) studied visual art at Belhaven and returned in 2001 to teach art history. But her lifelong passion for music has now led to the release of a CD with duo partner Margaret Sprow, music director at Pine Orchard Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Ridgeland, MS.

Melissa and Margaret have been writing and performing music for their church family for years, a venture that has grown into the duo “The Margarets” and their debut CD, His Mercy Lasts Forever. The Margarets’ folk, Celtic, and jazminspired music breathes life into original lyrics, biblical texts, and traditional hymns; their songs explore the emotions and experiences of followers of Jesus, giving voice to celebration and sorrow, trust and questioning, doubt and surrender.

Melissa (whose middle name is Margaret) sings and plays violin, piano, and guitar for The Margarets, while Margaret sings and plays piano and flute. Her Mercy Lasts Forever is available from One Story Ministries at www.onestoryministries.org and can also be found at www.cdbaby.com and iTunes. Look for The Margarets on Facebook, too.

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T. Calvin Wells Elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees | Charles Cannada Completes Ten Years of Service

During the fall meeting the Belhaven University Board of Trustees elected Cal Wells to succeed outgoing board Chairman Charles Cannada.

University President Dr. Roger Parrott warmly praised Cannada’s leadership for the past 10 years. “Charles has been an outstanding board chair and strong advocate for Belhaven during his years of service. While Charles served as Chairman, Belhaven has witnessed some of its most significant events including dramatic expansion of our adult and online programs, hundreds of millions of dollars in new buildings and renovations, a nearly 60% increase in total enrollment, and a change in name from Belhaven College to Belhaven University,” Parrott continued, “Working with Charles is always a pleasure. Because Charles has worked at the highest levels of finance and strategy, he’s been a great partner in corporate world. His counsel is always valued, timely and insightful. I can always count on Charles to help us make a wise decision.” Cannada will remain on the board as past chairman.

Cannada will be succeeded by Cal Wells, a lifelong Jacksonian and senior shareholder in the Wells, Moore, Simmons, Edwards, and Wilbanks law firm. Wells’ family roots with Belhaven run deep as his grandfather served on the Belhaven Board of Trustees.

Cal was first elected to the Belhaven Board in 2000 and has served as Chairman of the Advancement Committee for the last decade. Cal graduated from Vanderbilt University with a double major in Business and Economics and public relations. After graduating, he went on to serve as chairman of The First Presbyterian Church of theorp after theology before returning to Mississippi to serve Hederman Brothers Printing as executive vice president and director of sales. Today he is the president of Hederman Brothers and is the fourth generation leader of Hederman Brothers Printing.

Board adds New Members

Joel Bomgar, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, of Bomgar Corporation

In 2003, while working as a field network engineer Joel developed the first version of Bomgar remote support software as a way to provide remote technical support to disparate users without leaving his desk. Since the company’s founding in 2003, Joel has led the company to acquire over 5,000 customers. The company’s rapid growth has been recognized by numerous awards, including Deloitte’s Fast 500 in 2007 and 2008, and Inc. Magazine’s Inc. 500 in 2008 and 2009.

Doug Hederman, President of Hederman Brothers Printing, graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting and marketing. He worked in Little Rock, Arkansas for a large marketing, advertising and public relations firm before returning to Mississippi to serve Hederman Brothers Printing as executive vice president and director of sales. Today he is the president of Hederman Brothers and is the fourth generation leader of Hederman Brothers Printing.

Sean Michael Lucas is the Senior Minister of The First Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. Prior to coming to Hattiesburg, he served as Chief Academic Officer and Associate Professor of Church History at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He is an author of many books including, On Being Presbyterian, What Is Great?, What is Ours, and Robert Lewis Dabney: A Southern Presbyterian Life.

Richard S. Whiteley, M.D. is a Jacksonville native who is part of the South Coast Family Physicians group practice. He has served the Pasco County area of the Mississippi Gulf Coast through his family medical practice for more than 25 years. His service has been steady and dedicated, highlighted by his return to the storm-ravaged MS Gulf Coast immediately following hurricane Katrina in 2005, where he provided health services to those who remained in the community.

By establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, you will be able to continue to provide for your own—and your family’s—financial future, while also supporting the mission of Belhaven University. Charitable Gift Annuities provide you with a dependable, guaranteed lifetime income, typically with a higher rate of return than most conservative investments—and it is never subject to market fluctuations. You will know exactly what you will receive, part of the income will be tax free, and you will be able to provide support that will ensure the future of Belhaven in perpetuity.

For more information on how a gift annuity can help you meet your charitable and personal financial goals, please call Larry Mills at 601-961-8889 or by e-mail, lmills@belhaven.edu.

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Richard Tillinghast

Reads Poetry and Speaks with Students

Belhaven hosted Richard Tillinghast, author of eight books of poetry and three books of non-fiction. Tillinghast read selected poetry and answered questions from the audience. This event was an evening for poetry lovers and beginners who want to learn more about the art of poetry.

“The reading by Tillinghast offers an opportunity to see and hear a writer who has shaped contemporary poetry over the past 40 years through his own accomplished poetry and through his perceptive review in the The New York Times Book Review of poetry written by others,” said Randall Smith, Chair of the Creative Writing Department at Belhaven.


U.S. Congressman Greg Harper Visits Belhaven

Belhaven’s American Government class received a special visit from U.S. Congressman Greg Harper. Harper spoke to more than 60 students, staff, and faculty at the invitation of Belhaven’s American Government adjunct professor, Judge Kemmet Griffiths.

While explaining the challenges of working in Congress, his role in government and legislative processes, he began to speak at length about his faith in God and how important it is to uphold moral and Christian principles in all our political systems.

For him, the encouragement he finds in Scripture and his Bible studies with like-minded individuals in government has helped him focus on the priorities in life.
The Belhaven softball team had an unprecedented season in 2011, finishing third in the NCAA National Championship in May. The Lady Blazers also won 50 games for the second consecutive season, completing the year with an overall record of 50-12. Belhaven was 12-8 in Southern States Athletic Conference play and took home the 2011 SSAC title by winning four straight games in the conference tournament.

"I’m proud of the girls and the run that they made this year considering the circumstances of a new staff and how they responded," said Belhaven Head Coach Kevin Griffin. "We didn’t have a great fall. No one knew what to expect over the grind of a 62-game season. Because we came together as a team and went further than any other softball team in the history of Belhaven’s program."

The Lady Blazers also made the national championship opening round for the third straight season and were 24-9 with a high ranking of #24 in the NAIA, "This was another great season for us and our program," said Head Coach Hill Denson. "We were able to win the SSAC Championship in our first year in the league, which is a big accomplishment considering that it is arguably the toughest baseball conference in the NAIA."

Belhaven Alum Tramaine Brock Early Season NFL Interception Leader for San Francisco 49ers

Tramaine Brock and Jacob Phillips, both former Blazers, were two of only three NAIA players that signed NFL contracts in 2010. "I'll take any Tramaine Brock who wants to fall in my lap any day of the week," said 49ers coach Mike Singletary. "He came in and he was just as humble as can be. He comes to work every day. He was a kid who was never late for practice, never missed a meeting, and was ‘Yes, sir,’ ‘No, sir.’ If something ever happened, I could say, ‘Tramaine,’ and he’d already know what he did wrong and correct it. He made my job easy."

Of his performance during training camp Brock said, "I wasn’t thinking about my chances of making the team. I was just going out every day and competing. I just wanted to go out every day and give everything I had and try my best to do whatever I could."

As a team, Belhaven averaged 69.7 points per game and scored a total of 2,181 points. The point production ranks second in school history for total points in a season and first in points per game. The Blazers also broke the school records for most rebounds in a season with 1,183 rebounds per game with an average of 41.9. Belhaven pulled down a total of 62 rebounds against Blue Mountain College on November 36th and 59 boards versus the University of New Orleans on December 1st. Those marks are good for second and third in the school record books respectively.

Baseball Wins Conference Championship

The Belhaven baseball team put together an outstanding 2011 season leading to the most wins in school history. The Blazers completed the schedule with an overall record of 45-18 and for the third consecutive season made it to the championship game of the NCAA National Championship Opening Round tournament. Belhaven also enjoyed great success as a first year member of the Southern States Athletic Conference. The Blazers finished third in the SSAC West Division at 16-7 but bided their time at the conference tournament and took home the SSAC Championship with a 4-1 result in tournament play.

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Women’s Basketball Wins Western Division

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Tennis on National Stage

The Belhaven men’s and women’s tennis teams both jumped back onto the national stage in 2011 under Head Coach Levi Patton. The Patton women finished the campaign with an overall record of 14-3 and were ranked 25th in the final NCAA Top 25 Poll, just missing a spot in the national tournament. The Blazer men had a solid 13-3 record and received votes throughout the season in the NCAA Top 25 Poll.

"2010-2011 was a huge step in the right direction for the Belhaven Men’s and Women’s tennis program,” said Coach Patton. "The men’s team spent most of the season in the receiving vote’s category with a high ranking of #30 in the NAIA. This was the first time in over a decade that the men’s team received votes in the poll. The women’s team not only received votes for the first time in school history but ended the year in the top 25 with a high ranking of #24 in the NAIA," adds Patton. "One of the highest honors that the Belhaven tennis program received was that of having eight NAIA Scholar Athletes. The men’s team had the most of any NAIA institution with five."

"This year was the culmination of many hours of hard work and preparation," commented Patton. "The tennis program is back and is again respected nationally. We have a goal of top 15 nationally next season on both the men’s and women’s side. We have many strong recruits coming in this fall also good from the US, Mexico, Colombia, and Germany that we think will take the program to the next level."

Men’s Basketball

The Belhaven men’s basketball team finished the 2010-11 season with an overall record of 16-15 and in the Southern States Athletic Conference West Division, putting them in a third place tie in the division standings. The team had a number of high points throughout the season as the Blazers adjusted to their new surroundings in the SSAC.

As a team, Belhaven averaged 73.9 points and 39.6 rebounds per game this past season. The 39.6 rebounds per night is third most in school history and the 1,228 total rebounds the team grabbed is also good for third in the Belhaven record books. The Blazers also blocked nine shots in a game three different times this year which ties the all-time record.
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