Walton Scholars Program Turns 20

Katrina Impacts JBU

2005 Homecoming & Reunion Photos
Dear Alumni and Friends of JBU,

The Thanksgiving season is upon us, and it offers a welcome rest in the midst of the end of the semester rush. We have much to be thankful for here at John Brown University as you can see in the pages of this Brown Bulletin.

We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Walton International Scholarship Program this year. I had the privilege of visiting with some of our Walton alumni in Panama and Guatemala this past May, and I was deeply impressed with the good work that they are doing. JBU alumni are leaders in national organizations, such as the Panama Canal Commission and the Guatemalan Tourist Board; they are leaders in business, managing divisions of multinational corporations; and they are leaders in their churches, serving as elders, deacons, and Bible teachers. I am thankful for how God is using these alumni to extend His Kingdom.

We are also grateful for the opening of the Soderquist Business Center this fall. It is the new home of JBU’s Business Division and of the Soderquist Center for Leadership and Ethics. Bringing these two groups together in the same building will offer extraordinary opportunities for JBU’s students to meet and learn from the leaders who are served by the Soderquist Center, leaders from corporations such as Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods, Sunstar, and CP Morgan, and leaders from non-profit organizations such as International Teams, Community Care Foundation, and the Hispanic Women’s Organization of Arkansas.

We also received wonderful news this past July. An anonymous donor has pledged $5 million to match, dollar for dollar, any new cash or deferred gifts to endowed student scholarships. We are calling this opportunity the $10 Million Challenge, and it will almost double JBU’s endowment and long-term commitments dedicated to student scholarships. We are deeply thankful to report that we have already received over $850,000 in new commitments to endowed student scholarships, all of which meet the criteria for the match. This means we have already raised $1.7 million toward the $10 million goal.

Finally, Carey and I are deeply grateful for God’s graciousness to our family in our first year of transition. Thank you for extending us such a warm welcome to the JBU community and for your support of John Brown University.

May God bless and keep you and your family during this Thanksgiving season, and may you join us in thanking Him from whom all blessings flow.

God-speed,

[Signature]

Dr. Charles W. Pollard
features

8 Walton International Scholarship Program Turns Twenty
   How WISP is impacting students, families, communities and countries.
   by Lucas Roebuck ’97

12 Hitting Home
   Seven hundred miles from the Gulf Coast, the JBU community is
   touched by Hurricane Katrina and her victims.
   by Andrea Phillips

16 Lady Golden Eagles Serve with Sports
   JBU women athletes learn that sports are a great bridge to
   ministry.
   by Dustin Tracy

18 Looking Back and Celebrating the Future
   Get a glimpse of 2005 Homecoming weekend events, including
   the dedication of the Soderquist Business Center.

departments

6 JBU In Focus

7 Chaplain’s Corner by Stan McKinnon

23 Stories from the Road by Jim Evans

24 Perspectives On ...
   “Responding to Disaster” by Dr. Charles W. Pollard

25 World View
   “Flight for Life Strives to Combat Africa’s Silent AIDS Tsunami”
   by Leila McNeill ’05

39 Flashback
   Business, SIFE, and WISP

John Brown University provides Christ-centered education that
prepares people to honor God and serve others by developing their
intellectual, spiritual, and professional lives.

COVER PHOTO Luke Davis ’05
PICTURED Andrea Mézáros, Senior Education Major
Walton Scholar from Costa Rica
Radio Memories

Congratulations on a great broadcasting issue! Having been a part of the JBU broadcasting program (1971-1978), I was anxious to see information concerning the earliest days of KJBU (JBU’s first student station) and my colleague, the late Dr. Ralph Kennedy, who laid the groundwork for the JBU broadcasting curriculum.

Some of your readers might remember that it was during the 1970s that JBU got its first color TV camera and video recorder (a 7 inch reel-to-reel machine), which worked sometimes. I remember the community Open House that was held in the Cathedral TV studio to demonstrate the new color TV equipment and the student-produced weekly TV program, “Local Color,” which was broadcast to the community over the local cable TV system’s weather scanner channel. To provide students with multicamera experience, TV classes were held Saturday mornings at KFSM TV studios in Ft. Smith. (The trip going and coming to class exceeded the length of the class itself).

Readers who were part of the KJBU radio staff may remember the third floor Cathedral studios, the switch from secular to contemporary Christian music, and visits to campus by band leader Ralph Carmichael, national radio program host Scott Ross, and football coach Lou Holtz. Who can forget the non-stop 60-hour marathons before finals week, during which two student deejays stayed awake (and hosted) the entire 60-hour broadcast live from the second floor of the Mabee Center.

Among the highlights during those years were the annual January road trips to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) convention. Who can forget Tom Smith’s craving for chicken livers at 3:00 a.m.? I remember a photo of John Hill and fellow students posing in front of the White House the year that the entire JBU broadcasting staff went to Washington to accept a national award given to JBU by the NRB.

Again, great job, and thanks for the memories.

Dr. Carl Windsor
Forest, VA

JBU Mail: Praise for the Advance Program

The letter below was sent to Carol Sullivan, administrative assistant in JBU’s Little Rock Center.

I graduated this past December from the Advance Degree Program in Hot Springs, and I wanted to share a story with you.

My wife and I recently launched Lamplight Designs, a quilt and cross-stitch pattern design company. This whole concept—the business plan, the web site, the marketing strategy—everything is a direct result of JBU and the Advance Degree Program. This is not something I would have thought possible five years ago. I cannot tell you the confidence I have as a result of having a degree from John Brown University. It has truly changed my life, and I own a company to prove it.

Also, over the past year, I’ve received a promotion and a significant pay increase at work, and I have enjoyed an almost 50 percent increase in my income over the last year and a half, thanks in part to having a degree from JBU. None of this would have been possible without some hard work on my part, but having a degree and showing the initiative to better myself was a significant step in improving my performance at work.

I’m telling you all of this because I want you and JBU to know how I feel about the Advance Degree Program. People who don’t take advantage of this program don’t know what they are missing and they don’t know how it can impact their life.

Thanks again for having patience with me for a year and a half, and all the help you provided.

Thanks,

Jimmy Sample ’04
Hot Springs, AR

Letters are published with the permission of the author. Some letters have been edited for length. Not all letters can be published. Published letters will be selected based on the value of their content, tone, clarity, and other similar characteristics. Send your letters by e-mail to Andrea Phillips at aphillips@jbu.edu or by U.S. mail to: Andrea Phillips, Brown Bulletin Editor, John Brown University, 2000 West University Street, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.
**JBU Climbs U.S. News Rankings**

JBU stepped-up two places to rank sixth in the Southern Region of the Best Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelor’s in U.S. News & World Report’s 2006 America’s Best Colleges rankings.

“We are pleased that JBU continues to be recognized for its growing academic and institutional strength,” said Dr. Charles Pollard, university president. “While these rankings offer a confirmation of our commitment to offer an excellent, Christ-centered education that shapes students’ intellectual, spiritual, and professional lives, the most important measure of our results continues to be the changed lives of our students.”

**CMFS Becomes CRE; Smalley Joins Staff**

The Center for Marriage and Family Studies changed its name July 1, 2005 to the Center for Relationship Enrichment under the continued direction of executive director, Dr. Gary J. Oliver.

Since 1998 when the Center was established, its focus has been on strengthening marriages and families through a variety of programs, activities, and resources. This focus has not diminished, but has broadened to include initiatives for building healthy relationships on university campuses and with churches.

“We are taking the foundation that was laid for the Center and building a better resource for students, community members, and people everywhere,” Dr. Oliver said. “It’s more than a name change—it’s an expanded vision for making a more significant and lasting impact on relationships.”

As part of the expanded focus, Dr. Greg Smalley joined the Center’s staff and will lead the church initiatives. For more information, visit www.liferelationships.org

**KLRC Ratings Are Among Best in NWA**

JBU students now have a chance to gain experience on a radio station that is at the top of its market. The latest Arbitron ratings information shows that KLRC is attracting more than 46,000 listeners each week in Northwest Arkansas, taking a 6.1 percent market share. This secures KLRC’s ranking as the most listened to Christian station in NWA and places the station among the top radio stations overall.

“Our staff and students could not be more excited! The Lord continues to use KLRC to touch more lives than ever before, all while providing one of the most unique hands-on broadcast training opportunities anywhere in the country,” said KLRC general manager Sean Sawatzky.

**JBU Replaces Lifestyle Contract with Community Covenant**

JBU’s Lifestyle Contract has received a facelift this year. The new document, the Community Covenant, is comprised of scripturally-based principles and the ensuing behavioral expectation.

In an article in *The Threefold Advocate*, Steve Beers, vice president of student development, elaborated on the foundation of the new document.

“The document wasn’t designed to change institutional policy but to change the focus to be more reflective of who we are,” Beers said. “It’s an attempt to define our community by what we do rather than what we abstain from.”

Students have responded positively to the change. To view the new document, visit http://www.jbu.edu/campus_life and select the Community Covenant link at the bottom of the page.

**JBU Receives Challenge to Add $10 Million to Endowment for Scholarships**

An anonymous donor has pledged up to $5 million in matching funds for all current and deferred gifts designated to new or existing endowed scholarships at JBU. The matching funds will be awarded to the university as corresponding funds are received from other donors. The university has three years to raise its $5 million share of the challenge in order to receive the full amount pledged by the anonymous donor. When completed, the effort will result in a $10 million increase in the endowment, nearly doubling JBU’s endowed scholarship funds.

“Supporting students is a top priority at John Brown University, and this new endowment challenge offers a fantastic vehicle to increase our financial aid for JBU students.” Dr. Charles Pollard, president of JBU, said. “We are deeply grateful for the challenge and for how people are responding to it.”

**New Business Center Opens**

JBU opened the newly constructed Soderquist Business Center in September and soon afterward celebrated with a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting on Oct. 6.

The 35,910-square-foot building is the new home for the Division of Business and the Soderquist Center for Leadership and Ethics (SCLE). The facilities include five classrooms, a computer lab, offices for faculty and
staff members, seminar rooms, meeting rooms, and open cubicles for staff and graduate students.

The building brings two successful programs – SCLE and the division of business – together into one location where business students can interact with corporate and organizational leaders. Students will benefit from the experience of professionals while professionals will benefit from the energy and vitality of students.

Alumnus Leads TV’s “Extreme Makeover” Crew

Construction management alumnus Jacob Tankersley ’02 served as the project manager for the construction of a new home for the television show “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.” The episode aired on ABC on Aug. 14.

The home that Tankersley worked on was located in Alma, Ark., and was built for a single mother of two whose oldest daughter was abducted ten years ago. Tankersley and his crew demolished the existing 1,100 square foot home and constructed an entirely new home that was over 4,000 square feet in only seven days.

Tankersley, who lives in Fayetteville, Ark., worked hard under the show’s time crunch and slept only three to four hours a day in a nearby hotel until construction was complete.

“We had only 106 hours to complete the house and it took us 105 hours,” he said.*

*Material for this story was provided courtesy of The McPhearson Sentinel.

Advance Program Expands with Wal-Mart Location

JBU has expanded its successful Advance Program to the home office of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville. The opportunity to finish a bachelor’s degree in organizational management through Advance Program classes is open to all professionals and Wal-Mart associates who are eligible for the program. Students are not required to be Wal-Mart associates.

Classes are held one night a week at the Wal-Mart Training and Development Center. Students learn from on-site JBU instructors in a seminar-style classroom.

“We are pleased to offer our associates the opportunity to finish their bachelor’s degree through this high quality program designed for working adults,” Sharon Bilgischer of the Wal-Mart People Development Division said.

“On-site classes at the home office of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. will help us to better serve working adults in the Bentonville area,” Phillip Beatty, JBU’s Director of Professional Studies Enrollment said.

JBU Offers Counseling in New C.A.R.E. Clinic

In September, JBU’s graduate counseling department opened a new counseling clinic for the community. The C.A.R.E. (Competence, Attitudes and Character, Relationships, and Essential Knowledge) clinic is located in the old People Care clinic at JBU. Counseling will be available to individuals or families at reduced rates.

“The C.A.R.E. Clinic has been designed to give graduate counseling students at JBU an easily accessible opportunity for further training and supervision, while making affordable counseling available to anyone in the community,” Stefanie Lay, C.A.R.E. clinic assistant said.

The staff consists of approximately 12 to 15 intern counselors who are available on a regular basis; two JBU faculty members who use the clinic for their private practices; and local counselors from the community who will use the center on a limited, part-time basis. The staff hopes to add a Spanish-speaking counselor to increase its ability to help serve the community in the near future.

Women’s Soccer Secures Conference Title

The John Brown Golden Eagles captured their first Sooner Athletic Conference regular-season women’s soccer title in October with a 2-0 victory over Oklahoma Baptist.

Kendra Rehner put the Golden Eagles on the board in the 38th minute with a goal off a corner kick by Nikki Ganter. Ganter then added the second goal in the 49th minute on an assist from Stacie Burley and Sharon Burley. Goalkeeper Natalie Wall made 3 saves to achieve the shutout.**

**This story was provided by JBU Sports Information. For more information about JBU athletics, visit www.jbu.edu/athletics.

For more information about these and other news stories, visit www.jbu.edu/news
Traveling Through the Wilderness

by Stan McKinnon
Director of Christian Formation

“Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp.”

Numbers 9:17

My favorite place is home. It is the place where I find my favorite people—my wonderful wife Laurie, my two incredible kids, Kati and Jackson, my dog Watson, and of course, the cat, Minerva. Home is my escape, a refuge, a place to find myself and God. It’s not that I don’t find God other places, but it seems easiest to connect with Him at home, because for me, that’s where I am most connected.

The Hebrew people had a vision of the home God was leading them toward: “a land flowing with milk and honey.” A place where they could raise their families in peace and find identity with their God. But before they got to the Promised Land they had to travel through the wilderness, a desolate, seemingly God-forsaken place. Yet, God was tangibly present to lead them in the form of a cloud by day and fire by night.

As they journeyed through the wilderness the Hebrews became so confused, divided, and idolatrous that they lost the vision of the Promised Land. They experienced a kind of temporary amnesia where they forgot who they were, and more importantly, Whose they were. They lost touch with their identity as the people of the one, true God. They took their focus off of God and began to dwell on their circumstances. They seemed to be lost in the desert with the Promised Land nowhere in sight. The only thing they could see was the wilderness, even though God’s presence, in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, was still leading them.

When the pillar and fire moved, the people moved; and when they stopped moving, the people stayed. The people of Israel were not called by God to find the Promised Land, but simply to seek the Lord and follow Him day by day. The end product was God’s responsibility, not theirs.

In the midst of our hectic lives, it is easy to get our focus off of God and focus on our circumstances. Whenever we seek the Lord for direction for our future, for help with a loved one, for insight into a job situation, it seems as if we are always in a cloud. It’s hard to see where we’re headed and what the end result may be. But we can be assured that as we seek Him with our whole heart, we will find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). And we’ll realize that God was in that very cloud we thought we were lost in, all the while leading us home to Himself.
The Walton International Scholarship Program turns 20 this year and celebrates two decades of impacting students, families, communities, and Central America.
Guatemala is a picturesque country of mostly mountains with narrow coastal plains and a rolling limestone plateau. After making Guatemala his home for nine years, Hendrick Lorentz '96 says the country’s natural environment is unparalleled.

“Guatemala is a very beautiful country with many natural resources and excellent weather,” said Lorentz.

However, beneath its rugged beauty, Guatemala is a troubled country, struggling with crime, government corruption, and a poor educational system, Lorentz described.

Lorentz, a graduate of JBU's Walton International Scholarship Program, hopes that he and the nearly 1,000 other Walton Scholar graduates will help bring healing and hope to Central America by engaging the workplace with principles of free enterprise, ethics, and values. His hopes echo the vision of the Walton Program, which entered its twentieth year this fall 2005 semester.

Founded in 1985 by Sam and Helen Walton, the Walton International Scholarship Program provides full scholarships for Central American students to come and study at one of three Arkansas universities: John Brown University, University of the Ozarks, or Harding University.

In return for the academic opportunity, the students pledge to spend at least four years in their home countries, using the skills they have learned in the U.S. to better their countries. Since the program’s inception, 251 Walton Scholars have graduated from John Brown University, said JBU Walton Program director Ron Johnson. Academically, the program has produced some impressive numbers.

“Over 90 percent of our Walton Scholars graduate,” Johnson said. “This is an incredible percentage when one realizes that graduation rates at many schools are in the 50 percentile range.

“Approximately 90 percent of our JBU Walton graduates have fulfilled their commitment to return to Central America or Mexico for a minimum of four years to make a significant difference for their homelands,” Johnson said.

What is more impressive than the program’s numbers is the impact alumni are having in the emerging Central American workplace. When asked about successful alumni, Johnson instantly recalled dozens of students who have graduated from JBU and have made a difference in their home countries.

One of those alumni is Julio Echegoyen '94. After graduating, Julio and his wife Vivian (Paz De Leon) ’94 were involved for a number of years with the Walton Alumni Association in Guatemala. When Echegoyen returned to Guatemala, he worked for the Proctor & Gamble unit there. A few years ago, he was asked by Proctor & Gamble to become its International Finance Manager, bringing him back to Northwest Arkansas where he now works at Proctor & Gamble’s Fayetteville office.

Another alumnus, Silvio Vargas ’92, has taken some of the entrepreneurial skills he learned at JBU back to his home in Managua, Nicaragua, to launch a number of enterprises. He serves as general manager of Plisa Duty Free, runs a toy store appropriately called “The Toy Store,” is involved in an Exxon station, and runs a copier company. In addition to that plateful, Vargas served a term on JBU’s

“My life at JBU has been the most amazing journey I could ever imagine. Besides the good education I got at JBU, just the experience of being involved in so many opportunities and extracurricular activities surrounded by so many different people has changed my perspective toward life.”

Michelle Godinez
Senior, Psychology Major
Guatemala

“The most significant benefit I have received from the Walton Program is growth. During these years of school, God has allowed me to grow academically, emotionally, spiritually, and relationally.”

Luis Cordero
Senior, Computer Science Major
Costa Rica

board of trustees and continues to serve in the Walton Alumni Association, assisting JBU with alumni activities in Nicaragua along with the yearly recruitment effort.

Certainly, Walton graduates are able to provide for themselves and their families in ways that they might not have been able had they not been a part of the program. But in many cases, the impact of the program extends into their communities and beyond.

Walton graduates who have landed positions of influence in multinational corporations have encouraged investment in Latin America. Johnson reports that one Walton graduate who worked for a multinational petrochemical company supervising Latin American marketing increased investments in his country ten-fold, creating a windfall of new jobs and economic development.

A number of Walton graduates are in positions to impact their countries by working in government and political positions. Such alumni include Philip Brackett '88 who works in the Ministry of Housing for Belize, Jose Castro '90 who works in the Ministry of Education in El Salvador, Jean Villagra '95 who works in the Ministry of Finance for Nicaragua, and Carlos Siercke '92 of Honduras and Cristy Andrino '89 of Guatemala who each work in Miami as the consulates general for their countries.

"Those individuals have an opportunity to affect the moral climate in their government," Johnson said. "It's a difficult position because there is often corruption, and a lot of people don't agree with the values and ethics that [the Walton graduates] put forth. But one person can make a difference."

Then there is Hendrick and his wife, Ana Lorentz. Ana (Samayoa) Lorentz '96 is a teacher at a Christian high school. Hendrick is a service manager for Canella S.A. in Guatemala City, and is teaching a course on ethical values and leadership at Universidad Mariano Galvez, a Christian university in Guatemala. "They tell of another aspect of impact that the Walton Program can have.

In addition to learning about the free enterprise system, Hendrick Lorentz also learned about the importance of God's love — something Lorentz says is critical to helping Guatemala.

"I think the impact that the Walton program has had in my life goes way beyond the simple fact of getting a degree," Lorentz said. "I can very well say that my life is divided into 'before the Walton scholarship' and 'after it.'"

What he learned about economics at JBU was meaningless without what he learned about God, he said.

"In my life after the Walton scholarship, not only have I had access to job opportunities that I could never had without it," Lorentz said, "but also I have come to know God and have a better understanding of what it really means to be a Christian and to build a relationship to Him."

"For me the Walton scholarship was a gift. Not because now I have a good job, but because I learned about Jesus and became a Christian through JBU."

Maribel Gruber Arjona '96
Auditor, Panama Canal Authority
Panama
(Shown here with her husband Franklin and daughter Lucia Isabella)
Walton graduate Maribel Gruber Arjona ’96 agrees that the Christian experience at JBU was an essential foundation for transformational changes she has experienced in Central America as a graduate.

Before she came to JBU, Arjona’s family was experiencing financial hardships. She was trying to work her way through school when the Walton Program selected her to come to JBU.

“We were living in one of the poorest areas of Panama trying to get a better income and a better way of living,” she recalled. “Now I am an auditor for the Panama Canal Authority. I have to say that I work for one of the best companies in Panama, thanks to God.”

For Arjona, the Walton Program didn’t just give her an American education—it pointed her to Christ.

“I had the privilege of studying in the U.S.,” she said, “but for me the Walton scholarship was a gift. Not because now I have a good job, but because I learned about Jesus and became a Christian through JBU.”

Arjona took the Christian foundation laid at JBU and led her husband, Franklin, to Christ.

“My husband became a Christian through me,” she said. “We are active members of a biblical Christian church, so for me the Walton scholarship saved my soul and my family’s soul.”

Although the traditional focus of the program has been on economic development, Johnson says that now many Walton Program alumni are taking advantage of the influence they have gained after returning to their home countries and are using it to invest directly into Christian ministry.

For example, Giovanni and Rachael (Jongeward) Pineda ’91 ’92 of Guatemala have become missionaries, working with Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) in New Delhi, India. After working for some years in engineering in Guatemala, Gio felt the call of God to serve first in Ethiopia and now India with SIM, Johnson reports.

Not only have Walton Scholars benefited from JBU over the last 20 years, but American JBU students have also benefited, having their worldviews expanded by the presence of so many international students. Currently, around 60 Walton students attend JBU from eight countries: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico and Belize.

Arjona said the program provided the opportunity for Americans to be friends with people of different countries, backgrounds, and cultures.

“We can all learn that different is not ‘bad’ — it’s just different. We can all learn something new and we might even apply it in our lives, and maybe our lives can change for better,” Arjona said.

“International students expand the world of those who have never lived overseas, and JBU expands the world of those [Walton Scholars] who come to Siloam Springs,” she said.

Although the program has seen many successes, much work remains in helping transform Central America. With a critical mass of Walton alumni now working back in their home countries, graduates are just starting to coordinate their efforts to be agents of change.

“The impact [of the Walton Program] has been a huge positive change in a person’s life and that of [the graduate’s] family,” Lorentz said. “However, we need to better integrate together as a Walton group to really leverage all the good things we all—the Walton alumni—have as individuals and as professionals. We are currently working to establish a permanent Walton committee that would help us provide a more concrete social impact.”

Lorentz and other alumni know that real change takes time. And as the Walton program enters its third decade, Johnson and the other program directors have high expectations that the best success stories are yet to come.
Seven hundred miles from the eye of the storm, JBU was safe from danger. Still, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina is
The destructive winds and rain of Hurricane Katrina never touched Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Still, Katrina left her mark on this small community and on JBU. Since Katrina struck the Gulf Coast at the end of August, JBU students, faculty, and staff have joined with people and organizations locally and nationally to volunteer their time, contribute donations, and lend their talents to serve Katrina’s victims on the coast and right here in Siloam Springs.

KLRC Calls for Help

When it became apparent that Katrina, a category five hurricane, would be coming ashore, staff members at JBU’s radio station, KLRC, began working with the local Red Cross to prepare Northwest Arkansas listeners for relief efforts. KLRC featured the Red Cross staff in broadcasts, telling listeners about Red Cross operations and needs as Katrina tore into the coast.

Almost immediately, the local Red Cross received calls from citizens asking about non-financial ways to help. They directed callers to KLRC, which served as an information center for the numerous agencies and organizations taking part in relief efforts. KLRC listeners and non-listeners alike called the station for information, and KLRC directed each caller to the agency that had the greatest need for the caller’s specific contribution, whether supplies, services, or volunteer labor.

Within hours of Katrina’s initial strike, a Springdale, Arkansas, church, Victory Family Worship Center, asked KLRC to help communicate information about the church’s extensive relief efforts on the Gulf Coast. Knowing that Victory had experience serving in disaster relief, and aware that Victory had both the resources and contacts to mobilize a relief effort on the Katrina-ravaged coast, KLRC chose to support the church’s efforts.

“It’s easier to pick one project to get people behind,” said KLRC program manager Melody Miller. “With Victory, we had the advantage of giving people a wide variety of opportunities to get involved in Northwest Arkansas and on the coast.”

KLRC informed listeners about the work of Victory’s mobile food kitchen and supply trucks, promoted volunteer opportunities in the church’s relief efforts, announced collection points where listeners could drop off supplies, and aired live broadcasts from local collection points and work sites in Mississippi.

Four for the Road

Among the countless calls to KLRC about volunteer opportunities, one of the first calls was a request from Ronnie Spess, a volunteer with Victory Family Worship Center. Determined to serve on the front lines of the disaster, Spess called KLRC to find four JBU student volunteers who would travel with her, taking supplies and aid to a church in Gulfport, Mississippi. JBU students Nathan Cozart, Nathan Fields, Valerie Raikes, and Seth Simmons were the first four to call Spess, and by 2:00 p.m. that same day, they were loading up a van in Springdale for the 15-hour trip.

Towing a horse trailer filled with bottled water, diapers, cans of gasoline, and other donated supplies, Spess and the students pulled into the parking lot of Gulfport’s Church of God in Christ on Saturday and joined the other volunteers distributing food and necessities to the stranded Gulfport residents. In a discussion following their trip, Cozart, Raikes,

“Everyone had the desire to work, and everyone was humble about it.”
:: Seth Simmons

and Simmons talked about their experiences.

“We were in a pretty rough part of town,” said Cozart, describing their surroundings in Gulfport.

“There were signs everywhere reading, ‘You loot, we shoot,’” Raikes added.

“We saw pretty wealthy communities, but it’s still completely demolished, so everything looks like rubble,” Cozart continued. “One’s just a shack that’s torn down, and the
other one’s a million dollar home that’s torn down.”

Although organizations including Feed the Children and Christ in Action had set up distribution sites, volunteers included a variety of people not associated with those groups. One volunteer was a Gulfport resident who, after losing his house to the hurricane, was living with his family in a car, spending his days helping distribute food to others. A group of friends from Chicago decided to simply hop in the car and go to where the need was.

“I guess they just have a passion for helping people,” said Cozart about some of the volunteers who appeared not to be Christians. “[Seeing the different people serving like this] is interesting to me, especially for a group that wasn’t a Christian organization and didn’t have lifestyles or language that would portray they were Christians. Why did they have such a concern for people? I guess compassion is a natural reaction for all people in situations like this.”

The generosity of Americans was evident, as the students saw numerous trailers full of supplies waiting to be unloaded at the main distribution location. The first day, they helped unload and sort supplies, set up the distribution site, and hand out food to the long lines of people who had walked as far as four miles to get what they needed. The next day the volunteers did it all again.

The students’ reflections on the volunteers they met and the organization they witnessed were both positive and negative. All agreed that one of the best aspects of the experience was seeing how well people who had no other connection to each other could work together, especially when there was so little organization.

“Everyone just had the desire to work, and everyone was humble about it,” said Simmons enthusiastically. “Whoever was willing to [take charge as a leader] just started [leading]. And they were respected and given authority,” he said.

Cozart added, “If you tell one person how to do something once, they’ll come back again. And they’ll tell everyone else to come to ask you also, because you have an answer. Anybody that had organizational ability or leadership skills just rose to the top.”

Raikes concurred. “If you look like you know what you’re doing, then you’re put in charge,” she said.

Not surprisingly, after only a couple of days on the scene, the JBU students were indeed put in charge of setting up a new distribution center in another church.

With ample supplies available and plenty of volunteers on hand, the frustrations the students felt were primarily with the lack of organization in the first days following the storm. There were too many supplies at one distribution center, no supplies at another distribution center, and no distribution centers at all in some of the smaller communities, they said.

“It sounded like a lot of organizations were doing way too much pre-organization, and just not getting food down there,” Raikes recalled.

Still, the group recognized the tension between the need for immediate action and the need for planned organization.

“There were times that there were so many people trying to do one task, it was difficult. But with more people, they needed organization of those people,” Cozart explained. “Maybe if they had more people and could organize it better, they could do multiple distribution centers.”

The overwhelming needs that surrounded them during the three days they spent on the Gulf made returning to Siloam Springs difficult for the students. Cozart, Raikes, and Simmons each expressed regret that they were not able to do more.

“We sit in an air-conditioned chapel, wearing clean clothes, with plenty to eat. And we know that those people down there are sweating, with no water, the same clothes for a week. Yeah, it was really hard,” Raikes said sadly.

**The Need Comes to Siloam Springs**

Meanwhile, other students’ enthusiasm to serve in relief efforts was bubbling on campus. Students held prayer meetings and talked eagerly about ways to help. Their desire to serve was satisfied a week after the storm when more than 500 evacuees from New Orleans arrived at Arkansas Baptist Assembly Grounds (ABA), just south of Siloam Springs.
The city of Siloam Springs organized a team of leaders from the community in an effort called Operation K.A.R.E. (Katrina Assistance Relief Efforts). A collection point was set up in the city community building. JBU’s Information Technology Services volunteered time and resources to provide computer stations and Internet connections at the campgrounds.

In spite of cooperative hearts, giving spirits, and willing hands, the local relief effort was often frustrated by confusing information about needs and resources. As the JBU students observed in Gulfport, in Northwest Arkansas there were often too many opportunities, too many volunteers, too many supplies, and too many conflicting instructions coming from the myriad organizers involved. As the bus of evacuees rolled into ABA, details about how many volunteers were needed, where they needed to report, and when they should arrive, were changing by the half-hour.

To help communicate the most accurate information to the campus community, JBU set up an intranet web page where students, faculty, and staff could learn how to get involved on a day-by-day basis. Retired JBU professor Lee Netherton and his wife, Nancy, served as liaisons between JBU and ABA, clarifying information, sending valid volunteer requests to the web site, and serving as JBU’s eyes and ears at the camp.

“It wasn’t that it was so disorganized that the work wasn’t taking place, but it wasn’t meshing real well,” Lee Netherton said. “Once the Siloam Springs churches were organized so that different churches were responsible for providing volunteers on different days, it made everything less confusing and more organized,” he continued.

In the first days that evacuees were housed at ABA, JBU students, faculty, and staff helped them get settled into their cabins, served meals, sorted clothes and supplies, and offered encouragement to the displaced people. One student was at the camp every morning by 6:00 a.m. to cook breakfast. Several JBU volunteers helped evacuees find and connect with relatives in other locations. JBU’s volleyball team spent a couple of afternoons leading recreational programs for children at the camp.

“JBU provided a big service, and it was clear that it was appreciated,” Lee Netherton said. “Working with them the first few days, we heard [evacuees] express deep appreciation that God had delivered them out of the stress and trouble they had experienced in New Orleans, into a place where people loved them and cared for their individual needs. They were very open in expressing that.”

By October 15 the residents of ABA were moved out of the camp. Several individuals and families decided to stay in the area, taking jobs in town and making Siloam Springs their new home. The Siloam Springs Herald Leader reported that 55 children remained in the school system after ABA closed as a shelter.

Ongoing Efforts

Although the urgent local need for relief efforts is over, people at JBU are aware of the ongoing needs in the Gulf Coast. Responding to those needs, JBU is partnering with Str8way Ministries and JBU alumnus Chase Willsie ’05 to organize a Thanksgiving trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi. Students, faculty, and staff will work in the clean-up effort.

(Continued on Page 36)
Over the past year the JBU women’s soccer and volleyball teams have seen massive success, dominating on the field and court. The team statistics are great, but they neglect to show the accomplishments of the off-season, the accomplishments that demonstrate the strength of heart and character beyond athletic prowess. Those accomplishments were most clearly seen in the countries of Ireland and Ecuador where JBU’s women athletes served in short-term missions.

The volleyball team raised money last year to take a team missions trip in March to Ecuador. There the team put on volleyball clinics for schools, helped in gym classes, and served in orphanages, caring for children and doing odd jobs from trimming hedges to office work.

Head coach Robyn Gordon believes combining sports with ministry is a great idea because sporting events draw so many people who won’t go to a church service.

“Sports are seen as a safe environment where you can be yourself. Athletes are also very respected, so people will listen to them and have more of an open mind about what the athletes are saying.”

“One of the toughest parts of the trip was going to talk with women who were in the local prison. The team worked with a local missionary who started the prison ministry program.

“Earlier in the week a strike had occurred and there was a threat of a more violent strike coming,” said Gordon. After talking about the potential dangers, the team decided to go in and talk to the inmates. “It was an incredible experience for our team. Fear and apprehension were the last things on our mind,” said Gordon.

The benefits of the mission trip were felt not only by the people the athletes served, but also by the athletes themselves.

“The girls came back changed for life,” Gordon said. “You always hear of us having it so good here in the U.S., but until you experience it first hand somewhere else, you are not truly affected forever. My players saw the pain and suffering of babies and kids, juveniles who made wrong choices, and adults who made one bad decision that changed their lives. They saw the terrible circumstances these people were in.”

Now that the girls have returned, many have decided to continue combining sports with ministry. Many are involved in coaching youth teams in Siloam Springs, where they find opportunities to share their faith with the youth players and to be mentors and positive role models.

Shortly after the volleyball team returned from their Central American trip, the women’s soccer team headed to Ireland for a missions trip and learned more about the need for support among young people.
of their own. In May, the team went to Belfast in Northern Ireland.

Like Gordon, women's head soccer coach Joe Thoma believes sports is a natural bridge to communicate spiritual things to those in need. Sports draws people in, Thoma said, and it gives the girls a common interest with their audience.

“The Bible has a lot of metaphors that can be connected to sports, training, and leadership situations,” Thoma said.

The JBU women held soccer clinics for local schools, conducted after-school programs, and played four soccer games with local club teams. After the club games, the team got to fellowship with their opponents over dinner.

“It was great to see the girls talk and share their faith,” said Thoma. “I wanted to take the girls on a mission trip to build the team up and help them grow, to put them in a place where they can build their faith.”

Thoma feels that the trip gave the JBU girls an opportunity to see how they can use their soccer talents to do God’s work. Some want to be coaches in public schools and club teams, using soccer to create ministry opportunities, Thoma said.

“I don’t know if any of them knew that the Lord could use them in a soccer-specific way. Now I think many of the girls understand that they do have a ministry in what they do,” Thoma said.

“Any time people get out to serve the Lord and broaden themselves it is positive. After all, we are called to go and spread the Good News,” Thoma said.
At Homecoming 2005, you could tour the new Soderquist Business Center, reminisce with classmates at one or more of the thirteen reunion gatherings, watch the exciting soccer and rugby games under a perfectly blue Arkansas sky, or go into Sells Gymnasium for some great JBU Volleyball. You could enjoy the stellar acting of students in the play “The Survivor,” watch as a beautiful new sculpture was dedicated in recognition of the selfless service of Ida Adolphson, and have your spirit lifted by the amazing performance of the Sound Generation at Showcase.

I hope these pictures bring back lots of memories of the wonderful weekend. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Homecoming 2006 on October 6th and 7th!

Jerry Rollene ’75
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

---

top left - Carole (Wagner) Maines ’68, former chair of the education department Roger Iddings, Joy Iddings, and Ida Adolphson at the reception preceding the dedication of the new sculpture honoring Ida Adolphson

top middle - Les Kline ’69 received the Outstanding Alumnus: “Christ Over All” Award

above - JoAnn and Don Soderquist cut the ribbon to commemorate the opening of the Soderquist Business Center as President and Mrs. Charles Pollard, members of the Soderquist family, former President and Mrs. Lee Balzer, and other guests look on.
Homecoming 2005
Through all generations.
below - Steve Onnen ’82 and Sue (Cook) Mellema ’83
bottom left - Jan (Rankin) Hollingsworth ’62 and
Francene (Davis) Sharp ’62
right - volleyball reunion

above - organizers of the Sound Generation reunion and Showcase performance, Skip Murphy ’64, J. R. Whitby ’71, John Coates ’72, John McCullough ’71, and Roger Byrd ’71
Homecoming 2005
Throughout All Generations

above - 2005 Heritage Society

above left - Mary Diedrich ’70 and junior scholarship recipient Kyndel Liggett at the scholarship banquet
below - the Sound Generation performing at Showcase
THE 10 MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE!

Matching Gift Opportunity Can Double Your Donation to JBU

By Jim Krall and Paul Eldridge ’88

We’re thrilled to share news about a great opportunity for alumni and friends of John Brown University! Why is it so great? Because we have been given a unique opportunity to help them double their gifts when they give to new or existing endowed scholarships at JBU! Our goal is to add $10 million in new scholarship funds to the endowment, so we are calling this opportunity the $10 Million Challenge.

One of JBU’s good friends has anonymously pledged up to $5 million in matching funds for all current and deferred gifts designated to new and/or existing endowed scholarships that meet minimum criteria. As JBU raises endowed scholarship funds, the anonymous friend will match gifts dollar for dollar, essentially doubling each qualifying gift.

JBU has three years to raise its $5 million share of the $10 million, but we won’t have to wait three years to see the benefits. If a gift meets the criteria, the match will be made immediately! This means that when a qualifying gift is given this December or January, students could start receiving scholarship funds from the gift and the match as early as next fall. Think what that could mean to a student who is wondering right now how to finance next year’s education! Remember when you were asking yourself that very question?

Current gifts (cash, appreciated securities, appreciated real estate), charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities (both of which create lifetime income for the donor), life insurance, and revocable deferred gifts amended to irrevocable deferred gifts will qualify for the challenge ($10,000 minimum for current gifts and $20,000 minimum for irrevocable deferred gifts). With the match, each gift of $10,000 will be doubled to become a $20,000 gift. Each gift of $20,000 becomes $40,000!

JBU has already raised $1.5 million toward the $10 million goal. In the excitement of this new opportunity, several friends and alumni have already jumped in to be a part of the $10 Million Challenge. Here are some of their stories:

Barbara “Bobbie” Laughlin, ’55, gave a gift of real estate, combined with a cash gift, to her existing endowed scholarship. This amount was matched, and as a result, her scholarship was increased by $20,000. It will now award an additional $1,000 per year, every year, for student scholarships.

Bea Badalich, a friend of JBU from California, committed a gift of real estate to establish the Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Badalich Endowed Scholarship. The value of the real estate will be matched, and as a result, her new endowed scholarship will be over $150,000. This amount will generate between $7,000 and $8,000 per year, every year, for student scholarships.

Two anonymous donors changed the revocable designation on their charitable remainder trusts to irrevocable, and established three new Distinguished Professor Endowed Scholarships in honor of JBU’s three distinguished professors: Drs. Lee Netherton, Shirley Forbes-Thomas, and James Walters. Each of these new scholarships will ultimately be funded with $200,000. Each scholarship will generate approximately $10,000 per year, every year, for student scholarships.

It is breathtaking to be an eyewitness to what God is doing at John Brown University! If you can join us in this challenge, or if you just want to talk about it, contact your regional director of development or call:

Jim Krall
Vice President for University Advancement
jkrall@jbu.edu
(800) 446-2450 or (479) 524-7145

Paul Eldridge, J.D.
Director of Development and Planned Giving
pleldridge@jbu.edu
(800) 446-2450 or (479) 524-7468
By Jim Evans, Regional Director of Development

When I made my first trip to the Minneapolis area, I received quite a reception! I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with a number of folks who were excited to see JBU reaching out to their area.

At one such visit, I got a first class, behind-the-scenes tour of the Minnesota Zoo where Melanie Sorensen ’98 works as an Interpretive Naturalist. Melanie gets to teach school groups about the zoo animals, lead camp programs at the zoo, take animals to schools and hospitals in the “zoomobile” for presentations, and even sleep in front of the dolphin tank with groups that want to spend the night at the zoo. Melanie loves having the opportunity to work with people, educating them about God’s creation, and explaining how it is an expression of His love for us.

In the picture, Melanie is standing beside a sign at the zoo that tells the story of a little gibbon monkey that was rescued from an abusive situation in Thailand, thanks to Melanie. While visiting a market outside of Bangkok, Melanie saw the monkey, which was obviously drugged and was being used by its owner to attract tourists for money. Melanie, who had just been visiting the center for the Gibbon Rehabilitation Project in Phuket, Thailand, notified the Project of the monkey’s plight. The gibbon was rescued and sent to the Project’s rehabilitation center.

In a recent email, Melanie said, “God has given me so many blessings within my career life. I am thankful for the great education at JBU and the biology professors who were so helpful to me, especially Dr. Seward’s encouragement during difficult course loads. He always had faith in me when I lost faith in myself.”

Melanie, who says that education on environmental conservation is a gateway to reaching people for Christ, is now planning a year-long sabbatical from the zoo, during which she will work with a Christian environmental organization in Africa as well as a biological research station in Costa Rica.

By the way, Melanie has suggested that we have an alumni event at the zoo. If anyone is up to it, you can even spend the night in front of the dolphin aquarium! If we get it set up, those of you in the Minneapolis area will be the first to know.

We need to remember to praise God for our alumni. At each visit, they consistently asked if JBU was still committed to spiritual growth and a Christ-centered education. I was honored to inform them “Christ Over All” is more than an ideal. It is reality.

Mind your own (and a JBU student’s) business!

Get involved in the JBU Career Network

When you become part of JBU’s Career Network, you can play a key role in guiding a student’s career path by connecting them with internship and job opportunities where you work.

To learn more, visit www.jbu.edu/alumni or contact:

Dan Noyes, Director of Career Development at (479) 524-7282
Jerry Rollene, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations at (479) 524-7212
Perspectives On ...  
Responding to Disaster

by Dr. Charles W. Pollard, President

We have clearly seen a terrible natural and human disaster in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. I have been deeply encouraged by the desire of many of you to know the best way to help in this situation. It is an expression of your compassion for those who are hurting and it reflects your commitment to Christ.

We should recognize that this disaster is a part of living in a world broken by sin. The hurricane has caused death, disease, and destruction, all evidence that the natural world is not right because of sin. As God’s blessings flow to both sinner and saint alike, so also some of the destruction of living in a fallen world falls upon sinner and saint alike. Moreover, sin has affected all aspects of life, including the natural world. It is why Paul suggests in Romans 8 that creation eagerly anticipates its liberation from the bondage of sin. We should respond to these natural disasters with mercy for those who are suffering, not with judgment.

We should be careful to check our egoism at the door before we go to serve others. There is a natural excitement about helping people in a catastrophe which others have described as unprecedented, historic, and even biblical. However, we should be careful that our service is not all about us. In fact, it may well be true that we will be more blessed by coming into contact with those who have suffered than we will bring blessing to them. We are called to be obedient rather than spectacular in our service.

Indeed, the service of a Christian should be characterized by “a long obedience in the same direction.” The true nature of our service will not be measured in the next week or so, but in the next months and perhaps in the next years. Will we still be ready to help in six weeks or six months when all of the TV coverage is over and the pressing concerns of daily life are upon us again? Let us commit to be patient, consistent, and long-term in our service, not only when there is national tragedy, but also with the common, ordinary tragedies that occur around us every day. Let us develop through this experience the lifelong habit of serving those in need and being served by them because we have much to learn from those who have suffered.

Finally, let’s not forget that God continues to call us to do our collective work as faculty, students, and staff here at the university. I hope that you volunteer to serve, but I also hope that you will continue to do your homework and go to class. I have a great faith that your education at JBU will help prepare you to serve even more effectively as agents of the Kingdom of God. We should not see the events of the last week as calling us to choose between the classroom or disaster relief; it can be both the classroom and disaster relief.

Because, you see, I am fanciful enough (or perhaps faithful enough) to imagine the day ten years from now when the next hurricane hits New Orleans or Florida or Guatemala that an engineer trained at JBU might be just the one who comes up with a way to close the levee (or better yet designs a levee that will not break). Or, perhaps, a counseling student trained at JBU will remember the moment in the lecture on grief that will help them respond to the deep need of a client mourning the loss of a loved one. Or, perhaps, the microbiologist trained at JBU will discover the way to purify the water to stop the environmental damage of the hurricane. I believe that God has called us here to learn to be more effective servants, and it is a holy and worthy calling. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t be in this business of education. So let us both serve and study as we seek to bring both mercy now and mercy later by becoming more effective servants for God’s Kingdom. May it always be true of the people of JBU.
Oil splattered the windshield of a tiny, single engine Cessna in flight. The pilot declared an emergency and lowered the 800-pound overweight aircraft to the cleared runway in Bangor, Maine.

For over a year, the pilot, Ron Maines ’67, and his friend and navigator Dave Maupin, prepared for their flight around the world that would begin July 9, 2005 to promote AIDS awareness. They wanted to do something about the six thousand children being orphaned in Africa each day because of AIDS. The AIDS crisis is decimating villages and creating a “silent tsunami,” so called because it claims as many lives each day as the South Pacific tsunami did in December 2004.

“It’s a message to say that even though it is silent, it doesn’t mean that it isn’t real,” Maines noted.

Maines and Maupin were attempting to fly from California to Nairobi, Kenya with minimal necessary stops along the way. Engine trouble caused their emergency landing in Bangor, Maine, just a day after their departure from Redlands, California, and ended their flight for good.

“Fire trucks surrounded us, and I hoped we could stay in the plane and be towed back to the line,” Maines reflected. “The fire chief came to the aircraft and gently explained that what he saw was a hot engine covered with oil, an aircraft with 300 gallons of aviation fuel, and two old guys in orange exposure suits sitting right in the middle of it all. Did we want to become ‘crisy critters,’ or what?”

Maines had to concede that the flight was finished. However, the men proved to be successful in their efforts.

The goal of their flight was to raise funds for the Shepherd’s Home Children’s Sanctuary in Nairobi, Kenya. The home is a refuge for orphans who are HIV negative but whose family members have been devastated by AIDS.

“God directs our paths and the circumstances that we face in life,” Maines related. “Often, the way things happen are not the same as we had envisioned them. However, we are still able to see His hand in the process. Dozens of people had prayed for our safety, and we are safe.”

To date, Maines and Maupin have raised $90,000 in cash and $100,000 in commitments from Southern California Rotary clubs. They hope matching funds from Rotary International and Nairobi Rotary clubs will increase the total to $300,000 over the next two years. As an immediate result, Shepherd’s Home will be able to expand from one home to four homes in three cities and increase its combined occupancy from 24 to almost 125 children.

“That was our vision,” Maines noted. “The flight was a strategy for raising awareness and not the primary objective in our two year vision effort. The objective was to expand the base of assistance to children. The aircraft and the flight were tools.”

“AIDS has plagued Africa, and is increasing in China and India. AIDS will come to America in the same intensity, unless we tell the story,” Maines argues. “We should be beacons for the message of abstinence.”

The flight problems might have thwarted Maines and Maupin’s round-the-world flight, but they were not stopped. “Don’t be afraid to dream and reach beyond where it looks comfortable and possible,” Maines said. “You never know what can be done unless you try.”

If you would like to read more information or to donate to this cause, go to www.quartersforkenya.org.
We’re now including wedding and birth announcements within the decade sections of the alumni notes. For publication in future issues, please send information and photos to JBU Alumni Relations, 2000 West University Street, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 attn: Alumni News. For the most current classmate information, or to update your own information, go to www.jbu.edu/alumni

In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
Secrets to a Successful Homecoming Revealed!

I confess that when we decided to publicize this year’s Homecoming by saying, “They just keep getting better and better,” I wasn’t sure that we could live up to the wonderful homecomings of previous years. I just completed my first full year as alumni director, so I’m still learning the ropes and facing some uncertainties here and there. My predecessors, including Troy Johnson ’91, Mel Phillips ’69, Steve Onnen ’82, and Adriane (Hall) Carr ’73, had succeeded in raising the bar for the Homecoming weekend to the point that I thought my efforts could not possibly create the impact theirs did.

Then there were the other factors to consider: spiking gas prices and the needs of so many in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These concerns seemed to overshadow rather than encourage a gathering of alumni on a campus in Northwest Arkansas.

In preparation for this signature event, however, I discovered one of the indispensable secrets of my predecessors: the secret to a successful Homecoming is found in the people who come. Something inspiring happens that transcends programs and schedules when you gather a group of alumni on campus. Retired JBU professor Dr. Andy Bowling described it in his comments after attending one of the class reunions. He said:

“I have spent about two and one-half hours listening to the lives of you young people, but instead of being bored, I was reveling in the contact of your experiences and was quite emotionally moved ... I have been blessed, deeply blessed, by sharing in your lives this morning. I have shared in your successes, your failures, your recoveries from failure, and the sorrows of your lives. And it all brought a sense that the efforts and time spent here [as a professor] was worth it.”

The stories of our lives that we share with each other make the pilgrimage back to JBU a worthwhile journey. There are times during the Homecoming weekend when you feel you are sitting at the feet of a spellbinding storyteller, when suddenly you realize you are listening to one of your own classmates recalling the simple yet profound tales of their ride through life, explaining how God stood by them along the way. You are JBU’s secret that makes each Homecoming “better and better!”

Jerry Rollene ’75
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
In order to protect the privacy of JBU alumni and prevent the misuse of personal information on the Internet, we have deleted the alumni news from this online edition.
and serve families in that area. Dan Lambert, associate professor of youth ministries, is leading the trip and hopes to have 100 students involved.

“I think we have two goals. One is to do as much physical labor as we possibly can to help as many families as possible. The second may be even more important, and that is to give an emotional and spiritual boost to people who are very discouraged about their lives and communities. They need to know that America still cares about them and wants to help,” Lambert said.

“JBU has long been committed to ‘Head, Heart, Hand.’ This has to apply to helping people off campus and doing that in sacrificial ways,” Lambert continued. “These events cause us to reexamine our priorities. . . . Most of us value our comfort and conveniences too much. The victims of hurricane Katrina haven’t felt that since late August, and no one knows when they will experience true comfort again. Giving up a relaxing and fun Thanksgiving week at home to serve those who lost everything seems like an easy decision.”

Future mission trips to the Gulf Coast during Christmas break, spring break, and perhaps next summer are in the works. ■
JBU Faculty and Staff Publications

When JBU faculty and staff are named as experts in their fields, it gives evidence to the quality of JBU’s academic program. JBU is proud to recognize those faculty and staff members who have recently been published, demonstrating that their work is as valued in the marketplace as it is within our campus community.

Frank Blume, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics
*Applied Calculus for Scientists and Engineers: A Journey in Dialogues*
A functional pedagogical approach to calculus that is uniquely suited to make transparent essential problem-solving strategies. (Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2005)

Lisa Brandom, Ed.D., Professor of English
*The Skagway Connection: A Spiritual Journey*
This non-fiction piece is focused on Brandom’s reflections from childhood and her seven-month odyssey to the Northwestern United States and Alaska. (Moon Lake Publishing Company, 2005)

Four Women, One Century: A Family Memoir
The stories in this non-fiction piece center on the lives of four women in the twentieth century. (Moon Lake Publishing Company, 2005)

*The Panage Papers*
Excerpts from John Panage’s journal, highlighting events during and after the Cold War. (Moon Lake Publishing Company, 2005)

Gary M. Guinn, Ph.D., Professor of English
*A Late Flooding Thaw*
In this novel, set in the violent world of Pentecostal religion in the Ozark Mountains at the turn of the twentieth century, grace offers hope, but the failure of love brings destruction. (Moon Lake Publishing Company, 2005)

Jonathan Himes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English
*Waldere: Anglosaksinen muinaismu


Dan W. Lambert, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Youth Ministries
*Teaching that Makes a Difference*
This textbook reviews all aspects of traditional and contemporary theories and experience in youth ministry, but also points to the future. (Youth Specialties Books, published by Zondervan, 2004)

Gary J. Oliver, Ph.D., Professor of Marriage and Family Counseling
*A Woman’s Forbidden Emotion*
Co-authored by H. Norman Wright, this book displaces the popular notion that good Christian women should not get angry and addresses how anger can be a vital tool in God’s hands for bringing about needed change. (Gospel Light, 2005)

Charles W. Pollard, Ph.D., President
*New World Modernisms: T. S. Eliot, Derek Walcott, and Kamau Brathwaite*  
Pollard raises the suggestion that modernism has traveled so well because it has been transformed by its journey. (University of Virginia Press, 2004)

Greg Smalley, Psy.D., Director of Church Relationship Ministries at The Center for Relationship Enrichment
*The Marriage You’ve Always Dreamed Of*
This book offers couples usable, practical tools to help them break from discouraging patterns and increase the level of satisfaction in their marriages. (Tyndale House, 2004)

*The DNA of Parent-Teen Relationships: Discover the Key to Your Teen’s Heart*
Co-written with Dr. Gary Smalley, this book informs parents how to prepare their son or daughter for life as a successful, solid Christian adult. (Tyndale House, 2005)
Benefits of a JBU Charitable Gift Annuity

1. **ATTRACTIVE RATES.** When you compare our gift annuity rates with what you might receive from a certificate of deposit you will be pleasantly surprised. (Rates are between 4.7%–11.3%*.)

2. **REGULAR PAYMENTS.** When you establish your gift annuity, you decide how often you want to receive your payments (with certain restrictions).

3. **FIXED INCOME.** Your payment rate will be locked in at the time you obtain your gift annuity.

4. **LIFETIME BENEFIT.** Gift annuities are for life. And if you have a two-life gift annuity, when one person dies, the other can continue to receive the same amount for the rest of his/her life.

5. **DEPENDABLE SOURCE.** JBU stands behind each of its gift annuities. Guaranteed.

6. **RELIEF FROM TAXES.** Since part of your contribution for a gift annuity is considered a charitable gift by the IRS, you will receive an income tax charitable deduction to apply on an itemized tax return.

7. **SIMPLE PROCESS.** We can provide you with a tailor-made illustration so you can see how it all works with your age and contribution amount included.

Interested in enjoying these benefits? Are you at or near retirement age? Let us give you more information.

Contact Paul J. Eldridge, Director of Development & Planned Giving, or contact your Regional Director of Development:

James Elliot  
Jim Evans  
Eric Greenhaw

call (800) 446-2450

**JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY**

* Rates will vary depending upon age and number of beneficiaries.
It’s been an exciting fall at JBU! The new Soderquist Business Center opened in September, and the Walton International Scholarship Program is celebrating its 20th year at JBU. To honor these milestones, we decided to glance back to WISP and business at JBU.

at top and top left: The SIFE World Trade Expo of 1992 was held in the John Brown University gymnasium.

above: Dr. Don Balla teaches a class in the LRC.

left: The first Walton Scholars at JBU pose with Sam Walton.
Family Weekend

Save the date!
February 17-18

The Student Talent Show
Basketball & Rugby Games
Meet The President & Much More!

For information & registration go to www.jbu.edu/parents

Brown Bulletin
John Brown University
2000 West University Street
Siloam Springs, AR 72761