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Summer 2007
Dear Alumni and Friends of JBU,

I read “The Lantern Out of Doors,” a poem by Gerald Manley Hopkins, as the final prayer for the graduating seniors during the baccalaureate worship service. The speaker of the poem reflects on the many people who “go by me, whom either beauty bright / In mould or mind or what not else makes rare.”

Hopkins often reminds us how each person is rare, each has a distinct identity, each contributes to reflecting the image of God by more fully expressing their exceptional difference. As I watched the faculty, staff, students, and families at graduation, I was struck again by the variety of people that God has brought together at JBU to reflect His image and to do His work.

It is a privilege for me to catch a glimpse of that “beauty bright” in the minds of Dr. Brian Greuel and his undergraduate research students as they splice genes to understand better the central nervous system. I have seen it in the faithfulness and love of Dr. Jim and Lynda Walters as they live with the physical challenges of multiple sclerosis. I have heard it in Coach John Sheehy’s impassioned speeches to his players, encouraging them never to give up on a possession. And I have recognized it in Bill George’s steadfast commitment to JBU through his 50 years of service on the board of trustees.

Indeed, we had a very tangible expression of how each person makes a unique contribution to JBU’s mission this semester through our “Rock the Cathedral” project. Almost 400 faculty, staff, and students bought a stone to help restore the Cathedral Group buildings. Although the stones were the same in color, size, and texture, each person made a stone his or her own by inscribing the back with a name, verse, promise, or prayer.

JBU is stronger because it is made up of people who are rare. I trust that in reading the Brown Bulletin you too will get a glimpse of the “beauty bright” of the individuals here at JBU, and I encourage you to share your own distinct refraction of God’s image with us and others.

Godspeed,

Dr. Charles W. Pollard
Scientific Discovery
JBU students are learning firsthand what genetic research is all about. In the process, they’re contributing to scientific advancement.
by Andrea Phillips

No Greater Love
For better and for worse, in sickness and in health, Jim and Lynda Walters continue loving each other as they live with multiple sclerosis.
by Hannah Nielsen
Where did all the alumni addresses go?
Brown Bulletin Editor Explains Changes

Dear JBU alumni,

Take a glance at our Alumni News section in the back of the magazine, and you'll notice a fairly significant change: We are no longer printing alumni addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses in the Brown Bulletin. There are a number of reasons behind this change, but perhaps the most important reason is our desire to protect your personal information from falling into the wrong hands.

Unfortunately, we all are too familiar with concerns of identity theft, unwelcome solicitation, and privacy. We at JBU felt it was in the best interest of our alumni to no longer publish personal contact information in the magazine where anyone at all could see it.

We are, however, still committed to helping alumni stay in touch with each other and share their news with friends and classmates. We will continue to print alumni news—that is, information about your life's journeys, your work, your marriage, your children, your successes, and your adventures—in the pages of the Brown Bulletin. Keep sending that news to us so we can share it with your fellow alumni.

Your addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses can be updated and shared on our secure web site for alumni, JBU AlumNET (www.jbualumni.com). Once you create your free account, you can put all that information and more in your online directory listing, and you can choose which pieces of information people can see when they look up your name. Update your information whenever you choose, as often as you choose. Your friends will be able to see the new information almost immediately. (No more waiting for the next issue of the magazine!)

Once you're registered at AlumNET, you'll also be able to access the online directory to search for your friends and classmates, find their contact information, see their pictures, and read their comments if they have included that information for viewing. In each issue of the Brown Bulletin, we will include a list of people (organized by class decade) who have updated their contact information in the AlumNET directory, so you'll know when to update your own address book with their new information.

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Andrea Phillips
Brown Bulletin Editor

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JBU Completes $10 Million Challenge with Time to Spare

JBU announced in January that it completed fundraising for the $10 Million Challenge, the endowed scholarship campaign initiated by an anonymous donor’s pledge of $5 million in matching funds if JBU raised $5 million. The university had three years to complete the challenge, but the eager participation of alumni and friends allowed JBU to reach the $5 million goal in only 18 months.

“The enthusiastic response from donors was amazing,” Paul Eldridge, director of planned giving, said. “In the first six months, we received approximately 33 percent of the goal from people who recognized the great opportunity and jumped on board immediately.”

When all the funds are received, the new funds will increase JBU’s scholarship endowment from $12 million to more than $22 million. Funds include current gifts and deferred gifts that will be available in the future when they mature. Starting this fall, over $300,000 in new scholarships will be available to JBU students.

“We have been blessed by the generous response of so many friends of JBU to this challenge to support JBU students through endowed scholarships,” Dr. Charles Pollard, JBU’s president, said. “These endowment gifts will help generations of students, and we are deeply grateful for that support.”

For inspiring stories of people who participated in the $10 Million Challenge, see page 25.

Speech and Debate Team Crowned Arkansas State Champs, Place 10th in National Tourney

In February, JBU’s speech and debate team was crowned the state champion team for Arkansas universities at the Mardi Gras Classic and Tri-State Tournament held at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. This is the third time in four years that JBU’s team has won the state championship. JBU secured the state championship by placing first overall in debate for Arkansas schools and first overall in individual events.

In its quest for the state championship, JBU team members garnered multiple individual awards, winning or placing in events including novice parliamentary debate, public debate, public speaking, communication analysis, dramatic duo, and extemporaneous speaking.

With this tournament success, JBU once again qualified every member of the team for the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament held at Central Michigan University in March. Of the 55 schools from around the nation competing, JBU placed 10th overall. The team secured several individual awards, and in the category of parliamentary debate, JBU placed 33rd in a field of 232 teams.

Faculty, Staff, and Students “Rock the Cathedral” to raise $105,000 for Renovations

In a chapel service on February 23, President Charles Pollard asked faculty, staff, and students to get involved in the Cathedral Group Project, a campaign to fund major renovations to the Cathedral, Art, and Engineering buildings. President Pollard asked the JBU community to pray for the project, to share their JBU memories from the buildings, and to give financially.

The financial goal of the challenge was to raise $35,000, an amount that will pay for the stones that will clad the exterior of the Cathedral. Each $25 donation paid for one stone. An anonymous donor committed to match each dollar raised by the JBU community up to $35,000.

Students helped to lead the charge for this on-campus campaign, which was dubbed “Rock the Cathedral” (pun intended). They encouraged people to share stories, collected donations, and distributed promotional material that featured an image of John Brown, the founder, in a pose reminiscent of Uncle Sam’s World War I recruiting posters.

Those who participated in the campaign in any way were invited to write a message on the back of pieces of limestone that will be used to clad the Cathedral, therefore symbolically leaving their mark on the building.

The JBU community rose to the challenge and raised $35,000 with 87 percent of faculty and staff and 13 percent of students getting involved. With the matching gift from the anonymous donor, the JBU community brought in $70,000.

“I deeply appreciate the response of the JBU community. It has been yet another very tangible example of the deep commitment of JBU’s people to the mission of the university.
It is a privilege to work with such committed people,” said President Pollard.

At JBU’s spring board of trustees meeting in April, President Pollard described the campaign to board members. One board member and spouse were so moved by the efforts of the JBU community and the anonymous donor that they gave an additional gift of $35,000, bringing the total raised through the Rock the Cathedral campaign to $105,000.

Visit www.jbu.edu/cathedralproject to watch videos and learn more about the Cathedral Group Project.

Commemorative Stones Mark Beginning of Renovations on Cathedral’s 50th Anniversary

JBU celebrated the beginning of the Cathedral Group renovation project with a commemorative placement of the first stones on the outside of the Cathedral of the Ozarks April 26. A student, a faculty member, a staff member, a board member, John Brown Jr., and President Pollard each placed stones in the brief ceremony. The celebration service also marked almost to the day the 50th anniversary of dedication of the Cathedral, which occurred on April 28, 1957.

JBU is in the final stages of the campaign to raise funds for the renovation and preservation of the Cathedral Group. JBU has raised 90 percent of the funds needed to complete the $6.1 million renovation project, and expects to raise the additional funds by July 2007.

JBU Fine Arts and Communication Hosts First Arties Awards

The bright lights, glamour, and high spirits of a red carpet event came to JBU in March when the Division of Fine Arts and Communication hosted the Arties in the Cathedral of the Ozarks. An Oscar-styled student works award show, the Arties recognized the outstanding work of student artists, designers, actors, broadcasters, and musicians. Each winner received a gold Arties statuette. The ceremony was sponsored by the Communication Arts Student Group (COAST), a student-led visual communications organization.

The event began with a red carpet entrance for the nominees, complete with JBU paparazzi and a live telecast of the “stars” arriving broadcast on campus. There might not have been as many tuxes and evening gowns as seen at the Oscars, but attendees displayed their enthusiasm for the event dressing in attire ranging from fashionable to funky.

The Arties, which was free and open to the public, featured award presentations combined with live musical performances. The entire event was broadcast on JBU’s campus-wide television system.

“The event hopes to provide a public arena for the students’ work, a means to bring the JBU community into the arts, and an event that will further integrate JBU with the Siloam Springs community at large,” said Todd Goehner, assistant professor of graphic design.

JBU Students Take Top Honors, Win $35,000 in Governor’s Cup Competition

Of the 60 undergraduate business plans submitted by Arkansas college students competing in the Donald W. Reynolds Governor’s Cup competition for entrepreneurial development, only six are selected to be presented in the final round. This year half of those final contestants were teams from JBU.

In the end, JBU teams took first and second place in the competition and won the technology award. First place and a $20,000 prize went to team Lucina and their plan for a business to serve families and caregivers by designing and manufacturing childcare products that are safe and efficient. Their first product is a baby formula machine.

Winner of second place (a $10,000 prize) and the technology award (a $5,000 prize) was the Innovative Measurement Technology (IMT) team. IMT’s business
was created to provide cost-efficient, energy conserving, and technologically advanced FeedCast Systems to farms throughout the United States.

Members of the JBU teams are a part of the Strategic Management course, which all senior business majors are required to take. Five teams of students worked together to create their own 30-page business plans, which included mission, vision, strategy, marketing, financials, and investment opportunities for the first five years of business.

Word Records Signs Band of Alumni

Jackson Waters, the band birthed while members Toby Friesen ’06, Ryan Hawk ’05, and David Leonard ’06 were students at JBU, recently signed a recording contract with Word Records. Their debut album, “Come Undone,” was released in February as their single, “Give Me Amazing Grace,” was being played on Christian radio stations across the country.

The band, which also includes Jesse LaFave and Siloam Springs native Brian Meek, began talking with record labels and praying about options even before graduation. As drummer Ryan Hawk describes, they wanted to sign with a company that was interested in building a “career band,” a band that would be built and developed as a long-term commitment rather than an overnight success.

“We became a priority and they were like a family,” Hawk said of Word Records. “They welcomed us into the family. That was important for us because we were, and still are, very new to this, and having people believe in you is so encouraging. We are considered ‘professionals,’ but in reality we are just working as hard as we can and writing what we are feeling and praying that people will catch on to what we are doing. ... The gospel is a wonderful picture that we do our best to present in music form,” Hawk said.

Since signing the deal and moving to Nashville, the band has enjoyed administrative support to manage bookings and promotion. They have benefited from the coaching of professionals in the industry. Still, Hawk says, they feel the pressure of the “dog-eat-dog” nature of the music business.

“It’s almost like starting over. You have to go play to people who have never heard of you ... miles away from home and the people who helped get you there.” Hawk said. “We wouldn’t have it any other way though. We thrive on the road, and we like building our fan base one person at a time. We get to drive around the country with our best friends and play music for a living. That’s a wonderful thing. We are blessed.”

For more information about these and other news stories, visit www.jbu.edu/news
Seeing, Hearing the Presence of God
by Tracy Balzer
Director of Christian Formation

Journal Entry, Isle of Iona, Scotland – Tonight Cary and I attended the evening worship service at Iona Abbey. I have loved closing every day by going to these services. Each night at about 8:50 p.m. we hear the abbey chimes calling us to worship. They help me think about God even before I walk in the sanctuary, reminding me that this abbey, this island, is not just another tourist attraction, but a sacred place.

Tonight’s scripture happens to be my favorite of all the gospel stories, the account of Mary Magdalene meeting the newly risen Jesus at the empty tomb in John 20. Here on Iona it is just a few days after Easter, so the passage is a fitting choice. On Easter Sunday, Cary and I worshipped in Glasgow with the congregation of an historic church. The pastor spoke on this passage then, too, and I loved hearing the reader that morning present the story in her rolling Scottish brogue: “Mee—r-r-r—ee,” she read, and continued describing Mary’s instant recognition of her Lord at the mention of her name.

I love this passage because Mary’s encounter with Jesus was one of deep intimacy and friendship, the kind of intimacy we all long for and for which we are made. When Mary’s eyes are opened to the reality of the living Jesus standing before her, a powerful connection takes place. In an instant, she once again knows and is known.

I can’t help but reflect upon the many ways I fail to recognize the face and voice of Jesus in my own life. Like Mary, I find myself frantic or distraught, stressed and uptight, or sad and overwhelmed. My vision is too often clouded by my own distress, my eyes are drawn elsewhere by distractions. I turn in upon myself and cannot see that Jesus is right before me, saying my name, bringing me back to what is the truest form of reality: living in the presence of God. Worshipping in Iona Abbey, walking these ancient pathways, watching the rhythmic pattern of the ocean waves … these are some of the mysterious ways that Iona helps me to listen and to watch for Jesus. And when I do, I find that He is, as St. Patrick prayed, “beside me, before me, behind me, within me …” Everywhere.

This is an excerpt from Tracy Balzer’s new book Thin Places: An Evangelical Journey into Celtic Christianity (Leafwood Publishers).

Each summer, JBU sends students all over the world for missions and study. Tracy has been a leader in a number of Irish studies and Irish missions trips, in addition to a JBU women’s pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland. This summer Tracy and her husband, Dr. Cary Balzer, are leading Biblical Studies students on a four-week study trip through Scotland and England.
New Books Published by JBU Faculty and Staff

Tracy Balzer
Director of Christian Formation

*Thin Places: An Evangelical Journey into Celtic Christianity*
Leafwood Publishers

Preston Jones
Assistant Professor of History

*At Empire’s Edge: American Society in Nome, Alaska, 1898-1934*
University of Alaska Press

Charles Pastoor
Assistant Professor of English

Galen K. Johnson
Assistant Professor of Theology

*Historical Dictionary of the Puritans*
Scarecrow Press

Erin Smalley
Center for Relationship Enrichment

Carrie Oliver
Center for Relationship Enrichment

*Grown-Up Girlfriends: Finding and Keeping Real Friends in the Real World*
Focus on the Family Publishing

Amount of time it took to graduate from JBU: 4 years

Cost of a JBU education: Quite a bit

Gratitude to those who gave to the JBU Scholarship Fund to make this moment possible: PRICELESS

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Some JBU students are discovering firsthand what scientific research is all about.

In the first few weeks of life, amid the myriad developmental changes occurring in a baby’s delicate body, a process known as myelination is occurring.

Lipids and proteins are being woven together to form a crucial insulating sheath around neurons of the central nervous system, those cells that carry impulses through the brain and spinal cord to control bodily activity. Where this insulation—the myelin sheath—is well formed, insulated electrical impulses travel efficiently through the body to signal the normal function of tiny fingers, toes, and limbs. Where the myelin sheath is formed abnormally, signals from the brain are lost.
or hindered from reaching their destination properly, resulting in muscle spasms, muscle weakness, or other motor problems.

The instructions for building the myelin sheath are encoded in a baby’s DNA. Not only do genes carry instructions for how, where, and how many lipids and proteins are combined to form this crucial insulating layer, they also carry the instructions to turn off its development. Once the myelin sheath is formed in infancy, the body will not naturally generate or regenerate the tissue later in life. Consequently, damage to the myelin sheath through injury or disease can have devastating and lifelong effects.

Felixaeus-Merzbacher disease is one example of a debilitating condition experienced by those whose myelin sheath is abnormally formed. Multiple sclerosis is one example of a debilitating condition caused by damage to a well-formed myelin sheath. Both conditions are tragic, and both are irreversible.

It’s possible, though, that genetic research being conducted at JBU today may play a part in someday opening doors to treatment and prevention of these and other illnesses.

Since 2003, Dr. Brian Greuel and JBU undergraduate research students have been studying the regulation of a gene that encodes an essential structural protein of the myelin sheath. This protein, known as myelin proteolipid protein (MPP), must be present in the right place at the right time and in the right amounts during the formation of the myelin sheath or a defective insulator will be formed. Greuel and his students are trying to identify control signals in the DNA that are essential for the normal expression of the MPP gene in mice, anticipating that the knowledge they gain will pave the way for understanding the human MPP gene.

Like homeowners trying to correctly identify the switches in a massive fuse box by flipping switches to see which lights go on and off in the house, these researchers are systematically mutating short segments of DNA and checking to see how the mutations affect DNA functions. Through this trial and error method of research, they are able to discover which DNA segments are essential to ensure normal gene expression and the development of a well-formed myelin sheath.

Someday, clinical researchers may be able to use this information to properly adjust the expression of the MPP gene in humans to repair an abnormal or damaged myelin sheath.

The research being conducted at JBU was initiated by a research fellowship that Greuel received in 2003 from the Arkansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) program. The fellowship, which was funded by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR, a division of the National Institutes of Health), allowed Greuel to spend that summer doing research on gene regulation with Dr. Patricia Wight at UAMS in Little Rock. That fall Greuel received a $25,000 equipment grant from the BRIN program, enabling him to continue this research on the JBU campus.

Although Greuel began working with students on other research projects soon after coming to JBU in 1998, the BRIN grants he received were instrumental in forging the way for a more productive undergraduate research program. Grant funding provided better equipment, access to better resources, and better opportunities for collaboration in the scientific community. “With grants, we are able to do so much more!” Greuel said enthusiastically.

Two student researchers worked with Dr. Greuel (center) on the MPP gene project last year as juniors: Jonathan Hagan (left) from Texas and Samal Jakobsen (right) from the Faroe Islands. This fall, Dr. Greuel expects nine students to work on this research project.

In the fall of 2003, JBU was invited to participate in a grant proposal to NCRR’s IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program. If awarded the grant, the applicants, which included three University of Arkansas campuses and seven partner undergraduate institutions (of which JBU is one), would each receive funding to develop undergraduate research in Arkansas over a five-year period. Greuel was thrilled for the opportunity to write JBU’s portion of the proposal, which centered on the MPP gene research. If received, the grant would further fund research at JBU and foster interaction with the larger scientific community across the state.

The group’s first INBRE grant proposal was denied in the spring of 2004, but through a different proposal, Greuel did receive a $25,000 grant that allowed him to begin the research project he proposed for INBRE.

That summer, Greuel hired his first student re-
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SAMAL JAKOBSEN

searcher, Bruno Pereira ’04. Pereira had careful hands, paid attention to details, and was passionate about finding the answers to their research questions, Greuel remembers.

“That’s what makes him a very good researcher,” he said. “We got a lot done in that summer, and it continued into the fall. The work that [Pereira and a few other students] did was very important to the early part of this project. It helped us get off to a fast start.”

That early research work proved to be a wise investment when, after the group of INBRE grant applicants rewrote and resubmitted their proposal, they were awarded a $16.9 million INBRE grant in the spring of 2005. Under the terms of the grant JBU will receive funding to support Greuel’s research program into 2010.

Greuel’s mild manner may understate his passion, but his words and actions evidence enthusiasm for both science and teaching students. He has taken students with him to conferences and has coauthored presentations with them. He describes the benefit of undergraduate research as not only making scientific discoveries, but also guiding students to discover the world of scientific research and its value.

“Undergraduate research is a good thing,” Greuel said. “It’s good to involve undergraduate students, to expose them to problem solving and the methodology scientists use to answer questions. We need to train the scientists of tomorrow, and there’s no better way for students to discover whether they want to pursue science as a career than if they do research during their undergraduate years.”

Most undergraduate students who major in science at JBU are preparing for professional school, expecting to become doctors, dentists, physical therapists, physician assistants, or pharmacists. Few expect to pursue research as a career. Greuel hopes that exposing them to research opportunities at JBU will change that. It worked for Pereira, who, after graduating in December 2004, went on to graduate school and is now pursuing his Ph.D. and a career in research.

“I want to have a part in training students in the sciences, training Christians who seek to make a difference in our world by going into science as a profession,” Greuel said. “I hope that students will catch this passion for research. It’s important for Christians to be in science, doing excellent work, bringing glory and honor to God in their practice of science… I want the world to know that one does not need to check their brain at the door when one puts their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.”

Greuel readily admits that combining an interest in pursuing a research goal with an interest in teaching inexperienced students is a challenge. As he describes it, “It’s not necessarily compatible with large amounts of productivity.”

Most of his research students come fresh out of his sophomore-level genetics class, still relatively naïve when it comes to doing original experiments in the lab. Each new student researcher who commits a summer or a school year to the project must be trained in how to do lab procedures, how to understand the problems they are studying, and how to interpret the results they are getting. It’s a time-consuming process, and many students, once they discover that research is more tedious than it appears to be in TV shows like “CSI,” choose to leave research behind when their initial commitment ends. The turnover can be frustrating for Greuel, whose ideal is to train students to be proficient in research and then have those students help train new students.

Senior Chris Merrick is one of those students who sincerely values the skills and knowledge he gained as a summer research student in 2006, even though, in the process, he learned that a long-term commitment to research was not for him.

“Before, I had this romantic vision of ‘Eureka!’ moments and huge findings. But we didn’t really have those. Even when we got [the results] that we wanted, it wasn’t that romantic idea of working in a lab that I expected. Each time you do a procedure, and you don’t get the results you want, you have to repeat steps one through nine and try again.”

Merrick’s work that summer focused on trying to place mutated segments of DNA into plasmids, or circular DNA molecules. Using mu-
tated DNA produced by Pereira and his cohorts, Merrick and his fellow researchers worked to remove the mutated DNA segments and place them back into the DNA in an inverted fashion so they could study the effects of that specific mutation on the expression of the MPP gene. Early efforts to create these DNA constructs were disappointing, resulting in plasmids that had unexpected—and unintended—mutations. This gave them a new challenge: to discover why the process of placing the inverted segments into the plasmids would produce unwanted mutations.

“Things always seem to go more slowly than you like,” Greuel said of encountering technical problems in these experiments. He seems peacefully resigned to that fact. “It’s the nature of doing real science. Experiments seldom work for anyone the very first time they are attempted. Students can learn a lot by troubleshooting experiments and overcoming the obstacles to success.”

After systematically troubleshooting their experiment with the inverted DNA segments, the researchers discovered that the enzyme used to cut the DNA was the source of the problem, and they began experimenting with alternative enzymes.

“[Doing research like this] has really helped me in critical thinking,” said Merrick, who is preparing to apply to medical school. “In studying for the MCAT, I’m seeing how the skill of critical thinking is helping me now. Dr. Greuel would really push on that, getting us to think through problems on our own.”

In describing his research experience, Merrick demonstrated one of the chief benefits of undergraduate research at JBU: giving students the opportunity to learn by doing, to apply the knowledge they gain as they work through practical experiences.

“[Research] is a type of learning that goes beyond classroom experiments and textbooks,” Greuel said. “The best way to learn science involves doing science, not just doing canned experiments, but doing real research projects that require students to think through a problem and how to solve it. It’s a true intellectual growth opportunity.”

It’s an opportunity that Melinda Jones, a junior from Kansas, never thought she’d have as an undergraduate student. “I thought I’d get to do research as a grad student, but I never thought I could attain that—have the opportunity to do it or attain it intellectually—as an undergrad student,” she said.

Jones, who says she’s never done research before, is one of nine students signed up for research with Greuel next fall. She anticipates that her research will be more helpful to her education than other academic lab projects because she will be applying what she learns in class to “real life science.”

Another student slated for research this fall, sophomore Ben Holland from Colorado, agreed. “As a student in class, all you do is cookie-cutter procedures. You run a test, then you look at a book or a web site to see how it was supposed to turn out, to see if you did it right. It’s been done before by someone else. I’ve never done research that’s never been done before, where no one knows what it’s going to look like, where you’re finding out things and no one knows what kind of outcome you will have,” Holland said eagerly.

Holland also acknowledged, as did all the students interviewed, that having the opportunity to put research experience on his résumé is another motivation for signing up to do research. They all understand that research experience listed on a résumé can boost its appeal to medical schools and graduate programs.

Samul Jakobsen, a senior from the Faroe Islands, said that boosting his résumé for medical school was his primary motivation for doing research in his junior year. He describes what he learned in the process almost as an added bonus.

“Now I understand how gene regulation works,” Jakobsen said. “I’m going to appreciate all the work the researchers do. If the researchers weren’t there, doctors wouldn’t have anything to offer. I developed stamina and concentration. I learned how to work through problems.”

When asked, the laid-back and amiable Jakobsen described the work he did in the lab simply as “cultivating cells, busting cells open, and getting the proteins out.” He then elaborated, saying that he studied the process of how proteins bind in the test tube to a specific segment of DNA believed to control MPP gene expression.

Optimizing the protein binding process has required a great deal of experimentation. As Greuel explained, “Getting good samples of nuclear proteins can be difficult because a
lot of protein-degrading enzymes are released from the cells at the time they are broken open to extract the proteins.”

“[Trying to figure out how to fix problems] is time consuming,” Jakobsen said. “It gets frustrating when you don’t get the results you want. You have to try again and again. It teaches you that science is complicated. It’s not like baking a cake.”

Reflecting on the work done in connection with this gene regulation project over the years, Greuel explains how difficult it is to summarize their research accomplishments in just a few simple sentences. Even as he describes the science of their research with deep conviction, however, Greuel continually comes back to the students.

“There’s nothing more gratifying than seeing students get excited about the science they’re doing, seeing the light bulbs come on as they gain new understanding and develop greater levels of independence in thinking through a problem and carrying out an experiment,” he said.

Greuel will be on sabbatical next year and plans to focus on this research project. Freed from his normal teaching load and his many other university responsibilities, Greuel will spend significantly more time mentoring student researchers and actually doing experiments himself.

With information gleaned by Pereira, Merrick, Jakobsen, and the other students who have studied various aspects of this gene regulation project in the past, Greuel and his students will continue to work toward solving technical problems and making progress on their overall research objectives. Their discoveries will in turn move future students that much closer to the ultimate goal of understanding how to regulate the gene that controls the expression of the MPP protein.

“As researchers, we stand on the shoulders of those who go before us. The contributions we make, in turn, affect the work of others. We are contributing to the body of knowledge that leads to advances in basic science. It’s also possible for it to have practical applications in medicine or other fields” Greuel said. “You don’t always know what the impact is going to be for the work you are doing. All you know is that you want to finish your piece of the puzzle.”

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DR. BRIAN GREUEL
Faith, science, and the integration of the two.... Where to begin? First, let’s distinguish two responses to the idea of integration, that, while not my idea of integration, are found among many.

Many Christians and many scientists see such an essential conflict between Christian creationism and the naturalism of science, that integration of science and the Christian faith would, for them, be impossible.

In contrast, there are many who argue that faith and science each speak vital truths, but not in the same way. Those who promote this ‘separate realms’ notion of integration might say it this way: science can truthfully speak about many natural phenomena but it cannot, by its nature and methodology, speak about supernatural things; theology, while it might make some accurate comments about the natural order, really specializes in—and is at its best and most truthful in—the understanding and treatment of the supernatural.

I want to recognize that this view of integration has some merits to it. This view leaves room to line up some possible issues where faith and science might agree or might at least speak meaningfully about truth together. People who take this view often seem able to live with what can sometimes look like apparent contradictions between faith and science to see what larger truth might emerge if the ideas are allowed to linger together for a bit.

I, myself, have been thinking and writing about integration for more than 30 years, and I often teach at the interface of science and faith. I have a background in physics and methodology as well as many colleagues in the natural sciences who keep me very motivated to find possibilities for integration that extend beyond the separate realms concept. I believe that if we Christians hope to understand and integrate the reality of faith and the reality of science beyond the separate realms concept of integration, the place to start is with the attitudes of humility and respect. Let me explain.

I believe both that good theologians, acting with the best of exegesis and hermeneutics, and good scientists, acting through their empirical observation and experimental method, can discover true truths. The data we gain from theology and from science are often genuine. Where we have trouble, though, is in our interpretations of that data. We often find it hard to agree because each of us can never fully transcend our own assumptions, our own life histories, our own personalities, and our own biases and fears, not to mention the effects of The Fall on all of our human scholarship.

When we try to find mutual meaning in the data of theology and of science, first we need humility. We need to see that our interpretations of the data are just that: interpretations. Our interpretations of the true data we see could be truly wrong (as both the history of theology and the history of science teach us).

Second, we need to respect that the genuine theologian and the genuine scientist are most often persons with deep curiosity who study their subjects for the love of it! We must avoid the common assumptions that, at the outset, scientists are bent on demonstrating that faith is silly and irrelevant and theologians are bent on proving that science is false and evil. Many real theologians and many real scientists respect each others’ honest search for greater truths.

From the perspective of faith, we must be humble, and we must respect that science and scientists have truths to contribute to our understanding of reality. From the perspective of science, we must be humble and respect that theology and theologians have truths to contribute to our understanding of reality as well. The knack is to understand these together.

The model I try to work in would bring together originally separate truths from science and theology and make them one truth.

Let’s try an example. Jesus says not to judge others or we will be judged in the same manner. What could theology and psychology, as an example, tell us together about judging? Theology can tell us who judgment is reserved for—God Himself—and why. Psychology can tell us how we humans make errors in judgment. Using both faith and science, it is possible to create some integrated and true statements about the nature of judgment, the errors in it, and why it is dangerous to make some human judgments, particularly in certain religious contexts.

Rather than seeing faith and science as separate realms, my view of integration is a weaving together of truths. I believe that finally, there is only one reality, and there are principles and truths that describe reality as it is. This ‘seamless fabric’ view of reality, a view I share with many others in the western philosophical tradition, understands that reality is like one continuous piece of fabric made up of many threads. Many threads come from our faith and many threads come from our science. (And certainly there are threads from our literature and our art as well.)

If we are to understand this fabric of principles and truths, it will take humble and respectful weavers indeed to appreciate it. Some would prefer to see the fabric of reality like a simple bedsheet, easy to understand with all one bland color and just one simple weave. As I see it, the fabric of reality may very well turn out to be much more like a complex Scottish plaid, with its clashing colors and all, but still one seamless fabric.
No Greater Love

by Hannah Nielsen '99
photos by Tracie Faust, JBU senior

“We snuggle and we kiss, we hold hands when we pray, and we’re not going to stop doing those things just because people are watching,” said former JBU professor Jim Walters, speaking about his relationship with his wife, Lynda.
He sits on the couch in his Siloam Springs living room, and Lynda reclines in the wheelchair, pulled up next to the couch. Natural light from an overhead skylight more than augments the room’s table lamps. Lynda is buckled into the chair, and as Jim talks, he continually involves her in the conversation, turning to get her assent to a statement or reaching over to touch her arm. She’s quiet, but still part of the conversation.

“There’s a tendency to play to the audience once you realize people are watching, which is terrible. It’s such a danger—knowing—because it changes motivation. You want to please people instead of pleasing God,” he said. “I do this because I love.”

Jim taught in the Biblical Studies department at JBU for 35 years before “retiring” in August 2003. (He still teaches two or three classes each year in the master’s degree program in leadership and ethics. And he is continually invited to speak to classes and groups.) For much of that time—and still today—the Walters family has struggled with an increasingly crippling problem: Lynda has multiple sclerosis (MS).

Throughout a timeline that includes her retirement from driving, the transition to use of a catheter, and upgrading to a handicap-accessible van, Jim and Lynda have continued to love God and each other, living each day in the present. Their life together has influenced generations of students. Still, Jim insists that their marriage isn’t—or at least shouldn’t be—atypical.

“We’re just doing what normal people would do if they love each other,” he said. “Complimenting, respecting, communicating, being honest, being sensitive to each others’ feelings: 1 Corinthians 13. Somewhere along the line I realized Jesus said, ‘If you lose your life you’ll gain it.’”

In his explanation, Walters practically quotes Watchman Nee from his book The Normal Christian Life, which reads: “What is the normal Christian life? . . . Something very different from the life of the average Christian.” Nee writes that, actually, Jesus is the only human to have ever lived a “normal Christian life by biblical standards.”

Even as he refers to Nee, in the next breath, Walters acknowledges that the life he and his wife lead is far from today’s societal norm, and even far from the norm in the church today.

“Everything centers around an understanding of what love is,” he said, further describing that the church and society have wrongly nurtured the idea of self-centeredness instead. “Love creates no debts because it keeps no record of what it does. [Lynda and I] don’t keep records or lists. It’s something we learned way back.”

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Jim and Lynda met in Dallas, while Jim was attending Dallas Theological Seminary, working toward his master’s degree in theology. He says he still remembers what she looked like when he first saw her. Lynda was a 1962 graduate of JBU, a homecoming queen, a 4.0 student, a pianist and organist, and she worked as a legal secretary. She was quiet and more reserved than Jim. (Lynda refers to him as “the speaker of the house.”) They were married on May 30, 1964 at First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs.

“We never had any premarital counseling. I was not spiritual, had never thought about [those lines in wedding vows—‘for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, and in health’]. And I’m not sure a person should, because we’re not supposed to live in the past or the future,” he said.

Until and soon after the birth of their first son, the Walterses were in what Jim now calls “phase one” of their marriage: All clear ahead! After completing his doctorate at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, Jim came to JBU in 1968. He took a job in the admissions department, but he didn’t stay in admissions long. He soon joined the Biblical Studies department.

Even before being diagnosed, Lynda experienced symptoms of MS. She had problems with her feet and double vision. Double vision was “one of the big things,” Jim said. She was diagnosed with MS in January 1977.

Multiple sclerosis affects the central nervous system: the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves. In MS, the fatty tissue (called the myelin sheath) that protects the
“We have a great life. We enjoy each other, we laugh, we make each other laugh. We’re as affectionate now as when we got married.”

love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

“Lynda’s the hero, because obviously she has more limited functions. She has to be totally dependent,” he said, adding that her dependence has shown him what his relationship with God should be like.

The couple readily admit that MS was not their choice for life: “We surely wouldn’t have chosen this path,” Jim said.

“But it’s here,” Lynda added, demonstrating that she was alert and attentive. Between her challenged speech and her characteristic deference to her outgoing husband, Lynda doesn’t say too much, but she is no less engaged in the conversation.

“We don’t praise God for MS,” Jim said. “Never thank God for the effects of sin—not our personal sin, but our dying bodies. We are thankful for what we have learned.”

One of the lessons Jim has learned is to see interruptions as opportunities for service rather than nuisances. He doesn’t like being late, for example, but he’s learned to reorient himself in relationship to time, he said.

“There are certainly times when you get angry at the stubbornness of the body. You’re ready to leave and something happens,” he said. “When MS is in charge, bodily functions interrupt at the most inopportune times, adding hours to daily tasks. And it was not just the balking body which destroyed my time schedule but also the ‘supports’ part of our life. Things like a leaking catheter bag requiring a change of clothes; a break in the wheelchair frame; an unlocked wheelchair scooting away as I was putting Lynda in it resulting in Lynda slipping onto the floor; a ramp in the van which refuses to open; clothing which rips as I try to dress her too quickly; stepping on the catheter and pulling it out—ouch—while moving Lynda, and the list goes on!” he said.

One time they were headed to a restaurant in Fayetteville. They had nearly completed the 40-minute drive when they realized something was wrong and had to turn around. They went home, fixed the problem, and headed back to the restaurant. They finally made it to the restaurant two-and-a-half hours later than they had intended.

Jim says that when he looks back at the times he has been angry or frustrated, he sees that it was because he was selfish. Our response is the most accurate reflection of our character, he describes.

“A lot of responses are inside of me. Character flaws or weaknesses in me, that I had to deal with,” he suggests.

Another lesson the Walterses learned through life with MS is how to receive help. It didn’t come easily, especially since Jim is a self-proclaimed “independent Yankee.”

“It’s more difficult to receive than it is to give many times, because when you
receive you admit you have a need,” he said. “Life changes drastically when you’re dependent on someone else.”

Jim describes their need of a $45,000 retrofit minivan in 1997 as the clearest illustration of their own inability. The cost was nearly the amount of Jim’s annual salary. One friend called him three times, starting in 1996, saying he’d found a used van for them to purchase. Over time, the phone calls helped the Walterses realize they really did need a van. It was becoming increasingly difficult for Jim to help Lynda in and out of the car, but Jim was reluctant to buy a van that would require Lynda to sit in the back, which was the case in most wheelchair-accessible vans.

Just as the Walterses were considering their transportation need, JBU professor Delia Haak ’88 was spearheading an effort to raise the money to purchase a van as a gift for the Walterses.

“I was pretty speechless, because there was no way we could afford it,” Jim said of the moment he learned about the fundraising effort. In the end, the couple paid only $2,500, for insurance, an extended warranty, and tax on the van.

“Some things you cannot do yourself. Some people so resist [getting help] that they insult people [who want to help],” he said.

In the midst of their situation, Jim and Lynda believe that their lives are not merely full of challenges to be endured, but full of opportunities to grow and reflect Christ.

“Opportunities is a word of potentialities,” Jim said. “There is the potential of doing that which can only be done at this moment. There is the potential of showing lovingkindness in a tangible way. There is the potential of showing Lynda that she is more important than anyone or anything which might try to intrude into this holy moment. There is the potential to die to self. There is the potential of reflecting Christ, who came, ‘not to be served, but to serve and give His life.’ There is the potential of realizing that ‘we have come to the kingdom for such a time—opportunity—as this.’ A failure to change would not only cause personal frustration and possible resentment by me, but would put an undeserved weight of guilt and a feeling of responsibility for all I could not do on Lynda.

“Sure, we cry on occasion,” Jim said, adding that the few times Lynda has cried have been for the difficulty he faces rather than for herself.

“Loving Lynda is not that difficult. When I do something, she’ll say, ‘Thank you.’ But you don’t do it for the gratitude,” he said. “It takes more enabling grace to be Lynda than to be Jim.”

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Love never fails.
Growing up on a farm in Bernie, Missouri, wasn’t exactly the prime location for John Sheehy to hone his basketball talent, but one man’s kindness helped mold the man most of us know today as Coach Sheehy.

“Outside of my parents, probably the most influential person in my life at that time was the high school basketball coach, Doc Dunn,” recalls Sheehy. “He would give me rides home after practice, and I knew from the time that I went to college that I wanted to be a basketball coach.”

Sheehy went to college at Southwest Baptist University where he met coach Rex Grady, another influential figure who solidified his decision to enter coaching as a career.

In 1971, Sheehy began his career coaching in Missouri high schools, and then moved to the college ranks, coaching at junior colleges in Missouri and Georgia. In 1982, Sheehy traveled to Howard Payne University in Texas where he first served as assistant coach and then as head coach.

When Sheehy came as head coach to JBU in 1989, he took over a program that had averaged only six wins the previous four seasons. In his first year at JBU, he almost tripled that amount by winning 15 games. During his second year, he did the unthinkable by winning a school record-setting 25 games while leading his team to the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCA) championship.

“At the time it was quite an accomplishment to go to the Christian college tournament and win it because we were only 50 percent scholarship-funded, and we were playing teams that were fully funded,” said Sheehy.

Sheehy credits former players, such as Donnie Bostwick ’92 and Shane Benson ’92, for taking JBU basketball to the next level.

“During my first year here, we got real lucky because there were really better players here than we thought,” Sheehy said. “Then Donnie and Shane came in as juniors, and they where real serious basketball players.”

Bostwick and Benson were just the beginning in a long list of players whose lives Sheehy has impacted over his 18 years at JBU, and he hopes that every player he has touched will remember one thing.

“Given the set of circumstances that each year presents, I would like for the players to think that we tried to be the best that we could possibly be,” Sheehy said. “I would like for them to carry that attitude forward in whatever situation they’re in. When life has its ups and downs and trials, they can say that they learned to be the best that they could be while playing basketball for John Brown University.”

Most members of Sheehy’s teams are also quick to share memories of him, and most will say that he had two different personalities while coaching. There was Coach Sheehy, the no-nonsense character you see during practice, and then there was John Sheehy, the sociable, quick-to-laugh character you see walking down the sidewalk while heading to class.

“I remember once when Coach made our team manager, Mike Castagna, do push-ups because he wasn’t helping with a drill correctly,” former JBU basketball player Dru Wheatcroft recalled. “I’ve never seen a manager do push-ups. During practice we had to be serious about it, but when we got back to the locker room we all couldn’t stop laughing.”

Sheehy always maintained a businesslike atmosphere during his practices, and knew that it was his job to maintain a high level of play.

“The final thing was getting the job done and being as good as we could be,” said Sheehy. “That drove my thinking enough that I was able to have a taskmaster personality or coaching personality that was different than my normal personality.”

At 61 years old, Sheehy said his decision to retire wasn’t a “knee-jerk reaction,” but that he wanted to retire while he could enjoy retirement with his wife of 40 years, Linda.
The longer I coach from here may have a negative effect on the quality of life I can have in retirement," said Sheehy. "To me it wasn’t that I thought that I was burned out, but I’ve known coaches who’ve stayed beyond when they’ve been effective, and I didn’t want to do that at John Brown.”

As Sheehy steps out, a new era of JBU basketball will begin next fall. Taking over where John Sheehy left off will be his son, former JBU basketball player Clark Sheehy ‘99.

“I’m happy that Clark and Elisa [his wife] will be moving back to Siloam Springs, and we told him we’d try to stay out of his life as much as possible,” said Sheehy jokingly.

So for the man who dreamed of coaching college basketball and was lucky enough to live out his dream, what’s next?

“A friend of mine told me that playing golf every day would be like playing Oklahoma City [one of JBU’s toughest opponents] every day. I’ve been out on the golf course a few times, and I think the guy is closer to right than I want to admit,” answered Sheehy. “But we don’t have any concrete plans about what to do except relax a little bit and volunteer our time.”

The legacy left by a retiring coach is greatly determined by how people will remember him. For Sheehy, there’s no question about what he wants people to remember.

“Given all my strengths and weaknesses and the mistakes I’ve made, I tried to do the best job that I could possibly do with the players and the team,” said Sheehy. “And I didn’t compromise the standards of John Brown to get it done.”

Clark Sheehy ‘99, former JBU basketball player and son of retiring head coach John Sheehy, has been hired to be the new head coach of the men’s basketball program at JBU.

“Clark is an exceptional young coach with a lot of passion and enthusiasm for the game,” said Robyn Gordon, JBU Athletic Director. “He is also very proactive with his players’ academic and spiritual development, and we believe that his personality will allow him to quickly connect with the entire campus and the Siloam community.”

Sheehy has spent the last two years as head coach at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California. In his two years at FPU, Sheehy accumulated a 28-29 record. During his first year, Sheehy took a program that had only one winning season in the previous eight years to a 15-13 record.

Before his stint at FPU, Sheehy was an assistant coach at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Prior to that, Sheehy spent one season at NCAA Division II member Texas A&M University – Commerce, while he completed a master of education degree in physical education. He also spent one season as an assistant coach for the women’s team at JBU.

As a JBU player, Sheehy was a three-year starter who averaged 12 points per game over his four-year career (1995-98). He is currently ranked 18th on the JBU career scoring list with 1,089 points, and fourth on the three-pointers–made list with 225. He also earned All-Sooner Conference honors his junior and senior seasons.

The 31-year old Sheehy and his wife Elisa are thrilled about the opportunity to come back to the JBU campus.

“This is a place that has meant so much to me and to my family,” said Sheehy. “Having been away for the past eight years I may need a campus map to navigate with all the changes that have taken place, but my wife and I are really excited.”

Sheehy continued, “I hope to carry on the tradition that has been built here with the basketball program. I think the trademark has been teams that compete hard and play their tails off. The Sooner Athletic Conference is such a great small college basketball league, and it is going to be a challenge to compete. But we will embrace the challenge, and I can’t wait to get started.”
Big ‘Jesus Man’ on Campus
by Emma Kalka ’07

If you died today, what would God say to you? Where would you go? When Nathan Law ’02 was asked that question his freshman year of college at JBU by Student Mobilization worker Ted Shimer, he thought that he would go to heaven even though he wasn’t a Christian.

“I thought that I would go to heaven because I’m a good guy,” he said. Law was at JBU to play basketball. He wasn’t expecting the experience that changed his life and brought him to the Lord. That question from Shimer led to a two-year discipleship relationship between the two.

Law began working with the ministry of Student Mobilization (StuMo) when he was still a student, and then followed Shimer to work as StuMo staff at the University of Central Arkansas after he graduated.

“During my JBU basketball career there were things that I considered doing, such as being a coach, [or going into] business. But I just could not get as excited about those things like I could get about working with college students,” he said.

Law said that his first year with StuMo was a significant learning experience, especially since he was coming from a small Christian school to a large public school.

The goal of StuMo is to raise up laborers for Christ from the college campuses of the world, focusing on different student groups on campus. StuMo promotes four phases of the ministry, called the four E’s, each of which focus on building relationships with the students. The first phase is to evangelize.

“First we want to get the gospel out to as many students as possible in a one-on-one setting,” Law said. This semester, he has been having lunch and sharing the gospel with fraternity pledges, and some have responded by receiving Christ.

The second stage is to establish believers in their faith by helping them spend time with God, plugging them in with other believers and local churches and teaching them how to share their faith, Law said.

The third stage is to equip students to take the initiative on their own. “This [third stage] is an exciting time because it becomes about me stepping back and the student taking ownership,” Law said. He spoke of a student he worked with named Zach. Law led Zach to Christ about three years ago. Now Zach is building relationships with the football team and sharing the gospel with them.

“I am giving input into his ministry, but he is running with it,” Law said.

The last stage is to export the students out into the world. “This [stage is about our] wanting to see our students leave and be laborers for Christ wherever they are,” he said. “No matter if they go into paid ministry or not, we want them to labor wherever they are for Christ.”

One of the main ways StuMo sends students out is through a nine-week summer discipleship program called Kaleo. Students are set up with a job for the summer and are challenged to plug in and evangelize to the community where they work.

Small discipleship groups help students learn about evangelism and strengthening their relationship with the Lord.

Of course, every ministry has its challenges and StuMo is no different. “You get rejected sometimes and it’s disturbing,” Law said. “It’s never fun when people talk about you and call you the ‘Jesus man.’”

Law said that his work is also difficult because sometimes people don’t understand what he does, even church people. He said that some don’t understand full-time ministry on a college campus.

Despite the challenges, Law said that it is worth it to see someone come to Christ. He said that building relationships and sharing the gospel is good, but it’s the big picture life changes that make the work rewarding.

“It’s seeing students still being impacted and impacting others,” he said. “I got to see a guy lead a Bible study, and then see the people he impacted impact others years after he graduated.”
Thanks to the generosity of JBU alumni and friends

JBU raised $5 million to complete the $10 Million Challenge!

We are amazed at how the Lord worked through so many circumstances, provided resources in so many ways, and moved in the hearts of so many who took advantage of this great opportunity to give! The $5 million raised by JBU has been matched by an anonymous donor to add $10 million to JBU’s endowment for student scholarships. JBU and JBU students have been truly blessed, and we’d like to share a few stories with you to illustrate that.

$10 MILLION STORIES

JBU Education Faculty Work and Sacrifice to Create $100,000 Iddings Scholarship

JBU’s faculty in the Education Division took the old adage “to teach is to touch a life forever” to a new level when they contributed $50,000 to fund a new scholarship for JBU education students. Their gift was matched by the $10 Million Challenge to create a $100,000 endowed scholarship named for Dr. Roger Iddings, a former division chairperson. Where did JBU faculty get the funds to establish the scholarship?

Four years ago, JBU faculty began serving the needs of Northwest Arkansas school districts by training teachers in English as a Second Language (ESL) methods through the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) programs. Fees for these courses paid all JBU’s costs, including paying the faculty at a minimal rate for taking on extra classes. Any surplus revenue was then deposited in a fund to support the work of JBU’s Education Division with permission from JBU’s Academic Affairs office.

Although their moonlighting required effort, the Education Division faculty chose to take on the additional work believing that surplus revenue could benefit JBU’s education majors in some way. As the fund grew, the division began to dream about how to use this money. Although raising the instructor’s pay for teaching the TESOL program was an option, faculty were dedicated to focusing fund dollars on more altruistic goals.

“The instructors sacrificially gave their personal time to teach these courses to public school teachers and then turned around and gave their income to the division” Dr. Sandra Van Thiel, chair of the Education Division, said. “The education faculty was in agreement that the funds needed to be used for students in the Education Division. When we saw that the $10 Million Challenge gave us the chance to double our money toward an endowed scholarship, it was perfectly clear to us what we should do with the funds.”

The vision and leadership of Dr. Iddings was instrumental in laying the foundation to make the scholarship named after him possible. As chair of the Education Division from 1988 to 1997, he was responsible for seeing that JBU started training future teachers in ESL methods through the TESOL program. Iddings’ forethought about the importance of ESL/TESOL programs ultimately created the opportunities for JBU professors to train teachers in Northwest Arkansas and earn the funds that created the new scholarship.

The Dr. Roger Iddings Endowed Education Scholarship will generate about $5,000 every year in scholarship funds that will be awarded to JBU students.
$10 MILLION STORIES

Generous Spirit Discovers Hidden Treasure

Like many alumni who learned about the opportunity to double their gift to JBU through the $10 Million Challenge, one alumnus (whom we’ll call Jane) had a deep desire to give to the project. Unfortunately, Jane didn’t feel that she had enough available funds to meet the $10,000 minimum gift requirement of the Challenge. When she considered her assets, Jane thought about a 10-acre piece of property that she held and rented out. It was worth about $50,000 she thought, and it generated a modest bit of income for her each year. In her generosity, Jane decided to donate that property to JBU to establish a new endowed scholarship through the Challenge.

Jane talked with Eric Greenhaw, her development contact at JBU, about her plans. In the process of preparing for the gift, Jane and Eric arranged for the property to be appraised. To everyone’s amazement, the property appraised at more than $90,000, nearly double the value Jane expected. Not only was the value of Jane’s gift nearly doubled, but the Challenge then doubled the value of her gift. In the end, the amount Jane was able to contribute to fund her scholarship was nearly four times the amount she thought she would be able to give.

But the story doesn’t end there. In giving her property to JBU, she worked with Eric to set up a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). The CGA is a gift that pays an income to the holder, who in this case is Jane. The annual income that Jane is receiving through the CGA is more than what she was receiving in rent on the property she sacrificed.

Because Jane was willing to thoughtfully give to JBU, many have been and will be blessed. Jane’s income increased, JBU’s endowment grew, and students will receive more than $3,000 in scholarship funds each year for years to come.

Challenge Expands a Legacy of Helping Students

Long before Lloyd McCullough was of college age, he planned to attend JBU. However, when World War II came along, his plans were changed. After World War II there was Korea. After Korea there were five children. Lloyd’s dream of attending JBU never came true.

So Lloyd made a commitment that all five of his children would attend JBU, and they did! One of those children is JBU associate professor of business John McCullough ‘71.

“When I first came to JBU, he told me I could not leave until I could do something productive,” John said. “I often wonder if that is why I am still at JBU some 35 years later!”

Not only did Lloyd and his wife Susan send their own children to JBU, but they quietly provided funds that helped many other students attend JBU as well. When Lloyd passed away in 2002, the McCullough family decided to direct memorial gifts to a JBU scholarship fund, a fitting tribute to the man who helped so many students. At first, the family hoped they would accumulate $1,000 toward an endowed scholarship. To their surprise the fund reached $2,000, and then over time it grew to $5,000.

When the $10 Million Challenge came into existence, promising to double contributions to endowed scholarships, the McCulloughs began to actively seek ways to contribute and grow their fund. At birthday parties for Lloyd and Susan, about 50 friends gave gifts toward the established McCullough scholarship. Those funds, combined with the family’s own contributions, were doubled by the Challenge.

Today, the McCulloughs say the scholarship fund has grown far beyond their wildest dreams, and they have even established a second scholarship fund.

“Our family is grateful for this opportunity to bless future students in remembrance of Dad. Dad was always involved in helping others become successful. This scholarship will be a perpetual continuation of his lifestyle,” John said.
This homecoming marks the 40th reunion of The Sound Generation, a musical group whose amazing talent was showcased around the country during the 60s and 70s. This group significantly promoted JBU and the wholesomeness of the school’s student body during a time when America’s youth were frowned upon as unpatriotic hippies and drug addicts.

The era of The Sound Generation began in 1967 when John Coates ’72 and Bill Hartman ’69, who had previously been involved with the musical group Harmonaires, began recruiting talent for a new music group. They named themselves the Certain Sounds and trained for three weeks before going to a talent competition at the Tulsa State Fair. On Oct. 7, 1967, Certain Sounds took first prize in the competition.

Very soon after the Tulsa competition, the group changed its name to The Sound Generation when they found out that a California band already claimed the Certain Sounds name.

Receiving numerous requests to play at venues across the county, The Sound Generation—or simply The Sounds as they are often called—traveled extensively, performing for audiences of all sizes and promoting JBU all the while.

The group, which included both musicians and singers, had a broad repertoire that included gospel music, patriotic songs, band numbers, chorale arrangements, pop tunes, spirituals, and humorous bits.

Over the course of nine years, The Sounds played more than 3,000 shows and involved 144 young men and women as performers. Among other performances, the group played and sang at Yankee Stadium, a Sugar Bowl, Disneyland, Knott’s Berry Farm, many state fairs, a Presidential National Prayer Breakfast, and on the TV show “Hee Haw” with Roy Clark. They worked with Bob Hope, Ray Stevens, Hank Thompson, Minnie Pearl, Jody Miller, George Kirby, Pat Boone, Jonathan Winters, Florence Henderson, John Davidson, and others.

In the years since the group’s final shows in the 1975–1976 school year, The Sound Generation family has held several reunions both on and off campus. In 2005, the group performed a reunion concert for the Homecoming Showcase that wowed the alumni, friends, and students in attendance. This year’s 40th reunion will be marked with another concert as The Sound Generation makes one final appearance during Homecoming to sound off in musical harmony.

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Create your own @jbualumni.com e-mail address that will never expire! Mail sent to your @jbualumni.com address is forwarded to whatever e-mail address you’re using at the time (such as your Hotmail, AOL, work, or other address), so you have only one e-mail account to check.

Expanded Personal Profile
Go beyond the simple name and address listing to include descriptions of your life, upload a photo, indicate the clubs and organizations you belonged to, identify your career field, and set your communication and privacy preferences.

Advanced Search Options
Want to find your friends from SGA? Want to connect with fellow art majors? Want to network with other alumni in the engineering field? Want to plan a get together with alumni in your region? Find them in the online directory through advanced search options.

GET INVOLVED THROUGH ALUMNET

- Learn about Homecoming and JBU alumni events happening in your area.
- Use the JBU library’s free research database, ProQuest, which offers a collection of 2,300 full-text magazines and journals.
- Sign up for the JBU Prayer Network.
- Register with the JBU Career Network and help young professionals in your field.
- Refer potential JBU students to the JBU Admissions department.
- Register to receive regular e-newsletters for JBU alumni or JBU parents.

More to Come!
We already have plans for adding more exciting features to AlumNET. Be sure to watch the site for enhancements, and contact the alumni office if you have ideas for services or features.

Don’t Be Left Out!
Update your information, upload your photo, and set your preferences. Tell your friends to do the same! As word gets out, there will be more alumni to connect with and new information and photos to view regularly.

INTRODUCING A NEW ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR JBU ALUMNI.

Go to JBU’s redesigned web site at WWW.JBU.EDU and click on the alumni link. Or go directly to WWW.JBUALUMNI.COM to reach JBU ALUMNET.

HOW TO REGISTER

Your privacy and the security of your information is very important to us. That’s why we ask you to provide a few pieces of personal information in the registration process, including either your JBU student ID number or your unique ID code.

Your unique ID code is located at the top of the mailing label on this magazine. Look for a six-character code (two letters followed by four numbers). A married alumni couple living in the same household will see two ID codes above the name. The first code is the husband’s code; the second is the wife’s.
This list includes updates received through April 30, 2007.

### 1940s
- John Brown Jr. ‘43
- Donna (Hall) Garza ‘47
- Patty (Batchelor) Penning ‘46

### 1950s
- Bill & Donna (Girouard) Berry ’56 ‘57
- Marvin Burris ’58
- John Clark ‘57
- Sylvia (Woodworth) Enslow ’53
- Otto & Leona (Neufeld) Gutwin ’54 ‘54
- John Haman ‘54
- David Harvey ‘55
- Maggie (Woodsworth) Haury ‘51 ‘51
- Ward Knights ‘51
- John & Gayle (Tinnin) Young ’70 ‘69
- James Young ’70
- Mark & Virginia (Nicholls) Willits ’79 ‘78
- Robert & Wendy (Hubbard) West ’75 ‘74
- Mike Walker ’70
- Jeffrey & Sherry (Welch) Walker ’77 ‘77
- Linda (Lauck) Vissering ’70
- Joe Sanders ’79
- Diana (Mapes) Scheer ’72
- Brad & Terrie (Hardy) Schmidt ’77 ‘77
- Fawn Hays ’83
- Lance & Patricia (Grass) Harris ’88 ‘85
- John & Gayle (Tinnin) Young ’70 ‘69

### 1960s
- Kevin Ames ’69
- Richard & Clare (Waldvogel) Baughman ’66 ‘66
- David & Beth (Bunwell) Benware ’68 ‘69
- Andrew & Donna (Weather) Bowling ’69 ‘69
- Elizabeth Boyer ’66
- Ruth (Drummond) Brown ’66
- John Browning ’69
- Timothy Campbell ’68
- Doug Chamberlain ’64
- Howard Clark ’67
- Larry Culberson ’63
- David Day ’69
- David DeVries ’67
- Darrell Gagnon ’64
- Chuck Golladay ’68
- Robert Harper ’56

### 1970s
- David & Cynthia (Smith) Andrus ’78 ’78
- Jerry Barnard ’73
- Doug Beldon ’73
- Richard Carpenter ’76
- Bruce Clark ’77
- Jon & Kimberly (Keryon) Collins ’78 ‘78
- March ’78
- Charlie Eckhardt ’73
- Lon Emanuels ’78
- Carol (Spurlock) Fowler ’70
- Donald Frey ’79
- Marsha George ’78
- Don Gibbs ’76

### 1980s
- Melody (Clements) Arzt ’81
- Carole (Clements) Austell ’80
- Rebecca Bizzell ’88
- Tony & Debra (Emery) Blalock ’82 ‘83
- Stacy (Parker) Boan ’83
- Mark & Kristen (Schley) Bowling ’89 ‘90
- Denise (Dodson) Braaten ’83
- Philip & Tamala (Schmid) Brandt ’85 ‘84
- Janet (Covy) Butts ’80
- Randall & Kelly (Mathias) Cady ’85 ‘85
- David Capp ’88
- Julie (Smith) Carlson ’83
- Ruth Carleton ’86
- Danny Carlton ’85
- Carroll Chase ’84
- Michael Cormier ’85
- Elmir Curz ’88
- Carolyn (Smith) Davis ’85
- John Davis ’87
- Jeffrey Deckert ’84
- Melissa Doss ’87
- Constance Elberg ’84
- Paul & Laurie Eldridge ’88 ‘92
- Renee (Kitchen) England ’82
- Dave & Catherine (Grindem) Flack ’83 ‘82
- Michael Flager ’86
- Bryan Foster ’84
- Kirk & Carol (Kinnaman) Garreans ’89
- Robyn Gordon ’85
- Lance & Patricia (Grass) Harris ’88 ’85
- Joe Harvey ’88
- Fawn Hays ’83
- Karen Heath ’87
- Scott Helgesen ’83
- Roger & Laura (Fratzke) Hill ’87 ‘88
- Mark & Cynthia (Beekman) Irwin ’83 ‘83
- Brian & Pam (Strom) Isaac ’85 ‘89
- Lori (McBride) Janke ’89
- Brent Kalevich ’85
- Stephen & Amanda (Bell) Keating ’87 ‘87
- Robert King ’84
- Tim Kliewer ’86
- George Kleyhnans ’89
- Gloria (Frey) Knudsen ’80
- Dale & Barb (Sothman) Kompik ’83 ‘85
- Stephanie (Moore) Lacey ’89
- Staci (Davis) Lawrence ’84

Two important things have happened since we launched JBU AlumNET, the new online community for alumni: First, we have received a flood of updates from the hundreds of alumni who are registering on the web site and adding or correcting their information in the online directory. Second, because we now have a great online directory for alumni to use, and because we want to help protect your personal information from being misused, we decided to no longer include addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses in the Alumni News section of the *Brown Bulletin.*

We know that many of you rely on the *Brown Bulletin* Alumni News to keep your address books up to date. In lieu of printing new contact information in the magazine, we are printing the list of alumni who have updated their contact information and/or profile in the online directory. Visit [www.jbualumni.com](http://www.jbualumni.com) to register, log on, and get the latest information!
1980s (cont.)
Les Linbergh '89
Wray Ludington '85
Timothy & Mary (Jones) Madsen '82 '83
Renée (Netherton) Maley '87
Louis & Pam (Henning) Matson '83 '84
Rob Marshall '89
Michael & Diane (Tooley) McClary '84 '85
Keri (Senter) Morris '89
Steve & Amy (Gardner) Onnen '82 '86
Lynn (Alexandra) Perry '88
Aaron Phillips '80
Richard & Wendy (Thompson) Powers '89 '90
Kurt & Debora (Johnson) Schley '87 '88
Kutt & Elsa (Villa) Schmidt '85 '84
Jill (Pearson) Sharpe '87
Cynthia Simpson '88
Steven Snediker '86
Gary Trot '82
Gregory Turner '87
Scott & Penny (Bolender) Wanzer '85
Joel Warner '87
David Wellig '87
Heather (Dyet) Whiting '83
Ernest Whitmore '80
Stuart & Susan (Kremer) Williams '87 '90
Rachel (Petersen) Wolf '89
Beth (Kelly) Wyman '83

1990s
Jennifer (Rushing) Arnold '96
Mildred (Scrivner) Adams '91
Jennifer (Rushing) Aaron '96
1990s
Richard & Wendy (Thompson) Aaron Phillips '80
Lynn (Alexandra) Perry '88
Stephanie (Smith) Shepherd '93
Sarah Seward '93

2000s
Devia Abraham '05
Alissa (Hopkins) Adams '07
Erin Adams '05
Kari (Hatfield) Ahlfeldt '00
Desi Alexander '05
Maria Alvarenga '02
Jolynn Amrine '06
Amy Anderson '04
Jose Aparicio '01
Karen Armstrong '06
Peter & Heather (Menzke) Armstrong '00 '99
Gerson Arteaga '06
Mari Asper '02
Erkan Ates '02
Sarah Baack '05
Donnie Baker '01
Christian Baran '06
Cassia Barney '05
Danielle (Hendricks) Barron '07
Patrick Barry '06
Joshua & Katie (Eldridge) Baskin '04 '05
Mark Beaver '07
Sara Becker '07
Desiree (Harris) Bennett '03
Joshua & Kassandra (Bolender) Bentley '02 '04
Brittany Birch '01
Jared & Kristal (Hamilton) Black '04 '03
Evie Blad '06
Becky Blevins '00

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Evie Boehr '07
Brian & Anna (Christensen) Bollinger '07 '07
Annamarie Booth '06
Catherine Borser '03
Dwyette "Dab" Bottoms '06
Traci (Collins) Bradley '05
Mark & Amy (Sterling) Bucholtz '00 '04
Lindlee Bullock '04
Adam & Kari (Syring) Burns '00 '01
Adam Butler '05
Rebecca Camfield '06
Regina (Silman) Camina '00
Andrea Carlson '07
Patrick & Adriane (Hall) Carr '04, '73
Scot Campbell '03
Lara Casey '07
Teresa Caves '03
Lisa Chambers '05
Wesley Chase '06
Laura Chinchilla '07
Rosa (Irby) Christians '03
Brian Clark '05
Lindlee Bullock '04
Mark & Amy (Sterling) Bucholtz '00 '04
Dwyette "Dab" Bottoms '06
Catherine Borser '03
Mark & Amy (Sterling) Bucholtz '00 '04
Dwyette "Dab" Bottoms '06

Bill George Celebrates 50 Years as JBU Board of Trustees Member

When JBU graduated a young man from Pennsylvania named Bill George in 1948, no one could have known that his relationship with the university was only beginning. Since that day nearly 60 years ago, Bill’s life has been intertwined with the university’s work, both personally and professionally. This year, Bill celebrates the remarkable achievement of having served on JBU’s board of trustees for 50 years.

After receiving his JBU diploma, Bill stepped away from JBU briefly to serve the Department of State in the Foreign Service Division. Just two years later, he began a long tenure of employment working at JBU-owned radio stations in California and Oklahoma. He also consulted at JBU stations in Texas, Florida, and Missouri.

Most of his career—40 years of it—was spent working with JBU organizations in California. In addition to his radio work, Bill worked with Brown Military Academy, Southern California Military Academy, the western operations of John Brown Schools, and the John Brown Schools Foundation.

Long time friends of founder John Brown and his family, Bill and his wife Mary Eva have taken a personal interest in the university community that goes beyond employment. They frequently hosted students in JBU’s Sound Generation in the 1960s and 1970s as the group traveled through California. Bill has lent his leadership and expertise to JBU’s development office and has served as a consultant to the university since the 1990s.

In 1994 Bill was given the privilege and great responsibility of serving as JBU’s interim president before the arrival of president Lee Balzer later that year. Bill’s name is inscribed on JBU’s presidential medallion along with JBU’s inaugurated presidents, marking his significant place in JBU’s history.

Throughout his life, Bill has had an interest in serving his community as well as JBU. He has volunteered with civic organizations, served on a number of boards, and faithfully given his time to the churches which he and Mary Eva have called home. He received a number of awards and honors, including an honorary doctorate degree from JBU in 1998.

Bill continues to serve on the board of trustees, on JBU committees, and as an advisor in a number of capacities. While his 50th anniversary as a trustee commemorates the years of his service, the true value of his service far exceeds measurement. This year, an endowed scholarship was established to honor Bill and Mary Eva for their faithful years of service to JBU.

Bill and Mary Eva have two children (Eric and Marsha), two grandchildren (Ryan and Lindsay), and a great-granddaughter, Sophia.

Former JBU presidents (left to right) John Brown Jr., Lee Balzer, and Bill George

2000s (cont.)

Daniel Silver ’05
Aaron & Andrea (Meszaros Ortiz) Smith ’06 ’06
Dan & Kristen (Carmack) Smith ’00 ’01
Joshua Smith ’05
Julie (Cotton) Smith ’01
Robert & Sarah (LeBlanc) Smits ’05 ’03
Rob Sorbo ’07
Beth (Pankratz) Stockdell ’02
Mark & Joy (Potter) Stoner ’03 ’02
Kathryn (Roberts) Swogger ’03
Cathleen (Bertsch) Symes ’04
Gregory & Nicole (Cruz) Talkington ’05 ’06
Karen (Blank) Tate ’02
Nicole (Lee) Tatum ’05
Johanna Thompson ’00
Matt Thomson ’02
Cole & Erin (Sebeck) Truitt ’05 ’04
Jeremy Turley ’05
Don David Turner ’07
Shannon (Simmonds) Turner ’00
Sandra (Miller) Underwood ’05
Jay & Kelli (DeMoss) Unruh ’01 ’01
Gareth Unruh ’00
Ana Valladares ’04
Javier Valle ’03
Kris & Ju Young (Park) Vanderwater ’03 ’04
Allison (McKenzie) Vasquez ’04
Ruby Vasquez ’06
Devin Voht ’00
Kelly Walberg ’02
Brian Warner ’06
Trey & Laura (McPherson) Weaver ’03 ’03
Colby Webb ’05
Laura (Spurlock) Wesson ’02
Ray West ’04
Joshua & Becky (Neyhard) White ’06 ’06
Andrea Whitfield ’05
Jonathan Wickersham ’04
Tim Wiley ’04
Julia (Garlow) Willhite ’05
Chase Willsey ’05
Craig Wilson ’05
Katie (Kruit) Wilson ’05
Brandon & Corrie (Manos) Wimberly ’04 ’05
Brandon Wise ’02
Sarah Wittwer ’04
Andrea Woodworth ’05
Shawn Zimmer ’05
Lydia Zumack ’05
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NEW IN THIS ISSUE – We are no longer printing addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses in the alumni news section. Read more about the change in the editor’s letter on page 4. For a list of alumni who have updated their information in the online directory on Alum.NET, go to page 29.

1930s

Paul Crall ’38 – Paul has retired from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center and lives in Texas with his wife Peggy. They have two daughters, Betsy and Judy. Paul’s two brothers, Max Crall ’38 and Frank Crall ’38 died in 2006 and 2003 respectively.

1940s


Bob Barclay ’54 – Bob is working through Youth With a Mission on construction and maintenance work. He plans on going to Samoa for this project. He also recently celebrated the birth of his granddaughter, Twyla on February 25, 2007. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Harry & Norma Jean (Feemster) Waterhouse ’52 ’54 – Harry is writing a book about the history of Calvary Bible College. It recounts his work as well as that of George Pearson ’51 in the college and the founding of Calvary’s department of Christian broadcasting.

1950s

Sue (Reed) & Carl Evans ’75 – Sue and Carl were married February 5, 2007. Sue is the dean of students at G’Star School of the Arts, a charter school specializing in theatre, movies, and television.

1960s

William & Minnie (West) Burnside ’69 ’71 – William works as a pastor for Oak Bay Baptist Church. He and Minnie have four children, twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Kendell Easley ’70 – Kendell was recently promoted to professor of Christian studies and program director at Union University. Some of his recent publications include The Illustrated Guide to Biblical History, 52 Words Every Christian Should Know, and Holman CSB Harmony of the Gospels.

Lee & Stephanie (Plute) Harris ’76 ’76 – Lee and Stephanie attended the Memorial Hall dedication show in Kansas in October 2006. There, Stephanie was able to reconnect and snap a picture with Roy Clark who sang during the show. Stephanie used to sing backup for Roy with The Sound Generation. This show was special for both Stephanie and Lee as he had a part in renovating the newly dedicated building. Lee and Stephanie live in Kansas where he works with Decker Construction. ▼

1970s

David Jordan ’71 – David is retiring from Geneva College after 24 years of teaching in the engineering and business departments. He and his wife Tricia will remain in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and Dave will continue to develop his business simulations for use by universities over the Internet.

1980s

Rod Learned ’77 – Rod is the director of internal communication for Koch Industries. He recently edited The Science of Success by Charles Koch and contributed to Mouse Tracks, a history of Disney records.

James & Susan Pickle ’82 – James was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force. On the way to his promotion ceremony, James ran into JBU classmate Bruce Schmidt ’82 whom he hadn’t seen since college. (Bruce, who is also in the Air Force, was able to attend the ceremony.) James is rated as a master air battle manager. He and Susan have four children: Mark, Matthew, Michael, and Megan.

Steve Tuzeneu ’84 – In October, Steve was accepted as a member into the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE). He is the manager of WNEB and WVNE radio and the group technology manager for Blount Group Communications. Steve has also received the Certified Broadcast Technologist certification from the SBE.

1990s

Bethany (Mulvaney) & Stephen Carfaro ’97 – Bethany and Stephen live in California with their three children: Caleb, 4; Luke, 2; and Abigail, 1. Bethany stays at home with their children, and Stephen owns two businesses. ▼
Why We Give Back to JBU

JBU has given us so much. Why wouldn’t we give back?

Throughout our years at JBU we were given an excellent education, a wealth of friendships and memories, and an environment in which we were challenged and enabled to grow in our relationship with Christ.

We know that many other alumni sacrificed to help us attend JBU, so now we want to help others experience its rich mission and ministry.

We also want JBU’s heritage of faith and education to remain strong in the years to come so that our children and their generation will be equipped to serve Christ just as we were.

Nate and Angie Nauman
1997 JBU Graduates

Luis & Maria Coto ’95 - The Cotos announced the arrival of their new son, Gabriel. They live in Costa Rica.

Stephanie (Booth) & Brent Curran ’98 - Stephanie and Brent celebrated the birth of their first child, Tyler, on January 14, 2007. Tyler weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. Along with a new child, Stephanie celebrated the completion of her master’s degree in business administration in October.

Nick & Sarah (Gesell) DeYoung ’98 ’98 – Nick and Sarah proudly announce the birth of their daughter Gwendolyn, born May 24, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 in. long. They are also proud of their three-year-old son, Thad.

Tim & Erin (DeMoss) Dolgner ’99 ’99 – Erin and Tim celebrated the birth of Caden Timothy, on October 7, 2006. Caden weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Lori (Barnett) & Brent Edwards ’95 – Lori and Brent are welcoming a new member into their family. Kaillee Mei is adopted from China and is 7 months old. They also have two other children: Jonathan, 4; Laina, 2.

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Michael & Heidi (Ploeger) Franz ’99 ’99 – Michael and Heidi, along with their son Chad, 2, announce the birth of their second child, Kaylee Tara. She was born October 9, 2006, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 20½ inches long. Michael works at J.B. Hunt Transportation, and Heidi is finishing her master’s in education administration.

Debbie (Lind) & Ryan Friesen ’99 – Debbie and Ryan were recently blessed with a baby boy, Jaden LaMar, born August 4, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20½ inches long.

Matthew & Hollie (Walton) Gumm ’93 ’94 – Matthew and Hollie welcomed Isaac Brenton into their family on May 8, 2006. Isaac weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. They also have four other children: Averee, 8; Trevor, 4; Caleb, 4; and Jayden, 2.

Rebecca (Hannah) & Craig Hasselbach ’95 – Rebecca, Craig, and six-year-old Hannah welcomed triplets into their family: Paul Christian, Rachel Joy, and Laly Ann were born August 6, 2006. Rebecca homeschools Hannah and cares for the triplets.

Luke & Michele (Hubbell) Lofgren ’97 ’97 – Luke graduated from the JBU Advance Program with a BIS degree. Michele stays at home, homeschooling two of their four children. Their children are: Danielle, 7; Alexander, 5; Zachariah, 3; and Nathaniel, 2.

Hector & Jennie (Lindgren) Martinez ’97 ’95 – Hector and Jennie work in the Sierra Madre Mountains with Edventure, a Christian college adventure program. They have two daughters: Victoria, 5; Lilian, 2.

Debbie (Lind) & Ryan Friesen ’99 – Debbie and Ryan were recently blessed with a baby boy, Jaden LaMar, born August 4, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20½ inches long.

Denise (Moore) & Gary McKinney ’93 – Denise and Gary celebrated the birth of Garrison Cole on August 29, 2006. Denise is taking a break from 13 years of student ministry to spend time with his wife and their daughter, Lanie Grace.

Amy (Swanson) & Sunil Salve ’98 – Amy and Sunil have three daughters, ages 5, 2, and 8 months. Amy stays at home with the girls, and Sunil works for Young Life at the headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Hector & Jennie (Lindgren) Martinez ’97 ’95 – Hector and Jennie work in the Sierra Madre Mountains with Edventure, a Christian college adventure program. They have two daughters: Victoria, 5; Lilian, 2.

Karen (Koopman) & Christian Ukwuorji ’98 – Kara and Christian welcomed Taliyah Marion into their family on September 18, 2006.

Kyle & Amy (Harbottle) Carter ’06 ’05 – Kyle and Amy were married February 10, 2007. JBU alumni attendants were: Devi Abraham ’05, Hannah Hall ’05, Meredith Jones ’05, Jesse Bellington ’06, Kris Fincher ’06.

Brandon & Bethany (Sites) Cole ’06 ’04 – Brandon and Bethany have lived in Germany this past year where he has played professional basketball with the BSV Wulfen. Brandon has thoroughly enjoyed his time spent in Germany and is grateful for the opportunity to play. Bethany has been teaching kindergarten and teaching English to 12-14-year-old girls. Brandon just recently signed to play basketball for the Auckland (New Zealand) Stars.

Jason & Amy Knight ’03 – Jason and Amy welcomed their daughter, Payton Reece, on February 26, 2007.

Jason & Melinda (Ott) Knott ’01 ’99 – Jason and Melinda Knott were married on December 30, 2006 in Bass Lake, California. Jason attends Denver Seminary and Melinda works for Littleton Public Schools.

Kevin McDonald ’04 – Kevin was named assistant fire chief for the Springdale, Arkansas Fire Department. He was picked after he scored highest on the civil service exam for assistant chief. Kevin, who earned his JBU degree through the Advance Program, was praised by Fire Chief Duane Atha, who told the Springdale Morning News: “He showed his dedication off the job when he completed his education while he was working.”
from the
director’s desk

Alumni Have Some Great Stories to Tell!

One of the most fun parts of my job as alumni director is getting to hear some of the great stories alumni tell when we gather for events on campus or around the country. I heard an alumnus describe getting off the train at the Siloam station one January for the start of his first semester and trudging through knee-deep snow all the way to campus. I heard about a small plane being strung between the Old Science and Old Library the night before commencement was held in the Cathedral. I even heard who the culprit was who electrified the metal bed in one room of MO Dorm to the utter shock of its occupant.

I heard quite a few stories recently when a group of JBU alumni gathered with their families to enjoy a baseball game during the Astros spring training camp in Kissimmee, Florida. It was a beautiful day. We had box seats, great food, and a fun baseball game to watch. We reunited with old friends and made some new ones. What could be better than that?

Well, about the fifth or sixth inning, someone started telling stories about their time at JBU. Then another joined in. Then another. We all laughed loudly at tales being told, so loudly that I kept expecting the other fans in the stands to turn around and tell us to be quiet.

One person suggested that we collect the stories and put them in a book, to which another replied, “Why not put them on the JBU web site?” Presto, the idea for one more feature on AlumNET was born. Let’s share our stories on AlumNET.

We invite you to send us your favorite stories so that we can share them with the rest of the JBU family. How did you wind up coming to JBU? Was there someone or some experience that really made an impact on you while you were a student? What kind of mischief did you and your friends engage in?

Send your stories to us via snail mail or e-mail. (See the addresses on the inside cover of this magazine.) You can even include pictures if you have them. We’ll collect these stories and post as many as we can on AlumNET for everyone to enjoy.

So, storytellers, get busy and send us the JBU tales you think other alumni would like to hear. Then be sure to check AlumNET to read and hear the stories sent in by others. You may learn some things you’ve never known about JBU and your classmates.

Jerry Rollene ’75
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Matt & Debra (Johnson) Minnich ’06 ’06 — Matt and Debra were married on December 29, 2006, in California. They now live in Kansas City.

Christopher & Luciana Monk ’03 — Christopher, Luciana, and son Luke welcomed a new member to the family this year. Christopher was born on June 23, 2006.

Jamie Paskiewicz ’00 — Jamie lives in Colorado Springs.

Quin (Andrews) & Kirk Showalter ’04 — Quin and Kirk welcomed a second child into their family. Stella Christine was born on February 10, 2007.

Eric & Darci (Hornok) Szymanski ’06 ’06 — Eric and Darci’s first son, Jeremiah Philip, was born on April 10, 2007.

Jacob & Heidi (Holthus) Tankersley ’02 ’04 — Jacob’s company was chosen as the general contractor for the construction of a house featured on an episode of ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” shown in April. This is the second time the company worked on a home for the show. Jacob said, “It was a very stressful week, but rewarding all the same.”

Tyson & Lisa Toews ’04 ’04 — Tyson works in the estimating/contracts department at Walden’s Machine, Inc., and Lisa teaches kindergarten.

David & Catherine (Diehm) Wilson ’00 ’01 — David and Catherine have two boys: Zander, 2; Grainger, 8 months.

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In Loving Memory

Art Arnold ’51 – Art went to be with the Lord on July 9, 2006.

Shelby Blackmon ’36 – Shelby passed away on November 23, 2006. After leaving JBU, Shelby went to law school and later taught law at the University of Arkansas.

Jerome E. Brown ’35 – The Lord called Jerome E. Brown home after a 10-year bout with Alzheimer’s disease on October 19, 2007. He was the son of J. Alvin and Mabel Brown and the nephew of John E. Brown Sr. He met his wife Grace while attending JBU in 1935. They were married in 1937 and had two daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn.

Brownie Kimbrough – Former education professor Brownie Kimbrough passed away on May 4, 2007 in Siloam Springs. She began teaching at JBU in 1964 and later became chair of the Education Division.

Jo Murray ’46 – Jo passed away on October 23, 2006. She attended JBU from 1942 to 1944. Jo was married to Ed Reynolds ’46.

Josephine (Caster) Singles ’35 – Josephine passed away on March 16, 2007 in Falls Church, Virginia. She was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. She is survived by three nieces and two nephews.

Carol Ann Skalla ’57 – Carol went home to be with the Lord on April 4, 2007. She taught English at Rogers High School and Horace Mann Junior High. Carol was retired from the American Airlines Computer Center and was a docent for the Gilcrease Museum. She is survived by her husband, Bob; four children; two siblings; and eight grandchildren.

Sadie (Gurley) Taylor ’37 – Sadie went to be with the Lord on December 23, 2006. She was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Fresno, California and of the Fowler Improvement Association. Sadie also was a member of the JBU Heritage Society. She is survived by her husband, John, and several nieces and nephews.

Pearl (Brown) Vroman ’52 – Pearl passed away on April 2, 2006. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

James Whitaker ’40 – James went to be with the Lord on November 8, 2006.

Campus Notes
The Zondervan Greek Award for outstanding achievement in the study of biblical Greek was awarded to senior Tim Kramer for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Join the JBU Prayer Network
Enlarge your territory for God by participating in a unique new ministry that can have a significant impact on JBU and the Kingdom of God.

Sign up for the JBU Prayer Network and join the many other alumni and friends who are supporting the mission and the people of JBU with prayer.

Our Purpose:
To create a team of JBU alumni and friends who will uphold JBU on a regular basis in serious prayer.

Your Commitment:
To pray for the JBU family to become a strong witness for Christ. Each month you will be e-mailed seven to ten prayer requests related to the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual pursuits of the students, faculty, and staff.

How to Join:
Go online to www.jbualumni.com and click on “e-Newsletter” in the left column. Then click the JBU Prayer Network box, complete the form and click “Submit.” You will then begin receiving the prayer requests each month during the school year.

Submit your information for publication in the next issue of the Brown Bulletin.

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• The charitable distribution counts toward your minimum required distributions.
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• You may transfer up to $100,000 in 2007 directly from your IRA.

Receive the benefits before time runs out. This opportunity currently applies only to tax year 2007.

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Connecting for generations to come

Alumni Career Fair • Soccer and Volleyball Games and Rugby Match • Showcase Dinner and Sound Generation Performance • JBU’s First Original Production: “Children Elemental” by the Drama Team

Class of ’57 Fifty-Year Reunion as well as reunions for ’62, ’67, ’72, ’77, ’82, ’87, ’92, ’97, & ’02

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