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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

God continues to do something special at Bethel College. You may have heard about the marathon chapel service on Feb. 16 that ended up lasting more than seven hours. It was a time of great blessing as students asked for forgiveness, forgave others, sought the restoration of broken relationships and purposed to pursue a deeper walk in their faith. God honored their openness with healing: spiritually, emotionally and (for some) even physically.

It is our continued prayer that the students who participated will never be the same ... that going forward their passion for Christ will bring greater excellence in their studies, greater concern for others and opportunities to make a real difference in the lives they touch ... that they will become “World Changers” wherever God places them.

This issue of the Bethel Magazine is filled with stories of those from the Bethel family who have already answered a call to global impact.

Our cover story introduces a faculty member who has had an impact on multitudes of people around the world with the gospel through music. Professor of Music Vicky Tan Warkentien, D.M.M., spends her summers teaching Chinese church music to those in Asia, Australia, Canada and the United States. She is but one example of our many faculty members who not only use their gifts for God's glory in a Bethel classroom, but around the world.

You will also read about two Bethel students who are giving back to their homeland of Kenya through their work with The Village Trust. The Village Trust is an organization created to empower village groups (including women and children) and help them move beyond their current circumstances. These two students rallied the entire Bethel student body to raise money to assist this organization with their work.

Bethel College is committed to raising up leaders for the church, community, nation and the world. There are many other great stories we could share, but I trust these particular ones will serve to inspire you to make a difference as well — wherever you are.

Lastly, I would encourage you to take advantage of the ability to access the Bethel Magazine online at www.BethelCollege.edu/Magazine. You can do so frequently as the stories are updated weekly. The online version provides access to audio, video and web links related to our stories. You can even post a comment if you wish. It is just one more great way to stay connected with Bethel as we continue to move “Forward, with Christ at the Helm.”

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Steven R. Cramer, Ph.D. ('75)
President
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Two Bethel students team up to help empower Kenyan women.

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One Professor Reaches Multitudes Through Music

BY JUDY BRADFORD

“There were about 400 people, in the choir alone, welcoming me. I was very surprised.”

– Vicky Tan Warkentien, D.M.M.
There are some gatherings that don’t happen in China — meeting for Sunday School is one of them. “But you can have choir rehearsal, and you can teach Christianity through music,” says Assistant Professor of Music Vicky Tan Warkentien, D.M.M.

In a country where the practice of religion is strictly controlled by the Communist government, Warkentien has found ways to spread the love of God through her vast knowledge of piano, sight singing, ear training and conducting. Whenever she can, she teaches Chinese church music (traditional church music translated into Chinese) to Chinese Christians in Asian countries, as well as Australia, Canada and the United States. Just as soon as Bethel’s classes end in May, she is off to another city or country to teach a workshop, conduct a concert or run a summer camp.

Warkentien has been an assistant professor of music at Bethel since 2005. She holds a doctorate of music ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master of church music from the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. But it all began with her love of music, and how it can be used to spread the gospel.

She started playing the piano at the age of 5. Born of Chinese parents but raised in Saigon, Vietnam, she attended an Episcopalian Christian School. (Her grandfather moved to Vietnam in the 1940s, moving the family away from political conflict in China.) When the Vietnamese conflict broke out — and she had to hide out in the family bunker — she would soothe herself and practice piano by making a fake keyboard out of newspaper. She was only 11 years old.

In 1999, she was living in Perth, Australia, because her husband’s U.S.-based employer transferred him there as sales manager for Asia. She was working with a Chinese church there, and was asked by the World’s Association of Chinese Church Music to talk to a church choir in the city of Shenzen, in the province of Canton, China.

“The door was being opened at that time for some religious freedom in China. But a lot of people were still being detained. I said, ‘let me pray about that,’ because the country is still Communist and not entirely open, and I didn’t want to get into a [difficult] situation there.”

It wasn’t until many years later — 2006 — that she would feel comfortable going to China and working with a choir. And what a choir it was. “There were about 400 people, in the choir alone, welcoming me. I was very surprised. The church itself had about 20,000 members. I got there and my name was on the billboard. They were starving for information.”

Wherever she goes to conduct a workshop, she gets the same reception. Her students are very excited and “are very hungry.” Sometimes they even come from three hours away and will sleep the night before in the church basement.

“You can imagine how good it is to be so appreciated as a teacher, and that keeps me motivated. This is a way to evangelize through music. If I can teach even 10 leaders, they each go out and teach 1,000. Do the math there.”
EMPOWERING WOMEN
ONE VILLAGE AT A TIME

BY OLIVIA JOHANAN ('11) & LISSA (GRASHORN '07) DIAZ

LANGAT HELPS BETHEL STUDENTS MAKE THEIR BIDS DURING A SILENT AUCTION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE TRUST.
In parts of rural Kenya where the cultural focus is on men, women don’t have a choice. With little to no education and no means of income, they are often forced to live in poverty and abuse.

Native Kenyan Irene Kirathi (‘12) witnessed this after visiting a medical camp in connection with a nonprofit organization called The Village Trust. “I saw these people and it broke my heart,” Kirathi says. “In Kenya, men are valuable. Women suffer from lack of knowledge.”

United Nations Ambassador Sarah Kilemi, Ph.D., is determined to change this. She founded The Village Trust in an effort to break the cycle of poverty in rural Kenya through teaching women how to provide for themselves. “The only way we can help women is to economically empower them,” Kilemi says.

The Village Trust was created to “empower village groups, especially women and youth, to combat poverty, disease, illiteracy and ignorance through income-generating activities, education training and social mobilization for a brighter common future.” Basically, they provide women with business education and help them to establish small businesses that have proven to be profitable.

Kirathi brought the plight of The Village Trust to Bethel. “The Village Trust is not just giving women things, like food or clothes, it’s teaching them to sustain themselves and how to love,” says Kirathi.

With the help of International Students Coordinator for Intercultural Development Lori (Natelborg ’03) Gonzalez, and fellow Kenyan Mercy Langat (‘13), Kirathi partnered with on-campus organizations to raise $1,300 through a silent auction for The Village Trust last school year. Last month Langat and Kirathi helped put on another auction. All the funds raised went toward helping women in one village escape poverty and abuse.

“We could not pass up the opportunity to support the work of an organization that has had such a personal and positive global impact,” says Gonzalez.

This past winter, Kilemi visited campus to speak to others who have become interested in helping the organization. She spoke on women’s issues and how simple things — like collecting feminine products or simply praying for The Village Trust — can make a huge difference.

The visit also gave Kilemi a chance to reconnect with Kirathi and Langat, who hold a special place in her heart. Kilemi has been a close friend and mentor to both students, and her passion for the poor and abused is contagious. So much so, that Langat is pursuing a similar career path. “I have a passion for women and children affected by HIV and AIDS,” Langat says. Her dream is to return to Africa to work for a Nongovernment Organization (NGO) and eventually work for the United Nations like Kilemi.

“I have a job where I try to be a voice for the less fortunate,” says Kilemi. And though they are continents apart for the time being, Kirathi and Langat hope to do the same through their Bethel partnership with The Village Trust.

If you’d like to help, visit www.VillageFunds.org.

“The Village Trust is not just giving women things, like food or clothes, it’s teaching them to sustain themselves and how to love.” — Irene Kirathi
On Wednesday, Feb. 16, what began as a normal chapel service quickly turned into an extraordinary move of God, causing hundreds of students to respond in various ways. Responses included sharing encouragement and scripture, confessing sins, kneeling at the altar for prayer, and even inviting Jesus to be Lord of their life for the first time.

The service went until about 5:30 p.m., but the response from students didn’t end there. Over the next week, students continued to organize worship services and participated in spontaneous Bible studies and discussions in residence halls and classrooms.

Additionally, many alumni, parents and friends of the college were affected by the Feb. 16 service as they watched the live video feed online. Word spread through social media channels, and statistics for Bethel’s website, Facebook page and Twitter feed spiked as people tuned in to find out more. According to website analytics, people from nearly every state and 17 countries watched the live chapel feed.

Dennis Engbrecht, Ph.D., senior vice president, and Shawn Holtgren, Ph.D., vice president for student development, have spearheaded efforts to provide follow-up and guidance to students. Nearly 200 students signed up for discipleship groups, led by 32 faculty and staff volunteers.

Whether or not this can be officially classified as a revival, it is very clear that the Holy Spirit is at work on Bethel’s campus. Please join us in praying that this outpouring will be a catalyst for change, not only on our campus, but also in churches, the community and other colleges and universities.

For more information about these events, visit www.BethelCollege.edu/Revival. This page contains several updates from Engbrecht, including a video summary and an interview on The Harvest Show. It also has a comprehensive listing of other blog posts, reflections and testimonies shared by faculty, staff, students and alumni.

— ERIN KINZEL
GENEROUS BIBLE GIFT
Marvin E. and Gladys R. Boht donated several biblical artifacts to Bethel College. Some artifacts included a page of Leviticus from the “Great Chain Bible” in England and a page of Acts from the Tyndale Bible. The entire collection, worth nearly $6,000, will eventually be displayed on Bethel’s campus. The location is yet to be determined.

2011 COMMENCEMENT
Approximately 560 students plan to participate in graduation ceremonies April 30 and May 1.
For more information about graduation weekend, visit www.BethelCollege.edu/Graduation.

“BETHEL PRIME TIME” DEBUTS
Bethel students produced their second 30-minute TV news magazine show last semester. The show is an outcome of a class where students develop the content, conduct the interviews, shoot the video and write the stories.
Check it out at www.BethelCollege.edu/Prime.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
APRIL (ALLISON ’01) RUSSELL (SOFTBALL/VOLLEYBALL), ERIC BRAND (’02, MEN’S BASKETBALL) AND AJ WHITEHEAD (’01, WOMEN’S BASKETBALL) RECEIVE PLAQUES AS PART OF THEIR INDUCTION INTO BETHEL’S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME LAST FALL.

CHRISTIAN RECORDING ARTISTS VISIT BETHEL
Christian recording artists Jars of Clay and Brandon Heath performed at Bethel last fall. About 900 showed up for the performance at Wiekamp Athletic Center. J.J. Heller performed during chapel and for the community this past semester.
— JAIMEE THIRION

SAVE THE DATE
Plan to attend the 18th annual Bethel College Golf Classic to be held on June 27 at Knollwood Country Club in Granger, Ind. For information on registering or becoming a sponsor, e-mail Mike Lightfoot at lightfm@BethelCollege.edu.
Celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. looked different at Bethel this year. Not only were students asked to reflect upon his life and legacy, but they were also encouraged to use this day to reflect upon different cultures and customs around the globe.

Several events were coordinated and sponsored by Bethel’s center for intercultural development and the multi-ethnic resource team (MERT), such as a visit to the Northern Indiana Center for History, attending a celebration concert at another nearby college and a trip to Ten Thousand Villages.

Assistant Professor of Communication Elizabeth McLaughlin, Ph.D., who teaches my intercultural communication class, led a trip to the nonprofit shop Ten Thousand Villages in Granger, Ind. I had never been to the store. After arriving and looking at all of the home décor, personal accessories and gift items, the manager explained the store’s mission and fair trade process which is “… to provide vital, fair income to third world people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America.” The money aids each artisan to improve their housing situation, and provide food, education and healthcare for their families.

The company supports artisans in more than 30 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. I was surprised to find that the store runs off of two paid employees and several volunteers.

I now saw the crafts differently. I realized they were intricate and creatively made; no two products were exactly alike. The artisans’ work isn’t just their livelihood, but an expression of their culture. This trip made me appreciate the talents that each of these artisans bring to the table, making me want to help.

Before we left, I purchased a basket that was hand-woven by a woman in Bangladesh. To me this basket will serve as a reminder to continue appreciating all of the cultures and customs around the world.

— CHRISTY BRINK (‘12)
By the Still Waters

Through faith, dance, photography, evangelism, artistry and education, Rachel (Ort ’05) Leazenby touched others. She was full of life. She had a lot to give.

During her time at Bethel, she loved to take her camera and sit by the water — the pond in the middle of campus — to be in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was there where she felt restored and refreshed, even after she graduated in 2005.

“The pond was her place,” says Mary Ort, Leazenby’s mother. “She would go there to relax and felt ministered to.”

So it’s only fitting that a memorial bench commemorating Leazenby be placed at the pond, on the campus where she intimately felt the Lord’s love. Leazenby’s life ended too soon when she died from injuries sustained in a car crash Christmas Eve 2008. She was 27.

“A few months before going to heaven I had asked Rachel what had happened to her to make her shine the way she did,” Leazenby’s husband, John, says, “and she said it was her time at Bethel. She spoke of how the people loved her there for who she was and how they pointed her toward Jesus. She loved her friends and her professors.”

Bethel gave Leazenby the ability to get paid for what she liked to do — teach and evangelize. And that’s exactly what Leazenby, who was a teacher at Grissom Middle School in Mishawaka, Ind., did.

“She taught everywhere. Anywhere she could find kids she was teaching them,” says Ort. “I don’t think she knew how much God was using her. So many people liked her because she was so outgoing, and she wanted to share her love with you.”

Prior to her death, Leazenby wrote on her Facebook page: “I am a Christ follower and eagerly anticipating the marriage feast with my Lord.”

Thousands attended her funeral, and many told the family of the impact Leazenby had on them. She may be physically gone, but her memory will stay alive by the still waters on Bethel’s campus for others to be refreshed and restored.

— YONIKA WILLIS
Faculty & Staff News

ERDEL RECEIVES AWARDS
Timothy Erdel, Ph.D., associate professor of religion and philosophy, received a research grant from Kenneth G. Elizinga, Robert C. Taylor Professor of Economics at the University of Virginia via the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund. He also received a grant from the International Collaboration Committee of the American Theological Library Association for an internship for a Jamaican theological librarian. He will oversee this position this summer at Bethel. He was also recently named a Kern Fellow, which means he will attend Acton University in Grand Rapids this June, taking 12 intensive courses concerning economics.

GILLUM RECEIVES DOCTORATE, PUBLISHES ARTICLES
Deborah Gillum, Ph.D., associate dean of the School of Nursing, received her doctorate last December from one of the top-ranked nursing schools in the country, Rush University in Chicago, Ill. She completed her dissertation on, “An Exploratory Study of the Cardiovascular Knowledge, Beliefs and Healthcare Practices of the Old Order Amish in Northern Indiana.” Gillum also recently published articles in the “Journal of Transcultural Nursing” and the “Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Healthcare.”

MCLAUGHLIN RECEIVES AWARD
Elizabeth McLaughlin, Ph.D., assistant professor of communication, received an award for one of the top three papers in the National Communication Association (NCA) Spiritual Division. She presented her paper, “Building Bridges: A Study and Proposal of the Chartain Labyrinth as Paradigm for the Transformational Journey of Interfaith Dialogue,” at the NCA convention in San Francisco last fall.

MEISTER PUBLISHES MORE BOOKS

ONLINE PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR
Bethel welcomes Jason Edwards as the college’s first distance education director. He’s held various corporate and higher education management roles, as well as being the first to implement a successful distance education program.
Scott was my colleague and mentor in our discipline, but he was also my dear friend, one I will miss more than these few words can express. In his rather open argument with cancer, Scott honestly shared his suffering in ways that always pointed to reality: how to live, mentor and teach in the shadow of death, and how to honor God well when something has gone terribly wrong.

Scott loved others most notably in his teaching and mentoring. In his teaching, particularly in this final semester when he was most ill, he was always thinking about his students and how well they were learning. He also cared about their real lives.

More than once, Scott and his wife, Carolynn, helped students find housing when they had no place to go. Often, a student would drift into his office just to talk and found that Scott would offer the gift of a listening heart.

Most of all, Scott loved his wife and loved Jesus. Many of us remember how he shared at a faculty retreat how we should inhale and receive God’s grace, and then exhale and share grace with others. He loved Christ and accepted that discipleship could lead to the cross. Scott chose to act justly, love mercifully and walk humbly with his God. Scott, you will be missed and have left us with an example of how we should live.

— ELIZABETH MCLAUGHLIN, PH.D.
I got my degree in architecture from Notre Dame in ’72 and was nationally certified and registered to practice in seven states. I had a successful practice for more than 20 years in Nevada. So how in the world did my wife, Carol, and I end up living as the resident directors of Oakwood/Slater residence hall with 99 freshmen males for the past 10 years?

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. — Psalm 37:4

The Lord blessed our business life, allowing us to work together. As our daughter and son grew, we found our hearts tugged toward the younger people of our church. We were asked to teach senior high Sunday school, and that led to our leading youth group. The blessings of our business life ended up facilitating our desire to work with youth for more than 12 years!

Then we noticed that the desire of our hearts was changing as young people graduated from high school and disappeared from the church. God had led our own children to Bethel College, and we watched the incredible growth they experienced here. Our hearts were now being tugged toward the college-aged. In ways that are very clear to us now, but were difficult to understand at the time, the Lord helped us to close down our business, sell our home and move to northern Indiana. We knocked at the door of Bethel College and told them that we didn’t care what they had for us to do, but we knew that we were supposed to be there!

Henry Blackaby, in his book “Experiencing God,” points out that, “Since we know that God is always at work in the world … we should always be looking to see where He is at work, and when He shows us, we should join Him in His work.”

Here in Oakwood-Slater Hall, we’ve been involved with nearly 1,000 young men at a critical point in their lives! We may have seen some things that we’d rather not have, but by far the desires of our hearts were fulfilled by the Lord! Each of our paths is different, but I highly recommend “joining Him in His work!”

And I haven’t even mentioned the six incredible grandchildren born while we worked here!

— BILL BEMIS
ARTIST SPOTLIGHT
Associate Professor Suzanne Mauro debuted her installation, “The Flower Girls,” in the Weaver Art Gallery bringing the “Artist Spotlight” show series to a close last fall. The goal was to create an emotional environment with the pieces of the show, the actual flower girls. Each piece worked together rather than independent. Adjunct professors Angela Leed and Jeffrey Combs also displayed their work in separate shows.

MUSIC, DANCE, THEATRE COMBO
The Bethel College Collegians and Voices of Triumph presented “Zeitgeist!” Mar. 11. It was an evening of music, dance and theatre in a slapstick, “who-dunit?” murder mystery. The theme of this year’s show was “family photo album” and featured pictures submitted by the cast from their childhood. — JAIMEE THIRION

Dessert Theatre

Fools
By Neil Simon
June 9, 10, 11 • 7 p.m.
June 11 • 2 p.m.
Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center

Eat sweets and fall in love with this comedic fable at the 18th annual Dessert Theatre.

The story starts with Leon Tolchinsky, an ambitious young schoolteacher, arriving in the Russian village of Kulyenchikov. He soon finds out he’s in a town with an idiotic 200-year curse — literally. It’s also a town where the people are incapable of loving. Of course, Tolchinsky falls in love. He now has 24 hours to break the curse before he too falls victim to stupidity and a loveless life. He must educate his love, Sophia, and marry her.

TICKETS
Tickets go on sale May 16
Call 574.807.7080
Mon. – Fri. 1-5 p.m.

COST
Show and Dessert tickets $18 for adults • $16 for seniors
Show only tickets $10.
The play will start at 8 p.m. each evening and 3 p.m. on June 11.
Group rates are available.
Did you know that nearly 130 Bethel alumni are currently living in 36 countries outside of the United States? Some are teachers, missionaries and pastors, while others are working in their chosen field overseas. They are living out Bethel’s mission, “dedicated to building lives of commitment for leadership in the church and the world.” We recently caught up with a few overseas alumni to find out just how they are impacting their local communities.
Egypt (Africa)

NORRIS HAM (’05) TEACHES SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF EGYPT IN CAIRO. AFTER LIVING AND WORKING IN ATLANTA, GA., SINCE COLLEGE, HE AND HIS WIFE, ANGELA (COURLASS ’05) HAM, SAW THE MOVE AS OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH. BEFORE RIOTS BEGAN IN CAIRO IN LATE JANUARY, THE HAMS LED WORSHIP AT THEIR CHURCH EVERY WEEK AND HOSTED A BIBLE STUDY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.

Houston (Central America)

MEXICO (Central America)

JAVIER LOPEZ (’00) WORKS AS THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AT EMPACADORA MEXICANA DE PUEBLA, A MEAT PROCESSING FACTORY IN HIS HOMETOWN OF PUEBLA, MEXICO. THE COMPANY WAS ACTUALLY STARTED BY HIS GRANDFATHER IN THE 1920S. THEY MAKE PRODUCTS FOR THE FAST FOOD CHAINS IN MEXICO. THE FORMER BETHEL SOCCER PLAYER SEES HIS POSITION AS ONE OF MINISTRY. HE SAYS HE HAS 40 PRODUCTION WORKERS WHO DON’T EVEN KNOW HOW TO READ AND WRITE, AND MANY WITH FAMILY PROBLEMS. LOPEZ TRIES TO SHARE HIS LIFE EXPERIENCES AND WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN HIM. (HE IS PICTURED WITH HIS WIFE, VERONICA, AND HIS DAUGHTER, ISABEL.)

Hungary (Europe)

SUZANNE COLE (’06) LIVES IN ÉRÓD, HUNGARY, AND WORKS IN BUDAPEST AS A MISSIONARY AND TEACHER, BUT HER REAL PASSION IS SOFTBALL. THE SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION MAJOR PARTNERS WITH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED OPERATION MOBILIZATION (OM), WHOSE FOUNDER ACTUALLY SPOKE DURING WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION CONFERENCE AT BETHEL HER SENIOR YEAR. IN ÉRÓD, COLE HELPS MANAGE EIGHT BASEBALL TEAMS AND ONE SOFTBALL TEAM. COLE TEACHES U.S. HISTORY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF BUDAPEST.

Haiti (North America)

BRITNEY SMITH (’04) IS WORKING AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER AT GRAMOTHE HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF PETIONVILLE, HAITI, THROUGH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED MOUNTAIN TOP MINISTRIES. THE ENGLISH EDUCATION MAJOR IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT INVESTING IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG HAITIANS. IN ADDITION TO HER FULL-TIME JOB, SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERS, TEACHING ENGLISH TO ORPHANS AND HELPING STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO USE COMPUTERS.
When riots broke out in Cairo, Egypt, in late January, Norris (‘05) and Angela (Courliss ’05) Ham had no idea how quickly they would escalate. Though highly publicized by the media around the world, the riots were isolated to a very specific part of the city, so for a while, life in the rest of Cairo went on as normal. But things turned dangerous quickly.

“The mosques put out a call to the men of the neighborhoods and said they were to ‘come out and defend their homes,’” Norris says. Neighbors warned the Hams to defend themselves too, because looters were coming. Banks, grocery stores and schools shut down.

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They packed a few outfits, essential documents, their camera and computer and left everything else — including their bank account — behind. They didn’t even get a chance to say goodbye to friends or their church, where they had led worship every week. And once they got to Sharm el Sheik, they had an important decision to make.

With the country so unstable, it no longer seemed safe for Angela, who was about seven months pregnant, to stay. The Hams decided to fly back to the U.S.

“It was a much more difficult decision to leave the country than to leave the city. But we needed to start thinking about our little baby and what we would do if I went into labor,” Angela says.

Together, they spent a few days with each of their families before getting Angela settled in Indianapolis, Ind. Then the couple faced another tough decision — to send Norris back to Egypt alone to finish his teaching contract.

Current conditions in Cairo are now stable enough that the schools have reopened and rioting has died down. When it comes time for Angela to have the baby, Norris will fly back to the U.S., and the couple plans to eventually return to Egypt with the baby for two more years of teaching.

“Norris and I love Egypt,” says Angela. “We are going back because we feel that is where God is calling us.”

— LISSA (GRASHORN ’07) DIAZ
The Bethel College women’s golf team is the only Pilot athletic team to make it to NAIA nationals every year since the program’s beginning six years ago. This year’s team plans to continue the tradition, but this time bring home a national championship title.

Their chances are looking pretty good. The team has already started off with the first-ever undefeated fall season, winning all five tournaments they entered, including the Youngstown State Invitational against NCAA D1 schools. In addition, they soared to the No. 5 position in the 2011 NAIA Women’s Golf Coaches’ Preseason Top 25 Poll.

Head Coach Danny Randolph says this is difficult for a Midwest school to do because of geographical handicaps. “Bethel’s success in women’s golf really is phenomenal because Bethel [is not] located in the ‘ideal’ golf climates in the South or in the West, where nearly all the collegiate golf powers are located.”

Randolph also says that their victories over top programs in the South and West indicate that something really special is going on. He believes that the team’s success began with the right players and their determination, as well as elevated levels of intelligence and character.

When the team begins the spring portion of their season in April, they will compete in five tournaments, beginning with the Capital Classic in Columbus, Ohio.

In May, the Pilots will face many of the same competitors from the fall tournament at the NAIA Unaffiliated Conference No. 4 Championship. The winning team will receive automatic advancement to the NAIA National Championship in Greeneville, Tenn.

“We see hope for the national championship title in the near future!” exclaims Katie Powell (’12), who had the best season of her college career this past fall. “God has truly blessed us, and I am so grateful to be a part of this team and to have a coach who so strongly believes in us.”

— CHRISTY BRINK (’12)
**SOFTBALL**
With the loss of six starters and eight contributors from the 2010 squad, the softball team has a new look this spring. Expectations are the same, though, as the Pilots return two NAIA All-Americans. Coach Anna Welsh expects the experience and leadership of three seniors combined with a talented group of underclassmen to keep the Pilots in the hunt for an MCC Championship. Last season the softball team made its fourth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Championship.

**BASEBALL**
The baseball team lost four starting position players including two All-MCC performers. The Pilots’ pitching staff looks to be bolstered with newcomers adding depth to the rotation without the loss of a single pitcher from last year’s team. Garrett Curless ('12) returns as an All-MCC performer at first base and looks to lead the baseball program in the post season in 2011. The team finished third in the MCC last season.

**TRACK AND FIELD**
Women’s track repeated as NCCAA Indoor Champions for the second year in a row, while the men placed sixth. Several athletes qualified for NAIA Indoor Nationals.

During the outdoor season the men’s team looks to build upon last season’s third place finish in the MCC with the help of returning NAIA All-American long jumper JW Maierle ('11). The women’s team looks to repeat as MCC champions and will do so with the help of returning NAIA All-Americans: Nichole Arnold ('11), Beenne Capre ('11), Samantha Etter ('12) and Kaila Stevens ('12). Both teams have set their sights on a return trip to NAIA Outdoor Nationals.

Additionally Assistant Track and Field Coach Danny Wilkerson was awarded the title of “USA Elite Pole Vault Coach of the Year for 2010.”

**CHEERLEADING**
With five new members to the Bethel College coed cheer team and only eight members total, the 2010-11 season has been about growth and improvement. “I couldn’t be more proud of this team and...”

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SERVING UP CHRIST
in the Dominican

Jessica Gates (‘09) got a taste of what it’s like to serve overseas when she went to Jamaica on a task force trip with the Bethel volleyball team as a freshman. She loved the idea that sports could be used for missions. Now, the science education major serves as a missionary with Students International in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, and uses volleyball as a ministry tool. Gates recently shared how her Bethel experience led her to the Dominican.

LD: When did you decide to live/work overseas and what prompted that decision?
JG: After [my task force trip to Jamaica], God really started moving in my heart to continue seeking other similar opportunities. I went on other task force trips and I continued to feel like God was leading me into missions. Finally, I had an internship here in the Dominican Republic with Students International and I really saw a need for sports ministry for girls. The directors loved the idea and had me filling out an application the next day!

LD: How did your time at Bethel influence your choice to live and work overseas?
JG: Bethel did a great job of providing so many opportunities to serve. For me, that looked like doing projects with the volleyball team, serving as an RA and going on task force trips. These, along with other experiences, have shaped the passions that I have today.

LD: Describe how you are impacting your local community.
JG: We currently have three volleyball teams from the community and run Bible studies and English classes with them. I focus on using the time to disciple the girls to be leaders and light in their communities. It has been such a neat experience to watch these girls begin to really discover their identity in Christ despite the strong macho culture. I also put together tournaments where my teams compete against each other as well as local teams. We always bring in a speaker who gets a chance to share a message with the girls. Just recently, we have formed a new elite team called VC Revolution that the other three teams will try out for and will have the opportunity to travel around and play other cities.

🔗 For more Q & A with Gates, visit www.BethelCollege.edu/Magazine.
— LISSA (GRASHORN ‘07) DIAZ
what they have accomplished,” says Coach Rebecca (Staples ’08) Bunton. “I believe we have set a strong foundation for next year’s program.”

Last month, the cheerleading team displayed their skills at a competition for area school and all-star cheerleading teams on Bethel’s campus.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The men’s basketball team came into the season knowing that youth and inexperience would play a role in the outcome of the 2010-2011 Pilots basketball season. With only two returning starters and nine freshmen, the team got off to an impressive 8-1 start to the season. Then inexperience began to show and injuries began to pile up at an almost unbelievable rate. With a depleted roster, the Pilots went on an eight-game losing streak. After a first round exit in the MCC tournament, the Pilots hope to return next season with many experienced players.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

After jumping out to a promising start to the season with a 6-1 record and an NAIA No. 14 ranking, the Lady Pilots struggled to finish off their opponents, losing nine games in which they held a double-digit lead. After finishing fifth in the MCC, the BC women (17-14) are now poised for a run to defend their NCCAA crown of 2010. Amidst the tough season, seniors Heather Seyfreid, Mandy Yoder and Bekah Basinger were a bright spot, as each cracked the Lady Pilots Top 10 all-time scoring list.

— JEFF WELSH

FOR THE RECORD

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From the Alumni Office

Bethel alumni enrich my life and the mission of the college in so many diverse ways. You are a blessing! Thank you for:

- The positive impact you make in our world through your career, family rearing and church or community involvement.
- Lives well-lived that reflect positively on a Bethel education.
- The many ways you give back to Bethel through your financial and prayer support, voluntary service at college events and by providing career opportunities for our students and new graduates.

One of the goals of the alumni board is to increase the emphasis on collecting and sharing alumni stories. To help us accomplish this, please complete the update form at www.BethelCollege.edu/Contact/Alumni. We are interested to know about your Bethel education “at work.” Where has life taken you?

And lastly, we’d love to see you at one of our upcoming reunions. Check the list of events, and if one of these gatherings applies to you, make plans to join us.

Lois Pannabecker
Director of Alumni Services

NOTE: Alumni names in red denote an alumni picture at the bottom of the page in red.

50s

Curtis Collier (attended ’51-’55) is retired and resides in Safety Harbor, Fla., with his wife, Joan (Hicks attended ’53-’54). They volunteer at two retirement centers doing Sunday ministry and leading three weekly Bible studies.

- Jack Longley (’59) serves as interim pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church and is moderator of the Presbytery of San Jose, Calif., providing oversight to 45 churches. His wife, Irma (Washmuth ’58), was awarded second place for her oil paintings at the Annual Almaden Women’s Club Art and Wine Festival. Her work may be viewed at www.irmalongley.com.

60s

Terry Butters (’69) authored “Meeting House on the Republican,” a historical novel set in the 1800s. It was published by Publish America in Sept. 2010. He and his wife, Pamela (Tittle attended ’67-’69) reside in South Connellsville, Pa.

- Willie L. Hoover (’61) is retired from Penn Harris Madison School Corporation after teaching for 48 years. He and his wife, Sharon, enjoy camping, traveling, watching Bethel basketball and spending time with their nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
- Luanne (Hayter attended ’66-’67) Long is retired after working for many years as a librarian. She and her husband, Larry, enjoy traveling nationally and internationally and spending time with family.
- Harold (attended ’60-’62) and Linda (O’Dell ’62) Young reside in Vernon, BC, Canada. Linda is retired after 15 years of service as a school bus driver and supervisor. Harold continues to drive for the school district and city transit. They have five grandchildren.

- Robert Zawoysky (’67) is retired following 22 years as executive creative director for Masterworks, a marketing and development firm that specializes in Christian non-profit organizations. He will assume the part-time role of founding creative director in April following a three-month sabbatical. He and his wife, Maree (Johnson ’68), reside in Poulsbo, Wash.

Robert Zawoysky

Upcoming Alumni Events

**APRIL**
- 30 Classes of 1951 and 1961 Reunions

**JULY**
- 20 Bethel Gathering – Mancelona Camp
- 31 Bethel Gathering – Prairie Camp

**AUGUST**
- 5 Bethel Gathering – Ludlow Falls Camp
- 10 Bethel Gathering – Brown City Camp
- 27 Baseball Alumni Game and Tennis Alumni Match

**SEPTEMBER**
- 10 Men’s Basketball Alumni Event
- 11 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- 17 Men’s Soccer Alumni Game
- 24 Softball Alumni Game

**OCTOBER**
- 8 Pilots 5K Run/Walk and Voices of Triumph Reunion
- 22 Women’s Basketball Reunion
Accounting alumni returned to campus on Alumni Weekend for their first departmental reunion. Row 1 (l to r): Senior accounting majors: Cory Martin, Robert Horton, Jeff Smeltzer and Katie Steenbeke. Row 2: Melinda (Caudle ’81) Brown, Greg Conrad (’81, ’05), Jacob Borke (’10), Brian Andrews (’96), Dave Brenay (’77), Justin Reames (’06), Sam Davenport (’77), Jon Hirschy (’89), Barry Jones (’97), Stephanie (Andrews ’88) Pittman, Daniel Hill (’06), Yoko La Velle (’82), Donald Gribbin (’76), Tim Phipps (’06), Alex Conrad (’08) and Cole Pattuzzi (’09).

**70s**

John Folker (attended ’77-’78) is Deaf Affinity liaison for IMB located in Richmond, Va.

**80s**

Brian Hamil (’82) of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the volunteer national chair for the American Red Cross Biomedical Services. He recently received the American Red Cross Presidential Award for Excellence in recognition of the American Red Cross/National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes Youth Leadership Program — a blood drive initiative he conceived, developed and launched. Brian has been an active volunteer for more than 20 years. • Bradley Heiple (’82, ’85) is an adjunct faculty member in the psychology/social services department at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich. • James Turza (’89) is retired from Bosch Braking Systems. His wife, Margaret (Lukens ’89), is a library assistant in the Rare Book Room at the Hesburgh Libraries, Notre Dame. They enjoy their eight grandchildren and reside in South Bend, Ind.

**90s**

Tammy (Goepfrich ’93) Boetsma of South Bend, Ind., was recently promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer for Hacienda Mexican Restaurants. A certified public accountant, she is a member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the Indiana CPA Society. • Suzan (Johnson ’99) Braun is assistant director of operations at Arizona State University, Mesa, Ariz., and teaches for the University of Phoenix. • Jeremy (’99) and Ann (Edler ’94-’98) LeVan announce the birth of their son, Jace Michael, on July 19, 2010. He joins his big sister, Caitlin (4). Jeremy is pastor of Epic Church located in Mishawaka, Ind. • Mike Miller (’96) was recently promoted to business manager at the Warsaw location of DJ Construction Company, Inc. • Matthew (’97) and Angela (Gardner ’00) Swank recently relocated to Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand, where Matt has assumed the responsibilities of youth pastor at Knox Presbyterian Church. Angela will work as a part-time guidance counselor and relief teacher at a local school.

**00s**

Jeff (’01) and Kristen (Sherrard ’03) Cramer announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Beth, on March 17, 2010. Jeff directs the choral program at NorthWood High School, Nappanee, Ind., and Kristen teaches language arts at NorthWood Middle School, Wakarusa, Ind. The family resides in Mishawaka, Ind. • Trudy (Halker ’03) and Christopher Devine were married June 26, 2010. Trudy graduated from The Ohio
State University with a master degree in ASL Education. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio. • **Carl ('08) and Julie (Nunn '97) Farmer** announce the birth of their son, Andrew Michael Oliver, in January 2010. Julie is the engage life director at Atria Senior Living Eastlake Terrace, Elkhart, Ind. Carl is a heavy duty towing and recovery operator for Reichert & Knepp, Inc. located in Bourbon, Ind. The family resides in Mishawaka, Ind. • **Mark and Chelle (King '03) Gates** along with their sons, Perrin (5) and Caleb (2), welcomed Rylen Emmett on August 15, 2010. The family makes their home in Liberty Center, Ind. • **Heather (Proglar '02) and Daniel Gilbert** were married August 1, 2010. Heather is a court sign language interpreter for the Minnesota Supreme Court. She is in her third year of law school at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul. They reside with their son, Joshua (5), in Roseville, Minn. • **Daniel Gregor ('09)** is an administrative assistant with Generations Financial Advisors of Granger, Ind. • **Jason ('02) and Heather (Fruhner '02) Hatton** announce the adoption of a son, Jonathan Theodore, born on March 13, 2010. Jason is library services manager at Bartholomew County Public Library. They reside in Columbus, Ind., where Heather enjoys her dream job as a stay-at-home mom. • **Ashley (DeLay '10) and Shaun Hoskins** were married June 25, 2010. The couple makes their home in Arcanum, Ohio. • **Donald Hunter ('06)** received a master of fine arts in stage management from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., and is production manager and adjunct faculty in the theatre department at Bethel College. He and his wife, **Sandra (Bareiss '06)** reside in Mishawaka, Ind. • **Monica (Brooks '05) and Jeremy Hyde** were married May 21, 2010. The couple resides in Elkhart, Ind. • **Kara Jane ('04)** is director of Lighthouse Ministry Daycare which serves the children of teen parents and single parent college students and also provides instruction for the parents through a parenting and life skills class. She resides in Ligonier, Ind. • **Joshua Ezekiel was born on Feb. 28, 2010, to Jon ('00) and Kristen (Worden '03) LeVan** and lived for less than an hour. His parents are grateful for the brief time they were able to spend with him. • **Cameron ('09) and Amber (Bontrager '07) Pauls** reside in Goshen, Ind., where Amber teaches music at Clinton Christian School. Cameron is employed at Best Chevrolet-Buick, Bremen, Ind. • **Rachael Phillips ('05)** is a freelance writer. In September 2010, her novella “Ride with Me into Christmas,” part of the Door County Christmas Collection, was published through Barbour Publishing. She resides with her husband, Stephen, in Upland, Hawaii alumni know how to have a good time together — with a barbecue at the beach! Left to right: **Matt Murray ('07), Jamie (Hale attended '03-'05) Murray and their three children: Jhoey, Madden and Matea, Luke Nakatsukasa ('09), Brooke Nakatsukasa, Bain Staples ('06), Ester Chupp, Ben Chupp('05), Jared Duncan ('07), Mike Wolfe ('06), April Anderson, Josh Hayashi ('99), Charity (Bontreger '01) Hayashi and their two children; Alathea and Everett, Katy Jenkins ('07), Jared Schreff (attended '01-'03), Anna Schreff, Megan (Moats '03) Truex, Mayumi Stevens ('04), Jordan Garrett ('05), Kim (Todla '05) Garrett and Mitchell Keawe (attended '02-'03).
Ind., where he is an adjunct professor of bioethics at Taylor University. • Sheldon A. Smith ('04) is an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board. He resides in Hartford, Conn. • Lee Stephenson ('01) and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of their daughter, Noel Joy, on Nov. 5, 2010. She joins her big brother, Aaron (3). Lee is pastor of Harvest Community Church located in Mesa, Ariz.

• Eli Trowbridge ('04) is youth pastor at Morgantown Baptist Church located in Morgantown, Ind., where he and his family reside.

• Philip Wagler ('03) graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with a juris doctor from the Maurer School of Law and a master in business administration from the Kelley School of Business. He works in estate planning at Barrett & McNagny located in Fort Wayne. His wife, Allison (Fishbaugh '03) works at home to care for their sons, Lucas (3) and Micah (1).

• Amber (Farr '01) and Tyler Wagstaff were married July 17, 2010. The couple resides in Kalispell, Mont., where Amber is youth care supervisor at Western Montana Mental Health Center and teaches piano. Tyler is a firefighter/EMT.

bethel reunions

Softball

Softball alumna enjoyed a game and potluck during their September reunion. Left to right: Tara Blair ('11), Britny (Beneke '07) Jiminez, Emily Perrenot ('10), Christy (Nagy '08) Gonzalez, Kelli Zache ('11), Mandy Cripe ('11), Emily Kramer ('10), Brittany (Hire '09) Lightfoot, Brittany Fisher ('10), Corinne Dennison ('10), Sarah Rassi ('10) and April (Allison '01) Russell. Not pictured: Stephanie (Downham '05) Hochstetler.

Tennis

Tennis alumni who returned for the annual August alumni match are:

Row 1 (l to r): Ryan Yoder ('09), Joel Dendiu ('07), Zachary Grubbs ('07), Josh Grubbs ('07), Rodney Grubbs, Jared Shriner ('08). Row 2: John Dendiu, Jaime McCarter (attended '08-'09), Julia Horn ('11), Abbie (Hostetler '08) Mast, Jade (Walus '09) Jones, Amy (Lamport '08) Grubbs, Julianne Houston ('05), Paul Dendiu ('00), Robert Hamman ('10), Jason Gingerich ('08), Janal Henry ('02), Dan Erickson (attended '95-'98), Kendra (Begly '02) and Eicher and Katie (Aurand '01) Cuthbertson.

bethel alumni awards

Left to right: Glenice (Stephey '62) Becknell – Lifetime Achievement Award; Steve Van Bruaene ('70) – Alumni of the Year Award; Sarah (Wiley '05) Tietsort – Outstanding Young Alum Award.
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IN MEMORY

Robert “Bob” E. Bowdoin ('61) of Elkhart, Ind., died Oct. 14, 2010, at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and two children.

• Tom Branch ('65) of Crawford, Colo., died July 29, 2010, at the age of 67 following a brief battle with multiple myeloma. During his working career, he taught high school history for 11 years before serving in management roles with several companies. He is survived by his wife, Kay (Moore '67), and two sons, Myron (attended '98-'02) and Kevin.

• Rev. Melvin “Mel” M. Coil ('56) of Carmel, Ind., died Oct. 21, 2010, at the age of 88. He was ordained in the Missionary Church and pastored for several years before transitioning into a long career with the LaGrange County and Indiana State welfare departments. • Glenn Harness ('58) of Hamilton, Ohio, died Nov. 16, 2010, at the age of 79. He was a pastor and counselor for more than 35 years in the Missionary Church and the United Methodist Church and is survived by his wife, Helen (Ummel '54), and two children. • Muriel (Jolley '59) Hedrick of Columbus, Ohio, died Jan. 17, 2011, at the age of 76. Her working career focused on elementary education. She is survived by her husband, Howard, and two sons. • Robert “Bob” W. Hoss ('75) of Nappanee, Ind., died Jan. 27, 2010, at the age of 62. Bob served in various capacities with the Elkhart Truth for more than 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Julie, and son, Michael ('05). • Mary Jo Kaser of South Bend, Ind., died of cancer related causes on Sept. 4, 2010, at the age of 59. She was employed with the South Bend Community School Corp., and taught music theory for elementary education as an adjunct professor at Bethel College. • Alta Mae Taylor ('68) of New Carlisle, Ind., died Jan. 5, 2011, at the age of 92. She was a retired school teacher. • T. “Ted” Edward Ummel ('77) of Argos, Ind., died Oct. 28, 2010, at the age of 55, from acute myeloid leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; son, Phillip ('02); daughter, Tracy ('04); and mother, Jacquelyn (McReynolds attended '50-'52). He was a partner at the law firm of Easterday and Ummel and served on the board of directors of the Missionary Church. • J. Robin Wright ('68) of Rossville, Ga., died July 17, 2010 at the age of 64. He is survived by his wife, Norma.

bethel reunions

Baseball alumni enjoyed lively competition against the current baseball team during their fall reunion. Row 1 (l to r): Seth Zartman ('98), Nick VanderMolen ('07), Craig Sherwood ('98), Andy Biskupski ('09), Matt Franklin ('01), Chad Emberton ('09), Cam Branock ('09), Jon Rolon ('10), Jason Feece ('99) and Brock Doty ('05).

Row 2: Justin Gingerich ('08), Randy Hogue ('79, '97), Josh Howk ('06), Jake Ringenberg ('07), Zach Rodman ('06), Matt Zapposodi ('06), Dave Franklin ('75), John Urbanski ('97), Keith Bueche ('93), Adam Binkley ('03) and Javier Jimenez ('05, '08).
**Men’s Basketball**

In conjunction with the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, these basketball enthusiasts played their hearts out in Goodman Gymnasium. Participants included current team members in grey jerseys and Tony Benford ('10), Eric Brand ('03), Tyler Brown ('10), Jeff Clay ('97), Ricky Gooden ('04), Alan Greskowiak ('98), JD Hersberger (attended ’96-’99), Adrick Hill ('05), Wes Laidig ('10), former Coach Scott LaPlace ('81), Mark Lettinga ('10), Robbie Lightfoot ('08), Ryne Lightfoot ('10), Derek Muser ('11), Jake Parker ('06), Danny Randolph ('00-’04), Coach Mike Lightfoot ('78) and Coach Tony Natali.

**Women’s Basketball**

Enthusiastic basketball alumnae and current players participated in the 13th annual Lady Pilots reunion game. Row 1 (l to r): Jordan Robbins (student), Kylee Ehrens (student), Alicia Zuniga (student), Paula (Stout ’08) Richardson, Abby (Noll ’07), Grubbs, Alicia (Barczak ’08) Griffin, Heather Huntsman ('04), Shallon (Bowden ’03) Gray. Row 2: Cari Spaulding ('10), Nora Didrick ('08), Kassandra Gray (attended ’06-’08), Dana Roberts ('07), Andrea (Selent ’08) Taylor, Stacy Handels (’04), and Marissa (Cook ’02) Klemmer. Row 3: Sherri Hoppe (student), Brittany Cook ('09), Gretchen (Geyer ’07) Krivak, Natalie Young ('08), Tiffany (Miller ’07) Flemming, Brandy (Swihart ’06) Jerrell, Jacque Unzicker ('03), Kristi Kaniewski ('03), Corey Duncan ('02). Row 4: Dani (Steenbeke ’09) McAfee, Rachel (Hirschy ’09) Loucks, Amy (Shuler ‘96) Marsee, Nikki Matunas (’96), Allison (Arnold ’96) Clay, Eva (Klopfenstein ’96) Andrews and Sonya (Arnold ’90) Martinez. Row 5: Coach Jody Martinez ('90, ’93, ’07).

**Men’s Soccer**

Labor Day found these soccer alumni back on campus. Row 1 (l to r): Jesse Brenneman ('10), Dale Brenneman ('81), Jason Richardson ('10), Nate Carpenter ('07), Jared Brenneman ('09), Eric Carpenter ('09), Antonio Fernandez ('05), Gabriel Dumitrescu (attended ’96-’98), Raymundo Gonzalez ('08, ’11), Pablo Rodriguez ('99, ’02), Wally Holen, Mark Aukerman ('95). Row 2: Tersandro Santos ('97), Bruno De Jesus ('00), Alex Gonzalez ('07), Mark Yoder ('08), Andrew Carpenter ('83), Aaron Carpenter ('83), Seth Bartlette ('06), Justin Smith ('06), Tim Jenkinson ('10), Matt Carroll ('06), Loren Conrad ('86), Andres Rodriguez ('03, ’06), Rafael Perez ('04), Thiago Pinto ('05, ’07), Romeo Berthier ('97, ’98) and Arron Patrick ('11).
alumni in focus

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL
5    Chamber Orchestra Concert
8    Jazz Percussion Night
9    Band Concert
10   Friends & Family Concert/Women’s Chorale
15   Choral Showcase
16   Annual Earl Theatre Awards
17   Nu Omicron Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society Induction – St. Mary’s College
30   Nontraditional Commencement
      Nursing Pinning Ceremony

MAY
1    Traditional Undergraduate/Graduate Commencement

JUNE
8    Sports Camps Begin
9 - 11 Dessert Theatre, “Fools” by Neil Simon
27   Academic Camps Begin
27   Golf Classic

AUGUST
25   Traditional Classes Begin

SEPTEMBER
12-16 Spiritual Emphasis Week in Chapel

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