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This fall, the American public faced a relentless barrage of "progress reports" on all fronts: the Iraq "surge" status, the deep dive in the housing market, the huge market swings of the Dow Jones and warnings about global warming. The media's 24-hour "breaking news" cycle feeds a seemingly never-ending stream of dark forecasts. Though our nation certainly faces complex challenges, we know that the principles of our faith will guide us through the days ahead. That foundation of faith, supported by our alumni and friends, has fueled Regent University's mission and growth for nearly 30 years. In fact, Regent's own progress is outstanding as we enter the new fall school year, adding more than 4,700 emerging Christian leaders to our expanding community.



Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson welcomes Rudy Giuliani at the Executive Leadership Series luncheon on June 26.

Therefore, I am pleased to report just a few noteworthy items:

- Undergraduate student enrollment has increased almost 10 percent over last year's fall semester and now includes approximately 1,200 students.
- The Office of Advancement achieved a 42 percent increase in donations for Fiscal Year 2007 with two gifts of \$1million dollars each.
- The June Executive Leadership Series, featuring former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, hosted a record-setting crowd of more than 700 guests, including 20 national media correspondents ranging from CNN to *The New York Times*.
- Regent Commons, our beautiful new \$23-million, 300-person capacity, on-campus student housing facility, is complete with students in residence this fall.
- The School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship signed an agreement with the Peruvian government to train government and business leaders, garnering over 3,400 attendees at their first training event despite a devastating earthquake.

Like Peru, the United States has experienced its own catastrophic events in recent years, as you will read about in *Christian Leader's* cover story featuring graduate Stephanie Dutton and her unexpected ministry during Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

In this issue, we are delighted to welcome special guest contributors from the Robertson School of Government's spring Reagan Symposium: scholars and historians Michael Cromartie, Michael Novak and Jean Bethke Elstain weigh in on "The Future of Religion in American Politics."

Finally, we are pleased to feature our Faces of Leadership special section, profiling six outstanding alumni leaders serving in a variety of fields and ministries. You will notice two attributes they all share: a passionate calling and an entrepreneurial spirit—attributes we affirm, encourage and build upon at Regent.

As we celebrate an important milestone this school year, the 25th anniversary of the School of Divinity, the progress made is clear. It is also clear that our achievements were made possible through the Lord's blessing and through the support of our alumni and friends. Thank you for your continued prayerful support. May the Lord bless you in the year ahead.

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{THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER}

ALUMNI COMMENTARY

Immigration's Bedfellows

by Stephen Raper

Debate over immigration threatens to be the most divisive issue in the 2008 election, possibly breaking up traditional political alliances and bringing together strange bedfellows. Important segments of the Democratic and Republican parties have split from their traditional allies over the issue.

The business community and neo-conservatives oppose rank-and-file Republicans by favoring reforms that promote immigration. Organized labor and the African-American community have split from the Democratic party's traditional liberal leadership to oppose immigration reforms. Each has its own reason for doing so.

The business community favors immigration reform because of international trade and globalization. Business needs a supply of low-skilled workers who can cut the cost of production, making American products more competitive on the world market. Immigration offers to supply that demand. A number of neo-conservatives agree with the business community on this point but also add strategic political calculations to the mix.

Many neo-conservatives believe the United States must form a North American Union to compete with the potential power of the European Union. Thus neo-conservative strategists are using immigration reform to gain an economic and cultural *détente* with Mexico and other nations in Central America. These same neo-conservatives also seek to use immigration reform to court Hispanic voters.

Democratic strategists recognize that immigration reform will create 10 to 12 million new

voters in federal elections. Since many immigrants are low-skilled workers, Democratic strategists feel confident that welfare policies will continue to draw most immigrants to their party.

Speaking to *National Journal*, Congressman Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts) noted that immigrants can help elect Democratic majorities but admitted that immigration is "bad for blue-collar," many of whom traditionally support the Democratic Party.

Congressman Frank's admission reinforces the conclusions from a study conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research, which concluded that immigration has accounted for as much as 60 percent of the decline in wages for African-Americans between 1980-2000. The study noted that immigration accounted for a 25 percent rise in unemployment as well as a 10 percent rise in incarceration among African Americans.

Civil rights leader T. Willard Fair, head of the Miami Urban League, appeared in a recent political ad that denounced the Democratic Party's support for immigration as a "slap in the face to black Americans." Democrat Vernon Briggs, a professor at Cornell University who specializes in labor relations, argues that immigration will eventually turn America into a "nightmare" society with many poor. This has led many African-Americans, as well as blue-collar workers, to support the conservative position on immigration reform.

In his appearance at Regent University, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani stated, "We should end illegal immigration once and for all," emphasizing that "if we stop illegal immigration, then



DOUG THOMPSON

we would feel more comfortable normalizing those who are already here. Otherwise, asking them to stay just encourages more."

Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-Colorado) maintains that the "consequences" of immigration to the United States "will be disastrous." He contends that not only will immigration cause the loss of jobs, problems in public schools and increased welfare abuse, but it will also threaten America's "survival as a nation by undermining American culture and the English language."

While most Americans would probably disagree with Tancredo's recent call to end all immigration, the Congressman raises an important point: all of this brings together strange bedfellows that offer two competing visions for America, and they could produce a third party.

Many neo-conservatives, business leaders and Democratic strategists have a vision in mind in which strategic economic and political calculations determine national policies. In this vision, the American people could be reduced to replaceable economic cogs and ethnic voting blocs. But a broad range of Americans seem to have found common ground in

opposing that vision. A Zogby/CIS poll found that 67 percent of Americans want immigration reduced. A Roper ASW poll also found that 81 percent of Americans want strict criminal penalties on businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

In 2008, given internal divisions within both the Democratic and Republican parties, can either present a united front on immigration? If not, how can they finesse the issue to maintain party unity? Absent that, will a third party emerge to take advantage of immigration cleavages?

During the 2007 debate on immigration reform in Congress, the forces of anti-immigration reform successfully challenged entrenched economic interests in Washington by galvanizing a successful grassroots campaign through talk-radio shows and the spontaneous creation of new interest groups. Their successful grassroots campaign now looks like the sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of the Democratic and Republican parties. —

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CAMPUS EVENT: EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SERIES



Rudy Giuliani speaks to business and community leaders at Regent's Executive Leadership luncheon in June.

“America’s Mayor” On Leadership

Rudy Giuliani, New York City’s former mayor, addressed a crowd of more than 700.

“Don’t expect to agree with me on everything—I don’t agree with myself all the time!”

This is hardly the kind of decisive statement you’d expect to hear from a man running for the highest office in the land—a man whose split-second decisions led a city and a nation through one of the most devastating episodes in their history.

But such is the sense of humor of Rudolph Giuliani, who came to campus on June 26 as part of Regent University’s Executive

Leadership Series to address a standing-room only audience of more than 700 community and business leaders, Regent faculty and students, and media representing all major regional, state and national news outlets. With a ready wit, the man who has been dubbed “America’s Mayor” explained the principles he has developed over a distinctive career. These are principles, Giuliani says, that any good leader will evidence.

The first principle—knowing what you believe—is one the mayor says he borrowed from

a leader he unabashedly called his hero: President Ronald Reagan. Giuliani called Reagan “the best model of a president in the last 40 or 50 years,” and he praised Reagan’s firmly held beliefs, uninfluenced by public opinion polls.

The second principle—optimism—is one the mayor learned from another role model, his father. Giuliani credited optimism with getting him through both 9/11 and cancer.

Giuliani defines the next principle, courage, not as the absence of fear, but rather

acknowledgement of it. Citing the examples of firefighters and policemen, he described how a real leader uses fear to help make the world better.

The mayor then talked about another vital principle of leadership, relentless preparation, based on his own unimaginable experience. As its mayor, Giuliani had prepared New York City for several different scenarios but never dreamed he would have to adapt and implement each of these plans on one terrible September morning. It was the knowledge that

he had prepared the city so well that gave him the confidence to proceed.

The importance of teamwork—and valuing the team itself—is a principle the mayor emphasized repeatedly.

Communication, the sixth principle, is absolutely vital. Giuliani told the crowd it's not enough to know these principles, a leader also has to be able to communicate them to people at all levels.

Despite both his and Dr. Robertson's assertions that he had not come to Regent to give a campaign speech, everyone in the audience was well aware that Mayor Giuliani is one of the Republican frontrunners in the race for the White House, and their questions reflected a keen interest in his qualifications for the presidency. He didn't shy away from answering. He cited his pre-September 2001 accomplishments as Mayor of New York: turning a debt- and crime-ridden city into an eminently desirable place to live while reducing no fewer than 23 taxes. He also cited his many years of public service as an administrator, law enforcement official and manager, and especially his understanding of the threats to the American way of life today.

He emphasized what he considers his most important commitment to the people of the United States, addressing head-on the problem of Islamic extremists. Giuliani left no doubt that he considers this the predominant issue of the day. "I call it the terrorist war on us," he told the audience. He reminded them that September 11 was



After speaking at the Executive Leadership Series luncheon, Rudy Giuliani held a press conference with national and local media.

far from the first Islamic terrorist attack on America and Americans, citing the 1993 New York City bombing, attacks in Kenya and Tanzania,

from a lack of patriotism or support for American troops, but rather simply from denial.

Anticipating questions clearly on the minds of

many in this and other audiences, he said more than once, "Don't judge me by 9/11." And he urged anyone considering his leadership principles or his candidacy not to focus on any single issue.

A wise and practiced leader, Giuliani displayed his wit judiciously during his time at the podium, but the press conference that followed presented an irresistible opportunity.

As he was leaving the gathering, a reporter shouted a question that sent him right back to the microphone:

"Who's the first Republican to pull out of the race?"

With a broad grin, Giuliani answered, "Not me!"



and the 17 Americans killed on the USS COLE.

Giuliani lamented the Democrats' lack of understanding about the strength of the Islamic terrorist threat. He was incredulous that anyone would give any enemy a timetable for retreat, but was quick to point out that such views don't come

Numerous visits to Regent's campus by nationally and internationally known guest speakers like Mayor Giuliani have garnered national media coverage for the university this past year. The following are just a few outlets featuring a Regent event:

- *NBC Nightly News*
- CNN
- MSNBC's *Hardball*
- FOX News
- PBS
- NPR
- *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *TIME*, *Boston Globe*, *The Washington Times* and *Denver Post*
- *Richmond Times-Dispatch*
- Australian Broadcasting
- Salon.com
- Taiwannews.com

BRIEFLY

■ The independent film *The Proper Care and Feeding of an American Messiah* written by **Chris Hansen '95/'02** (Communication & the Arts) will be available on DVD at national retailers this fall and available for digital download worldwide by Reel Indies (www.reelindies.com).

■ **Nathan Tabor '98** (Government) and his family have established the Tabor Family Memorial Scholarships to provide funding for tuition and fees to two returning Robertson School of Government students each academic year. For information, visit www.regent.edu/acad/schgov/admissions/financial.htm.

■ Theatre Arts professor **Dr. Gillette Elvgren** wrote a short play entitled *The Quest* to help reach youth at risk of HIV/AIDS. This drama will be launched in the fall of 2007 with English, Spanish and Nepali soundtracks, and teams will be trained to use *The Quest* in Cuba and North India beginning January 2008.

■ **Dr. William Hathaway**, psychology program director and professor in Regent's School of Psychology & Counseling, has been elected president of the American Psychological Association's Division 36, which is devoted to the psychology of religion.

■ In July 2007, **Dr. Doreatha White '92/'96** (Education), principal of Dreamkeeper's Academy in Norfolk, Va., accepted the National School Change Award on behalf of the school. This prestigious award, conducted and co-sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators and the Fordham University Graduate School of Education, includes a \$5,000 grant and annually acknowledges six schools across America for having "significantly changed" for the better.

■ Regent recently received a grant from **Verizon** to develop a hands-on media center. The new **Verizon Media Center** will be located in the common area of the Regent Library, providing faculty and students with a dedicated place to learn new media technologies such as Internet video, audio and podcasts.

NEWS & NOTES

A Record-breaking Day

Regent's largest graduating class celebrated at Commencement 2007.



Michael Patrick, dean of the School of Communication & the Arts, hands a diploma to one of 1,005 students who crossed the stage.

The thrill is not gone for Dr. Hank Kelly. After participating in 45 commencement ceremonies—including one for the United States Air Force Academy and several of his own—the executive vice president of Ohio Christian University says he still loves the pomp and circumstance. “Hearing my name called and walking across the stage was the highlight of the ceremony for me,” said Kelly, who received his Ed.D. from Regent’s School of Education in May. Kelly was part of the largest graduating class in the history of Regent University—1,005 strong.

One of those was Murriell McCulley, a distance student who lives and works in Sudan. Originally from a small community in North Carolina, McCulley has

worked in East Africa for the past 30 years. When asked if anything about commencement surprised her, she was quick to respond. “Yes,” she said, “the immense size of it.”

Four of McCulley’s grandchildren were part of the estimated crowd of 5,000 who attended the ceremony. The highlight of the day for McCulley, who received her Ed.D., was seeing her grandchildren as she entered with her fellow graduates in the processional. “But I also appreciated the challenge to ‘get out into the deep waters’ issued by Gov. Romney,” she recounted.

“It is in the deep water where one finds challenging ideas,” former Gov. Mitt Romney told the audience in his commencement address. “In the shallow water, life is all about yourself, but in the deep water, life is

about others.” McCulley is no stranger to the concept. She is now helping to upgrade theological educational practices in Assemblies of God Bible Schools across Africa by establishing teachers’ training workshops and helping to revise curriculum.

Carly Gammill received her Juris Doctor from the School of Law. “I was so grateful to be able to share the experience with my family,” Gammill said, “and with the professors who helped make my law school experience what I rarely hear it described as at other schools: enjoyable!”

Gammill recalls visiting Regent for a Preview Weekend before enrolling. “I wondered whether the people I encountered could truly be as helpful and joyful as they appeared during those two days,” she said. “But after spending three years at Regent, I doubt there’s any other place where one could find better people.” Gammill, who works for the American Center for Law and Justice in Washington, D.C., added that graduating from Regent Law is an event in her life of which she is proud.

Proud moments and lasting memories for Gammill and her fellow graduates will be of a poignant and beautiful day, a day of endings as well as beginnings. For the more than 1,000 men and women who crossed the stage with their degrees in hand, it was a day to begin changing the world. —

SIFE Team Wins Regional Award

Regent University recently collected double honors at the regional and national SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) competitions. For the fifth consecutive time Regent's



Regent SIFE's director of finance, Courtney Fout, presents Dean Winston with "Most Supportive Dean" award.

SIFE team won the Regional Exposition and Competition held in Charlotte, N.C. in March. They also placed as First Runner-up at the national competition in Dallas, Texas. "The results really tell you that

Regent is one of the more outstanding programs in the country," said SIFE President Alvin Rohrs.

SIFE, an international not-for-profit organization that operates in 48 countries, serves communities by creating projects that focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy and various business and community ventures.

Regent won the regional competition with a 24-minute

multimedia presentation entitled "Making Dreams Come True." The presentation highlighted the best work of this year's Regent SIFE team. One of this year's flagship initiatives was the "The Lowdown on Downloading" project that educates communities on the ethical ramifications of illegal music, movie and game downloads.

This year's winning team included John Rajan, Feyisara Alayande, Jennifer Thornton and Maran Maayah from the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship; Simi Komolafe from the School of Communication & the Arts; and Jeremiah Stiefel from the Robertson School of Government.

At the national SIFE competition held in Dallas, Dr.

Bruce Winston, dean of the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship, was recognized as the "Most Supportive Dean of the Year." Winston has long been an avid supporter of Regent University's involvement in SIFE by giving practical advice and inspiration to the team and by increasing awareness of the organization to alumni. Such work recently paid off with an unsolicited donation of \$15,000 from an MBA alumnus to support the SIFE team. "If we can help local, regional, national and global businesses, as well as non-commercial organizations, be more effective and better prepared to face the challenges of the future," said Winston, "then we have advanced the mission to which we are called." —

The New Institute for the Study of Disability and Bioethics

Regent University's School of Education has launched the Institute for the Study of Disability and Bioethics (ISDB). According to Dr. Mark P. Mostert, professor of education and co-director of the Institute, its mission is to uphold the value of people of all abilities. "We will work to increase national awareness of the rising trend among healthcare providers to offer euthanasia as an acceptable social and

medical alternative to people with disabilities," Mostert says.

To help accomplish its mission, the Institute will bring together a prominent group of scholars dedicated to research and public education. "Their core research will focus on the cultural response to those diagnosed with or living with disabilities, ethical trends and euthanasia," explains Mostert.

Co-directing the Institute is Kelly Hollowell, J.D., Ph.D., a scientist and attorney who

specializes in biomedical technology and has extensive experience in medical science, ethics and public policy.

"The ISBD will partner with state and national leaders to launch a multifaceted effort aimed at education, legislation and public policy reform," Hollowell says. —

To learn more about the ISBD, visit its website at www.regent.edu/isdb, e-mail isbd@regent.edu or call toll free 888.572.8950.



Approximately 40 million people in the U.S. and 500 million people worldwide have a disability.

The Greenhouse Effect

Tracy Stewart, vice president for IT, wins the Blackboard Greenhouse Exemplary Award.

There is a new award in Regent University's prestigious and expanding trophy case. Tracy Stewart, Regent's vice president for information technology, received the honor during the summer from Blackboard, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based corporation that develops and licenses software applications and related services to more than 2,200 educational institutions in more than 60 countries.

Stewart's course, *Web Design and Publishing in a Converged Media Environment*, a three-credit-hour course in Internet and World Wide Web publishing, was recognized by Blackboard as a 2007 Greenhouse Exemplary Course.

Blackboard describes the Greenhouse Exemplary Course Program as recognizing "faculty who develop technologically rich and pedagogically sound courses. Winning entries represent the very best of e-learning, and provide stellar examples of course design, student interaction, assessment and learner support." Stewart's submission was one of 90 that were reviewed by a



Regent's vice president for information technology is keeping the university at the forefront of online learning.

panel of more than 100 client judges located around the world, over the course of more than 1,000 hours.

Stewart designed *Web Design and Publishing* to provide students in the

School of Communication & the Arts with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful web developers. While it is required for journalism majors, the relevance of the course material for effective 21st-century communication has made it popular with other students as well.

A hands-on learning environment was created within the online course. Students learned to use web authoring and graphic design software to create and publish content and graphics on the World Wide Web. They also gained a basic understanding of the

design principles necessary to develop effective, professional web content. Emphasis was placed on converged media and the relationship between printed and digital content. Students also examined blogging, podcasting, search engines, web analytics and accessibility issues on the web.

Peter Segall, president of Blackboard's North America Higher Education and Operations, says of *Web Design and Publishing in a Converged Media Environment*, "Our review of this course revealed a high level of course organization and student interaction contributing to effective student learning. We feel that Ms. Stewart's course exemplifies best practice in the development and delivery of an online learning environment and may be viewed as a model for other faculty."

Stewart is an information technology professional with more than 24 years of experience and an extensive background in management and software systems development.

"It was an honor for me to accept this award for Regent University from a company that is recognized worldwide as a leader in higher education," she says. "I was excited that people will be exposed not only to innovative teaching strategies using technology demonstrated in the course, but also what it truly means to integrate our biblical principles into a course." —

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Sometimes It Is Rocket Science

Meet Regent's new dean for the School of Undergraduate Studies.



Physics and engineering expert Dr. James (Jim) Downey comes to Regent from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

He is a rocket scientist who, if asked a question about physics or engineering, is likely to deliver a mini-lesson on the topic, complete with references for future study. His office library features an eclectic mixture of books on leadership, quantum physics, electrical engineering and orbital mechanics. He is also the new dean for Regent University's School of Undergraduate Studies.

"I actually am a rocket scientist," says Dr. James R. (Jim) Downey, who earned his Ph.D. in Aero/Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois. "I've done work in this area at various times throughout my career."

He's also done a fair amount of less cerebral work—the kind that requires being handy with a hammer. "Over the years I've helped build approximately ten Habitat for Humanity houses," Downey explains. "I've made two trips

to Mississippi since Katrina, and I hope to go back again."

Downey comes to Regent from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., where his primary duties as professor of science and technology included teaching courses and seminars in the use of technology and strategic leadership planning to high-level officers in the military.

"I'm particularly interested in how certain emerging technologies will impact the world," Downey says, "and I especially like to talk at length about biotechnology and nanotechnology and how they will affect national security, society and faith."

Known for his multi-disciplinary orientation and his love for collaborating with colleagues, Downey's philosophy of education is congruent with that already espoused by the leadership team and faculty of the undergraduate school. "He understands and concurs with

the direction of the school," says Dr. Randall Pannell, acting vice president of Academic Affairs. "His background in 'futuring' and planning is a welcome addition to the team, and he has the principles, character, training and experience to ensure academic quality to the School of Undergraduate Studies for years to come."

Downey completed his many years of active and reserve duties as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves this summer—just in time to assume his duties as the dean of Regent University's School of Undergraduate Studies. He says he is excited about joining the Regent family.

"There are many things that impress me about the institution, but two in particular stand out," he explains. "First, the school has an uncompromising focus on academic quality and intentional integration of a Christian worldview into all aspects of the programs. Second, I found the intellectual diversity and openness to many perspectives on critical issues very refreshing." Downey says the energy and dedication of the Undergraduate Studies division also impress him. "They know that they are part of something really special, and I am glad to become a member of the team. I am humbled by my appointment as the new dean and pray that God will provide me with the necessary wisdom to help carry Regent University successfully into the 21st century." —

TECHNOLOGY

Cinema-Television Department on the Cutting Edge

A Regent University film is making news well before its release. Shot in cutting-edge Ultra High Definition 2K, the film is also Regent's first science fiction production.

"We used an incredibly innovative new camera," explains Doug Miller, executive producer and School of Communication & the Arts professional-in-residence. "We recorded directly to hard drive. The picture will never be seen on tape ... it will stay digital from acquisition to delivery."

Quantum Effect, the film's working title, was written by Kevin Crawford. A doctoral candidate in the School of Communication & the Arts, Crawford received his MFA in Script & Screenwriting from Regent in May. The film is based on his screenplay *The Hole*.

Crawford describes *Quantum Effect* as a fascinating, but tragic assessment of the human soul's value—mankind ambushed along the frontiers of knowledge—and of the creative temperament that drives modern science.

John Rost, an MFA student with ten years' experience in television, directed the film. MFA student Kimberly Johnson served as producer. Filming wrapped in July, with post-production now underway.

There is already talk about marketing the film to the Sci-Fi Channel or other cable outlets. *Quantum Effect* may also be submitted to the Sundance Film Festival and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Annual Student Academy Awards® competition.

For more information about Regent's MFA program, visit www.regent.edu/communication.

Celebrating 25 Years

The School of Divinity reflects on the past quarter century.

From a first-semester enrollment of just 30 students, barely a full classroom, Regent University's School of Divinity has grown to nearly 700 students as the school marks its 25th anniversary this fall.

"A divinity school was part of Dr. Robertson's original vision for the university," says Dr. Vinson Synan, the school's second dean and one of the premier historians of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement.

When the school, then known as CBN University, was founded in 1978, the goal was to serve charismatic, evangelical Christians on

Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson felt a strong need for a new school on the East Coast that would also emphasize communication, Synan says in his history of the university.

The divinity school, then known as the School of Biblical Studies, was the fourth school founded at the university.

According to Synan, the original idea was that there would be two primary schools in the university, communication and theology. The theological school would be the central core that would bind all the schools together as they interfaced with one another.

The School of Biblical Studies, led by Dean Jerry Horner, started small. At the time, Horner had most recently served as a professor of biblical studies and chairman of theology at Oral Roberts University. Horner's energy, dedication and hard work that summer are why this milestone anniversary is being celebrated this fall, instead of in 2008. "They ordinarily give the founding dean a year to put things together," Horner says. "I said, 'No, we'll begin in September.'"

On September 8, 1982, 23 students gathered in a classroom. There to greet them were four professors: Horner,

J. Rodman Williams, John Rea and Charles Holman. Thirty students enrolled in the first classes, and one year later two graduated.

The first degrees offered were the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and the Master of Arts in Practical Theology. In 1985, the Master of Divinity degree was first offered. Over the next few years, the school earned accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association for Theological Schools.

The 1990s brought further changes. CBN University was renamed Regent University in 1990, and three years later the School of Biblical Studies' name was changed to the School of Divinity, reflecting the broader mission of the school to not only prepare ministers but also parachurch leaders, missionaries, biblical scholars and more. In 1991, a distance education program was added. In 1994, a few months after Synan became the second dean, a Doctor of Ministry program was added.

But perhaps the most unique new initiative was the beginning of the first online Ph.D. degree program in the history of higher education in the world, Synan says. This was a breakthrough for all of higher education in America and the world and became the



Inagural Dean Jerry Horner served the School of Divinity from 1982 to 1994.



Dr. Lyle Story joined the School of Divinity faculty in 1984 as professor of Greek, Hebrew and New Testament.

the East Coast. A dozen years earlier, Oral Roberts had founded the charismatic university in Tulsa, Okla., that bears his name. But

prototype for later online Ph.D. programs in other universities.

In 2002, the university approved Synan's proposal for the creation of a Ph.D. in Renewal Studies, a program emphasizing the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church worldwide.

From 1994 to 2006, fall enrollment at the school grew from 227 to 660. A key factor in this growth was the spectacular development of the distance education program. With the advent of computerized online classes it was now possible to teach students anywhere in the world with the same effectiveness as in a classroom. "By 2006, 50 percent of all School of Divinity credit hours were taken through online distance education," says Synan. This put Regent at the forefront of the cyberspace revolution in education.

From the beginning, the

School of Divinity has believed in a broad calling to minister—to men and women representing all races and cultures. Dr. Mara Crabtree, now a professor at the school, was one of those early students. Like Horner and others, she also felt a strong call to come to the school.

Professors encouraged her and gave her opportunities to teach. Crabtree, who earned a Master of Arts in Practical Theology from Regent in 1990, also earned several other graduate degrees and diplomas at other schools to prepare for her university teaching career. When she completed her doctorate, she became the first full-time female professor hired in the School of Divinity.

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That same year she was honored with an award for faculty member of the year.

“They really opened the doors for women,” she said. The School of Divinity now has several other full-time



Regent University's library plaza during the early years.

female faculty members.

The strengths of the school today include a strong faculty, excellent facilities and innovative leadership in the use of technology in ministry, says Dr. Michael Palmer, who

strength of its international experience both to attract students from all over the world and to prepare ministers to work internationally. “The university’s motto is *Christian Leadership to Change the World*,” he says. “You don’t change the world only with people who are white, middle-class Americans. You change the world by working with indigenous populations everywhere. The students we’re going to have in our seminary are going to be very interested in academics, are going to be passionate about ministry and are going to reflect the cultures of the world.”

In honor of the School of Divinity's 25th anniversary, the following scholarships have been established: Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. Endowed Scholarship; B. Courtney McBath Endowed Scholarship Fund; Dr. Charles L. Holman Endowed Scholarship; and Rev. Bill B. Shiflett Endowed Scholarships.

started last fall as the school's third dean. “Our current faculty, two dozen full time, is larger than at any time in the school's history,” Palmer says.

Looking ahead, Palmer sees the school as building on the

NUMBERS

96 – The number of award-winning projects produced by Regent's cinema-television professor Andrew Quicke for the School of Communication & the Arts.

28 – The number of notable local and national leaders, including Rudy Giuliani, Rod Paige and John Maxwell, who have spoken at Regent's Executive Leadership Series (ELS) luncheons since the university began hosting the event in 2004. For more information on ELS, visit www.regent.edu/events/els.

18-29 – The age group targeted by Regent's School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship (GLE) in an effort to provide entrepreneurship development training to thousands of young entrepreneurs, business owners and Congress members in the South American country of Peru. Dr. Sergio Matviuk, GLE professor and director of the Doctor of Strategic Leadership program, will spearhead the project.

90 – The estimated number of selected local and national media interviews, appearances and citations given by Robertson School of Government Dean Charles W. Dunn.

27 – The percentage of 2007 Teacher of the Year award recipients in Virginia Beach who attended Regent University.

800+ – The number of times Regent University has been mentioned by media around the world in the last year.

4,700 – The number of chairs rented for the 2006-2007 Regent University graduation ceremony in May. Approximately 1,005 students were approved to graduate, making this the largest graduating class to date.

Undergraduate Studies Expands

12 programs. 458 graduates. 1,200 students.

The goal of Regent University's School of Undergraduate Studies is to educate 10,000 students around the globe in the next five years from a Christian perspective. The school is well on its way.

From its beginnings as a degree-completion institution offering junior- and senior-

school's success is due in large measure to the convenience and flexibility it offers, but also to the quality of the instruction, the academic experience and the strong team at the heart of the program.

Stewart says students come to Regent because of the university's core values—integrity, excellence and innovation—

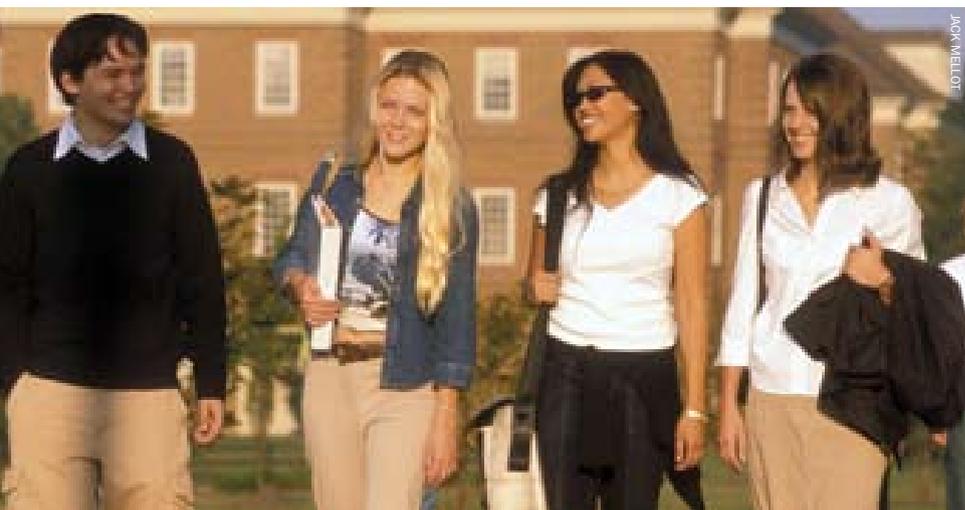
Dr. Tom Whetstone, whose credentials include a B.S. from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va. (Phi Beta Kappa); an M.S. in Operations Management, Planning and Control Systems from MIT; an M.Div. and Th.M. from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss.; and a D.Phil. in Management

Studies from the University of Oxford, sums it up: "I grew interested as I heard how exciting it was at Regent starting a brand new undergraduate college, designing it to be excellent academically while teaching from a Christian world and life perspective. It was significant that I heard about this opportunity from a respected former colleague and

that number, fully 80 percent are online, with students from 49 states.

Stewart emphasizes that Regent strives to make the undergraduate experience essentially the same, whether in the classroom or through the computer. Online course materials are the same as those used in the classroom, and students are able to enrich their experience by connecting with others all across the country. The school recognizes, however, that online students can often feel a lack of support without personal physical interaction with professors and classmates. One of its goals is to couple the accessibility and convenience of available technology with the integration of a biblical perspective to make online courses as rich as the actual classroom experience. An example: the university maintains a blog space on its website, where students can share their thoughts, aspirations and prayers.

Of the 12 traditional majors currently offered, five are available on campus only: Theatre, Animation, Cinema-TV, Journalism and Interdisciplinary Studies (Elementary Education K-6). The other seven—Communication, English, Global Business, Government, Organizational Leadership, Psychology and Religious Studies—are available online and on campus. Regent closely monitors Department of Labor



Regent University, originally established as a graduate institution, has grown to include a vibrant undergraduate community as well.

level classes, the school has grown into a vibrant four-year college offering bachelor's degrees in 12 fields of study, attracting excellent students from every region in the United States, in both online and on-campus environments. "With online education, the reach is globally limitless," says Tracy Stewart, Regent's vice president for information technology. Stewart, who formerly served as director of the undergraduate program, believes the

regardless of their denominational affiliation. As she says, "We know there are a lot of online schools for the working adult to choose from. We focus on the quality of our academics and the services we offer to the student body."

The 20 current members of the undergraduate faculty have come to Regent for an opportunity unique in higher education: to be part of a start up, at the very beginning of a new paradigm of education.

friend, one who had recently been hired as a dean. Such good administrators are not always easy to find. Our task is strategic, promising to make a significant global difference for Christ's Kingdom. Dr. Whetstone and his colleagues know they're actually creating something.

The creation is working: the School of Undergraduate Studies boasts 458 graduates so far, with approximately 1,200 students currently enrolled. Of

statistics that reveal the types of majors that will be needed to fill jobs over the next 15 to 20 years. “We want to fill that market,” Stewart explains, “but what we want to do is train students to take a leadership position in these developing careers.

“Taking a leadership position doesn’t necessarily mean being the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. We want to give our students the tools to be leaders; and yes, we certainly do want the next congressman or senator of the community. But it could also mean being the leader in your family, your Sunday school class or your

department,” Stewart explains. “The curriculum teaches students how to be effective leaders wherever they are in life.

“But Regent never loses sight of the fact that offering consistent quality education is what will sustain the growth the undergraduate school has achieved. We’re defining and beginning to track the benchmarks of quality now,” Stewart says, “graduation rates, retention rates, all those things that matter in higher education.”

According to Dr. James Downey, dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, one of the most important measurements to Regent is mission

impact. “Regent’s vision is to educate and develop Christian leaders to change the world,” Downey explains. “With a growing number of students earning baccalaureate degrees, the opportunity for transformational leadership will be even greater. The impact will also spread across a wider spectrum of society and the world from entry level positions to senior leaders.” To measure this impact, Regent plans to survey graduates every two years, with questions like: How has your Regent education prepared you for leadership positions? How are you serving as a Christian leader?

Are you attending church? Are you reading the Bible? Are you volunteering? Are you performing any service to your community? In short, are you taking a leadership position with a view toward changing the world?

“Our objective is to lay a foundation for transformational leadership no matter what their major is,” Downey says. “We want to empower them to impact the world and live fulfilling lives in service to the Lord. That is the real measure of success.” —

An Uncommon Experience

Regent Commons offers affordable, on-campus housing.

Returning students this fall discovered a new addition to the campus: Regent Commons—Colonial-style, affordable housing within walking distance of classrooms.

Annual increases in enrollment and a waiting list for Regent Village each semester prompted university leaders to move forward with the project. “Regent Commons was built to help provide our students with an affordable alternative to increasingly expensive housing in Virginia Beach,” explains Dr. Jeff Pittman, vice-president for Student Services.

Additionally, Regent Commons was designed to address the needs of single and married students without children.

There are four unique floor plans: two studio-styles, a one-bedroom option, and a four-bedroom “quad” arrangement.



PATRICK WRIGHT

Regent Commons offers completely furnished, high-quality apartments.

All monthly rents include utilities and wireless Internet service. All rooms are completely furnished and include kitchen appliances. There is also a student lounge and a state-of-the-art 24-hour fitness center.

“A greater sense of community and an increased campus vibrancy have

resulted from the additional 300 students who now call our campus home,” says Michelle Smart, director of student housing.

“The new housing offers a safe environment that is perfect for blending community growth with personal achievement in education,” says Michael Woods, a student in the MFA

in Acting program and a new resident of Regent Commons. “It has already greatly surpassed my expectations, and I know that I’m living in a very high-quality apartment.”

For more information about Regent Commons, please call 757.226.4890 or visit www.regent.edu/housing. —

CAMPUS

Lights. Camera. Action!

Regent introduces four new bachelor's degree majors.

Skills honed in Hollywood and beyond are now being shared with undergraduate students through new communication programs being offered by Regent's School of Communication & the Arts. This fall the founding school at Regent launched four new undergraduate majors: Animation, Cinema-Television, Journalism and Theatre.

Students in these classes can look way beyond classroom theory to see their studies come to life on the screen and stage. "We have found that around the country at Christian universities, these are the most popular communication programs," says Dr. Norman C. Mintle, academic dean of the School of Communication & the Arts and director of the Center for Digital Media. "This generation grew up in the media—they use all sizes of screens all the time," he says. Those include iPods, iPhones, laptops, digital TVs and at-home theatre systems. "These students want to be in media or acting, or aspire to be filmmakers," explains Mintle.

It's where the "reel" world becomes real, where the classroom morphs into the theater, editing suite and newsroom. "We have one of the most incredible facilities and equipment lists available on an undergraduate level among the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities," says Mintle, adding that major

draws for undergraduate students are Regent's state-of-the-art Communication & Performing Arts Center and a proven track record for graduates of the school in the communication industry.

According to Michael Patrick, dean of the School of Communication & the Arts, undergraduate students will be engaged in performances and productions that will help them succeed in the entertainment and/or news industry.

Through Regent's animation program students learn the art of animation from conceptualization to construction, using cutting-edge technology that includes computer and design studios and unique software.

Weaving Christian themes into today's culture is one of the goals of the Department of Cinema-Television. Students choose among study tracks for directing, producing, editing and critical studies. In recent years, the university's students have been heavily involved in national productions of CBN's *First Landing* and Regent's *Life's Other Side* that aired on the Inspiration Network.

"We bring Hollywood to campus, and we get our students out in the field to build a portfolio of real-world work,"

Patrick explains.

To promote truth telling in journalism—print, broadcast and interactive media—the department prepares graduates for careers as storytellers in public relations, government, ministry, publishing and mass media.

"A lot of major news companies are laying off people in droves," Patrick says. "But they turn around and hire people with multiple skills in broadcast, the Internet and print. We have high placement for students because we're on the leading edge of all media."

The power of live performance takes center stage in the Department of Theatre Arts. The focus is to educate creative and talented students in all aspects, including acting, directing, voice, design and stagecraft.

Students in all four undergraduate programs share common goals.

"Christian young people have high ideals. They want to impact the

culture and society, and the media is the major way to do it," Mintle says.

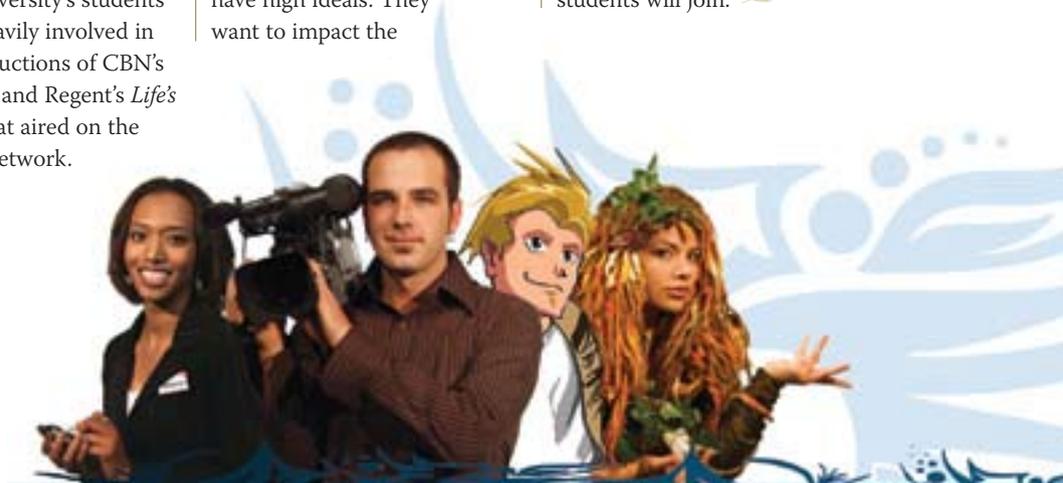
The accolades are adding up for the school.

The Department of Theatre Arts completes six productions a year, while cinema-television students create 40 to 60. According to Patrick, the school has won 156 national and international student film festival awards.

"We are committed to helping the next generation of actors, filmmakers, screenwriters, playwrights, animators, and journalists to get those jobs and make a real difference," Patrick says.

The undergraduate students will get to rub elbows with graduate students and faculty who have worked in the industry, and they will use facilities that are second to none, according to Mintle.

"This is a highly accomplished, hands-on school the undergraduate students will join." —



REGENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In Loving Memory

Robert Crittsinger establishes the Elsa Trost Crittsinger Scholarship.



Elsa Trost Crittsinger

Robert and Elsa Crittsinger had a long and unwavering allegiance to Regent University since its founding in 1978. It was this close affiliation, and admiration of the Regent mission, that prompted Robert Crittsinger to establish a scholarship in 2007 as an ongoing tribute to his wife's memory.

Elsa Crittsinger touched many people's lives through her positive personal interactions and faithful support of missionaries around the world. After she died in 2001, Crittsinger wanted to do something as a tribute to Elsa's life as a Christian leader in her own right. To accomplish this memorial, Crittsinger chose to dedicate a \$25,000 annuity to provide Regent students with scholarships. These scholarship funds are dedicated to students pursuing degrees in the area of psychology and

counseling, particularly benefiting those with a strong interest in pre-teen children's needs. He believes the Elsa Trost Crittsinger Scholarship will enable recipients to "maximize their potential" through their educational pursuits at Regent, while honoring Elsa's life.

The Crittsingers moved to Norfolk from Buffalo, N.Y., in 1967.

After settling in the area, they found CBN,

and then Regent University, to be places that provided rich opportunities for their own personal growth.

The couple moved to Norfolk primarily because Elsa was hired to set up the nursing side of the heart team at Norfolk General Hospital (now Sentara). Before taking a leave of absence to start her family, Elsa served as head nurse of that heart team and is remembered as a model of leadership and compassion.

After their daughters, Heide and Ruth, finished preschool, Elsa went back to work in her beloved field of open-heart surgical nursing. She lived her life with integrity, "dedicated to excellence with a steadfast love and caring to patients as well as the staff," Crittsinger says. Elsa was a gentle person; according to her husband, she was extremely sensitive to things going on around her—"exactly as you would

hope a Christian woman would be." It was Elsa's interpersonal relationships that made a difference in the lives of those she served in her work. In her memory, scholarship recipients will also learn to make a difference in the lives of those they serve in the field of psychology and counseling.

Since 2005, Crittsinger has also contributed his technical expertise to Regent. After retiring as a computer programmer analyst, some associates at Regent invited him to assist them in the media services department. He now works part-time helping support the audio-visual resources for classrooms and seminars. Videotaping

to Sal Iaquinto, director of Advancement at Regent, Crittsinger was surprised to discover that this is not true. Iaquinto explained that there are other options, such as making a pledge that can be paid over time, providing donors with a way to get involved that many never dreamed possible. Iaquinto states, "People don't realize the potential of a \$25,000 gift, which can establish an endowed scholarship that helps generations of future Regent students. Gifts like this can positively alter those students' lives forever."

Crittsinger's personal mission is to continue sharing his wife's legacy and to support

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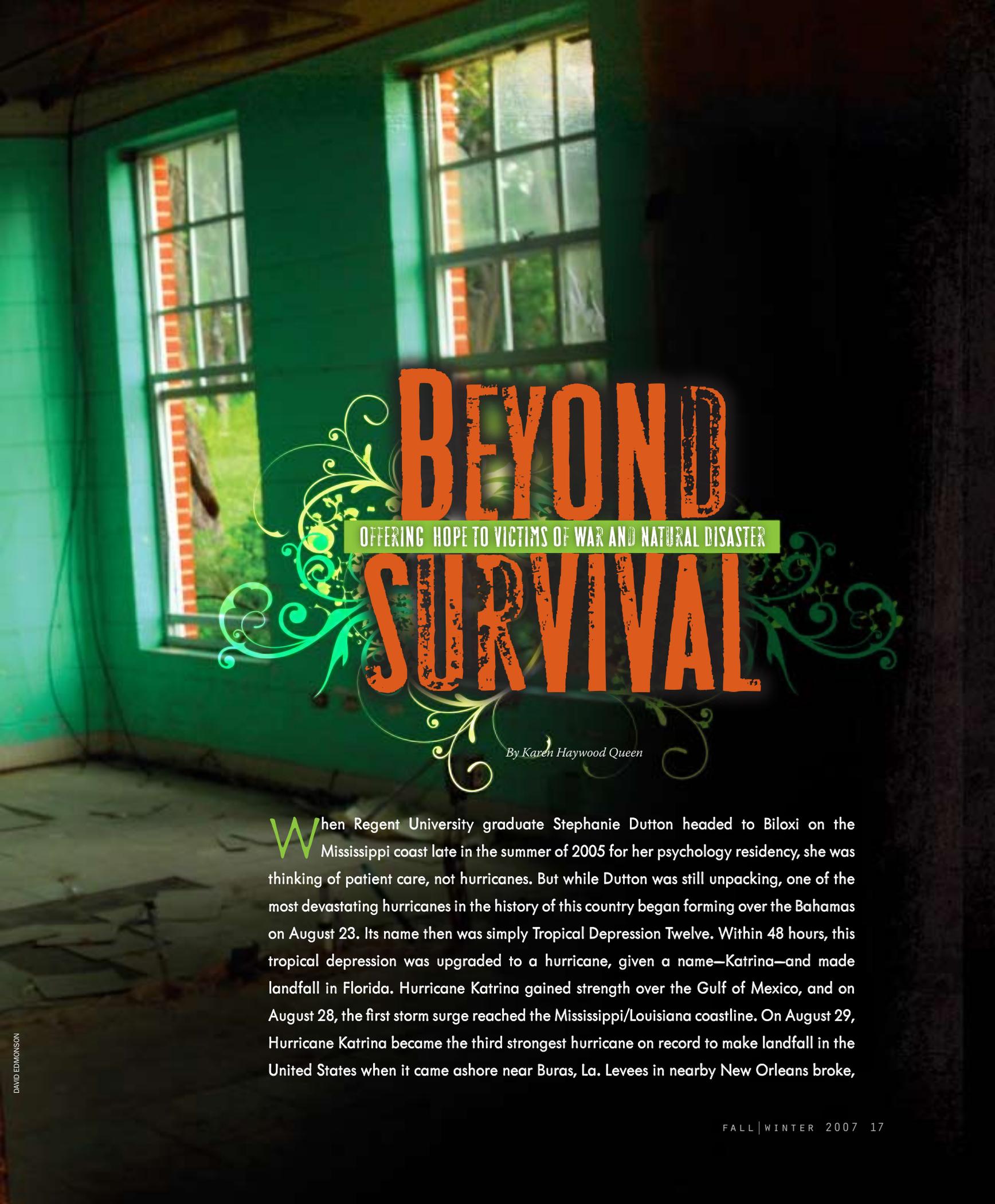
many classes has allowed Crittsinger to absorb the content, and he has been impressed by the quality of education offered at Regent.

When considering how he could provide a lasting tribute to his wife's memory, Crittsinger first thought that endowed scholarship funds, which provide perpetual scholarships through interest earnings, required huge sums of money. After talking

other areas of personal interest such as creation science and the sanctity of life. He sums up his convictions by saying, "Living is giving. We can't out-give God. I'm learning more about that—how to apply my faith." —

For information about how you can establish a general or endowed scholarship fund, contact Regent's Office of Advancement at 800.335.4409.





BEYOND SURVIVAL

OFFERING HOPE TO VICTIMS OF WAR AND NATURAL DISASTER

By Karen Haywood Queen

When Regent University graduate Stephanie Dutton headed to Biloxi on the Mississippi coast late in the summer of 2005 for her psychology residency, she was thinking of patient care, not hurricanes. But while Dutton was still unpacking, one of the most devastating hurricanes in the history of this country began forming over the Bahamas on August 23. Its name then was simply Tropical Depression Twelve. Within 48 hours, this tropical depression was upgraded to a hurricane, given a name—Katrina—and made landfall in Florida. Hurricane Katrina gained strength over the Gulf of Mexico, and on August 28, the first storm surge reached the Mississippi/Louisiana coastline. On August 29, Hurricane Katrina became the third strongest hurricane on record to make landfall in the United States when it came ashore near Buras, La. Levees in nearby New Orleans broke,

flooding the city. The hurricane then tore through Mississippi where Biloxi, Dutton's new home, was among the areas worst hit. Nearly 2,000 people lost their lives in the storm and resulting floods. At least 230 of the dead were on Mississippi's Gulf Coast where hurricane winds, 28-foot storm surges and 55-foot sea waves leveled entire neighborhoods. Many people were rescued from trees and rooftops, including those who cut through attics to escape the rising water inside. In all, Hurricane Katrina was estimated to have caused more than \$100 billion in damage.

For most students, an internship is a chance to put book knowledge to work in the field under expert mentoring. Stephanie Dutton's clinical psychology residency was all that and more. There is nothing like a devastating hurricane to find out who truly has grace under pressure. Dutton passed the test.

In her last year of the clinical psychology doctoral program at Regent University's School of Psychology & Counseling, Dutton picked the Veterans Administration Gulf Coast Health Care System in Biloxi, Miss., as her first choice for her residency. When she arrived in late summer 2005, she began the first of four rotations in employee assistance, post-traumatic stress disorder, health psychology and administration.

Then Hurricane Katrina made landfall near Biloxi just three weeks after Dutton had arrived at the hospital. Dutton remained at the hospital during the storm. "Like everyone else, I didn't think it was going to be as bad as it was," she says. "I had been through Hurricane Isabel in Virginia Beach. I had been through Hurricane Opal in Florida. I had thought this would be kind of a fun experience, exciting and different, getting to use my skills in a different way,

bonding with staff and faculty who were staying there. I really didn't have any idea what I was getting into. Nothing had been as bad as Hurricane Katrina."

All of a sudden, everyone, not just the patients, was in crisis mode. Many staff members lost their homes—down to the slab. Suddenly, it was a world of high



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winds and rising waters as the hurricane's center passed near the hospital. The new reality was reminding people to eat and sleep, filing paperwork for disaster checks, and pulling staff aside both to comfort them and to make sure they were okay to keep working. Those five-minute quick checks came instead of the hour-long therapy session or group therapy meetings that Dutton and others in her field train for.

"She did the work of a lifetime," says Gustave F. Sison Jr., Ph.D., chief of the psychology service at the VA Medical

Center in Biloxi. "Imagine you're in the second week of your internship. You don't even know where the buildings are and you're faced with the greatest disaster in United States history. We were faced with unprecedented mental challenges. She did a masterful job. She did a fantastic job in her professionalism, her intelligence and her judgment—and all of this in her second week of residency training. Despite the difficulties inherent in such a major disaster, one thing it allows us to do, especially in Stephanie's case, is to see and have hope that there are exceptionally well-trained professionals who are ready to step up in the most dire circumstances. I applaud Regent for this."

Dutton was given the option to find another residency program but opted to stay and minister where she had been called. At a time when others in her position might have run, Dutton instead put her Regent training into action quickly and hit the ground running, says Judy Johnson, Ph.D., professor and director of clinical training in Regent's School of Psychology & Counseling.

"She experienced a certain amount of trauma as well just by being there in that hurricane, yet she maintained her cool," Johnson says. "Unlike a lot of internships where the interns very much remain as trainees, she had to immediately practice her skills. Although she still had clinical supervisors and mentors, she was basically surrounded by traumatized people—not only patients, but also other staff. It's amazing that she maintained her inner peace and calm and was able to function competently. I wasn't surprised at all. She's a very steady, very strong person."

Since many of the patients had already transferred to other facilities, the focus changed from patient care to

staff care. "A lot of our staff members were traumatized from the hurricane," she says. "We wanted to be able to be there for the staff so they could care for the patients. We were making sure people's basic needs were being met: 'Are you sleeping? Have you been eating? Do you have shelter?' A lot of our staff had lost their houses and had nothing but a slab left. We were helping people fill out paperwork to get Red Cross checks. When you see people in a crisis mode, they forget about taking care of themselves in the most basic ways."

She learned some key lessons in crisis response from her mentors on the staff. "When you're starting off in this field and you're a young psychologist or resident, your mindset is, 'I want to get out there and help as much as I can.' I was still running on adrenalin, ready to go out full speed ahead to help anyone. But one of the things I learned from being in a crisis like that is you have to keep your own energy up and save something for after the crisis. One of the faculty pulled me aside and said, "They will need you two weeks from now, several months from now.' "

Once the acute needs were past, the chronic needs remained. As Dutton continued to work through her residency rotation, she continued to counsel staff because the stress didn't end once they had roofs overhead again. Living with 13 people crammed into an apartment is a different kind of stress. "I watched how people continued to suffer emotionally," she says. "That's the time when you really had to have the energy to support them and work with them."

Her work didn't go unnoticed. She was honored with a VA Secretary's Hero Award for her work persevering during and after the hurricane. At least as important, her colleagues at the hospital honored her with their Erwin L. Shatus Award, given every year to one of the residents in the graduating class.

Looking at the Whole Patient

The Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual Model

At Regent University, Stephanie Dutton began working with a treatment method that doesn't consider a patient's medical problem alone, but instead looks at the patient as a whole.

This fairly new model, called the bio-psycho-social model, recognizes that sick people or those recovering from major operations can benefit from group therapy and other emotional support.

"Stephanie was one of the first students [at Regent] to recognize a need for this," says Scott W. Sautter, Ph.D., a board-certified specialist in clinical psychology and neuropsychology, and associate professor in Regent's School of Psychology & Counseling. "The medical model is very mechanical: 'You're ill. There's a cure. You're better. If you're not absolutely cured, it leads to despair.'"

Physicians and psychologists using this method look at psychological and social issues that can affect health conditions. In her dissertation internship at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, Dutton started an eight-week group therapy program for cardiac rehabilitation patients to focus more broadly on recovery. Instead of focusing only on medical issues, group members discussed a variety of concerns that make a difference in recovery. "We looked at health issues, how they were exercising, taking medication appropriately, making their doctors' visits, better nutrition, how they were utilizing their family or friends for support," she says.

This model calls for psychologists to be involved in a wider variety of care—not limited to those deemed to have psychological issues to resolve.

"Stephanie Dutton recognized this and put into practice a dissertation project that was applicable and practical, working with individuals who have cardiac disease and are in cardiac rehab," Sautter says. "The traditional model of training a clinical psychologist is one geared toward being a therapist. It's geared toward people sitting on a couch and talking about how they feel about their family and themselves. The new role is the application of clinical psychology in primary care. Stephanie had a passion for health-related concerns. She was particularly interested in heart concerns because that's such a big problem."

In Virginia Beach, the cardiac support group members focused on recognizing their

physical responses to stress and controlling those responses before they led to more health concerns. "There are aspects of your brain that work without your permission," Sautter says. "That involuntary aspect can be conditioned. After a significant illness, you could have an increase in your level of stress to innocuous things. You can recognize that as part of the process and get instructions on how to reduce that. The simplest way is by controlling your breathing. You can begin to de-condition what your body has done in relationship to the health-related problem."

Dutton's research found that such a support group helped the patients cope with stress. Previous research had shown that handling stress was a key factor in recovering from cardiac problems, she says.

Based on her training at Regent, Dutton also added the spiritual element for those patients who wanted to take advantage of it, both in Virginia Beach and later in Biloxi. "I had to be very careful ... because we wanted to leave it open to any religious background," she says. "[Veterans] who have been raised with Christianity and told 'Thou shalt not kill' and then went into combat and did kill because it was about survival for them—they struggle with how to connect that religious belief with the fact that they had to kill to survive. It's part of their healing process."

In Biloxi, Dutton and others working with her use the flip side of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model. This approach recognizes that people suffering from depression or other mental/emotional ailments also can suffer from physical ailments caused by their ongoing emotional stress. In this application, Dutton and others talk to the veterans about how their medical issues—diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and ulcers—are related to how they're dealing (or not dealing) with stress. Again, the goal is to care for and treat the whole patient—not merely a list of his or her symptoms.

"We tell them, 'As soon as you start to feel changes in your body, that's when you want to check in with yourself and see what's going on emotionally,'" she says. "At the end of the program, they're very thankful to us." —

Patient's Progress

When the veteran—we'll call him "Adam"—first came to meet with Stephanie Dutton at the VA Medical Center in Biloxi, he was depressed, exhausted and not at all sure a residential support program would help him.

"The first time he came into my office, he was very anxious," Dutton says. "He almost couldn't sit still in the chair. He felt like he had to get up and walk around. He was experiencing suicidal thoughts. He was so tired of how his life had been for the past 30 years. It was not only eating at him, but also affecting his family."

Adam had gotten married before he went to Vietnam. When he came home, his wife told him he wasn't the man she married. They struggled to keep their marriage together over three decades.

"He had strained relationships his entire life," Dutton says. "He was worried about how he would treat his grandkids because he was very easily angered. He was worried he would treat them like he had other family members."

Although Adam was skeptical whether the program would work for him, he agreed to be open, which was all Dutton asked. "He really didn't think he'd be able to make the changes," she says. "He thought the habits he'd developed to cope with things for 30 years were so ingrained that he wouldn't be able to."

But Adam did the assignments. He talked in the group. He took advantage of individual therapy. The first weekend that he went home, he faced challenges. He got angry. But he actually shared some of his combat experiences with his family. "We don't ask them to do that, but he thought it was important that he share with them so they could understand why he was the way he was," Dutton says. "The whole family came together. They cried together. They talked."

At the end of the program, Adam was a different man. "We saw him make a 180. He was able to laugh, which seems like such a small thing. But it was a huge victory. He really blossomed. He recognized that he would still have problems. But he was talking about going on vacation with his family. He was experiencing joy and peace for the first time in 30-something years. He had seen himself as a bad person because of the things he had to do in combat to survive. At the end of the program he said to me, 'I like myself.' "

Not surprisingly, after Dutton graduated from her residency program in August 2006, she was asked to stay and develop an intensive residential program to treat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. "When she said she was interested in being part of our psychological family—that was the easiest decision I've made all year," Sison says. "She's a keeper."

Dutton was ready for the first group in October 2006. "I had a month and a half to get it going," she says modestly. As a military kid herself, Dutton feels a special affinity for service members.

"My father was in the Air Force," she says. "I grew up in a military family and lived overseas for 12 years. I've been around the military community my entire life, and I appreciate it a lot. I felt I had gained a lot of benefits from being in that community. I knew I wanted to work in some capacity with the military. It's a really special population. The veterans I work with are amazing individuals. They have gone through horrific experiences. They're survivors."

Although she had wanted to work with those in the military, Dutton hadn't felt a call to work with veterans suffering from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) until she got to Biloxi and began working first with hurricane victims and then with veterans suffering from PTSD. "I felt like God was really calling me to work in this direction," she says.

Veterans suffering from PTSD may have trouble trusting others. They may suffer from hyper-arousal, panic attacks, isolation and re-experiencing their combat trauma. "They're always feeling on edge," she says. "There's a lot of anger involved. They isolate themselves a lot and try to avoid getting into situations where they're experiencing hyper-arousal." Certain events—war news on television, or a firecracker—can cause problems. "Seeing combat situations that are occurring in the world can bring back memories of their own combat and trauma," she says. "Those can set them off. They're isolated from others since they don't feel understood. They have a lot of issues, anger and anxiety."

These emotional problems also can lead to life-shortening physical ailments such as heart trouble, high blood pressure and substance abuse. Dutton looked at different treatment programs at other VA hospitals and combined the best elements with the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model she developed for cardiac patients in a program at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital.

Dutton set it up so veterans stayed with the same group of eight to ten fellow vets during an eight-week residential program at the hospital. "They come in together as a group," she says. "When you're dealing with PTSD, there are a lot of trust issues involved. I thought it was important that they come as a group and stay as a group to build support for each other and the staff."

The veterans come in and while they may look fine physically,



Stephanie Dutton working at the VA Medical Center in Biloxi, Miss.

they're suffering emotionally. "We have veterans come in and say, 'I've been married and divorced multiple times and the relationships haven't worked out,'" Dutton says. "We have others come in and say they've been married 30 or 40 years. Those families can develop secondary trauma."

The program is set up so the veterans can help each other. Two groups are running at once, with the senior group four weeks further into the program than the junior group. "The group that has been there for four weeks can start to mentor and be available to the new group coming in," she says. Then when the senior group graduates and a new group comes in, the junior group becomes the new senior group.

"Quite often I see a veteran come in at the beginning of the eight weeks and not trust the staff, not trust anyone," she says.

"In the military, these veterans had been forced into survival mode, trained

to be in survival mode, and that's how they've functioned for the last 30 years. We start to break down these walls. They let someone in and start to tell their stories. It's rewarding to watch someone start to build trust for the first time in 30 years. To not have to carry around these secrets by themselves—it can have an amazing healing effect. I get to watch them go through that process over eight weeks. It can be very gratifying."

During the program, each group goes to a Vietnam memorial in a neighboring town and holds a memorial service for fallen comrades, a service that helps the healing process. The program itself isn't intended to be a complete cure, but the beginning of a journey. "We're not expecting that all of their symptoms will be completely cured by the end of the program. But they begin to open up. They begin to trust us and other veterans. They realize they don't have to isolate all the time."

Dutton has found her calling. "I've been given this opportunity here that I

never imagined having at this point in my career," she says.

Sison predicts great things ahead. "She's a trauma specialist," he says. "In my opinion, she'll move on to whatever level of leadership she desires."

Meantime two years after Katrina as the world has moved on to other issues, those in Louisiana and Mississippi continue to feel the impact. Many residents who survived have no homes to return to. Some will never return. Private individuals, church groups, other charities as well as state and federal governments continue to help rebuild homes and lives. Mission teams still travel to the area to rebuild damaged and destroyed homes and to offer hope. As of this summer, the Federal Emergency Management Agency had approved more than \$847 million in housing assistance to 216,528 individuals and families. And in Biloxi, Dutton continues to help war-scarred veterans fight their inner storms. —



Regent Hosts Candlelight Forum in Hollywood

Event celebrates industry leaders who are making high-quality, redemptive entertainment.

by Bobbie Fisher

In a town where award ceremonies are daily fare and industry workshops are considered ho-hum, Regent University's School of Communication & the Arts pulled off an A-list Hollywood coup in March 2007. Regent's Candlelight Forum brought to the Directors Guild of America a gathering of celebrities to celebrate a new type of film and filmmaker.

The script for this evening read as do many industry event scripts: a talented warm-up act, acknowledgements, award presentations and a few well-rehearsed speeches. But the content of the script deviated from those of other Hollywood events—this would be an event with a *purpose*.

School of Communication & the Arts Dean Michael Patrick set the tone of the evening. In his introductory remarks, he told the audience of professionals, students and alumni that much of the film industry has lost its vision and its way. Audiences are desperate for something better than tired, predictable exploitation films.

"A growing number of actors, artists, producers and directors in Hollywood have



Ralph Winter, producer of the *X-Men* and *Fantastic Four* films, pauses with recent MFA in Acting graduates (from left to right) Devorah Nelson, Rhonda Kohl, Lindsey (Mott) Metzker and Lynn Kenny.

decided to choose a better way," he said. "One of the emerging trends in the film industry involves high-quality films that deliver positive, redeeming storylines."

Regent's Candlelight Forum was designed to encourage industry leaders and Hollywood professionals making such films.

A number of buzz words are entering the industry, Dean Patrick cautioned: "faith-based, positive values, Christian movies." He prefers

the term "redemptive filmmaking," which better reflects what the genre is really about.

Next at the microphone were emcees Squire Rushnell, former ABC Network Television executive, and Louise DuArt, co-host of *Living the Life* on the ABC Family Channel. Their quick banter was reminiscent of the best Academy Awards presenters: witty, sharp, edgy—but completely G-rated, a reminder that good comedy can be clean and still sell.

Rushnell talked about Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ*, which is often credited with starting the current trend toward redemptive filmmaking. He recalled some Hollywood friends asking him what the niche market for such films would be, and pointing them to "that large area of land between Los Angeles and New York."

In between moments of entertainment, Rushnell and DuArt ushered in the evening's stars, respected industry professionals who had come to the Directors Guild theatre to share some of their latest projects in redemptive entertainment.



[1] MFA in Acting student Ashley Larsen. [2] The DGA's Theatre 2 during the Candlelight Forum. [3] Cinema-Television professors and students near the famous Hollywood hill sign. [4] Cinema-Television student Richmond Felton and Professor Doug Miller share a moment with Elmo in downtown Hollywood. [5] Dean Michael Patrick gives an interview prior to the event. [6] (from left to right) Louise DuArt, SQire Rushnell, Ken Wales, Ralph Winter, David Kirkpatrick, Cheryl McKay and Bill Ewing. [7] Cinema-Television students Tony Cece and Richmond Felton explore the city sights with Professor Doug Miller.

These filmmakers's credits include some of the biggest box office hits of all time—and read less like a recitation of so-called “Christian pictures” than a list of blockbuster movies. Case in point: Ralph Winter, whose résumé includes *X-Men*, *Fantastic Four*, *Star Trek*, *Mighty Joe Young* and *Planet of the Apes*.

Currently he's working on *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. “I'm interested in the dark stories,” he says, explaining that tension is often what creates interest. He's also working on an adaptation of *Redeeming Love*, Francine Rivers's retelling of the biblical story of Hosea set in the gold rush era of the 1850s. He's drawn to Old Testament stories. “They tell stories of real-life situations, but we have a tendency to eliminate some of the darkness to make them accessible for Sunday-school students.” In film, however, Winter can probe these stories, exploring the characters' journeys, their relationships and how they confront themselves to find out who they really are.

This is storytelling about real-life situations—the “compelling stories of

human people,” Winter says, “who find a reason to lead a purpose-driven life.”

In fact, *The Purpose Driven Life* is a project on Ralph Winter's drawing board. He's working with author Rick Warren to find scripts to bring the popular devotional book to the screen, but whether it will be as a feature documentary or a narrative movie is undecided at this point. What is clear is that both author and filmmaker want it to be entertaining, not the kind of “it's good for you” movie people think they “should” see.

As for *The Screwtape Letters*, Winter has been pursuing it for about ten years. “It's a sobering, exhilarating and terrifying responsibility to shepherd this book to the screen,” he says. Working with the best talents in the business, he was both surprised and gratified to discover how many know the material and are attracted to it.

Ken Wales's credits include the television series *Christy* and films such as *Darling Lili*, *The Tamarind Seed*, *Revenge of the Pink Panther* and, of course, *Amazing Grace*. Wales, a former executive with Walt Disney Pictures, got right

to the point: redemptive filmmaking's time has come. “It was extraordinary to make a movie where a character actually says, ‘I am a great sinner, and Christ is a great Savior,’” he said, speaking of *Amazing Grace*. Equally extraordinary, he told the audience, was that “we now belong in this place that stands for the very excellence that we embrace.” Wales emphasized that “we aren't Christian filmmakers—we're filmmakers who happen to be Christians. It informs how we do our jobs, how we approach the work and our relationships—but the subject material is the subject material.”

The point, he said, is to tell good stories, and tell them well. And as Hollywood knows, timing is everything. “No one knew that better than Jesus,” Wales said. “After he told one of his parables, he shut up. And He let the story do its work.”

Wales is working on a sequel to *Chariots of Fire*, chronicling runner Eric Liddell's life in China as a missionary.

No Hollywood event is complete without awards, and the Candlelight Forum presented



Ken Wales, former executive with Walt Disney Pictures and producer of *Amazing Grace*

wrote the screenplay for the 2006 movie *The Ultimate Gift*. McKay brought both humor and humility to her acceptance: “Regent is where I decided to go when I gave up acting—because I realized I was terrible,” she laughed, adding, “Regent planted the seed in me about making sure I was writing things that matter”

Dr. Wales then presented the Candlelight Award to an unsuspecting recipient who had come to the podium prepared to lecture, but not to be honored. Bill Ewing was a senior vice president at Sony/Columbia Pictures, with credits that included *A League of Their Own*, *Spider-Man*, *Charlie’s Angels* and *Men in Black I and II*, when he resigned to work with Every



Bill Ewing, former executive with Sony/Columbia Pictures and producer of *End of the Spear*

Tribe Entertainment on an independent film called *End of the Spear*. His surprise at receiving the Candlelight Award was genuine, and the audience joined in his joyful tears.

While he talked about the process that led him to Every Tribe, his message was clear: when God calls, it’s controversial and it’s unconventional. So it was with *End of the Spear*, which recounts the story of five Christian missionaries who attempted to evangelize the Waodani people of Ecuador and were brutally murdered. The movie tells the story from the perspective of a member of the tribe and the son of one of the murdered missionaries,

three of them with homage to the School of Communication & the Arts’ mission “to change the world, one film at a time.” Associate Professor Dr. Lorene Wales presented the Alumni Award to Cheryl McKay ’95 (Communication & the Arts), who

who, unbelievably, formed a lasting bond.

Ewing remembered reading the story of the massacre in *LIFE* magazine before he was ten years old. “God orchestrated me having the opportunity to tell the story,” he told a rapt audience.

His next project is *Blink of an Eye*, described by Every Tribe as “an intoxicating tale of danger and love, set amidst the shifting sands of the Middle East and the back roads of America.” Noting its current relevance, he added, “Every Tribe was created to connect people with hopeful entertainment.”

The last speaker received his award after his talk. David Kirkpatrick is responsible for films like *Terms of Endearment*, *Forrest Gump*, *Pretty*



David Kirkpatrick, former executive with Touchstone Pictures, Walt Disney Pictures and Paramount Pictures

Woman, *Indiana Jones*, *Star Trek* and *Wayne’s World*—and the first eight Eddie Murphy comedies.

A former executive with Paramount Pictures, Walt Disney Pictures and Touchstone Pictures, the CEO of Kirkpatrick Artist Management said humbly, “My only gift was the ability to discern a decent story.”

He emphasized the responsibility that comes with the new opportunity to tell redemptive stories: “Of the seven influencers on the general population,” he told the audience, “five are: books, television, the Internet, movies, media.” Because of these influencers, he reported, “by the time someone is 18 years old, he or she has seen 200,000 acts of violence,” Kirkpatrick said. Yet Kirkpatrick’s message was hopeful, too. “It’s surprising how much people can be transformed by pictures,” he said, “and it’s not because of the pictures themselves but, as we all know, it’s because God is working through them.”

The newly-created final award was described by Dean Patrick as the recognition of a lifetime of doing films that make a difference: the David Award, named for the biblical king who was a poet, dancer, musician and author—a man who truly understood



Dean Michael Patrick with alumna Cheryl McKay, who was presented with the Alumni Award. Ms. McKay is the screenwriter for the 2006 movie *The Ultimate Gift*, starring James Garner, Brian Dennehy and Abigail Breslin.

the arts and their relationship to God.

For his extraordinary body of work in the field of redemptive cinema, for his uncanny ability to “discern decent stories,” Dean Patrick presented the first David Award to David Kirkpatrick, who spoke thankfully of “spiritainment,” the word his company coined to describe cinema that “refreshes the soul, pleases God and makes a difference in the Kingdom.”

With its state-of-the-art speaker and video projection systems, digital amplifiers and meticulously designed sightlines and seats, Theatre 2 at the DGA on Sunset Boulevard provides the ideal environment for professionals in the motion picture business to screen films, discuss industry trends and talk about projects in development. Logistically and metaphorically, it was the perfect venue to acknowledge the cutting-edge work being done by courageous moviemakers.

By the end of the evening, it was obvious that America has responded to the trend of redemptive filmmaking in the language that Hollywood understands best: box office receipts. The numbers tell the message, and Hollywood has begun to listen to what Regent has known all along: the public is hungry for this material. They want more of it. And it’s equally clear that Regent is poised to support Hollywood in providing it. —

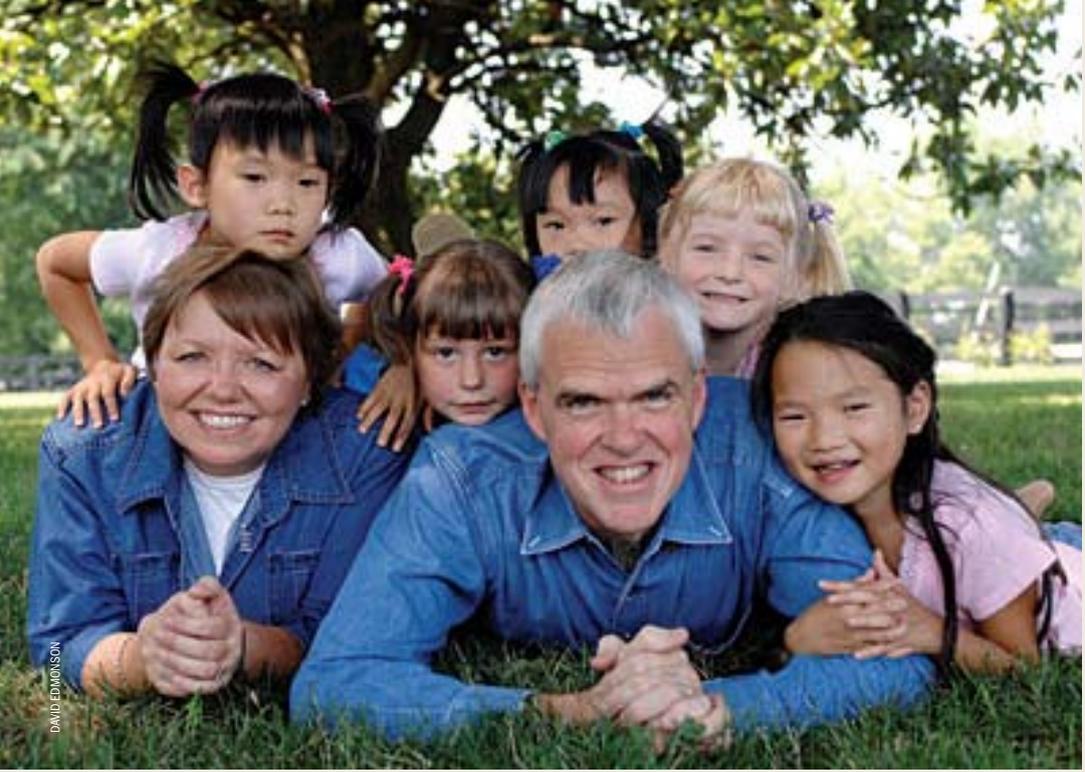
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TONY BREWER

CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
A HELPING HAND ADOPTION AGENCY

Abandoned. Pleading. Hopeless. Little faces stared forlornly from roomfuls of cribs with too few arms to hold them.

These are the orphans of China who latched onto Tony Brewer's '90/'91 (Education and Law) consciousness in the early 1990s. From his newly appointed law office in Washington, D.C., Brewer's plans shifted 180 degrees when the plight of these lost children intruded upon his life. Today he's a man who has accomplished much for hundreds of children in crisis, though he will tell you the work has just begun.

As he neared the completion of his coursework in the School of Education, Brewer felt an unmistakable urge to pursue law at Regent, something that had never been a natural ambition. Choosing to put his MSE thesis on hold temporarily, Brewer prepared to take the LSAT. He laughs easily as he recalls how one of the law professors politely explained that his LSAT scores, an entrance requirement, might reveal God's will in his decision. Looking back on how he became the executive director of an international Christian adoption agency, Brewer understands how this sudden venture into law uniquely prepared him. In his affable manner, Brewer says that he and his wife, Cindy, took on this new challenge like

recruits heading for boot camp, staying on at Regent so he could obtain a Juris Doctorate.

A simple question by a friend soon changed Brewer's course a second time. While starting up his law practice in Washington, D.C., a friend came to him asking, "Will you help us adopt a child from China?" Brewer had never before thought about adoption. His investigation brought him face to face with the desperation of thousands of little girls in China. Once he became aware of how many children were maintained in understaffed orphanages, Brewer's life was soon consumed with the question of how he could help. It became his passion.

Sharing his first experience in a Chinese orphanage, Brewer says, "I just had this sense, even though it was rundown ... that it was very holy." He witnessed one dingy room after another filled with children in cribs, relying on only one caretaker. Brewer's jolting epiphany ultimately led to beneficial results. A Christian organization was soon permitted in. They cleaned it up, hired Christian workers, and transformed the once destitute institution. One down ...

With expertise from Regent (a Juris Doctorate) and Georgetown (an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law), Brewer has now journeyed to many countries, orchestrating the placement of orphaned children into numerous American families. More than 1,200 children have been placed in Christian adoptive homes in

38 states. Through his agency, A Helping Hand, located in Lexington, Ky., Brewer has taken part in several thousand domestic and international adoptions. He explains how A Helping Hand Adoption Agency is a bridge, linking foreign-born children to the doorsteps of adoptive families in the United States. There, Brewer says, lives are changed. Through nurturing family love, children are also provided a basis for understanding the Christian faith and message of hope. "It's tough for a child who doesn't know the love of a parent to know the love of God," Brewer states. Instead of barely surviving, these children can grow, prosper and develop their unique talents. Brewer and his wife, Cindy, have personally chosen to adopt five little girls, three who were foreign-born and two from the United States.

Brewer says his time at Regent helped shape his positive worldview. Shortly before beginning his studies at another institution, he felt strongly that he was to go to Regent, then referred to as CBNU. At the time, he didn't completely understand this change in direction. Now reflecting back, Brewer states, "There was such a strong emphasis on integration and trying to get a Christian worldview on things." He recalls it as a tremendous time for growth.

When Brewer moved back to his home state of Kentucky, he met a lawyer who was experienced in adoption cases. Uniting in a common cause, they founded A Helping Hand in 1995 with the help of several others in Lexington. Today there are 17 employees, plus international partners; there are plans to expand their foreign humanitarian work. Brewer and his family are currently preparing to move to Asia to focus on the outreach work. He and his wife will act as the advance team while adoption work continues from Lexington. Brewer hopes to see three more countries open up for adoption soon. Licensure is now pending in Washington, D.C.

The remarkable path of this principled man flows from educator to lawyer to executive leader of a worldwide adoption and outreach agency. Brewer found his life purpose by integrating the principles of his faith to his actions. His mission began with the simple question of a friend and the innocent face of a tiny Chinese girl.



BRENDA DAVIS

EDITOR OF *SPIRITLED WOMAN*

Performing live in theatres after obtaining an arts degree from Boston University, Brenda Davis '95 (Communication & the Arts and Divinity) later segued into Christian television broadcasting without missing a beat.

However, in 1997, Davis found her niche as the managing editor of a cutting-edge magazine called *SpiritLed Woman*, thriving once more in the challenge of something new. Whatever Davis undertakes, communication links the stones on her rambling trail.

Davis was surprised when Strang Communications offered her the position as managing editor for a brand new print magazine in 1997. She had limited exposure to magazine production, yet Strang insisted that Davis was the perfect individual for the job. Davis explains that her passion and purpose is “to communicate the gospel through whatever means and tools I have.” Davis’s life goal and knowledge of television journalism provided a foundation for her new communication venue.

Nine years under her leadership, *SpiritLed Woman* has grown and expanded its offerings. The composition of the magazine is designed to cross all racial, denominational and cultural barriers. Many opportunities for women’s spiritual development are available in *SpiritLed Woman* in the form of devotions, Bible studies, inspirational articles and personal testimonies online and in print. The magazine contains links to prayer resources and a new blog feature, as well as book recommendations. Announcements of upcoming tours like trips to Israel and a mother/daughter cruise sponsored by *Brio* magazine are included on the website.

After working in a variety of roles with Trinity Broadcasting Network in the 1980s, Davis found herself at a crossroads, in yet another transition. She had participated musically and at many levels of production in a once-popular televangelistic program. When it suddenly collapsed, the TV staff were eventually set adrift. Davis tells how she then considered her long-held desire

to attend graduate school. Davis knew of Regent University through *The 700 Club* and her own experiences in Christian broadcasting. She knew people who highly recommended Regent University, so it was Davis’s school of choice from the onset.

“Through my studies, my research and the interactions with my professors, I found so many answers to life questions,” Davis says, recalling her time at Regent. She remembers how she entered with “all the wonderful excitement and terror that come with new beginnings.” Davis tells what amazing mentors the professors were as she looked for purpose in her past experiences and hope for the future. She personally considers her Regent experience as a pivotal rebuilding time.

As an intern in *The 700 Club* features department, Davis worked with a producer who put together “people stories” for broadcast. The life experiences of real people have always been an interest to Davis, so her internship was a dream job. Today Davis has incorporated personal accounts into her magazine as well, knowing the human-interest attraction and assistance to the readers.

After completion of degree requirements at Regent, Davis stayed on in the area. It was a time of waiting for direction for her future. Health concerns loomed disconcertingly. Then Davis began writing, and learning something about magazine journalism. The pastor of a large local church offered Davis opportunities to write for his church’s magazine. This experience was another stone connecting the past to the future in Davis’s life.

Achievements abound in Davis’s life. Through a remarkable yet circuitous route to her current destination, she has settled into her journalistic leadership role, bringing a rich variety of good information and pleasurable reading to women. She has dreams for new possibilities, including fresh opportunities to impact the readers of *SpiritLed Woman*. However, Davis cautions that she doesn’t want to race ahead of God. In humility, she concludes that her availability is as much responsible for her success as ability. “At the end of the day, whether my dreams come true or not, let me be faithful.” One only has to observe Davis’s efforts to see how she has faithfully yielded her talents to a high purpose.



DAVID EDMONSON

ABEL MBEWE
GLOBAL ENTREPRENEUR

A background in engineering and extensive work experience in conservation, climate change and energy policy research may seem unusual preparation for a poultry production and distribution business.

For Abel Mbewe '05 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) it was, and continues to be, a leap of faith.

Before coming to Regent, Mbewe began a small poultry business in his backyard in Zambia. He and his wife, Cecelia, needed resources to support the ministry for street kids in their home village of Chikonkoto. They had been searching for ways to make the ministry self-sustaining when, Mbewe says, the idea came to him that poultry farming could be a viable resource in this impoverished region in central Africa. He

read, researched, consulted with experts and then purchased his first equipment and a mere hundred chicks. Four years later, he was selling nearly 8,000 chickens per month.

In 2001, Mbewe came to Regent with Cecelia, who enrolled in Regent Law School. (She graduated in 2003 and is currently employed as chief legal advisor to the Zambia National Assembly.)

During that time, Mbewe went through an extensive training program at the Kentucky Fried Chicken Training Center.

"I learned about all kinds of restaurant activities," Mbewe explains, "including food hygiene, food preparation, cooking and preservation, security, customer and team relationships and management." In 2002, he joined Pollard's Chicken and enrolled in Regent's School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship, where he studied from 2003 to 2005. While he enthusiastically remembers all the classes he took and the Christian principles embedded in each, he

cites Strategic Leadership, Concepts/Ideas to Market Success and Marketing Management as the most helpful and relevant to his current business and leadership endeavors in Zambia.

Mbewe closed his poultry business while he and Cecelia were in America. When they returned to Zambia, he started Dominion Poultry from the ground up, applying the principles he learned during his time at Regent and in business.

From the beginning, Dominion Poultry has been purpose driven. Mbewe has

passionately pursued his goals of supporting Cecelia's ministry and the spiritual, economic and social transformation of his home country. Once classified as middle-income, after three decades of economic decline Zambia is now an extremely poor country. The consequent decline of infrastructure and services has resulted in three out of four Zambians living in poverty. More than half of these people are unable to meet their most basic nutritional needs.

Today, in addition to running Dominion Poultry, Mbewe leads the Men's Cooperative Society of Christ the Rock Church in Chikonkoto Village, where he has started a pilot project involving construction of a chicken house for two hundred birds. Mbewe's idea is to make it inexpensively and easily replicated in other villages, so those members interested in developing their own poultry businesses can learn to do so.

Dominion Poultry will make micro-loans to the men of the Society, to enable sustainable small businesses that will include not only poultry rearing, but also small-scale livestock rearing, vegetable and fish farming. Mbewe knows these activities will transform the lives of the members of the Men's Cooperative Society and their families by helping meet the spiritual, social and economic needs of all the people of the village, giving them an opportunity to own a business and learn modern business techniques and skills through mentoring. His mission also includes making sure that colleagues, customers and employees alike know that "it is possible to run a successful business based on fair pricing, honesty and integrity—spiritual capital."

Mbewe's long-range plan for Dominion Poultry is to gain a significant market share through low-cost leadership and product differentiation. This plan is based on the model he learned while in the States, where large poultry businesses vertically integrate all operations that involve chicken production on a large scale. It is Mbewe's vision to become the leader in the poultry industry in Zambia by 2012.

For this engineer-turned-entrepreneur, it is a vital part of his own mission to provide employment opportunities to members of his community. Mbewe has been busy changing his world, and his possibilities seem limitless.



GARETH BENTLEY



NATHAN TABOR

FOUNDER OF THECONSERVATIVEVOICE.COM

One minute Nathan Tabor '98 (Government) is on the phone advising a political candidate about his or her Internet strategy; the next minute he's working on a new book or running one of the several successful businesses he

owns. Whatever he is doing, Tabor has a knack for turning ideas into reality.

TheConservativeVoice.com, the website Tabor began in 2004 as his personal weblog, was one such idea. The site currently receives some 40,000 visitors a day. According to Alexa.com, TheConservativeVoice.com is ranked 18,600 out of all web sites in the world—and there are millions. There are 130-140 regular contributors to the site with 20-30 new columns being posted daily. The subsequent traffic, as well as advertising, allow the site to bring in \$25,000-\$30,000 per month.

“When I graduated from Regent I had all these great ideas, but no one would publish me,” Tabor recalls. “TheConservativeVoice.com allows people who want a voice, individuals or organizations, a place to share their thoughts.” Founded on principles of faith, family and freedom, the site has expanded in scope and purpose to its present incarnation in less than 18 months. It has emerged as a grassroots forum for conservative political thought, allowing anyone with an e-mail address to submit articles for publication with a click of the mouse.

Out of TheConservativeVoice.com sprang another of Tabor's ideas—TCVmedia.com, a web design and consulting company. Like TheConservativeVoice.com, it began small, but soon burgeoned into a robust young business. Starting with website offerings to small businesses in the North Carolina Triad, (Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point), TCVmedia.com now offers political services, including viral marketing and campaign and fundraising initiatives. Among its political clients, Tabor's consulting company currently serves both a presidential and gubernatorial candidate. Meanwhile, Tabor and TCV Media are involved in



launching “campaign in a box,” an innovative web-based template for electoral victory.

How did TCV Media get off the ground? “We designed our own website and people asked me if we would design theirs,” Tabor explains. “I guess when you sell \$100 million in soybeans in seven years, people think you know what you're doing,” he laughs good-naturedly.

If past and present successes are any measure, Tabor does know what he's doing. For seven years he was part owner and vice president of sales and marketing for Revival Soy, the company run by his brother, father and mother, which manufactures and distributes soy protein products. “I left because I felt I was supposed to be doing other things,” Tabor says.

One of those things was writing. Tabor's first book, *The Beast on the East River*, takes on the United Nations. His second, *Almighty Politics: Why Christians Must Be Involved in the Political System*, is due out in the spring. He hopes this book will stir its readers, ultimately making an impact on

the 2008 election.

By any number of standards, Tabor is a success. And, by his own admission, earning money allows him to do the things he loves, whether it's starting a new business venture, working with political candidates, writing a new book, supporting an orphanage or spending time with his family. If it will in some way help to change the world, Tabor wants to be involved. But ask this 34-year-old entrepreneur to prioritize that list, and at the very top is being a good husband and father.

“If we are about changing the world, then those we leave behind

to carry on will continue to change the world,” Tabor explains. “For me, Regent's mission of *Christian Leadership to Change the World* starts at home.”

Tabor says he found certain running themes while studying at Regent. Finding your niche market, thinking outside the box, being creative and doing the unexpected are ideas that have shaped his thinking most. “Do something people aren't necessarily accustomed to,” he explains. Being unapologetically bold is okay in Tabor's estimation. “We have more than 300,000 e-mail addresses in our newsletter database,” says Tabor, “and only seven words in the subject line of each story to grab their attention. We have to use attention-grabbing titles, and sometimes they may shock.”

Tabor also knows something about grabbing attention himself. He's run for political office twice and will likely throw his hat into the ring again in the future—another way he believes he can help change the world around him. But that decision will be made with his family. They come first.



DARREN TURNER
U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN

Darren Turner '06 (Divinity), once an aspiring young athlete, never imagined his life would take him to the distant, dangerous desert of Iraq as an Army chaplain.

Strategic military missions, tents, machine guns and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) place Chaplain Turner in a daily challenge of faith that most people will never know. Reflecting on his journey amid intermittent communication blackouts and chilling bomb blasts, Turner explains how he left a comfortable setting in Georgia to attend Regent University.

Having pursued vocational ministry after college graduation in late 2003, Turner felt unsettled in his role as an associate pastor. A growing attraction to military ministry stirred both Darren and his wife,

Heather. "I had a choice to make: I could learn to trust God on a whole new level, or I could keep doing what I was doing and forget about this new idea," Turner explains.

Army chaplaincy was the answer. Once Turner and his wife were certain of this new direction, felt the need to prepare through a high quality graduate school. Because of the high commendations from his pastor, Turner enrolled in the School of Divinity at Regent, where he acquired the specific skills to prepare him for his new "church" of soldiers.

Now deployed in Iraq, Turner holds chapel services that are like regular church with one startling difference: the congregation comes in with machine guns, not just Bibles! The soldiers come to know that Turner is just a man with real fears and joys like theirs. By being a friend in the chow hall, going out on convoys, meeting with individuals when they lose a brother, or just hanging out when they return from missions, Turner finds himself in the role of encourager and counselor. He regards his soldiers highly, considering

it an honor to be there with them at this time in history. Turner refers to them as his heroes, whom he is proud to serve.

When out in their assigned sector—a satellite base established in an abandoned house southeast of Baghdad—Turner's troop mission is part of a large operation to rout out Al-Qaeda insurgents. A day's work can literally entail "blood, sweat and tears": talking to soldiers as they come and go from dangerous missions, eating MREs in 24/7 gritty sweat, no power, no showers. In Turner's words, "In the last three days, I have counseled and talked with about 50 soldiers. They need serious care and attention as they come back in from the fight each day and night." Some need to grieve the losses of comrades; some are just plain scared and seek hope in the darkness.

As Chaplain Turner reflects on his time at Regent, he acknowledges its impact on his life. Skills he learned at Regent come back to him when he counsels. Turner says, "Relationships at Regent, as well as the classroom instruction, are what 'taught' me and equipped me for the chaplaincy."

The truths acquired in the sanctuary of classrooms are now tested and applied by Turner in the harshest of settings. In addition to the expected crises of war, extreme weather adds further physical and mental challenges. Summer temperatures commonly soar to 120 degrees. Turner offers encouragement and hope to his troops despite blinding dust storms, monsoon rains and damp winters that add to the daily challenges of war and separation from families back home.

Turner quotes from *A Grief Observed* by C.S. Lewis, "You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth, or falsehood, becomes a matter of life and death to you." Explaining further, Turner says, "It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to tie a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice ... only a real risk tests the reality of a belief." Chaplain Turner counsels men and women who face their own mortality daily, just as he does.

Sacrificing the comforts of home, wife and children to go where the soldiers need him the most, Turner is dedicated to his congregation of soldiers.



VAN DORA WILLIAMS

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER OF SUNDANCE FILM
FESTIVAL FINALIST *BANISHED*

For a Regent graduate who says, “It’s always been my mission to tell the untold stories of minorities in America,” the story of *Banished* was both terrible and irresistible.

In fact, VanDora Williams ’89 (Communication & the Arts), who served as associate producer for *Banished*, has spent her career seeking out such stories to tell.

Banished, which will air on PBS on February 12, 2008, tells the story of the thousands of black families who, threatened with death and physical injury, were forced off their land. The CinemATL website states, “In dozens of cases the banishment was so complete and so swift, dozens of cities and towns became effectively all-white overnight. A century later, some of these towns and counties have remained all-white.”

“It was right up my alley,” Williams says. “When I received the e-mail from one of the co-producers of *Banished* asking if I’d be interested in taking over the role of associate producer for the film, I jumped at the chance to help tell the story.”

Williams’ documentary credits as a producer for Hampton Roads’ public television station WHRO include *Church Street: Harlem of the South*; the 8-part series *Century*; and *Common Ground*, a panel discussion about the role and responsibility of religious organizations in race relations. She traveled to the Republic of Benin to produce *Noble Desire*, a one-hour television documentary about the 1999 Reconciliation and Development Conference. These films have been broadcast in local, national and international markets and earned her the honor of being named a Producers Academy Fellow by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Broadcasting Service.

As a CPB/PBS Fellow, Williams worked on *Citizen King*, a documentary for the PBS series *American Experience* that brought fresh insights to the life, leadership and impact of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Williams credits her Regent education with preparing her to tell these compelling

stories and to dig for the often unknown elements that bring them to life. “For me, it’s always been about getting it done right. Regent’s Mass Communication Theory class taught me how much I love research,” she says, “and Regent gave me the tools to infuse that and bring it to a level of excellence.”

After the *King* documentary was completed, Williams decided to start her own production company in New York. It was during this time that the opportunity to work on *Banished* was presented.

For the next nine months, Williams did archival and current research on the descendents of African Americans who had been driven out of their homes and their towns, and of those who had been lynched and murdered. “It was phenomenal,” she says. “The stories are heartbreaking. There were times when I’d go home and just have to cry.” As associate producer, she also maintained the production office, coordinated interviews with experts and scholars, supervised assistants and interns, maintained the growing inventory of photographs and tapes, and planned production shoots. She participated in the documentary creatively as well, bringing to the editing process her experience and perspective gained years earlier with CBN’s weekly religious news program *New Sight*.

The fruits of her labors—and those of producer Marco Williams and the entire production team—were seen at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in January 2007, where *Banished* was one of 122 films selected out of a field of 3,280. It has also been seen at film festivals in New York, Atlanta, Arkansas, San Francisco, Miami and Nashville, and in colleges, universities

and community organizations across the country, with more being scheduled every day to expand the film’s impact.

What’s next for this teller of stories? She’s just completed a project with one of her fellow professors at Hampton University and a group of students. *Voting Rights Northern Style* is about a man named Andy Cooper, who sued New York State to get a congressional district that represented African Americans. Based on that lawsuit, Shirley Chisolm was able to run and win the seat,” Williams says. “My next project will also be about some historical event or people.”

She’s excited about the public television premiere of *Banished*, tentatively scheduled for early 2008. In the meantime, she’ll continue to look for stories to tell, using the skills she learned at Regent. “Regent brought home to me how to integrate my faith and belief system into the work I was called to do,” she says.



PATRICK WRIGHT



Political historian Michael Barone gives the final address at the 2007 Ronald Reagan Symposium.

BACKSTAGE WITH RONALD REAGAN

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Americans remember Ronald Reagan's great success in creating a victorious conservative coalition on center stage, but we know little or nothing about religion's significant influence on his life backstage. For example, he said:

In 1968: "I'm not quite able to explain how my election happened or why I'm here, apart from believing it is part of God's plan for me." **In 1973:** "One thing I do know, all the hours in the old church in Dixon (which I didn't appreciate at the time) and all of Nelle's faith have come together in a kind of inheritance without which I'd

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be lost and helpless." In 1980: "[Americans] must seek Divine guidance in the policies of their government and the promulgation of their laws." In 1981: "I have decided that whatever time I have left is for Him ... Whatever happens now I owe my life to God and will try to serve Him every way I can."

Reagan in his own words recognized that the role he played on center stage depended upon the backstage influence of his religious faith. His conservative political and religious convictions combined to create a magnetic appeal to evangelical Christians and conservative

Roman Catholics, who formed a new force commonly known as the "religious right." And today, nearly 20 years after he left the White House, Democrats and Republicans acknowledge the vital importance of the "faith factor" in American politics and society.

And that's why Regent University's second annual Symposium in Honor of Ronald Reagan focused on "The Future of Religion in American Politics." Eight nationally-recognized scholars and public intellectuals addressed this subject, including Michael Novak (American

Enterprise Institute), Jean Bethke Elshtain (University of Chicago), Michael Cromartie (Ethics & Public Policy Center), Hadley Arkes (Amherst College), Daniel Dreisbach (Princeton University), Marvin Olasky (Editor, *WORLD* magazine), Darryl Hart (Intercollegiate Studies Institute), and Michael Barone (*U.S. News & World Report* and FOXNews). Illustrative of the scope of their presentations, Novak addressed "Contemporary Lessons from the Founders," Elshtain, "Religion in the Public Square" and Cromartie, "Red God, Blue God: Is There a God Gap Between the Parties?"

RED GOD, BLUE GOD: Is There a God Gap Between the Parties?

By Michael Cromartie



Religious belief and religious behavior have become almost as consistent as race in predicting voting behavior, creating a “God gap” in American politics. Michael Barone wrote after the 2000 election that the “single greatest divide in American politics is that the Bush coalition consists of people who are religious and respect traditional morality while the Gore coalition consists of people who are not traditionally religious and favor a more relativistic morality.”¹ Several important surveys and polls support his contention. They show that those who attend worship services at least once a week tend to vote Republican while those who seldom enter churches tend to vote Democratic.

While it is true that numerous surveys indicate that an overwhelming majority of Americans claim to believe in God, a poll conducted by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that more than 70 percent of Americans desire similar beliefs in God from their President.² This would clearly seem to put the Democratic Party at a disadvantage.

But this may be changing. In December, Senator Hillary Clinton hired what the press called a “faith guru” to help her win over evangelicals and other so-called moral values voters as she begins her 2008 presidential campaign. One of the early appeals of Senator

Barack Obama has been his professed Christian faith and a speaking style which is impressively comfortable when explaining how his policy positions are tied to his religious convictions. He also has hired a full-time “religious outreach” person for his staff.

That two of the top contenders for the Democratic nomination for president would already have hired aides who are specializing in religious outreach is a dramatic change from 2004, when the only candidate who employed a religious outreach consultant was Howard Dean, a man who could not locate the book of Job in the right testament.

What is going on here? Are some Democratic candidates learning to use religious language to appeal to religious believers in their campaigns for office? In light of the results of the November 2006 elections, have the Democrats closed the God gap between the parties? Or does the gap still exist?

The use of the terminology of a God gap between our two major parties has created much controversy, not least because it suggests that the Republican Party has become the party of religious believers and the Democratic Party the party of nonbelievers. I want to put forward a different thesis: *There is a God Gap but it is not entirely religious people in one party and totally secular people in the other party. It is a fundamental disagreement over different views of the nature of faith and what that faith demands of us concerning the proper direction of our public policies.*

I want to posit two possible explanations.

First, instead of wondering why so many devoted religious believers have become Republicans, we should wonder why so many secular

nonbelievers want to be Democrats.

In an important essay in the social science journal *The Public Interest* (Fall, 2002) called “Our Secularist Democratic Party,” two political scientists from Baruch College in New York, Louis Bolce and Gerald DeMaio, argue that the Democratic Party has become the political home to nonbelievers and, more than that, the political home to many who are actively hostile towards religious conservatives. They argue that Republicans have become the traditionalist party “by default more than by overt action.”³

Bolce and DeMaio highlight the rise of what they call a new type of voter—the “anti-fundamentalist voter.” They wrote this in 2002, and yet it is all the more relevant five years later. They write: “The results indicate that over the past decade persons who intensely dislike fundamentalist Christians have found a partisan home in the Democratic Party. President Clinton captured 80 percent of these voters in his victories over President Bush in 1992 and over Senator Dole four years later; Al Gore picked up 70 percent of the anti-fundamentalist vote in the 2000 election. One has to reach back to pre-New Deal America . . . to find a period when voting behavior was influenced by this degree of antipathy toward a religious group.”⁴

How did this animosity come into existence? DeMaio says that “the subculture of the evangelicals was a pretty safe place to live until the 1960s. Then everything started changing. They have been fighting a rear-guard operation ever since. Once they mobilized, there was this huge countermobilization on the left, which only built on the counter-cultural trends that affected the Democratic Party so much in the 1970s.”⁵

In July 2005, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life conducted a poll that asked if people “feel the Democratic Party is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?” Only 29 percent of the respondents indicated that the Democratic Party was religion-friendly, as opposed to 55 percent who felt that Republicans were friendly toward religion.⁶ Put simply: an increasing problem for the Democratic Party will be this perceived hostility toward religion on the part of Democrats.

So this is precisely the problem for Democrats: an important segment of the party has become identified as unfriendly toward religion and religious values. As a result, they are perceived as hostile and indifferent to what most Americans see as a positive force in our society, namely, the influence of religion and religious believers.

A second explanation that can help us understand the causes of this religion gap and the reasons for this hostility toward religion among many Democrats can be found by revisiting the “culture war” thesis put forth by several important sociologists and political scientists.

Much has been made of the red and blue two-color maps in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections. In the two-color versions, big blocks of red, denoting states that went for President Bush, stretched across the heartland, while the blue states that went for Vice President Gore and Senator Kerry were concentrated along the East and West coasts. This polarity, however, extends far beyond just the political map. The heartlanders and the coastalites appear to inhabit divergent social and religious worlds as well. Hardly a day goes by without our being reminded by scholars and pundits that our society is divided and fractured—we are involved in a values war between two very

different worldviews. As *New York Times* columnist David Brooks describes us, we are bourgeois bohemians or patio men, living in latte towns or sprinkler towns; we reside on the Left coast but also reside in flyover country. We are Red America, and we are Blue America.⁷ People in Blue America, according to the lyrics of the singer-songwriter, Chuck Brodsky, like to “watch ducks and feed ‘em,” while people in Red America like to “shoot ducks and eat ‘em.

In light of all of this, what should we expect in the 2008

presidential campaign?

The challenge for Democrats is this: they must find ways to calm the passions of the secular warriors in their midst, so that the party will not continue to be perceived as hostile to religious believers. The challenge for the Republicans, on the other hand, is this: they must find ways for the libertarians and nonbelievers in the party to continue to feel at home there.

Any candidates who attempt to contrive a religious sensibility in an inauthentic manner will be seen for what for they are, namely, as

insincere and politically calculating. However, any candidates who are tone deaf to religious language, and who are uncomfortable speaking publicly about religious themes in even the most general way, will not be nominated by their party, much less have a chance to win the presidency.

There are sincere and devout religious believers who will run for president, in both parties. But the point to remember is *not* whether any particular candidates are sincere in their religious beliefs but instead whether they are *right* on the public

policy issues that are so urgently in dispute. Being a sincere and devout religious person is not a guarantee of wisdom, especially of political wisdom. Ultimately, a candidate's position on decisive policy issues will be the most important test—not whether a candidate can speak eloquently on matters of religion to his or her constituents.

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Lessons From the Founders

By Michael Novak



Just before his 25th birthday, James Madison heard troubling news about an event that occurred not far from where he lived in central Virginia. A group of Baptists had gathered in a declivity on a hillside, which formed a natural stadium, when a posse of Anglicans rode up, pulled the minister from the pulpit, strung him up and had him lashed.

During this period, more than 45 Baptist ministers languished in jail for preaching the Gospel without a license from the state. But their argument was, “We don’t need a

license from the state. Our license comes from God.”

Madison was touched by these stories. He came to the defense of the Baptists, and eagerly added his contribution to the *Virginia Declaration of Rights* of 1776, particularly the part on religious liberty, which Jefferson later called a prominent part of that Declaration.

It happened this way. Patrick Henry, the governor of Virginia, had reassigned Madison to a district he didn’t know very well, where over one-third of the 2,200 voters were Baptists. These Baptists came to Madison and said, “We want a Bill of Rights; otherwise no votes from us.” Madison said, “You don’t need a Bill of Rights. All your rights are already protected in the Constitution. If you start writing them down, people will think that the only rights you have are the ones written down, that the others belong to the state.” They replied, in essence: “We understand that, you understand that, but we don’t trust the Anglicans to understand that. We want it written down.”

This is why, when Madison went back to Congress, his main order of business was to guide a Bill of Rights

steadily through a reluctant Congress that was eager to get to practical necessities like a post office, taxes, roads and fisheries.

Surprisingly, the role of the Baptists of Virginia in bringing about the Bill of Rights is woefully overlooked in American history. Virginia led the way in articulating the grounds of religious liberty, and I would like to draw your attention to a couple of Virginia’s founding documents.

Article XVI of the *Virginia Declaration of Rights* of 1776 (George Mason’s draft, with some help from James Madison) defines religion as “the duty which we owe to our Creator.” That definition of religion is used repeatedly in the founding period, persisting even in Noah Webster’s 1828 dictionary.

“Religion,” the *Declaration* says, “or, the duty which we owe to our Creator and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence.” Now, understand the power of that principle in today’s world, and understand which particular God it is who cares about what happens in our conscience. Not what we do

externally only, but what goes on in our hearts. And not our hearts, exactly, but our minds. For we are moved to recognize these duties “by reason and conviction.”

What kind of God is this, who is present in everything and also in every act of reason? As Thomas Aquinas said, “You cannot *not* know God.” Once you begin to reason, you are invoking not only the source of that reason, but also reason’s power to grasp the intelligibility of things around you. This notion of God was still active in Virginia. As Noah Webster shows universally in the founding period, God is not the god of will—the god of the Muslim philosophers—but the God who moves us through “reason and conviction.” The opposite is that God is primarily *will*, that He can will whatever He wants, with no regard to reason. In that view, it’s the power of will that matters. But in that case, our rights are arbitrary and unreliable.

Not so with the God of the American founding, for whom it is “reason and conviction” that matter. I’m not a student of all the world religions, except amateurishly, but this God of the Americans is not, I think, the god of Hinduism and not the god of



Buddhism (there's some doubt whether in order to be a Buddhist, one needs to believe in a god). I don't believe there's any other god known to human beings—except the Jewish-Christian God—who fulfills the requirements of the Virginia definition.

And the Virginians go on: "And, therefore, all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience." There it is again: *conscience*.

Then they conclude: "And it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity, towards each other." To your ear, which religion does that conclusion allude to?

Let me jump ahead now to Madison's *Memorial and Remonstrance* of 1785. This document lays out the intellectual path by which Madison came to his notion of rights:

"Because we hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth, 'that Religion or the duty which we owe to our Creator and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence.'" We've heard that before, haven't we, in 1776? So the same linking of religion to conscience is once more a presupposition—a Jewish and Christian presupposition.

"The Religion, then, of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man, and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate."

Now Madison needs to explain where he gets the term "right." Here is how his mind proceeded: "This right is in its nature an unalienable right. It is unalienable, because the opinions of men, depending only on the evidence contemplated by their own minds cannot follow the dictates of other men." The root of our equality and personal independence is our ability to follow the evidence of our own mind.

Madison goes on: "It is unalienable also, because what is here a right towards men, is a *duty* towards the Creator." See how he's arguing? Religion, or the *duty* that creatures owe to their Creator. His mind goes back to duty.

"It is the duty of every man to render to the Creator such homage and such only as he believes to be acceptable to him." We have a duty, and "This duty is precedent both in order of time and in degree of obligation to the claims of Civil Society." Before there's a civil society, we have this duty. It is precedent even to the family: neither mother, nor father, nor brother, nor sister can take over your

responsibility for your own decision. The conclusion is inevitable. The duty flows from the self-evident relation of creature to Creator. This Creator is the "Governour of the Universe."

Again Madison: "Before any man can be considered a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governour of the Universe." *Religion is a duty to the Creator* and "Governour of the Universe." Now if you have the *duty*, then you must also have the right. There's no sense in you having a duty to the Creator, unless you have the right to exercise it, according to conscience. And this is how the founders found their way to rights—by way of the twin concepts of creature and duty.

I conclude with this story.

Thomas Jefferson, with a red prayer book under his arm, was walking from the White House to the Capitol Building one day to attend the church service that was held there. A man along the way asked him, "Which way are you walking, Mr. Jefferson?" "To church, Sir!" "You going to church, Mr. Jefferson? You don't believe a word in it, Sir!" Now Jefferson didn't deny that. But his response was: "Sir, no nation has ever yet existed or been governed without religion. Nor can be. The Christian religion is the best religion that has been given to man, and I as chief magistrate of this nation am bound to give it the sanction of my example."

That vignette is particularly acute for the two points we've been making. First, admittedly, some persons may not need religion. (Jefferson didn't deny that he "didn't believe a word in it.") Nonetheless, Jefferson argued that religion—he was thinking particularly of the Christian and Jewish religion, dependent on individual conscience—is peculiarly the religion of freedom and the support of republican government. Therefore, he believed he should bring the support of government—not infringement of liberty by government, *not* the repression of religion, but the support of government—for nourishing this living root of the free society. Take away the *duty* of conscience, and the *right* to liberty of conscience that follows from it, and the concept of a free republic loses its intellectual dynamism.

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Religion in the Public Square

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God talk, at least as much as rights talk, is the way America speaks. American politics is unintelligible if severed from America's religions, most important of these being Christianity, in its multiple Protestant and its Catholic versions. The greatest impact flows from the Protestant direction given the course of American history.

None of this is a surprise. American democracy from its inception was based on principles derived from a long tradition of reflection on the laws of God and the ways in which human societies should reflect God's laws as available to human beings in the form of natural law. That is, human law should conform to the natural laws available to human beings through reason and, many Christians would add, through grace. America was, and remains, a land of religious seekers and believers who found and find in communal liberty—in free exercise—the freedom to be religious rather than freedom from religion.

When someone opines with great assurance that our churches, synagogues and mosques should not be in the business of social provision or open advocacy on controversial issues because this violates church and state, he or she makes a huge mistake. Rather, what is going on is a dynamic cooperative arrangement between religion and civic forces to promote the common good, first, and, second, to encourage civic participation by church members: one can scarcely think of a more quintessentially "American" activity. We rush too quickly nowadays to the courts for, well, nearly everything because we want a nice, clean definitive answer and because we want to shut some people down, often pesky people of the religious sort. Democratic politics doesn't work like that—or shouldn't. Tidiness is bound to distort rather than to clarify.

So, although ours is not and never has been a theocracy or a nation with an official religion, religion and politics have always interacted in ways direct and



indirect. This is a theme advanced by the great French observer of American democracy, Alexis de Tocqueville, when he toured the fledgling American republic in the Jacksonian era. The result of that travel was the masterwork *Democracy in America*. Tocqueville found that the religiously-formed and -shaped democratic egalitarianism and the associational enthusiasm he witnessed was something new under the political sun. His own experience had been one of a nation with a tight alliance between throne and altar—France's *ancien regime*—and then the horrific and violent wrenching of the French Revolution, the Terror (in which members of his own family perished as victims of the guillotine). Was religious freedom the upshot? Not at all. Instead, the French revolutionaries devised an official religion of the state: they worshipped at the idol of their own projects. Tocqueville depicted the terrible draining away of a people's systems of meaning and purpose when their faith was wrenched violently from them.

religion and politics. Church/state and religion/politics are *not* identical, not synonymous.

A powerful argument that often prevails in academic disputes nowadays and is, in turn, picked up in jurisprudential circles is one that might be called strict separationism on the level of citizen engagement. Oversimply, the argument is that, if you are religious, your convictions need to be translated into a strictly secular civic idiom when you take part in political deliberation. Make this translation or remain silent. This position assumes a single vocabulary for political debate and civic deliberation. When pressed, however, it is very difficult for such advocates to explain to us exactly what this abstract discourse of political deliberation "looks like" or "sounds like." Arguments along these lines not only cut against the grain of American civic culture, they are draconian in their attempt to inhibit the speech of persons religious in the public square.

In strong separationism there is an animus against faith communities sustaining schools, civic

It follows that Christians, Jews, Muslims, any person or group with a faith commitment should not, when speaking as a citizen, give reasons for their support for, or opposition to, a policy, proposal or situation, in terms that incorporate a religious reference or an imperative derived from their faith. Instead, they are to deploy some purportedly "neutral" civic language. Only in this way, claim strong separationists, can America achieve a workable civic consensus. But this makes little sense historically and civically. We have been chugging along rather remarkably for such a diverse—and religious—society for more than two centuries and thus far have not been overtaken by dangerous clerics out to steal all our liberties.

So, for a change, let's reframe the concerns that surface in this debate from the standpoint of religious belief. If we do, the "problem" looks quite different: what becomes evident is a problem with narrowing our understanding of politics and civic life rather than with the bringing of religious commitments to politics; nevertheless, it is religion

theologian Robin Lovin has argued, there is a strangely hypothetical and abstract quality to this way of thinking. Instead, we should pay attention to how things actually work on the ground and reframe matters for a change from the point of view of religion: What sort of politics does religion require in order to play the role that religious commitments demand? Perhaps the problem with many of the arguments we've been hearing is that a too-narrow understanding of politics is involved rather than a dangerously intrusive religion.

The interaction of religion and politics is a continuing tension. But, as Reinhold Niebuhr pointed out many years ago, religious judgments are always in danger of being dismissed, ridiculed or even persecuted, but it is vital—essential—to the health of our civil society, as Lovin insists, following Niebuhr, that "religion continue to provide the critical self-limitation" that keeps a political system from overreach. American civic life is a world of many voices and idioms, including their religious varieties.



In the American republic, by contrast, people could be believers and citizens, members of a church, citizens of the state. The terrain in which they met, most of the time, was that realm of institutional and associational life we call civil society. It is a serious error to map the legalistic terms of the church/state debate onto the more fluid, complex and nuanced world of

advocacy efforts, healthcare institutions and the like. A strong separationist finds the idea of public religion—not established religion—noxious and a threat to civic life as the strong separationist believes that believers, deep down, want to sacralize the public sphere, want some sort of theocracy, whatever their deeds, whatever their words, whatever their disclaimers.

that is consistently put on the defensive.

I suggest that we flip the usual question on its head. The usual question is: how much religion can or should politics accommodate? What is acceptable or not from the political side where the public presence and voice of religion is concerned? Do we allow religion to play a robust civic role? As

This is as it should be. And, out of all this, if things are working well, we manage—with all the messiness—to articulate visions of how we can come to know a good in common that we cannot know alone.

Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain is a political philosopher and the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School. —

{SCHOOL UPDATES}

Undergraduate Studies

Dr. James (Jim) Downey was recently appointed the new dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Downey comes to Regent from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. Earning his Ph.D. in Aero/Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois, Dr. Downey also held a yearlong National Security Fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Undergraduate Studies has established the Department of Languages and Literature and the Department of Natural Science and Mathematics. In addition, in conjunction with the School of Communication & Arts, Undergraduate Studies launched four new on-campus majors in Animation, Cinema-Television, Journalism and Theatre Arts are this fall.

The school's commitment to recruiting high-quality students continues to be the central focus of the program. Undergraduate admissions successfully increased the average SAT and ACT of incoming students for the academic year to 1104 and 21.64, respectively.

The undergraduate division has been equally committed to helping students offset the cost of an excellent private Christian higher education by awarding more than \$1.3 million in merit- and need-based scholarships and grants last year.

Divinity

The School of Divinity announces a special Alumni Continuing Education program. This program, designed to reconnect alumni with the School of Divinity, allows our graduates to take one course per term (up to a lifetime maximum of 15 credits as a

non-degree student) for only \$100. A one-time registration fee of \$25 applies. For details and to apply, visit www.regent.edu/applydivinity. For more information, e-mail divschool@regent.edu or call 800.723.6162 or 757.226.4016.

The Doctor of Ministry program announces two new degree concentrations: Ministry Leadership Coaching and Community Transformation. For details, visit www.regent.edu/acad/schdiv/academics/dmin/home.shtml.

Dr. Willie Tjong has been awarded a grant for the study of global theological education. The grant funds research in emerging and existing forms of theological education for training leaders in different parts of the world. The research will use a case study approach to record novel ventures in theological studies that are shaping the way leaders are being trained in non-western contexts.

This October the school hosts its African American Pentecostal & Charismatic Christianity Colloquium: Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. For details, visit www.regent.edu/afropentecostalism.

In spring 2008 the school will offer a study tour to the ancient world of Greece and Rome. Preliminary plans include 14 days of travel with a week in Greece and a week in Rome and other significant locations in Italy. For further information please contact Dr. Archie Wright at awright@regent.edu, or call 757.226.4532.

Law

Forty Regent students spent the summer in Strasbourg, France, as part of a unique human rights program. The President of the Court,

headquartered in Strasbourg, invited students to observe the oral arguments in a high-profile terrorism case pending before the European Court of Human Rights. According to Dean Jeffrey Brauch, European Parliament members from Ireland, Romania, Netherlands and Finland and the former Justice Minister of Slovakia also met with and addressed the students.

Ten other students served as interns around the world. Through a grant from the American Center for Law and Justice, students worked in such challenging and strategic places as Sudan, Vietnam, Costa Rica and Bulgaria, among others.

Leo Marvin Lestino, a third-year student, won first place in the Pacific Legal Foundation's (PFL) Eighth Annual Program for Judicial Awareness Writing Competition for his article entitled "A Mutated Standard of Review: the Not-So-Strict Deferential Scrutiny in *Grutter v. Bollinger* and Extending its Flawed Application to K-12 Schools." Another of Lestino's articles, "Can Jiminy Cricket Be Silenced? Congressional Federal Spending, Federalism, and the Federal Refusal Clause," was published in the *Thomas Goode Jones Law Review*.

The School of Law was noted in the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as the winner (law school division) of the Attorney General's Cup of the "Legal Food Frenzy." The School of Law collected 4,231 lbs. of food for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.

Communication & The Arts

The School of Communication & the Arts launched four new programs this fall. One new Master of Arts degree in Digital Media welcomed its first

cohort in both on-campus and online sections. Additionally, the school welcomed students into four new Bachelor of Arts programs in Animation, Cinema-Television, Journalism and Theatre Arts. Students who have completed 45 credits of bachelor's-level studies are welcome to apply to any of these majors.

The school received 13 more film festival awards for the 2006-07 academic year, with a total now of 156 awards since the school's inception. Both national and international competitions were entered this year, and the winning films include *Life's Other Side*, *Flutterby*, *Traffic Jam*, *The Noble Lie*, *Fanfilm*, *Twilight Rain*, *RPS* and *Abigail*. View these films and more at reelgoodTV.com.

Psychology & Counseling

The School of Psychology & Counseling (SPC) has established a chapter in Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society for students, professional counselors and counselor educators. The society's mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.

Dean Rosemarie Hughes and Associate Dean for Administration Sharon Piper recently visited China and Mongolia with the People to People Ambassador Program, founded by President Dwight Eisenhower. The school is considering offering some of its online programs internationally. Piper researched the availability of finances, logistics and technology resources that

could make these educational programs viable in China.

Dr. William Hathaway, psychology program director and professor for the SPC, has been elected president of the American Psychological Association's Division 36. This division is the primary body devoted to the psychology of religion.

The school has launched a new online newsletter/e-zine, *Faith & Therapy*, featuring one article a month written by a member of the faculty. The topics will discuss a professional counseling concept from an integration standpoint. Visit www.regent.edu/faithandtherapy for more information.

Regent doctoral students in clinical psychology are providing health education and assessment services to cardiac rehabilitation patients at Sentara Leigh hospital. The partnership was formalized in spring 2007 with plans to eventually include onsite group therapy services.

Regent's Psychological Services Center has expanded services within the Student Center. In fall 2006 the majority of clients were distance learners; now 50 percent are on-campus students and 50 percent are distance learners. Services are extended to Regent faculty, staff, students and their immediate families, as well as people from the community.

Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship

The School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship (GLE) has introduced a new Executive MBA (EMBA) program enrolling students beginning fall 2007. The EMBA is designed exclusively for professionals with a minimum of seven years of

progressive management experience. This 42-credit-hour, accelerated program can be completed primarily online and incorporates interaction with instructors and other accomplished EMBA students during brief on-campus residencies.

In August, the school sponsored the Servant Leadership Research Roundtable for both seasoned and novice researchers in the servant leadership field. Attendees engaged in scholarly discussion of research streams, new models, testing of existing concepts, and instrument development and validation, as well as the discussion of servant leadership case studies.

The school has launched its newest online magazine, the *Regent Global Business Review (RGBR)*. *RGBR* is a bimonthly publication that explores the world of global business from a biblical worldview and addresses key areas to further enhance the practice of business professionals around the globe.

Peruvian President Alan Garcia has accepted an offer from Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson to provide entrepreneurship development training through a national program to reach thousands of young entrepreneurs, business owners and Congress members in Peru through GLE. Dr. Sergio Matviuk, GLE Doctor of Strategic Leadership program director and assistant professor, will spearhead these programs.

Education

The School of Education (SOE) recently received a \$1.25 million grant, over five years, from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is designed to promote a partnership with Norfolk Public Schools to hire new math and

science teachers. Drs. Merv Wighting, Lou Lloyd-Zannini, Gretchen LeFever and Carla Bergdoll were instrumental in submitting the approved grant.

The school is partnering with Portsmouth Public Schools (PPS) to offer a second cohort in the Educational Leadership/Principal Preparation program. This program prepares teachers and administrators to become leaders at the school and district level. The success of the students from the first cohort, largely thanks to Dean Arroyo, Dr. Glenn Koonce and Dr. Herman Clark, prompted PPS to pursue this second cohort.

In addition, the school is partnering with Prince William County Schools (PWCS) in Northern Virginia to offer an Educational Leadership cohort. Dr. Joan Hoskins and Carrie Grossmann worked with PWCS to promote the program and ensure that it meets the needs of PWCS.

The SOE has experienced tremendous growth over the past ten years. This blessing of tremendous growth has led to the need for a School of Education/Undergraduate Studies building. The university is working with an architect to review each school's employee needs, proposed floor plans and growth for the coming years. If you would like to make a contribution or would like to assist us in the fundraising efforts, please contact Regent University's Office of Advancement at 800.335.4409

Robertson School of Government

On February 2, 2007, the Robertson School of Government (RSG) welcomed new faculty member Jennifer Jefferis. Professor Jefferis previously taught at Boston University. She is a specialist

in Middle Eastern politics. For the fall 2007 term she will be teaching Quantitative Analysis and International Democratic Development.

The RSG also welcomes back Dr. Gary Roberts who previously taught in the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship. For the fall 2007 term Professor Roberts will be teaching Public Human Resources Management.

A major grassroots campaign was successful in defeating the immigration "amnesty" bill during the summer of 2007. Those efforts were largely due to RSG alumnus Steve Elliott's Grassfire.org organization. The group organized a campaign that flooded the U.S. Senate with more than 750,000 faxes, and more than 100,000 individual calls were made to Capitol Hill.

The RSG is in final preparations for the third annual Symposium in Honor of Ronald Reagan, which will take place February 8, 2008. Entitled "The Legacy of Ronald Reagan," it will feature a panel and Q&A session with leading conservative scholars from across the nation. For more information on how you can join us for this event, please contact the school at 757.226.4302 or reagansymposium@regent.edu.

Please forward any changes in curriculum, faculty and staff, or other school news to schoolupdates@regent.edu.

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Alumni Chapter Updates

Within each of Regent's four regional alumni chapters (Hampton Roads; Washington, D.C.; Dallas and Houston), affinity groups are being established to represent the eight schools at Regent University. This structure will allow alumni to connect and network within their respective fields.

In the coming months, the chapter program will expand to include the following metros: Raleigh, N.C.; New York, N.Y.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Los Angeles, Calif.

The Office of Alumni Relations will be identifying chapter presidents for each of these regions, as well as affinity group chairpersons. If you are interested in a leadership position within the listed chapters, please contact Michelle McGrath at mmcgrath@regent.edu or 757.226.4612. ➤

New Travel Program



This summer Regent University entered into an agreement with YTB Travel to launch an online travel site, www.myregenttravel.com, which will provide Regent with a generous portion of all commissions booked on the site.

"We're excited to offer our alumni the chance to receive discounted travel rates and the opportunity to support their alma mater at no additional cost to them," says Stephanie King, alumni relations coordinator.

Prices listed at myregenttravel.com are competitive with many of the popular travel sites. For information about this program, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@regent.edu. ➤

Alumni Family Day at Busch Gardens



Regent Alumni Chapter Coordinator Michelle McGrath with her mother-in-law at Busch Gardens.

Nearly 200 alumni and family members from the Richmond, Hampton Roads and Washington, D.C., chapters came together for a day of fun at the 6th annual Alumni Family Day at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. Attendees enjoyed discounted all-day park admission and a wonderful catered picnic. ➤

Library Database Access for Alumni

Thanks to the efforts of Library Dean Sara Baron and the support of the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship, Regent alumni now have access to three major electronic databases: Academic OneFile, Business Source Alumni and Info Trac OneFile.

The university hopes to increase the number of databases offered based on frequency of use, so Regent alumni are encouraged to use existing databases extensively. To sign up for access, go to the Regent University alumni homepage: www.regent.edu/alumni. Click the Library Privileges link on the left-hand navigation. ➤

Interactive Online Alumni Community

The Office of Alumni Relations is excited to introduce an interactive and user-friendly online alumni community.

The community will be hosted by iModules and will offer alumni the opportunity to network with one another, post job openings, place classified ads, chat with each other and with former professors, and create personalized profiles.

The community is set to launch in early 2008. Please watch for further announcements in the coming months. ➤

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1984

Linda Green (Communication & the Arts) is nearing the completion of an M.Ed. in Library Teacher and recently has been honored by AT&T/The Atlanta Braves as one of their recipients of the 2007 Excellence in Education award.

1986

Mitchell Baker (Divinity) was ordained a priest on June 9, 2007, in Cleveland, Tenn. He founded Emmanuel Fellowship Church in October 2005. He is currently employed at Lee University in the Center for Adult and Professional Studies as the assistant director of degree completion and technology.

Veronica Karraman (Divinity) now resides in Pinehurst, N.C., and is currently developing a leadership coaching company, as well as starting a golf ministry.

1987

In June 2007, **Dayton Birt (Divinity)** was elected to serve as Bishop of Redemption Ministries, a network within the International Pentecostal

Holiness Church (IPHC), of 70 churches and over 150 ministers.

Paul Bonicelli (Government) recently was named assistant administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Stan Jeter (Communication & the Arts) has been producing a weekly half-hour news show, *Christian World News*, from Virginia Beach since 1994. In August of 2005, Stan and his family moved to San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin the production of a Spanish version of *Christian World News* called *Noticiero Mundo Cristiano*. *Mundo Cristiano* has now been on the air since May 2006 in 16 countries and has been extremely well received. Stan is beginning to plan the production of other language versions of the show.

1989

Barbara Burton Grigg (Communication & the Arts) works as a media design/communication consultant with Christian organizations, primarily in north central West Virginia. She is

director of media outreach for the Greater Clarksburg Evangelistic Association and book editor for Lighthouse Trails Research Project in Oregon. Other clients include Answers in Genesis' regional seminar, a startup affiliate in Clarksburg for Cornerstone Christian Television Network in Pittsburgh and Salvation Praise Ministry in Morgantown, home of WVU. You may contact Barbara at bbg@citynet.net or her permanent e-mail address at Barbara.Grigg@alumni.regent.edu.

Ronald J. Pahl (Law) is starting his tenth year as a Circuit Court Judge for the state of Oregon. He is the chief judge for family court, which includes juvenile court.

1992

Mick Cummins (Law) is now the vice president of gift planning for The National Christian Foundation in Atlanta, Ga.

1993

Sandra Harcourt (Psychology & Counseling) is using the skills she acquired at Regent to develop a new women's ministry

in an underprivileged area of Phoenix, Ariz. She also works as a Mary Kay consultant.

1994

Pat Yeatts (Law) received a General Assembly appointment in February as the new Campbell County General District Court Judge.

1995

Vonda W. Chappell (Law) has made partner at Kaufman and Canoles, PC and was featured in the Business Section of *The Virginian-Pilot*.

Patrick Crowder (Communication & the Arts)

recently resigned as dean of students at Life Pacific College to pastor a small, but growing, church in Norco, Calif. He continues to serve at the college as the director of ministry formation and as a professor teaching communication and homiletics courses.

A.C. Donahue (Law) is now the director over the southern region of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP).



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Tony Hale (Communication & the Arts) starred in *Stranger than Fiction* as Dave, Harold Crick's (Will Ferrell) best friend. Tony has also recently starred opposite Andy Richter in NBC's comedy *Andy Barker, P.I.*

Len Lacroix (Divinity) and **Jennifer Lacroix (Divinity)** founded two new nonprofits: Doulos Missions International (www.dmiworld.org), a church planting ministry to Eastern Europe; and Prolific Enterprises, a nonprofit foundation to serve the people in and around Hungary by helping their economic well-being through micro enterprises. Jennifer and Len are based in of Budapest, Hungary.

Terry Nutter (Divinity) and his family are moving to Kenya to work with Pentecostal Evangelical Fellowship of Africa. The Nutters will be training and sending African missionaries to the least-reached peoples of East Africa. For the past seven years Terry and his family served as missionaries to Ghana through Elim Fellowship. While in Ghana they established an association of Bible schools with 63 ministries spanning four countries.

1997

John Byron (Divinity) was promoted to associate professor of New Testament and Greek at Ashland Theological Seminary (ATS). John started at ATS in 2003, having previously taught at the

University of Durham (England) and Jerusalem University College.

Steve (Communication & the Arts) and **Tana Dinning (Communication & the Arts)** are working in South Africa on the Wild Coast Developing Eco-Tourism Resorts. While there, they are helping to uplift the many poverty-stricken communities.

Stewart '97 (Divinity) and **Heather Ross '96 (Divinity)** are serving as missionaries to Bulgaria for Assemblies of God World Missions.

Doug Venstra (Divinity) and his family have moved to Kijabe, Kenya, to serve as dorm parents for 21 teenage boys who are boarding at Rift Valley Academy while their parents serve as missionaries in 11 different countries. Doug and his wife, Julia, are missionaries with Elim Fellowship.

1998

Shawn Voyles (Law) has made partner at Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC. Shawn also received the 2007 Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award in May 2007, at the NPBA annual dinner meeting.

Todd Wilkowski (Law) became the new general counsel at Baker Concrete Construction in Monroe, Ohio. He was selected from over 100 applicants.

1999

Michael Camenisch (Communication & the Arts) is completing discipleship/missionary training with YWAM and launching a performing arts training and discipleship ministry in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mark Allen Eaton (Communication & the Arts) currently works as a professional actor in the Portland, Ore., area, and recently signed on with Karen LaVoie at AFG Management. His latest projects include a role in *The Bicyclist*, a webcast show produced by Craftmaster Productions, and designing sound for Warner Pacific College's production of *The Runner Stumbles*.

Tyson C. Langhofer (Law) was recently elected as a partner at Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP. Tyson focuses his practice on the formation of businesses, general corporate matters, probate, commercial litigation and tax-free exchanges.

Laura Murley Long (Psychology & Counseling) was nominated by her peers and chosen as one of the 2007 Celebrate Nursing top 100 nurses in Memphis and Shelby County, Tenn. She currently works with local and regional colleges of nursing in Memphis and the surrounding area to coordinate clinical placement opportunities for nursing students at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. Laura plans to obtain a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and continue

working to promote the field of nursing as a rewarding career.

S. David Moore (Divinity) was appointed denominational historian for the Foursquare Church beginning October 1, 2007.

John C. Snyder III (Law) works as the elected District Attorney of Union County, N.C., and is the youngest district attorney in the state.

2000

David Buehring (Divinity) and his wife, Cheryl, have launched Leaders GetAway, a ministry to equip leaders to finish well and be godly men and women. In July they hosted Young Leaders Intensive, an event to equip leaders to serve in the midst of disaster and crisis. For more information go to www.lionshareleadership.org.

William Harty (Law) became a partner at Patten, Wornom, Hatten & Diamonstein, LC in January of this year and was also named a Virginia "Rising Star" in *Richmond* magazine's "Super Lawyer" section.

Kristi A. Wooten (Law and Government) and **Peter A. Shaddock II '99 (Law)** have been named partners at Bowman, Green, Hampton & Kelly, PLLC. Wooten leads the Chesapeake firm's family law department and Shaddock practices in the field of intellectual property.



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2001

Tom Belke (Divinity) launched DOTMLPFI, Inc., a small business consulting, engineering design, and research/development firm in 2007. For more information, see www.dotmlpfi.com. In addition, Tom was ordained as a non-denominational Protestant minister by the Evangelical Church Alliance in 2007.

Melba Y. Brown (Communication & the Arts), formerly the director of television services for W18BB-TV at Elizabeth City State University, was recently promoted to general manager for WRVS-FM, 89.9 and W18BB-TV both located on the campus of ECSU. WRVS is a 41,000-watt public radio station providing music, news, public affairs and sports programming for northeast North Carolina and southeast Virginia. W18BB is a dual LPTV and closed circuit station servicing the greater Pasquotank County area.

Lane Creamer (Divinity) has been ordained with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Ron Roach (Communication & the Arts) was named the Maxwell Chair of Speech at Young Harris College in Young Harris, Ga.

Lilian Tan (Divinity) serves as director of international resources with Global Ministry Teams. Visit www.globalministryteams.org for more information.

David K. Wilson (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) is currently employed by Ford Motor Co. and will be assuming the position of finance

manager at the Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich.

Federico B. Serrano (Law) recently opened his own law firm, focusing on immigration law.

2002

Brian Calfano (Government) received a Ph.D. in Political Science on August 10 from the University of North Texas. He has now started his new position as assistant professor of political science and pre-law advisor at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alicia Fink (Communication & the Arts) is assistant editor with an international newswire service—"Targeted News Service" (www.targetednews.com)—which allows her to work from home, manage the international staff and write and edit news. She is also working as a freelance writer in upstate New York. Her son, Eldon, is turning 7 years old this year.

Joe Grace (Divinity) is currently serving as a U.S. Army Reserve chaplain and hospital staff chaplain in Austin, Texas.

Carlos Hernandez (Divinity) spoke at the Ibero American Congress for Christian Communicators and Leaders Conference last October. Carlos and his wife, Raquel, have a coaching and leadership training ministry in El Salvador.

Hana Sinjaya (Divinity) launched Radient English Center in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. Radient English offers English courses and programs to help key leaders.

2003

Carolyn R. Bennett (Communication & the Arts) recently accepted a new position as director of communication with Calvary Church in Los Gatos, Calif.

Brian '03 (Divinity) and **Valerie Britton '04 (Divinity)**, co-founders of Crossworks Ministries, have moved to Virginia Beach, Va. Brian has accepted a recruiter position with Regent School of Divinity. Visit their site at www.crossworksinternational.org.

Gary Marx (Government) is currently the president of Principium Consulting.

Jennifer Murray (Communication & the Arts) is teaching leadership at Rice University and was accepted to Leadership Houston Class XXV. Find out more at www.leadershiphouston.org.

Matt (Divinity) and **Elizabeth Pulley '03 (Psychology & Counseling)** recently moved to Little Rock, Ark., after serving in Houston, Texas, for three years as college pastors. Matt now works as a consultant for an executive healthcare recruiting firm.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher D. Sands (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) took command

2004

Barry P. Agnew (Law) was recently recognized as one of "The Legal Elite 2006: Young Lawyers" in a vote conducted by *Virginia Business* magazine and the Virginia Bar Association.

Bill Condon (Law and Government) moved from Alexandria, Va., to Columbia, S.C., in December 2006. He is serving as an assistant attorney general in the securities division of the Office of the South Carolina Attorney General.

Christine Gecewica (Divinity) is serving as director for Buffalo/Niagra Master's Commission ministry in Buffalo, N.Y.

Kristen Larson (Divinity) is a staff chaplain at St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital.

Jeremy Perigo (Divinity) and his wife, Angie, have ministered in Cairo, Egypt; Bali, Indonesia; and the Dominican Republic this year. In August they launched a prayer and worship movement in Antalya, Turkey.

Sharon Ricks (Communication & the Arts) has been appointed the deputy regional health administrator (DRHA) in Region IV-Atlanta. The DRHA serves



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of the 3rd Battalion, 312th Regiment on July 24, 2007. The unit is a Training Support Battalion headquartered at Fort Meade, Md., but mobilized and deployed to Fort Dix, N.J. Its mission is to train mobilized Army Reserve, Army National Guard and all sister services before deployment.

as the principal advisor to the regional health administrator and assists in implementing regional programs and activities in collaboration with selected officials and federal agencies. The DRHA also guides and assists regional staff and collaborates with state, tribal and local officials, private

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and nonprofit organizations and other interest groups.

2005

Mark Cannon (Divinity) serves as a missionary to Spain with Assembly of God World Missions. For more information go to www.traininspain.org.

Gernot Elsner (Divinity), founder of GospelTribe, recently returned from a mission trip to India where he had the privilege of sharing the gospel with villagers who had never before heard about Jesus. For more information see www.gospeltribe.de.

Nathan Johnson (Government) recently accepted a position as executive director of the King County Republican Party in Washington State.

For the past year, **Shakira Munden (Government)** has been working as the criminal justice planner for the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board in Williamsburg and Grafton, Va. The board oversees the criminal and juvenile justice services for six localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2006

Dale Arnett (Law) has joined Weatherly Law Offices in London, Ky., as an associate.

Johnnie Elder (Divinity) is currently serving as army chaplain in Fort Stewart, Ga. He deployed to Iraq in September.

Chris Gammill (Divinity) has assumed a new job at Christian Broadcasting Network as operations manager over the humanitarian work in Asia. Chris helps oversee the water well program, which involves drilling over 80 wells each month around the world.

Kim Grom (Divinity) and her husband, Bob, hosted Revelation Generation™ on September 1, 2007. For details, visit www.revelationgeneration.org.

Sam Huddleston (Divinity) is serving as North California/Nevada Assemblies of God superintendent. Sam and his wife, Linda, reside in Rancho Cordova, Calif., near their three married children and nine grandchildren.

Sujuan Johnson (Divinity) was appointed deputy director of community and faith-based initiatives for the governor of Michigan.

Nick Jones (Communication & the Arts) was the producer of *Life's Other Side*, which recently won an Aegis Video and Film Production Award. *Life's Other Side* aired on the Inspiration Network in February of 2007. Nick also produced the short film *Flutterby*, which won an Aegis Video and Film Production Award.

Stephanie Malveaux (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) was recently promoted to management-level status at Hewlett-Packard.

Raymond Paige McGinley (Education) was recognized in May as the 2007 Career and Technology Education Teacher of the Year for Portsmouth Public Schools.

Debra Muylaert (Divinity) has planted a church in her hometown, Dodge City, Kan. She was ordained with Harvest Network International in November 2006.

Daniel Peiffer (Divinity) is pastoring a church in the Grand Canyon area and conducting leadership training seminars among Native American Tribes.

Lawrence Provost (Government) recently accepted a job through the American Legion in Washington, D.C., as an appeals representative for the Department of Defense where he will be helping veterans.

Bob Schultz (Divinity) is serving a one-year Chaplain CPE Residency at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va.

Jennie Turton (Divinity) is a campus staff worker with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Kimberly Wenger (Divinity) is serving on the pastoral care team of Christ Church in Nashville, Tenn., as creative development coordinator for women's ministries.

After working for Tidewater Community College's Workforce Development Program, **Michael Robbins (Undergraduate Studies)** has achieved a professional career position with Portfolio Recovery Associates in Norfolk, Va., as a training instructor/manager.

2007

Constance Charles (Education) recently taught in China at the Harbin Institute of Technology.

David Stine '07 and **'03 (Divinity)**, **Julie Reams '07** and **'04 (Divinity)**, **Matthew Stroia '06 (Divinity)** and current divinity student David Goochee are launching D.C. Metro Church in Washington, D.C., this September. For more information go to www.dcmetrochurch.com.

BIRTHS

Bryan '02 (Divinity) and **Pauline Carraway '02 (Divinity)** celebrated the birth of their twins, Anakin Bryan and Nyah Alexandra on April 3, 2007.

Bill Bauer '95 (Divinity) and his wife, Marty, celebrated the birth of their second son, Ryan Preston, on April 18, 2007.

Melanie Bedogne '04 (Divinity) and her husband, Jason, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sherilan Joy, on January 8, 2007.

Kristina Chalfin '00 (Divinity) and her husband, Todd, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Reagan, on February 13, 2007.

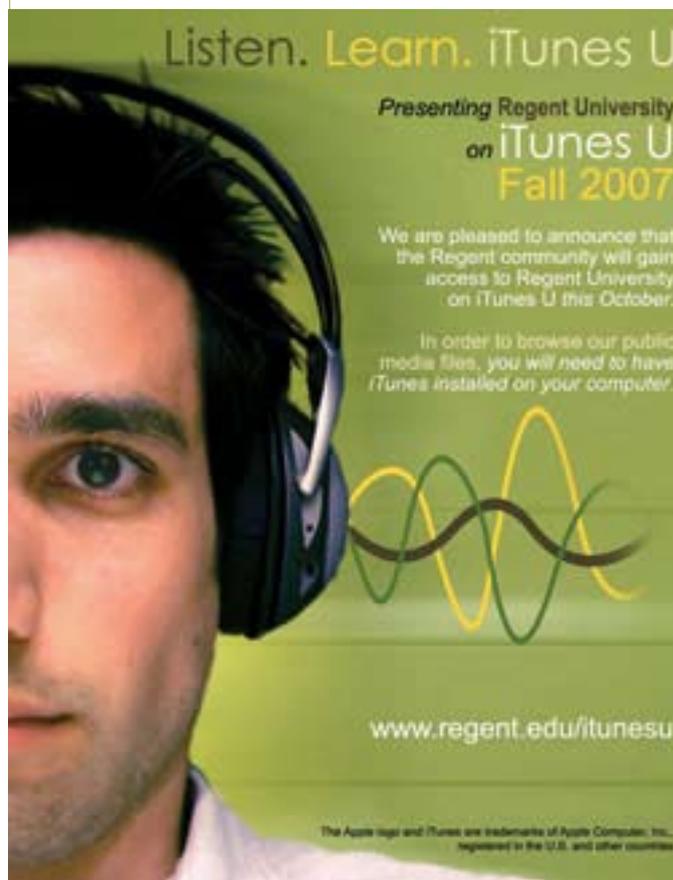
Mark Cote '02 (Divinity) and his wife, Kristin, celebrated the birth of their second child, Jacob Nathaniel, on September 2, 2006.

Steve '97 (Communication & the Arts) and **Tana Dinning '97 (Communication & the Arts)** have two sons: Adam, born October 3, 2001, and Thomas, born November 2, 2005.

Chris '02 (Communication & the Arts) and **Sherry Hansen '98 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship)** celebrated the birth of their fourth daughter, Ava Jewel, on July 10, 2007. She joins big sisters Emma, Anna and Olivia.

Doug Hedrick '97 (Divinity) and his wife, Ally, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabella, on April 27, 2007.

Rebecca Henderson '03 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) and her husband celebrated the birth of their twin girls,



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Abigail Faith and Rachele Grace, born September 26, 2006.

Jennifer Kribs '00 (Divinity) and her husband, Jim, celebrated the birth of their third child, Joshua Theodore, on July 10, 2007.

Dean Lederer '99 (Law) and his wife, Cindy, recently celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Hannah Faith.

Adam '02 (Communication & the Arts) and **Leya (Atangan) Macchi '00 (Communication & the Arts)**, married in April 2001, have celebrated the birth of two children, Gianna, born January 11, 2005, and Lana, born October 27, 2006. The Macchis reside in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Gary Marx '02 (Government) and his wife, Aimee, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Avery Elizabeth, on January 17, 2006.

Robert E. Maxey, Jr. '98 (Law) and his wife, Becky, adopted Megan Victoria from Kharkiv, Ukraine on July 6, 2007. She was born in Kharkiv on November 7, 2001.

Dr. Wayne A. Oppel '06 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) and his wife, Katherine, celebrated the birth of their son, Hunter Robert, on July 30, 2007.

Alexis J. Owens (Deitrich) '03 (Law) and her husband, Vince, celebrated the birth of their third child, Hannah Crystabel, on August 20, 2007. She joins sister Elizabeth and brother Elijah.

David '07 (Divinity) and **Cathy (Ridenour) Powell '98 (Divinity)** celebrated the birth of their son, David John VI, on June 9, 2006.

Matt '03 (Divinity) and **Elizabeth Pulley '03 (Psychology & Counseling)** have a two-year-old daughter, Maddy Kate, and celebrated the birth of their baby boy in May.

Pamela (McLellan) Schavey '00 (Law) and her husband, Chad, celebrated the birth of their baby boy, Jack William, on March 10, 2007.

Federico B. Serrano '03 (Law) and his wife, Antonia, celebrated the birth of their baby boy in September 2005.

Brad Shedd '96 (Divinity) and his wife, Alyson, celebrated the birth of their sixth child, Laura Ruth, on August 4, 2006.

Jennifer Barbara Shupert '03 (Law) and her husband, James, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sophia Nicole, on August 17, 2007. She joins her 2½-year-old big brother, Carter.

John C. Snyder III '99 (Law) and his wife, Jennifer, recently celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Mercy Mary-Charlotte. She joins big sister Elizabeth Carolina—"Lily Kate"—(3).

Cayce Utley '05 (Government) and her husband David, a current Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship student, celebrated the birth of their first son, Henry Louis, on June 22, 2006.

Scott Walter '96 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) and his wife, Karen, celebrated the birth of their third child, Rachel Joelle, on May 23. Rachel joins her big brothers, Jonathan, 4, and Andrew, 2.

Seth Robert Wilson '06 (Law) and his wife, Renee, celebrated the birth of their second son, Asher Luke, on June 5, 2007. He joins his big brother Isaac.

Rachel Wozniak '05 (Divinity) and her husband, Scott, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Lily Katherine, on April 15, 2007.

MARRIAGES

Joshua Lee Bettridge '01 (Law) and Heather Rochelle Richardson were married on June 26, 2006, at Saint Mary's in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Michael Iseman '07 (Divinity) and **Kelly Nitz '07 (Divinity)** were married on August 10, 2007.

Brian '99 (Law) and Julie Walsh's eldest daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was married to Joseph Dutko in Springfield, Mo., on August 4, 2007.

IN MEMORIAM

Angela Daw '91 (Education) passed away in Texas in August 2007 after battling cancer. She had been the children's director at Kempsville Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Va., for many years.

Cassandra Shelton '03 and '05 (Divinity) passed away on September 17, 2006. She served her community as board member of Virtuous Woman Prayer Ministry, YWCA and International Civil Rights Museum; advisory board pastor of Destiny Christian Center; graduate of Other Voices Leadership Program; and a fellow In Wild Acres Leadership Initiative.

Peter Stephan '03/'84 (Divinity) passed away on August 24, 2006. He was a former instructor for the School of Divinity and one of the school's first graduates. Peter served as principal of Victory Christian School in Tulsa, Okla., after completing a tenure on the mission field.

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Alumni

1984

Max Lyons (Education) is the author of several books, including *Surprising Stories of Providence in America's March to Liberty*, *The Case for the Principle Approach* and *What the Bible Teaches Concerning the Education of Children*. Lyons is currently writing an upper elementary Bible curriculum that utilizes the Principle Approach methodology.

1986

Sharon Hinck (Communication & the Arts) continues *The Sword of Lyric* series with her second novel, *The Restorer's Son*, released by NavPress in September 2007. This story of betrayal weaves a thrilling plot of assassins, political intrigue, false leads and near misses before revealing the purpose of the One. Hinck was named Writer of the Year at the 2007 Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference.

1988

Dr. Joe DeLong (Divinity) published *It Ought To Be Written*, a story of Charles and Minnie Hanley, founders of the World Faith Missionary Association. For more details, visit www.lulu.com.

1992

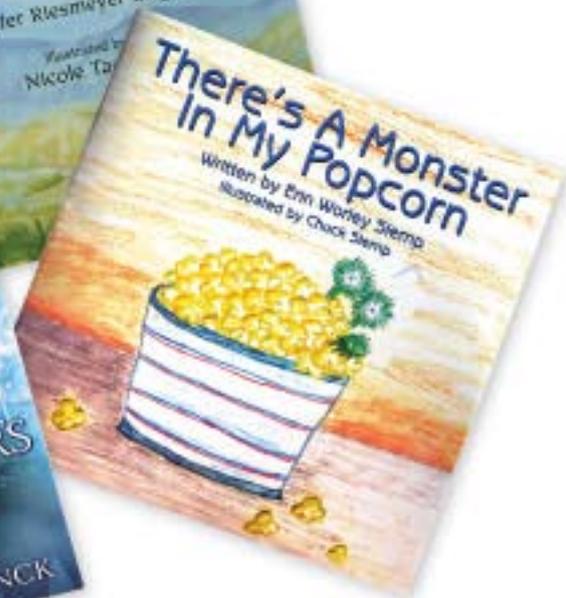
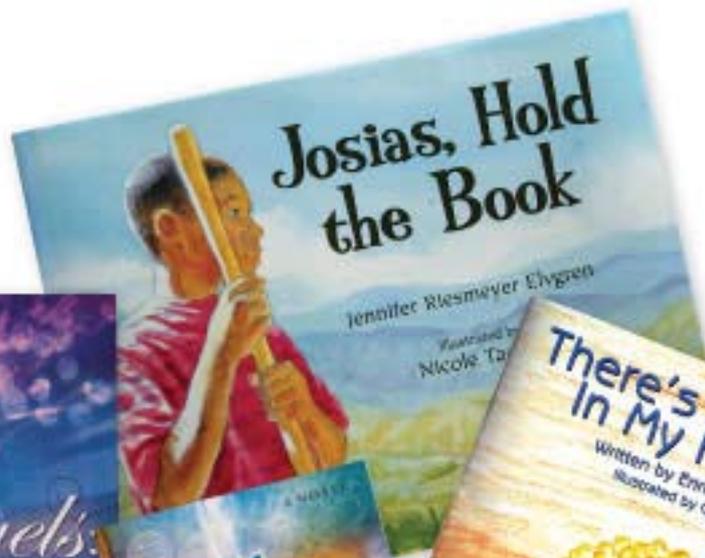
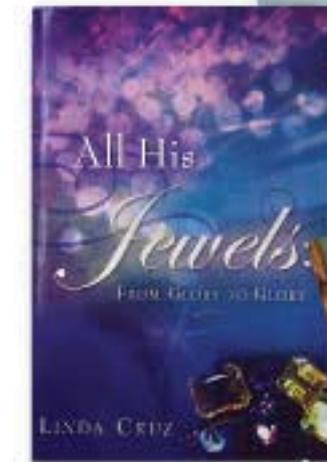
Nicholas Eno (Psychology & Counseling) recently published *In Search of Focus* through Axiom Publishing.

1993

Linda Jennings (Divinity) published *Life Within the Veil: The Life We are Called to Live*. Her book offers a glimpse of the glorious wonders that lie within the veil. For more details visit, www.xulonpress.com.

1994

Jennifer Riesmeyer Elvgren (Communication & the Arts)



has published a children's picture book, *Josias, Hold the Book*. The book was accepted into the Multicultural Children's Book Festival held in November 2006 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Amy Redford (Education)

recently wrote a historical fiction book entitled *Once You Have Flown*. Redford participated in a Borders book signing in April 2007 to launch her book.

1995

Melanie Dobson (Communication & the Arts) is a freelance publicist and writer living in the Pacific Northwest. Dobson's inspirational novel *Going for Broke* gives a glimpse into the life of an everyday woman who develops a debilitating gambling addiction and must rely on God's redemptive power to set her free.

Dr. John Morgan (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship)

has coauthored *How to Develop Your Personal Life Mission: Finding Your Passion and Living Your Dream* to help readers find clarity and direction for their

careers and lives. His website, TheJohnMorganCompany.com, contains more information on his books, seminar schedule and contact information.

1997

Linda Cruz (Divinity) has released her first book, *All His Jewels: From Glory to Glory*. The book explores the depths of the cosmic conflict and enforces her belief that humans are the greatest treasure. For more details, visit www.xulonpress.com.

1998

David Yeazell (Divinity) published *The Baby: Life Cycle of a Kingdom Vision*. In this thought-provoking, newly released book, you will discover the process involved in birthing kingdom vision. For more details, visit www.thebaby-site.com.

2000

Dr. John Luton (Communication & the Arts) co-presented a paper

at the second annual International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Granada, Spain. His paper, "Language and the Preservation of Culture: 13th-Century Castilian and the Bisu of Northern Thailand," has been submitted for publication in the *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*. It highlights the efforts of Wycliffe missionary Dr. Kirk Person to develop orthography for the Bisu of Thailand, an unreached people group.

Nancy Olsen (Divinity)

published *Why Work? Called to Make a Difference*. According to Ken Blanchard, co-author of *One Minute Manager*, this book will help you understand that where you work is where your faith will come alive. For more details, visit www.amazon.com or www.mychurchplan.com.

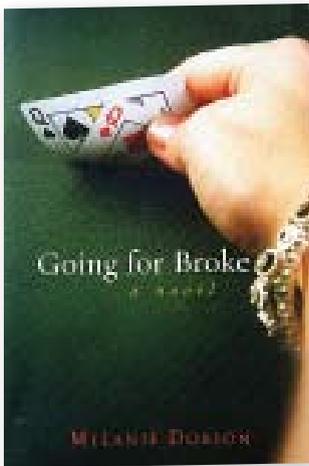
Jason Upton (Divinity) released another record, *Beautiful People*, with Integrity Music. *Beautiful People* is both a

musical experience and a convincing worship encounter.

2002

Rob McManus (Communication & the Arts) will be publishing a chapter this year based on the television series *Smallville* in the superheroes book titled *The Superhero Revised*, McFarland Press.

Clayton Singleton (Education) has written and illustrated the children's book, *Dream an Awesome Dream*. Simple and rhythmic, it introduces goal setting and determination with visually stunning imaginings children know all about and love. The book can be viewed online at www.dreamkidsonline.com.



2004

Martha Lee Alexander (Divinity) published *Observatory*, a book of poems. *Observatory* offers fresh and uplifting observations of the world. For more details, visit www.finishinglinepress.com.

Faculty

Unbalanced Influence by **Dr. Pete Hammett '06 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship)** was published by Davies-Black Publishing. The book draws on the science and practice of executive leadership, offering

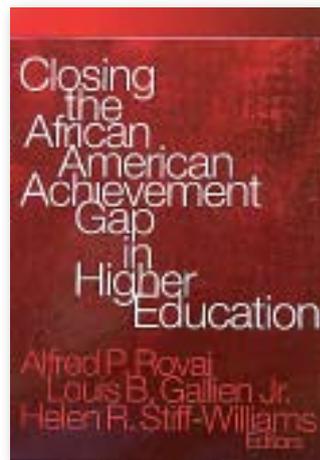
rich insights and valuable life lessons for senior and mid-level executives as they define effective leadership. Hammett's book is available at www.amazon.com.

Erin Slemp '08 (Education) has written a children's book titled, *There's a Monster in My Popcorn*. The book showcases the power of the imagination in a riveting story about a little girl whose imagination runs wild. More information is available at www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~42921.aspx.

Dr. Charles W. Dunn, dean of the **Robertson School of Government**, along with ten other government and political authorities, has contributed to the Reagan Symposium book *The Future of Conservatism: Conflict and Consensus in the Post-Reagan Era*. This compilation features chapters entitled "Add, Don't Subtract: How Christian Conservatives Should Engage American Culture" by Marvin Olasky; "The Electoral Future of Conservatism" by Michael Barone; "The Enduring Reagan" by William Kristol; and "Conservatism on Center Stage" by Charles W. Dunn. Since its publication, this book has generated 65 radio interviews with Dunn.

Dr. Matthew E. Gordley, chair of the Religious Studies department in the **School of Undergraduate Studies**, has published *The Colossian Hymn in Context: An Exegesis in Light of Jewish and Greco-Roman Hymnic and Epistolary Conventions*.

Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riano, chair of the Government department in the **School of Undergraduate Studies**, has edited *The World of Marsilius of Padua*. Dr. Moreno-Riano also contributed an introductory chapter and



another substantive chapter to the book, published by Brepols Press in Belgium. *The World of Marsilius of Padua* is considered one of the most important scholarly contributions of the last 30 years to the study of the life and political thought of Marsilius of Padua, a highly influential 14th-century political reformer.

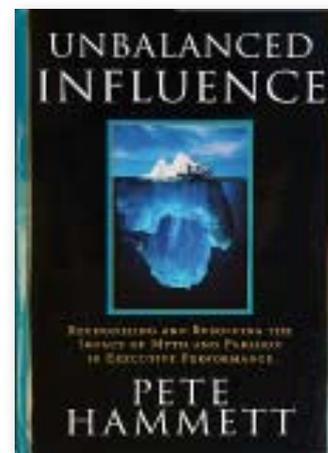
Dr. Alfred Rovai and **Dr. Helen Stiff-Williams**, professors in the **School of Education**, have coedited *Closing the African American Achievement Gap in Higher Education* with **Dr. Louis Gallien Jr.**, distinguished professor of education in the **School of Education**. Academic peers call this book "a provocative analysis of challenges we face in advancing African American leadership in the 21st century."

Dr. Jeff Pittman, vice president for **student services**, and **Latrell Jackson**, director of the **Psychological Services Center**, coauthored the article "Substance Abuse: Cross-Campus Collaboration Creates Resources and Results" published in the summer 2007 issue of *Leadership Exchange*.

Professor **Michael P. Schutt**, director of the **Institute for Christian Legal Studies**,

released a new book entitled *Redeeming Law: Christian Calling and the Legal Profession*. The book provides an orientation to the issues facing Christian students in law school and gives advice for meeting the daily practical challenges of the legal profession and the sacred calling of being a Christian lawyer.

Dr. Bill Brown, professor in the **School of Communication & the Arts**, recently discussed his book *Into the Winds of Fear* at The Mariners Museum's "An Evening with the Author at The Museum Shop." The story is about an adventurous yacht racer from Hawaii who stumbles across a terrorist attack on a remote U.S. research laboratory. *Into the Winds of Fear* highlights the noble task of those who give of themselves to protect America's freedoms.



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Where Faith and Technology Converge

by Tracy R. Stewart

“It is appallingly obvious our technology has exceeded our humanity.”

This alarming yet profound statement was made by Albert Einstein after observing the destruction brought on by the improper use of technology at the end of World War II. Since then, technology has progressed and one would like to think that, at the center of new technological advancements, the underlying motivation has been for good.

Today, technology has revolutionized the way we work, play and live our daily lives. Technology is being put into the hands of more people each day, reducing our once-massive world into the more compact and complex “global village.”

It is rare for the contemporary Christian to think about how technology influences and motivates our faith. When speaking of a Christian’s response to technology, too many times we reduce the technological conversation to topics such as cloning, stem cell research and the corruption of morals through the Internet, and fail to address technology as it relates to something a little less sensational—the human condition.

While continued dialogue of technology’s role within humanity is paramount, it is equally important for Christians to discuss technology as it relates to promoting the essential ideals of Christ and his teachings.

ways to close the digital divide within our own country and around the world. Closing the digital divide is much more than just providing access to the Internet. It involves the fundamental right of all people to delve into a virtual world where information resides at one’s fingertips, where arts and culture can be appreciated from home, and where education can be delivered universally.

{ EDUCATION } Speaking specifically about education, our faith should motivate us to promote the use of technology for the delivery of education. Civil rights leader Nelson Mandela stated, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Education, regardless of one’s nationality or physical geography, has always served to empower. Of all people, Christians should be promoting the use of technology to propel the development and delivery of quality education.

{ SOCIAL CHANGE & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT } Finally, because we’re charged with the mandate to love our neighbor as ourself, our faith and technology must also converge to combat human suffering and to demonstrate Christ’s love to the world. As Christians, our access to technology should do more than just eliminate

our ignorance relative to the plight of human suffering worldwide. It should engage us to improve technology, to reduce suffering, and to promote peace. These are the technological ideals that should be paramount to the progressive Christian: promoting new technologies that help improve disaster relief response times and better manage just-in-time food inventories for immediate famine response, advancing online interactive campaigns that springboard grassroots efforts to end human rights violations, and advocating research and development that utilize technology to eradicate cancer and AIDS. Thus, we can further

fulfill Christ’s commandment to love one another, albeit through technological innovation.

Technology has the capacity to bring people together, to broaden our exposure to other ideals and beliefs, and to make collective contributions toward solving our world’s most dire problems.

We have only begun to scratch the surface of how technology will further bring us together as a people and change our lives for good. Christians at the forefront of technology can help to ensure that technology continues on a path toward the common good. For people of faith, regardless of our technological savvy, we should be championing the use of technology with this ultimate goal. —

Tracy Stewart, M.S., is the vice president for information technology at Regent University.



As a daily *practitioner* in technology, the essence of my own Christian response to technology has frequently come into question. Emerging from this ongoing questioning, I’ve learned to view the merging of my faith and technology as a philosophy that serves to drive advancements in technology toward the common good: humanity.

{ ACCESS } People of faith should be encouraged to use technology to serve as a social equalizer. Even in America, let alone around the world, the infamous *digital divide* still plagues our society—digitally dividing us by class, ethnicity and culture. With the gap closing relative to gender and public school access, additional efforts must ensue to close the gap that is currently widening with regards to race and socioeconomic status. Our motivations as Christians must be centered on finding new

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