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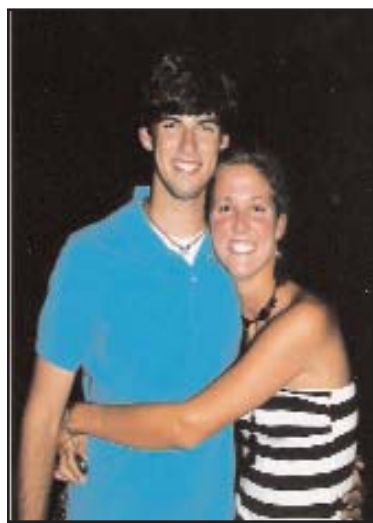
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## Spire's senior spotlight: Justin Barnes



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: FACEBOOK.COM Justin Barnes and Ashley May won the "Cutest Couple" superlative.

By VICTORIA ELLENBURG  
Staff Writer

Some might call him homecoming king, some might call him "that Kappa guy" and some might call him the funniest guy on campus, but to his friends he is simply known as Justin Barnes.

Students might have heard his name shouted, followed by five claps, but Barnes is deep down just a humble, spiritual guy who is just enjoying life.

Despite his studies and busy schedules, this senior was able to make room for a few extra-curricular activities.

He was a trainer his freshman year for the work-study program, he pledged Kappa Sigma Phi, and joined the business club Phi Beta Lambda. He has moved on a bit in life and was president of Kappa last year. Now he is the president of the business club and of F. O. R. C. E. this year.

As far as sports are concerned, Barnes is an all-star. He played for the Eagle's basketball team for two years, squeezed in some golf one year, is now on the bass fishing team and even finds time to really shine during intramurals with his Kappa brothers.

A proud moment in sports for Barnes was when he was recognized during basketball season his sophomore year at a National Tournament earning the Champions of Character Award.

Barnes has even had a few other proud moments here at Faulkner.

His "Cutest Couple" superlative partner Ashley May is proud to be in a relationship with the two-year winner of the "Prettiest Eyes" superlative.

But overall, one of Barnes's personal favorite memories is hitting a three-pointer against Auburn University.

Barnes plans to head on to AU after departing from Faulkner to

get his master's degree in Forestry and Natural Resources. Soon after he wants to get married and start a family.

While he is here, however, he will continue doing his favorite things: spending time with May, his dog, Cabela, family and friends, hunting, fishing, playing sports, spending time outdoors and "being stupid with Kappa."

Justin really thinks it is important to "stay on your toes in life," and he certainly is while enjoying every minute of it.

It's easy to see now why Justin Barnes not only was crowned homecoming king, but truly deserved it.

*Think someone deserves to be in the next Senior Spotlight? Email Hannah Hastings at hannah.hastings@faulkner.edu.*



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: FACEBOOK.COM Will Freeman and Justin Barnes have fun during flag football intramurals. Barnes is an active member of Kappa Sigma Phi, a social club on campus. He was even president of the group last year.

## Faulkner graduate successfully petitions for new ceremony times

By KASEY PORTER  
Staff Writer

Graduation. This very important milestone is called a commencement ceremony because it is not the end, but the beginning of the rest of one's life.

For the Faulkner students graduating in December this is particularly true.

In the beginning talks of graduation, these students were told that they were allowed only five guests to attend the graduation ceremony.

As the beginning of the rest of their lives, it's easy imagining how upset these students must have been to know that they would have to pick only five guests to see them during one of the most momentous occasions of their lives.

One student decided to take it upon herself to try and change the times for graduation and thus the number of guests allowed for each student. She succeeded.

Jennifer Haberkorn wrote a petition for the graduating student body to send to President Billy Hilyer, Joey Wiginton, John Enloe, and Laura Velten.

The petition motioned

for the graduation times to be separated so graduating students can have all of their family and friends attend and celebrate this joyous occasion.

Haberkorn made the point that the families of the students have paid for them to attend a Christian school with family values and all they would like is to have their family to participate in this event.

She also encouraged students to have their family members email the staff members with her petition.

Haberkorn was very respectful in her petition and it paid off. Enough of the graduating students sent the petition email to the fourstaff members so that the decision was made for the graduation times to be changed.

On December 13, 2008 there will be three separate graduations so as to accommodate the graduates, their families and friends.

The times for the commencement ceremonies will be 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and no tickets will be required for entry.

## Tiny Tim's connection to Faulkner

By DANIEL MONPLAISIR  
Staff Writer

Well, beware. Here it comes.

I'm warning you, a very common phrase is about to appear before your eyes.

Here goes: It's that time of year again! But even with cheesy lines like that, there's still so many rich traditions and exciting new venues to do and see during the Christmas season. One that you don't want to miss is Alabama Shakespeare Festival's (ASF) "A Christmas Carol: The Musical."

This outstanding Christmas classic, based on the story by Charles Dickens, is masterfully put together by the cast and orchestra at ASF.

The production is full of high-energy music and dancing that fill your spirit with the Christmas joys.

Observe first hand the life of old miser Ebenezer Scrooge (Rodney Clark), and the incredible journey he takes in the night.

Experience the fear of Scrooge's haunting by the ghosts of Jacob Marley (Mark Woodard) and Christmas Future (Matt Renskers).

Be delighted at the parties of Fezziwig (Paul Hopper) and the atmosphere of the streets in London.

Be intrigued by the

choices of Scrooge's past connecting to the present.

Be filled with hope as you witness the unconditional love of the Cratchits.

But most of all, be ready for your heart to be captured by the innocence of Tiny Tim (Crispin South).

This show has a very special connection to Faulkner University.

Faulkner's very own Jonathan Timbes is a member of the outstanding orchestra, playing the trumpet.

And portraying everyone's favorite character, Tiny Tim, is Faulkner Theatre Director Jason South's son, Crispin South.

Timbes, a junior music major, said the actors should be commended for their incredibly hard work.

"It is a musical, so all the actors had a hard enough time learning lines as well as music. From the musician stand point, we literally worked until we couldn't work anymore. For two weeks leading up to the opening, we rehearsed (with and without the actors) at least five hours for three nights straight for both weeks."

Timbes is also in the University Band, University Chorus, and a member of Sigma Psi Chi social club.

South makes his sec-

ond appearance on the stage at ASF, his debut was portraying the role of Michael in "Peter Pan."

The 8 year-old star steals the hearts of audience members as he plays the crippled Tiny Tim.

The gentle tones of his voice are priceless as he sings duets with Bob Cratchit (Billy Sharpe) and Scrooge.

South has also taken on roles at Faulkner's Dinner Theatre in "Seussical the Musical" as Jojo and "Bye, Bye, Birdie" as Randolph MacAfee.

All the holiday spirit is in ASF's two-hour production of "A Christmas Carol."

Tickets may be a little pricier than what most students can afford on a whim, but there are special opportunities.

Tickets are available online at www.asf.net, or discounted tickets may be available by calling the box office, (334) 271 - 5353.

Be sure to check with Jason South in the Fine Arts Center to find when you can see Crispin, because your Christmas won't be complete until you hear him say the ever heartwarming phrase, "God bless us, every one!"

**WISE WORDS**

**At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail.**

Job 14:7 ESV



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**QUIRKY QUOTE**

**"Nothing spoils the taste of peanut butter like unrequited love."**

- Charlie Brown

# SEC Championship

By DANIEL MONPLAISIR  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, the ultimate college football game will be in Atlanta, Ga. and available on your television screen. The Southeastern Conference (SEC) Championship Game will be played in the Georgia Dome as undefeated Alabama takes on the hottest team in the country, Florida. The game will begin at 4 p.m. EST (3 p.m. CST) and will air on CBS.

The mathematical match-up is incredible. Florida quarterback Tim Tebow enters the game with 2,114 passing yards and a 65.8 percent completion rate, 22 touchdowns with only two intercep-



tions. However, Tebow also has 427 yards rushing, putting together a grand total of 2,541 yards of offense thanks to him.

But Tebow hasn't done it all by himself. He has an incredible host of talent working with him on the Gator offensive team. The

running game has 2,528 total yards, including four players over 400 yards (Tebow included). The Florida offense totals for 4,985 total yards this year, ranking them #11 in the country, but best in the SEC. And Florida offense is nothing to belittle as they also lead the SEC in scoring, averaging 46.8 points per game.

On the other side of the ball, the Crimson Tide is second in the SEC in scoring offense averaging 31.7 yards per game. But it's Alabama's defense that has been winning games. Allowing only 255 total yards a game, Bama's tough defensive front has been giving offenses a tough time all year.

Since Florida's only loss to Ole Miss, the Gators have been simply embarrassing every opponent on the field. The Tide, on the other hand, have steadily beat their opponents through domination on the line. In their 12-0 season, they have had two very close calls: squeezing by Ole Miss 24-20 and surviving overtime in Death Valley in a 27-21 victory over Louisiana State University.

The SEC

Championship has so much on the line. The Bowl Championship Series (BCS), which determines what teams play in the National Championship, currently ranked #1 and Florida #4, but Alabama in the Associated Press poll, the Tide is still #1, but the Gators are #2. The interesting thing is, Florida is expected to win. Yes, the team ranked the highest in the country will be playing as the underdog. It is



unusual, but sometimes, you can't overlook the nation's most explosive and dominant team because of rank.

It is easy to say, the SEC Championship will determine who will also go play for the national title to try to win the SEC's third consecutive title game (Florida 2006, LSU 2007). Both teams will walk into the Georgia Dome and try to prove the same thing and answer the question: who's the best? This should make for an interesting Saturday afternoon before finals.

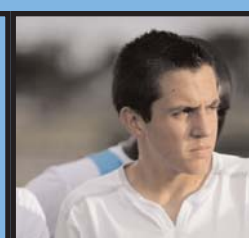
## Students Speak Up: Faulkner students share their opinions on current events

MICHELLE MORRIS  
Staff Writer

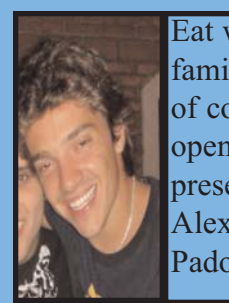
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What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

Christmas Dinner (Manicotti) with my family, going to a Christmas Eve service and opening one gift on Christmas Eve. - Joey Gorman

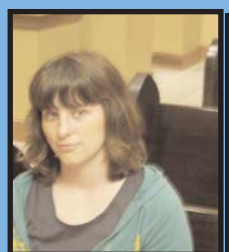


One of my favorite Christmas traditions is going to my Grandma's house and eating and talking with friends and family.-Keyania Brown



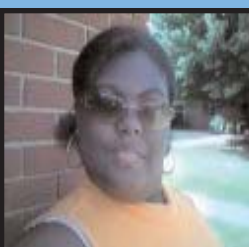
Eat with my family, and of course, open my presents. - Alexandre Padoveze

Watching Black Christmas the horror movie as a family.-Kelsey Burkhalter



My favorite part about Christmas is that my mother allows us to open stockings on Christmas Eve and we talk and spend time together. On Christmas we aren't able to talk to each other as much because we are surrounded with friends and family.- Jennifer Ezell

We have a Christmas dinner. We listen to Christmas music such as, Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire. We also watch movies like A Charlie Brown Christmas and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer- Jazmynn Hardy.



Decorating. It is so much fun to make my house look so beautiful for Christmas. Hanging up lights, putting up the tree and decorating it and I always get to put the star on top.-Jessica Leigh Matthews

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## World Of Warcraft

By MICHELLE MORRIS  
Staff Writer

Fans of Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games (MMORPGs) have a new toy to play with this holiday season. On November 13 at 12 a.m., the much anticipated expansion for the internationally popular World of Warcraft online video game was released to the general public. The expansion, called Wrath of the Lich King, is set in a frigid wasteland where players are matched against the forces of Arthas, a once holy knight who has fallen from grace and seeks to bring the entire world with him. While World of Warcraft recently broke its own record with 11 million concurrent subscribers, the expansion has already set the stage to shatter even that



lofty achievement by becoming the single fastest selling game of all time, with 2.8 million units sold in its first 24 hours of availability. The total number of stores that had enough pre-orders to have a midnight release is estimated by Blizzard (the creators of World of Warcraft) at being around 15,000 worldwide. In addition to the midnight release all over the United States. "We're grateful for the incredible support that players around the world have continued to show for World of Warcraft," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "Wrath of the Lich King contains some of the best content we've created for the game so far, and we look forward to seeing even more players log in to experience it

## Personalize your Playlist

By JUAN CARBALLO  
Staff Writer

Today, people have the possibility of listening to music from the computer without even having to download it. These are free services, easy to use and we can personalize them by making our own track lists and designing them. The format that reproduces this music is called "streaming", it means that you can listen to the songs but not download them. You can find the songs by name, album or artist and once you put your personal taste of music you can communicate with other people that listen to the same music. In some of these sites you can add the files you have on your computer and also listen to different

genres of music. These are some of the Web sites that have this benefit:

Last.fm: In this site you have many options: listen to music and download videos, exchange information with other people and make and organize a track list, the background of your account and much more.

Launch: One of the first sites of its kind, it is the property of Yahoo. You can listen to music and videos plus you have the possibility to make a top ranking of your songs, videos and artists. The bad thing is that it doesn't work with Firefox.

MySpace Music: Microsoft has his own space to share music in MySpace. The quality of music is very good and you can have access to music from other peo-

ple. The bad thing is that you can't create a radio station with your songs playing automatically one after the other. Instead of that you have to select one by one.

Facebook (iLike): Again, you can create a playlist with the music you prefer plus add the songs you have on iTunes or in your documents and share it with your friends from your Facebook account. Also, you can choose to receive on iTunes recent activity from the artist you are listening to or receive songs from artists related to the ones you are hearing that you may like. Finally you can check on when and where are the concerts from your favorite artists plus every detail the concerts that are in your city or near your city.

Imeem: In this site

you can share music, videos and photos. Also, you have the possibility to make playlists or make interviews and share information with other providers plus check all the details from your favorite artists.

Deezer: In this Web site you can add the MP3 songs stored in your computer and also create a playlist and when you are listening to your favorite artists it automatically recognizes the genre and provides you with lots of songs similar that you can add or cancel.

Musicoverly: One of the most original services because you can pick the kind of music you like and then choose by your state of mind: peaceful, unhappy funny or powerful. The representation of the songs is with different kinds of bubbles.



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## Celebrating Christmas the Tuna way

By JAIME INGRAM  
Staff Writer

There is no better way to ring in the 2008 holiday season than with the 'holly jolly' people of Tuna, Texas.

The Faulkner Dinner Theater is celebrating the Christmas spirit with the production "Tuna Christmas," starting this Thursday.

In the latest dinner theater production, characters like Bertha, Pearl and DiDi from Tuna, Texas, return to put a new spin on Christmas.

**"It's been a busy season."**

-Katie Romine, director

"Many of your old favorites from Greater Tuna are back and ready to

celebrate the holidays full force if the Christmas Phantom doesn't ruin it first!"

The production is student directed and put together, with help from the community as well. Directing the new play is Katie Romine, a junior at Faulkner.

Several Faulkner students are involved, including Kaitlyn Wearden, who is stage manager, Heather Baker, Kari Gatlin and Jessi Mitchell.

Faulkner's own Jason South plays 12 of the parts, and David Brown plays the other 12 roles. LaVera Brown designed all of the costumes.

With only two people playing the many parts, the show requires many different costumes and costume changes and people to help with those changes.

"The dressers are key because without them the

show just wouldn't run as smoothly as it does," Romine said.

"There are dozens of 'quick changes' that are essential to each and every character."

**"But with the hard work of my cast, we are going to be ready for opening night."**

The cast and crew of "Tuna Christmas" have been working to get the production ready for four weeks.

The show kicks off this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and runs on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, until Dec. 20.

Reservations can be made at the Faulkner Dinner Theater Box Office for one of the weekend

shows either by email or phone.

Tickets, which include dinner and the show, are \$22 for adults.

Also, according to Romine, a \$2 Tuesday performance might be added to next week to serve as a relaxing break from finals.

"It's been a busy season," Romine said. This year, the dinner theater has added several unscheduled shows, like "Life is but a Dream" and "All's Fair in Love and War."

"But with the hard work of my cast, we are going to be ready for opening night."

*The Faulkner Dinner Theater accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express, as well as personal checks and cash.*

*Doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner being served until 7:00 PM.*

*The show will begin promptly at 7:30 PM.*

### Psalm 103

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. 17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. 19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! 21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! 22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

A Psalm of David.

*Engaged? Want to post an announcement in the Spire? Email [jenni.williams@faulkner.edu](mailto:jenni.williams@faulkner.edu)*

### Alecia Conway and Jason Smith

*have a romantic inside joke. He asks for a favor, she says yes and he asks for a kiss. Until last Christmas when the favor turned from a simple kiss to a surprising proposal! "Will you marry me?" he asked as he brought the ring from around her back. The two met while Conway, a senior, was working at Castdale Mall but didn't meet again until Smith, who doesn't attend Faulkner, found her on Myspace a month later. The wedding is planned for June 12, 2009 at Cheaha State Park, Ala.*

*Congratulations, Alecia and Jason!*



### Exams start next week!

**Pick up your exam schedule in the Registrar's office, and don't forget to**

**STUDY STUDY STUDY!!!**

### Mary Beth May and Eric Shaffer

*met right here at Faulkner. May is in Chi, and Shaffer was in Sigma during his time here. May's father owns a jewelry store, so the day Shaffer went to pick up the ring, she was expecting a proposal that night. He knew her expectation, so at dinner that night, his mom and another friend met them there. They went back to his house to watch a movie, and he could tell May was upset so he started to tickle her. He asked her what was wrong, and she said she had been expecting a romantic dinner and proposal. "Fine, I guess you won't want this then," he said, as he placed the ring on her finger. She had convinced herself he wasn't going to propose that night, so when he asked her to marry him her jaw dropped and she said "Yes!" The wedding is set for Jan. 10 in Ozark, Ala. After the wedding they will stay in Montgomery, where Shaffer is a police officer. May hopes to work for the state after graduation this December.*

*Congratulations, Mary Beth and Eric!*



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## A Word from Dean Austin

### Contest: The Twelve Apostles

The winner of the last contest was Jason Isbell, a student at the Jones School of Law. Jason will receive a \$50.00 gift card to the Faulkner Bookstore. The new contest is open to all students enrolled at Faulkner University, including the Jones School of Law, and all extension campuses. The first person to e-mail me with the correct answers will receive a \$50.00 gift card from the Faulkner Bookstore.

Please fill in the blanks for each Apostle:

1. Simon Peter: Surname: \_\_\_\_\_, Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Father's name \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Andrew: Brother's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Father's name, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. James, Son of Zebedee: Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Business: \_\_\_\_\_, Preached in: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. John: Brother's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Parents: \_\_\_\_\_, Business: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Philip: Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Preached in what area: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Bartholomew: Home: \_\_\_\_\_, List one reason why Bartholomew and Nathanael aren't the same person. \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Thomas: Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Surname: \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Matthew: Surname: \_\_\_\_\_, Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Business: \_\_\_\_\_, Brother's name: \_\_\_\_\_.
9. James, Son of Alphaeus: Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_, Home: \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Judas, the son of James: Son Of: \_\_\_\_\_, Grandson Of: \_\_\_\_\_, He is of the tribe of: \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Simon the Zealot: Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Surname: \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Judas Iscariot: Home: \_\_\_\_\_, Surname: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Mountain of a man

By SHAYNA HERMAN  
Staff Writer

Have you ever felt prejudged or misunderstood? Every day you have encounters with different individuals and there are several factors that could lead to someone judging you before they really know who you are and what you are about.

If you have ever gone into the Multiplex, I am sure you have seen a 6'4" mountain of a man named Ben Brown.

The Multiplex is a very busy building at Faulkner University. It takes a smart and talented man to keep up with the daily hustle and bustle of the college athletic center. Ben Brown is the only man with the personality and qualifications to do the job.

As I began walking up the stairs to the Multiplex I could already hear his deep voice shouting new conditioning drills for the softball girls to perform.

With each step I took my heart began to beat louder and louder. When I reached the top of the stairs, I stood looking up at a man who was well over six feet tall. At barely 5'2" and one hundred pounds soaking wet, I was a nervous wreck.

"Can I help you?" he stated looking very curi-

ously at me.

With a deep breath I simply said, "Yes, I am from The Spire and can I ask you a couple of questions for the article I am writing?"

With a childish grin, he laughingly said, "Did John Gordon not want to be interviewed and send you to me?"

I laughed at his modesty and immediately began the interview process. I started off with simple questions, then to the more difficult ones.

**The only way to truly get to know someone is by conversation.**

During the series of questions that I proceeded to ask, we had an occasional interruption.

"Aaaaaiight, sit ups, GO!" The bass from his voice caused an earthquake in my ears.

We sailed through the interview like a breeze. I learned many interesting facts about him that at first glance I would have never known.

One unique thing I learned through my interview with Mr. Brown is that he was a water aerobics

instructor at a nearby YMCA.

Following this job he had a string of many interesting job experiences. He has worked at Home Depot and at Sno Biz making snow cones, all of which has helped him be a strong leader here at Faulkner University.

On campus, he is valued as an assistant softball coach, intramural coordinator, mentor and a good friend to most of the student body.

But like most Americans, I started off with the wrong impression of Ben Brown.

Everyday many people in America are pre-judged or misunderstood because of the way they dress, their body language, and by how they speak to you.

The only way to truly get to know someone is by conversation. The next time you are in the Multiplex, do not hesitate to stop by and have a conversation with Ben Brown.

He may seem intimidating at first, but he really has a kind-hearted way about him.

If John Gordon is in his office also, you are definitely in for a good time. There never seems to be a dull moment when they are together!

From the Editor



Hannah Hastings  
Editor-in-Chief

Congratulations! You've made it through a semester. Well, almost. For me, this semester went by as fast as summer vacation. In fact, my whole college career has gone fast. I mean wow, I'm over halfway done. But my first semester as The Spire editor-in-chief went by even faster.

Why did preparation for the seven issues of The Spire go by quicker than a few bucks? Because I have an amazing staff. I would like to dedicate this editorial to them.

First off, I want to thank Mr. Velten. Mr. Velten has been a major encouragement to me. His Christian and journalistic ethics have influenced me greatly.

Secondly, I'd like to thank my associate editor, Jessica Casserly. Jessica has been there to pick up anything I may have forgotten to do. She always finds a way to get things done in a professional and organized manner.

Thirdly, I'd like to thank the other editors: Kelly Dix, Jenni Williams, Juan Escobar, Sarah Hughes and D.K. Kibler. These guys were completely new to The Spire at the beginning of the year. They picked up the abilities needed right away and never failed to get things done on time. I am so impressed by how they have helped me make The Spire a quality paper.

Fourthly, I'd like to thank all the writers. There are too many (yes!) to list, but I hope to thank you each personally. Your enthusiasm to make sure this paper is 100 percent student-produced has been greatly appreciated. My dreams for this paper are coming to life before my eyes because of the tremendous help you all have been.

Next I'd like to thank Nia Johnson for doing the AP style edits. There were many times she had her edits back to us on very short notice. I truly appreciate her cooperation.

Finally, I'd like to thank you, the reader. We create The Spire for you! You are our inspiration. You are our best critics. And you have done your part. We have appreciated all the positive and negative feedback given to us. And we hope to continue to receive your opinion into the New Year.

So good luck with exams, make sure you get that extra slice of pie over Christmas break and don't forget to look for the newest issue of The Spire when you get back!

Hannah would like to hear from The Spire readers over Christmas break. E-mail her your feedback on the paper, as well as any comments or questions, at hannah.hastings@faulkner.edu.

Student band is All You Need

By HANNAH HASTINGS  
Editor-in-Chief

It's been a while since I have heard a live band, so I was excited to interview a local alternative rock group. My friend, Carrie Hunter, and I went with high expectations to hear All You Need rock out to their original songs.

Band members freshmen Jacob Itson and Todd Blazer, junior Preston Phillips, dual-enrolled student Aaron Reynolds and band manager Adam Day didn't seem nervous at all as they warmed up in the cozy den of Phillips's home. All You Need has been together for a little over a year.

With three original songs down, the group has about four more songs in the works. They get a lot of their inspiration from 60s-90s rock and bands like Breaking Benjamin, Creed and Brand New.

"We have all sorts of tastes that merge together in one unifying whole," Phillips said. The members

feel like they all bring something different and unique. "I'm more of the acoustic side," Itson said, "[how we come together] it's like poetry."

The first song they played for us, "Sick of It,"

stage presence was big enough for a stadium-filled audience.

The next song "Right Away," co-written by Phillips and Itson, started out with a guitar intro by Reynolds. Phillips's

feeds off another member's personality, making them quite a hysterical bunch.

The third and final song "Face of the Earth," co-written by Reynolds and an old band member, starts off with a strong guitar solo by Phillips. With Reynolds on vocals, the song displays great emotion. I commented on how all the songs are very creative, original and filled with emotions.

The group said that being in the band was a way to "let out [their] emotions," as Reynolds put it, and a way to relax and have a good time. "I can be myself," Itson said about performing. "I really love music. I enjoy playing," Phillips added.

The group has future plans to make a five to six song CD. If you enjoy good music, then definitely keep on the lookout for these rising stars. For grade A entertainment, this band is all you need.



CONTRIBUTED BY ADAM DAY  
The guys from All You Need pictured left to right: Todd Blazer, Preston Phillips, Jacob Itson and Aaron Reynolds

is written by talented guitar player and vocalist Reynolds. My foot immediately began tapping as Blazer kept rhythm on drums. Itson was on bass guitar and Phillips was on lead guitar. I realized I was at a concert because their

smooth voice balanced the loudness of the style of the music, and the chorus was very catchy. As they finished accompanied with my abundant applause, Day said, "They've got the skills and I've got the hookups!" Each member

From the Drawing Board



Junior Preston Phillips serves as the Spire cartoonist.

Visit Eastdale Mall's indoor ice skating rink for winter fun and entertainment!

Christmas lights bring in the season

By JOI WEBB  
Contributor

Let's face it - Christmas lights set the mood for the season and aid in holiday cheer. And we are not too old to appreciate them. Christmas lights continue to excite both the young and old. Consequently, there are plenty of places to see spectacular lights this holiday season.

For something kid-friendly, you might check out the Christmas Lights Festival at the Montgomery Zoo. Visitors can either ride the train or walk through the zoo while viewing the thousands of lights of animal shapes and Christmas

scenes. It begins Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. with a lighting ceremony and continues every weekend until Dec. 31.

If you're in the mood for something even more extravagant, then take a road trip to Pine Mountain, Ga. and experience the Fantasy in Lights in Callaway Gardens. This event features approximately eight million lights that stretch over six miles and form about a dozen Christmas scenes, several



animated and accompanied by music. It is open every night until Dec. 30.

For those who prefer to stay local, there are several lighting ceremonies nearby. One is the annual Christmas tree lighting at Prattville City Hall on Dec. 4. Music performances from Prattville music groups will begin

around 4:30 p.m. culminating with the tree lighting at 6 p.m. Huntingdon College is hosting a similar event, their annual

Community Christmas Celebration, starting at 6:30 p.m. that same night.

Montgomery native John Persons said that good neighborhoods to drive through and look at lights include Bell Road, Sturbridge, Halcyon and the neighborhoods behind Wares Ferry Elementary. Persons also said, "Downtown has been known to host a wide array of decorations." This year's Montgomery tree lighting will be Dec. 5 at 5:15 p.m.

There are so many local and regional opportunities this holiday season to see Christmas lights; there is no true Christmas without them.

MY VIEW

Student reflects on her life and future

By REBEKAH MARTIN  
Contributor

I have heard people all my life tell me that life goes by fast, that they blinked and it was nearly gone. But, for the longest time, I did not believe them. I used to sometimes feel as though my life and the day-to-day things that keep my schedule packed would drag on forever. It's when I look back over the last few years and notice that life really is moving and the time is flying by that I take seriously the words of people who have lived longer. Even though I am only 19, I can see now that my life is truly flashing by.

My brother just turned 17-years-old! He has a driver's license and is a junior in High School! Call me crazy, but it seemed like it was yesterday that he was this little kid with neon

blonde hair and cute little dimples, who was afraid of the water. My baby sister will turn 15-years-old very soon. She will get her learner's permit and start learning how to drive. It also seems like a very short time ago that she was a little toddler going around singing "Blue Skies and Rainbows" for anyone who would listen. It's these things that make me wonder where the time has gone and how I can slow it down.

Recently I wrote down a few things that have influenced my life over the last couple of years. Doing this helped me realize that every moment of life is precious. In the last two years:

1) I have moved out of my parent's house and become much more independent.

2) I have finally experienced what it feels like to have good, Christian friends, who sincerely care about me, who will put me in my place when I need it, but still support and love me despite my faults.

3) I have heard both Frank Chesser and Dr. Dave Miller preach the gospel at Panama Street Church of Christ (truly something I believe everyone needs to do sometime in their lifetime).

4) I have learned to not take my family for granted, because I never know when a weekend at home will be my last.

5) And I have grown more mature in many ways, in my spiritual life and my relationships with friends.

I am also trying to slow down sometimes and take in all the wonderful things

around me.

Our college years, the four, five, sometimes even six years that we are here, are supposed to be the best years of our lives. Do you remember when you were a freshman in high school, thinking you would never get here? I do, and now it seems like all the years since then have passed by in such a hurry. Next thing we know, we will be dressed in caps and gowns marching to "Pomp and Circumstance" while getting our diplomas.

I still wonder sometimes where the time has gone, but now I can wonder and anticipate where time is going and where it will take me.

E-mail Rebekah at rebekah.martin@faulkner.edu.

Primetime: Drew Phillips starts off the Christmas season with his letter to Santa and his wish list

So it's 3a.m. and I'm at that point where I want to go to sleep so badly, but my body is not agreeing with me. I've tried all of the time tested tricks to go to sleep.

I've counted sheep for at least 20 minutes; every time I get to 100 I start over. I've tried all of the Lifetime Fitness relaxation techniques Dr. Brown promised would work. Yes, I imagined all of the tension running from my body out through my fingers. I've imagined lying on the beach at night while I listen to Enya and Celtic Woman. This last one usually is my preferred get to sleep technique, but tonight for some reason it's not working. What is one to do at 3a.m. when there is nothing to do?

Walker Sloan told me that 3a.m. is the best time to come up with your Christmas list for the holidays. He says it's that short window between consciousness and unconsciousness that is primetime for coming up with your wants and desires. He's always been a follower of Freudian thought anyway. So I guess I will share what I want for Christmas this year.

Dear Santa,

How are things up at the North Pole? I've been pretty good this year. In all honesty, I have done a few bad things this year because they were fun. But I have definitely not been as naughty as my brother, Brad. I've included a list of things I want for Christmas this year. Have a sanctified Christmas!

Drew

My Christmas List

9. Elimination of the "Twilight" universe (books, movie, Facebook statuses, etc.)
8. A value pack of Pemmican peppered beef jerky
7. A guest appearance on "The Roundtable" with Doug Amos
6. Faulkner basketball players being allowed to dunk during basketball games
5. A decal that allows me to park anywhere on campus
4. A night's stay in Cinderella's castle at Disneyworld
3. The towel boys from basketball to clean up spills in my apartment
2. Complete seasons of Dragonballz DVDs
1. A month's vacation away from Faulkner

I hope everyone has a great Christmas. I look forward to writing more for you next semester.

E-mail Drew your Christmas wish list or any questions or comments about his column at steven.phillips@faulkner.edu.

## The Great Tradition

“How liberal arts can ‘save’ us”

Robert Woods, Ph.D., Director of the Great Books Honors College

It should first be observed before the liberal arts can “save” us yet the liberal arts might need to be saved. The liberal arts suffer from attacks by the “practically minded” who see no useful value to them, they suffer from neglect by many colleges and universities that have abandoned them, and they suffer at the hands of the abusers who call anything and everything “the liberal arts” that does not fit the catalog as a science or social science. The good news is that she has faced enemies before and been triumphant and later vindicated.

Truthfully, despite the attacks, generally Americans tend to have an ongoing respect for the liberal arts, especially when she is attacked. For all of us in the academy who love what we do, the liberal arts are a source of responsibility for us. We need to guard, protect and treasure them.

It is the liberal arts that can teach us about what it means to be human. They remind us about our nearly God-like capacity for goodness and our mind-numbing wretchedness. It is the liberal arts that feeds and upholds our collective memories, and give us our rootedness with our cultural heritage.

One important correction to a possible misunderstanding is that some of what is found in the liberal arts is imprecise by the nature of what is being studied. However, this should not be seen as the intellectual equivalent of finger-painting or making it up as we go along.

All educated people should know that the liberal arts are a way of thinking that examines humans and their cultures. They do this with a sense of the past and with ideas and institutions that demonstrate an understanding of language of human concerns and ultimate respect for the value and supreme worth of the human.

The unique task and ability of the liberal arts, in contrast to the natural and social sciences, is to examine and wrestle with human things in human terms, without distorting them by reducing them to something else.

One way the liberal arts may “save” us is that they help us re-envision and recover our identity—by reminding us that the ancients knew things about humankind that the modern has failed remember or even attempted to undo. They can be saved by those people who care deeply about them and all of us can be “saved” as they remind us of what it means to be fully human and that the human things (in light of God) are the most important.

*Doc really loves talking about this stuff and would be glad to give you a copy of the book, [The Great Tradition](#), if you like.*

### \*InSpire\*

“I’m really thankful to whoever put the new grills outside the apartments and dorms. They look very nice and I can’t wait to use them.”  
- Aaron Pettus, junior

“Thank you Dean Austin and Dean Chandler for all the work you put in to the chapel program. I’m uplifted every day by the reading of God’s word, singing praises and seeing my Christian friends. It means a great deal to me.”  
- Appreciative student

“Thanks to encouragement and support from some of the Bible faculty, I’ve developed a courage to defend my faith.”  
- Heath Rosenblum, junior

I challenge you to say something good about our school. E-mail me (kelly.dix@faulkner.edu).

Philippians 4:8

## Sigma Tau Delta’s induction

By HANNAH HASTINGS  
Editor-in-Chief

On Sunday, Nov. 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Professor Jon Wright, Ph.D., Sigma Tau Delta members and sponsors watched as three students were inducted. For lunch, a spicy Mexican casserole was served accompanied by tortilla chips, black beans and Spanish rice with single servings of chocolate cheesecake to follow.

During the informal ceremony, after lunch, inductees were read why Sigma Tau Delta was created and the purpose of its members. Upon reciting an oath, the inductees were declared members.

President Emily Marsh, Vice President Heather Waller, Secretary Jennifer Ezell and member Hannah Hastings along with Wright and Professor Kelly

Morris, Ph.D., welcomed Latonya Sullivan, Jessica Casserly and Audrey McMullen to this nationally recognized English honor society.

“The induction ceremony was great. Dr. Wright was kind enough to open his home to us and went out of his way to make sure the ceremony was special. Emily, Heather and Jennifer did a great job too! I felt very welcomed by all of the members,” Casserly said. Students Megan West, Wendy Hamil, Julie Powell and Jenna Mead were not able to attend the induction.

The ceremony was followed by a fellowship of new and old members where an assortment of coffee was served. Sigma Tau Delta has many plans in the future to serve not only the literary society, but God as well. So far this year the

group has had a poetry reading where donations were given to Father Walters’ Children’s Home. Old members are thankful for these experiences and can’t wait to share new experiences with the inductees.

“Having been in Sigma Tau Delta the past year, I’ve really enjoyed working with Dr. Wright and the chapter president, Emily Marsh, to coordinate service projects and to make the society ‘come alive’ once more. I have loved getting to know those with similar interests in writing and literature, and being able to take part in the poetry readings,” Waller said. For more information on Sigma Tau Delta and how to become involved, contact Jessica Casserly or Jon Wright, Ph.D, by e-mail.

## Faith found here at Faulkner

By KAYLA BARR  
Staff Writer

With this semester coming to a close, some students here at Faulkner may realize what makes this university so unique. Many of those Faulkner students are more than willing to share how attending a Christian university has influenced not only their academic life, but their spiritual life as well.

It is Faulkner’s mission to glorify God through education of the whole person, emphasizing integrity of character in a caring Christian environment where every individual matters every day. Many believe we are meeting this mission.

Faulkner University has a wide range of

Christians from different ethnic backgrounds and even different religious beliefs. Although affiliated with the churches of

Christ, we have students from all different denominations. So one is not required to be Methodist, Catholic or any brand of faith. They are just offered a place where they can freely express their belief in the

Lord Jesus Christ.

Freshman Taylor Horn shared how going to Faulkner has improved her relationship with Christ

tremendously. “I grew up in a small town where going to church and even expressing your beliefs in Christ wasn’t encouraged. Since coming to Faulkner, I am constantly surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ who encourage me to freely express what He is doing in me. It has definitely made an improvement in my life.”

Matt Phillips, a junior here at Faulkner, is exceptionally grateful for the spiritual uplift that

Faulkner has brought him.

“Before I started school here, Christianity was something you did at church; it wasn’t something that I really

took very seriously. Now, I am not only required to take Bible classes, but there are chapel services where I can refresh my relationship with the Lord. Even if these things weren’t required, I have friends

here now who encourage me every day to strengthen my spiritual life.”

Faulkner encourages the Christian life by having required chapel services in the morning and students are required to take Bible classes in order to graduate. While

some students say this policy has influenced their relationship with Christ, others find that it is hindering theirs.

A freshman voiced his opinion on this matter. “I feel that students shouldn’t be forced to take a Bible class or attend chapel meetings. I would much rather do these of my own free will than be forced to do something, it only pulls me further away.”

But whatever your opinion is on how Faulkner is influencing you, remember that the Lord works in mysterious ways and his miracles aren’t always in big forms. He is a quiet God who often speaks when we are too busy to listen. So slow down this week and take the time to hear what God is trying to tell you. You’d be surprised what He can do. God Bless!

### Brooks Hall Instructional Support Lab

Final Exam Week Hours (Mon., Dec. 8 – Fri., Dec. 12)  
8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday  
8 a.m. – 12 noon Friday

### Christmas Holiday Hours

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15

\*\*Closed the remainder of Christmas Holidays

The ISL will open for Spring 2008 semester on Jan. 5, 2008 at 8 a.m.

## Words of Wisdom

“Very precious in God’s sight”

Don Myers, V.P. Black College of Biblical Studies

The Bible speaks of Rachel as “being beautiful of form and face” and when Jacob saw her, it did not take him long to love her (Genesis 29). Tamar, the daughter of David and sister of Absalom, was spoken of as “beautiful” (2 Sam. 13:1). David was physically described as “ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance” (1 Sam. 16:12). On their wedding night, Solomon, King of Israel, described his wife concluding, “You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you” (Song of Solomon 4:7). He spoke of how her beauty had ravished (his) heart. And she described him: “His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires” (Song of Solomon 5:10-16). (That always makes me want to get down to Planet Fitness as quickly as I can!) Esther became the wife of King Ahasuerus and, hence, the Queen of Persia by the hand of God working through her rare beauty (Esther 2:7), which exceeded all the other virgins of the realm.

Without a doubt, physical attractiveness has always played very prominently in peoples’ decisions as to whom they married in Bible days and the same seems to have been one of the leading factors throughout time.

Given all these physical descriptions of so many others, how does the Bible physically describe Jesus? What did He look like? Was he tall and handsome? Was he muscular? Did He have beautiful eyes? As far as recollection permits, not a single thing is said in the gospel accounts of the color of Jesus’ eyes or his height nor his form, build or handsomeness. When you think about it, that is striking, indeed. The most important life to ever grace this planet was never ascribed a physical description. If anything was ever said that seems to have some bearing on Jesus’ physical description, it would be God’s words through Isaiah which described the Messiah in the following manner: “He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him” (Isaiah 53:2). Yet the character of Jesus—his love, courage, service, dedication and deity—was (is) of monumental importance in the lasting vision we have of Him through inspired scripture.

Could it be that godliness and being like Christ are what matter to God? Whatever had attracted the man who married the virtuous woman, after her life of service to God and to him, her husband praised her saying, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:30). Peter instructed Christian wives, “Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging of the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God” (1 Peter 3:3, 4).

All of this does not mean that we should not look our best, dress orderly and with modesty, but it does mean that our greatest concern should always be what the hidden person of the heart looks like to God. Thirty years from now, how physically beautiful or handsome your mate in life is will not be primary concern to you anymore. It will be the hidden person of the heart you would have interacted with 24/7, who has helped shape the lives of your children and who is helping you stay on track to heaven that will count.

### Montgomery Inner City Bus Ministry

We need student help!

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MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

contact Jordan Wearden or Kelly  
Dix for more information

# SPORTS

## Results: Basketball Intramurals

As of last week winners were finally declared for this year's 2008 basketball intramural season.

After many weeks of play, surviving game delays, and a tough championship match the social club system was finally able to move on to their next sport.

The winner for the male clubs on campus was Epsilon Phi Upsilon, who remained unbeaten for the three weeks of play.

While the winner of male bracket was easy to figure out, the female bracket took a little more effort.

A playoff game between Delta Chi Omega and Phi Lambda was set to determine the female winner.

After a tough and brutal game between these two rivals, Phi Lambda was named the winner by a few mere points.

Congratulations to Epsilon and Phi Lambda on their victories.

*Sarah enjoyed this year's basketball season and thinks it was the best competitive year so far.*

## Faulkner Bass Team proves to be a competitive force

*In just two years, Faulkner bass team reaches competitive level*

By RYAN DAVIS  
Spire Staff

The unsung heroes of Faulkner's sporting elite have been ignored for far too long. Faulkner's Bass Fishing Club is the only group at the university that is nationally ranked.

When Faulkner's Kyle Tindol was recruited by Auburn University to fish for their club, he decided he didn't want to leave Faulkner. He decided it was time for Faulkner to have a fishing club of its own and he set out to create one.

"I just didn't want to leave Faulkner to fish. I just did the research and got it done," Tindol said, of creating Faulkner's Bass Fishing Club.

Since its conception Faulkner's bass club placed sixth in the National Championship last September at the Arkansas River and third in the National Championship at Lake Maumelle, Texas this past June.

Those two tournaments are not the only tourneys the Faulkner Bass Club has done well in, however. Over the course of the last year, the club has placed and won many qualifying

tournaments in areas such as Lake Jordan and others.

The next tournament the club will be attending will be hosted by Auburn University.

This tournament is a team-based event that will incorporate different schools working together to bring home the gold!

On Faulkner's side will be students from Auburn, Troy and the University of South Alabama, located in Mobile.

Facing off against the Eagles will be the University of Alabama, Montevallo, University of Alabama Birmingham, and the University of North Alabama.

"I am [usually] with someone from Faulkner, but I am going to be able to fish with a friend of mine from Auburn," said Tindol.

This tournament will take place around Christmas and the club is hopeful of the outcome.

The next SEC tournament that the Faulkner Bass Club will be attending is taking place in January.

It will be part of a three tournament series that will be continuing into March.



Ryan Bartels/Spire

After only two years as a collegiate fishing team, Faulkner has proven to be capable of competing at a high level. Members Michael Eubanks and Kyle Tindol (above) show off their catches of the day. Their efforts led them to the final round for the national title.

**"We would rather have someone that doesn't know anything about fishing that has a good attitude"**  
- Kyle Tindol

Tindol and the rest of the club members are actively seeking new recruits for the club.

"Talent is not required or prior knowledge of fishing," commented Tindol. "We would rather have someone who doesn't know anything about fishing that has a good attitude rather than an old pro who brings the team down."

"I enjoy everything about fishing. I don't know, [fishing] is just something I love to do."

Faulkner's Bass Fishing Club is currently ranked 2nd in the FOX Sports poll and 3rd in the ESPN poll.

So as this semester

draws to a close and our team prepares for tournaments, we would like to say that while this team may not receive the most recognition, we here at The Spire are proud of the hard work and time that has obviously been put in and look forward to what the Faulkner Bass Team will do next.

## Faulkner deals with loss of football coach

By JOE HASTINGS  
Staff Writer

Faulkner announced it would start football in the summer of 2006. With an official date secured, Faulkner officials hired Jim Nichols, immediately put together a staff and recruited players.

**"We've laid a good foundation and we've done some good things."**

-Coach Jim Nichols

The Eagles began inter-collegiate competition in the fall of 2007.

Recently, Nichols has put in his resignation as of Tuesday November 25, 2008.

Nichols arrived at Faulkner after spending three years at Auburn University as a graduate assistant for Head Coach Tommy Tuberville, where he worked on the defensive side of the ball.

"I appreciate Faulkner and what its done for me these past three years in giving me the opportu-

nity to be a head coach at the collegiate level," Nichols said. "We've laid a good foundation and we've done some good things."

Faulkner's football team has a cumulative record of just three wins and 18 losses while Nichols has been in charge, but that is not uncommon for a new program, especially for one with limited funds and resources.

Nichols has definitely done a tremendous job with the team throughout what was a no-doubt, long tenure. The way the entire campus, staff included, got caught up in football, especially when Faulkner won or had players receiving awards, was most impressive and made things easier for Nichols.

With a good foundation, promise for more attainable talent and a larger number in the win column, what possessed Nichols to resign?

"I feel it is best that I step aside at this point from the program. The hardest part of my decision was that I'd no longer have the opportunity to work with these players who have meant so much to me these past three years. My family and I are looking at other options that may include coaching, or it may

include getting into athletic administration. I want to thank Dr. Billy Hilyer, the board of trustees, the faculty and the administration at Faulkner for this opportunity," was Nichols's response.

It is good to see Faulkner officials display no grudge of any kind towards Nichols.

"I appreciate Jim and what he's done here in getting this program started," University president Billy Hilyer said. "He has meant a lot to this University over the past three years and we think so much of him and his family. I have asked Jim to consider staying with the school in another capacity. We certainly wish Jim great success in his future endeavors, whether they are at Faulkner or elsewhere."

The example that Nichols has set for us as a student body is something that will never be forgotten or overlooked.

His spiritual presence was always evident, as well as his approachable nature that made him well-loved by students here at Faulkner University.

We here at The Spire wish Nichols good luck in whatever he decides to do next in his coaching career.

## Faulkner Athletics: 2009

By SHAYNA HERMAN  
Staff Writer

2009 is the year of change with student growth from the addition of a football program.

The program has brought in funding that allows new sports to take shape at Faulkner.

President Billy Hilyer previously announced that the field will be named in honor of John Mark Stallings. Stallings is the son of Gene Stallings, former University of Alabama head football coach, who according to Faulkner representatives endorses Faulkner University.

With the addition of the football program, student population has increased. Not only are football players coming to Faulkner but other students are being drawn in too.

**"The football program will continue to grow with additional experience for the players and coaches."**

-Brent Barker

The stadium's completion date is still uncertain. Faulkner has received donations towards many of its programs, yet a new football stadium takes much planning and funding before construction begins.

The building of the new stadium and field will be Faulkner's largest financial undertaking to date.

Brent Barker, the athletic director said, "The football program will continue to grow with additional experience for the players and coaches."

With experience comes wisdom, and college football takes a large amount of strategy.

Within the two years the program has been active at Faulkner, signs of improvement have already begun to show.

2008 began the most victorious season yet. It created a lot of excitement on and off the field.

The building of a new program takes time and patience to build the skills that the team needs.

According to Barker, the third season shows the most about a program. Each sport has evaluations that the players take part in to help make any improvements

to the program.

These evaluations will be taken in consideration for the continuous growth of the programs in 2009.

Barker, discussing the growth on campus, states that women's sports may be the newest addition to the Faulkner sports lineup.

Women's golf and basketball teams are being discussed as a possibility in the Eagle's future.

With these exciting changes helping to broaden the horizons of Faulkner athletics, The Spire staff encourages everyone to stay involved and keep supporting our student athletes.

The year 2009 will mark the beginning of a new year, as well as the start of some new programs here on campus.

We await in anticipation for this brand new school year and more chances to get the name of Faulkner University out into the world of collegiate athletics.