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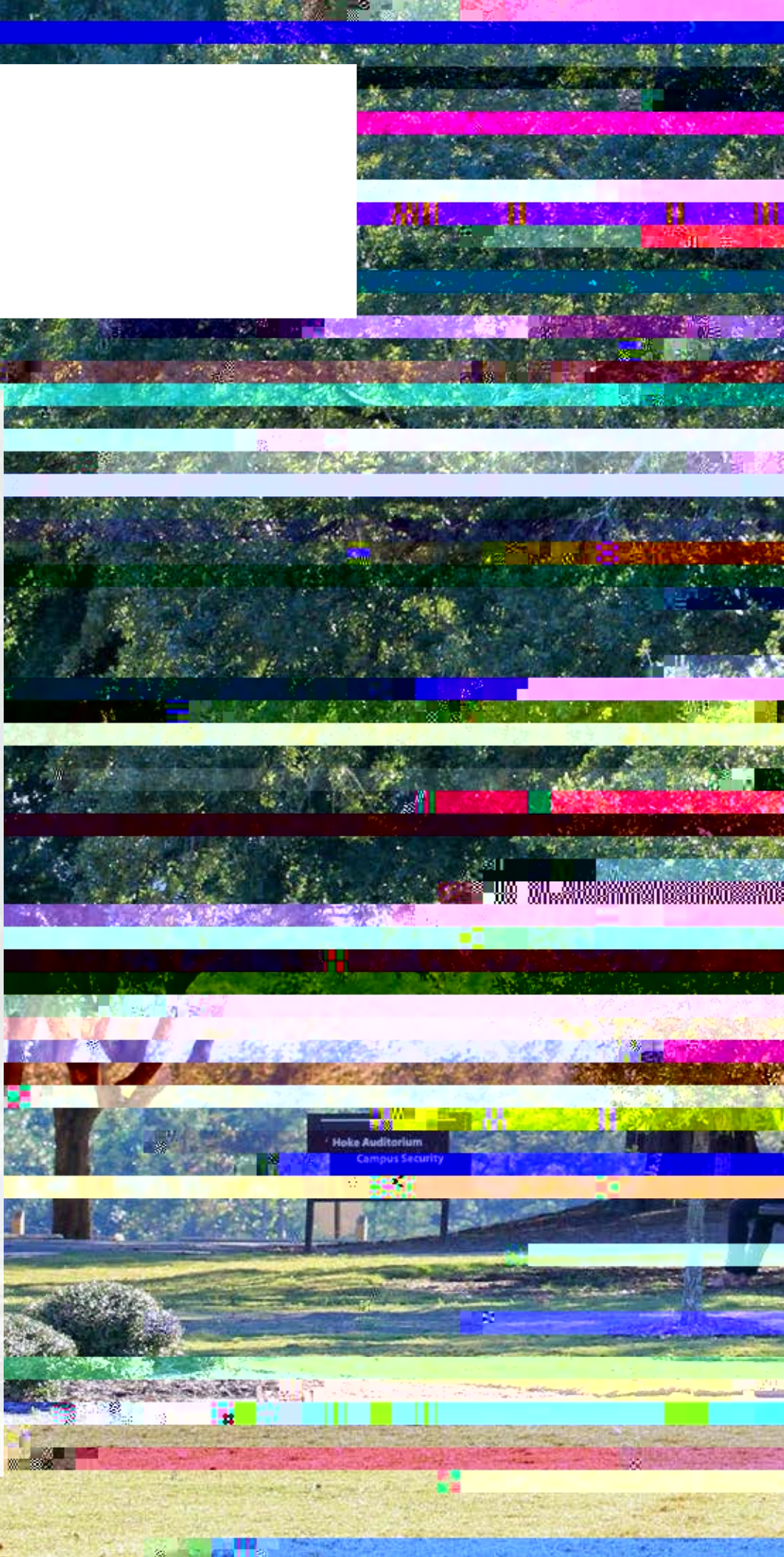
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From the Editor

I'll have to admit that when "CIU Today" designer Seth Berry told me late last year that he entered the premier edition of this magazine in the Collegiate Advertising Awards contest, I was doubtful we would win anything. In recent months, Seth and I reviewed a number of collegiate magazines and I was impressed with both the content of the articles and the graphic design of edition of the magazine, and we were pleased with the results — but could it win an award?

Then, in late January, Seth was beaming as he walked down

"Gold" in the single magazine category for Faith-Based Colleges and Universities. Wow! And this is no small thing.

The Collegiate Advertising Awards recognize marketing professionals for outstanding excellence in all forms of

education products and services. Entries are reviewed by a panel of experienced design and education marketing professionals, and are judged on: Creativity, Layout/Design, Typography, Production, Quality & Overall Effectiveness.

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Gov. Rick Perry Visits CIU

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

Former Texas governor Rick Perry paid a visit to Columbia International University on April 7 to address students, faculty, and staff in a special assembly. He discussed his personal journey of faith, and how God led him to ministry in politics — even though politics were never part of his plan.

“If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans, right?” he joked.

Perry described how his training in the Air Force led him to pursue a career as a missionary aviator with Wycliffe Bible Translators. When God closed the door on that ministry, Perry admitted he felt a deep brokenness.

“God dealt with me [then], and he dealt with me in a pretty harsh way,” Perry said. “God dealt with me by wadding me up into a really uncomfortable ball, and blowing that chaff away, and asking me if I was really ready to follow Him. That started a journey for me.”

Through a series of other events, he pursued a career in politics, which led to him the longest-serving governor in Texas history.

“God meant for me to have a ministry,” he said. “I just never knew it was going to be as big as it is. Don’t ever limit in any way what God is going to do in your life.”

Perry challenged CIU students to help other people get a second chance in life. As a personal example he noted his support of Texas legislation that he says rehabilitates nonviolent drug offenders instead of sentencing them to long-term prison sentences, which has led to the closing of three prisons in Texas.

CIU students were encouraged by the message and challenged in their own ministries.

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CIU Board Member Honored

A member of the Columbia International University Board of Trustees has received one of South Carolina's highest honors. The Order of the Palmetto was presented to Dr. Marshall (Sonny) White Jr. by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. The award is the state's highest civilian honor given to those exhibiting

CIU Ranked #6 for Best Value

Columbia International University is ranked #6 in the Southeast for the best value for your money.

The rankings are in the new book, "The Other College Guide: A Roadmap for the Right School for You" published by Washington Monthly magazine, which is known for its annual "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings among universities and colleges. The book uses criteria such as how successful each school is in graduating the students they admit and whether those students go on to earn at least enough to pay off their loans. ■

\$20-K Scholarship Winner

Keli Bradley, a homeschooler from Florence, South Carolina who would like to be a recording artist, is the winner of the \$20,000 89.7 WMHK Scholarship competition to attend Columbia International University. The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has demonstrated a desire to make Christ known and will use a CIU degree to make an impact for Christ in the marketplace.

Keli says she "loves to sing, especially praise and worship music," and leads worship at Sandhurst Church in Florence where she attends. She also says she will major in Communication because she has a secondary goal to be involved in public relations.

"I would have a lot of face time with clients and begin to build relationships with them because I have this really big passion for people," Keli said.

The 89.7 WMHK Scholarship is open to South Carolina and North Carolina high school seniors who have a 2.5 GPA or greater and a marketplace career focus. The candidates must also submit a three-minute video describing how they have made Christ known in their community, what their dream job would be, and how they would make Christ known in the workplace.

include Ashton Collum of Warrentonville, South Carolina who plans on majoring in Psychology and become a counselor to at-risk youth. The other runner-up is Vlad Hruntkovskyi who currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. He desires to major in Business & Organizational Leadership and return to his home country of Ukraine after graduation to be involved in government.

The scholarship is named for Columbia Christian radio station WMHK, launched by ■

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Columbia International University student Bridget Deline attended the

White House as well as the departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, Labor, and the Small Business Administration.

Deline, who lives in Columbia, is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in

Language (TEFL). She has also developed the Family Empowerment

needs of single parents living in low-income housing in Columbia.

She says she was "ecstatic" to have been among faith leaders from across the country invited to Washington to discuss ways to partner with the White House to make a difference in American communities. She says she is especially interested in President Barak Obama's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative.

"I asked for the Lord's guidance and was led to partner with the president's initiative and local municipalities in the Columbia area to meet the MBK Community Challenge," Deline said. "In collaboration with President Obama, I will help to ensure that all youth, particularly boys and young men of color, have opportunities to improve their life outcomes and overcome barriers to success."

Deline says she developed the idea for her Family Empowerment Program years ago, but it was "birthed" while conducting an ethnographic study for her Understanding Culture and Worldviews course, taught by CIU Intercultural Studies professor Dr. David Cashin.

In addition to the White House invitation, in October, Deline attended a Faith Leadership Breakfast with Vice President Joe Biden in Columbia.



MANAGING MOE'S *and* *a* MASTER'S

CIU Student Finds God Faithful as
he Juggles Tacos and Theology

By Bob Holmes

Mat Saxon has not taken an easy route to a seminary degree.

Four years ago the Columbia, South Carolina native was a manager for a Moe's Southwest Grill in Columbia and with his wife Nicolette was starting a family. On Sundays he was a Sunday school teacher at Shandon Baptist Church, and sometimes wondered if he should be preparing more Bible studies and fewer burritos. In other words, he was sensing the call to ministry.

"I very much enjoyed (teaching), and thought it would be great if I could pursue that."

But pursuing that would require a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, and Saxon didn't even have a bachelor's degree; not to mention the challenges that come with already having a full-time job and, at that point, two children. But CIU alumnus and former CIU staff member Jeff Miller, who was one of Saxon's Sunday school students at the 6,000-member Shandon Baptist Church, saw the ministry potential in Saxon.

"He had so much background and so much context and understanding (of the Bible)," Miller said. "It was just very obvious that he had invested the time outside of formal education to develop those skills. He was even teaching his youngest daughter the Hebrew alphabet. There was always this internal motivation and a desire and a hunger for the Word of God."

So, Miller recommended Saxon check out CIU, and apply directly to CIU Seminary

for a bachelor's degree. That takes a little doing. Accreditation standards limit the number of non-baccalaureate students to the seminary and the candidate must prove the ability to withstand the rigors of graduate-level work by writing a lengthy essay on a theological topic.

But seminary dean Dr. John Harvey also saw the potential in Saxon. In an email with "CIU Today," Harvey said he is impressed with Saxon for a

number of reasons: maturity beyond his years, ability to do graduate-level work without a bachelor's degree, juggling full-time employment and school, and for preaching skills that earned him the annual Vance Havner scholarship, awarded to a student on recommendation from the faculty.

"It is fairly common to be able to write one or two of these comments about many of our students," Harvey noted. "But it is rare to be able to write all of them about one student."

So, how has Saxon gone about managing Moe's and a Master of Divinity degree?

"Not watching a whole lot of television," Saxon says with a laugh. "I guess time management is a pretty decent strength of mine."

when his wife was working a night job and he would, "Race home after work and she

put the baby down and get the Hebrew book out."

abilities, and instead credits a supportive and "excellent" wife and points to two components of CIU that helped him make it through. One of those components is

Master of Divinity degrees are available both on campus and online, which became especially crucial for Saxon when Moe's promoted him to district manager. That meant moving to Charlotte, North Carolina around the same time his third child was born.

"You could keep having children, change jobs and change cities and keep moving forward at the same pace," Saxon said.

Saxon also credits the guidance of caring CIU professors.

"CIU is strong both academically and spiritually," Saxon said. "I've seen professors make themselves available."

Saxon was especially touched by the late

Larkin taught a couple of Saxon's online courses, and Saxon remembers seeing the well-known professor on campus as Larkin was battling pancreatic cancer just months before his death.

"Larkin had a note on his door that said, 'If you have any questions you can call



MAY COMMENCEMENT

A Time for Joy, a Time for Tears *By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer*

or nearly 200 Columbia International University graduates, bittersweet goodbyes. As graduates crossed the stage in Shortess Chapel, they celebrated both the fruit of their hard work, and many said goodbye to the friends and professors who had made CIU feel like home.

"I loved that I was able to celebrate with family and friends," said Charron Conley, who received a Master's of Arts degree

knowing that graduation was the last weekend for a long time to be with such great friends."

CIU conducted two commencement graduate students, and the second for undergraduates. South Carolina State Senator Darrell Jackson, a CIU alumnus who also pastors Bible Way Church of Atlas Road in Columbia, addressed graduates in both ceremonies. His message, "The Blessings of Knowing," challenged graduates to take their biblical knowledge to those who need it.

"Quite frankly, over the years I've learned that God isn't so impressed with degrees, but He is impressed with what you do with those degrees," Jackson said.

The undergraduate ceremony also included the tearful remembrance of Keturah Washington, a beloved CIU undergraduate student who passed away in February. The CIU faculty posthumously awarded her diploma for bachelor's degrees in Communication and Bible with Washington's parents receiving the diploma on her behalf. As

established an annual scholarship in Washington's name.

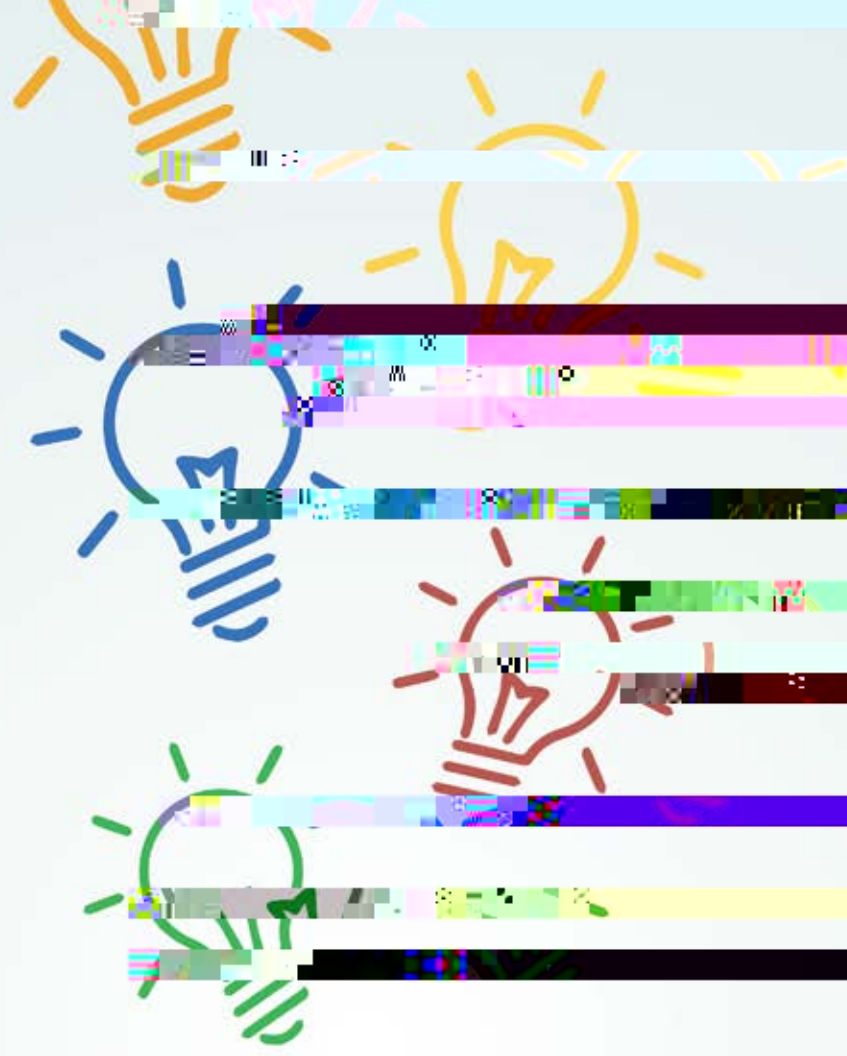
"There are three things we know about Keturah: she loved life, she loved learning, and she loved her Lord," said Dr. Dan DeLozier, who was Washington's academic advisor.

With tassels turned and diplomas in hand, CIU President Dr. Bill Jones addressed the graduates for the last time, encouraging them to use their degrees to make an impact for Christ.

"I wonder how many thousands of people will come to know Christ through your lives, whether [you are] a professional minister or a ministering professional," Jones said. "May you go out and make a difference in thousands and thousands of peoples' hearts." ■

former Columbia TV meteorologist returned to South Carolina for his graduation from Columbia International University.

Jonathan Oh, who grew up in the Columbia area, was a weatherman for three TV stations (WIS, WACH and WOLO) over a seven-year period, and during most of that time was also a student in CIU Seminary & School of Ministry. Oh, who currently works as a TV meteorologist in Japan, graduated with a



Student entrepreneurs ►
at the Ram Shack.
(Left to right) Cousins
Suzanna Mitchell
and Sarah Bateman
display their B&A Naturals
Bee Lip Balm while
Ram Shack Manager
Kathy Weathersby
and Christy Rutt hold
samples of Rutt's "Tiny
Tells" messages. Both
products are available
at the Ram Shack, the
on-campus CIU store.

ENTREPRENEURS AMONG US

Entrepreneur: a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially business, usually with considerable initiative and risk. – Dictionary.com

Step up to the counter at the Ram Shack, the CIU student store and coffee house, and you'll notice professional displays of various products including lip balm and colorful note cards. You have to actually be in the know to realize the lip balm and note cards were not placed there by national vendors. They are produced and marketed by ambitious CIU students who not only keep up their grades, but have created businesses on the side.

"CIU Today" got to know the young ladies behind Tiny Tells and ShoShana Natural, as well as a student who has a business meeting your heating and air condition needs.

Meet the entrepreneurs among us at CIU.

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Rutt of Jacksonville, Florida asked her children if they had any resolutions

and a Communication major at CIU had to think before responding. She told her mother that she wanted to do a better job of following through on the "impulses" she had to write encouraging notes to the people around her. She would often think about writing a friend a note with a word of encouragement, but she would rarely sit down to do it.

Little did Christi Rutt know that her resolution would be the birth of her own small business. Tiny Tells, as she named it, is a line of small note cards which feature encouraging sayings and space for someone to write a brief note to a friend.

"I thought, 'How could I create something that would encourage me and encourage others to follow through on those impulses?'" Rutt said. "I think a big card is kind of daunting. I wanted something you could carry around with you, and when you get that impulse you could actually follow through with it. So I thought, 'tiny cards.'"

With the help of her sister Abbey, Rutt used her artistic talents and her

knowledge of graphic design to make the 2.5" x4" note cards featuring a variety of greetings, such as "Love You Lots" and "In Christ You Are Redeemed."

Tiny Tells launched just before the beginning of the spring semester at CIU, and after news about the cards spread around campus through word-of-mouth and over social media, business is booming.

"I love [this business]," Rutt said. "It's so fun to me, every aspect of it from

it ... It's been hard at times, but I make time for it because I really do love it."

Tiny Tells cards are sold in bundles of 25, and most bundles have eight unique designs. The product is sold from an account on [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) and in CIU's new on-campus store, the Ram Shack. However, most of the marketing is done through social media. An Instagram account and Facebook page alert people to new products, giveaways and promotions.

"The funniest thing for me is to have people catch the vision of encouraging [others], and when people post on Instagram how they were encouraged," Rutt said. "[I've enjoyed] seeing people using them for what they were made for."

A Natural Thing

Going into Business “a Cool Experience” for Cousins

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

CIU senior Suzanna Mitchell was never a fan of beauty products that use lots of chemicals. Since most store-bought beauty and hygiene products contain unpronounceable chemical ingredients, she decided to make her own versions of these products using all-natural ingredients.

With the help of her cousin, CIU senior Sarah Bateman, Mitchell decided to sell her products so that others

“BALMble Bee,” is part of the business she calls ShoShana Natural. (The name shoshana comes from the Hebrew word for “lily.”)

“I started getting into natural things and started making my own makeup, my own shampoos, my own everything,” Mitchell explained. “[Lip balm] was one of

from only seven ingredients, as opposed to more than 20 ingredients found in a comparable mass-produced

Peppermint and Grapefruit.

“I think [natural products] can be just as good as or better than products that have a lot of chemicals in them,” Bateman said.

Mitchell and Bateman mix the lip balm, package it, and ship it to those who order at their online store at [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com), and sell it in CIU's new on-campus store, the Ram Shack.

“We want students to know that we’re promoting other students and their work,” Ram Shack manager Kathy

just a promotion of the students.”

Fellow students give the lip balm a thumbs-up. Freshman Seth Hall compares BALMble Bee to well-known brands

had a refreshing fragrance (and) was smooth.” Seminary

“The scent was nice, not too overpowering, and I liked the cooling effect on the lips.”

Though ShoShana Natural is limited to lip balm at the



moment, Mitchell and Bateman hope to expand the business in the future to include more products. They have discussed selling headbands and face masks and they note that there are plenty of other possibilities in the future.

“The options are endless of things we can make and put on etsy,” Mitchell said.

As both women prepare for life after graduation and future ministry, they say ShoShana Natural is valuable experience for them as they pursue missions and other creative ministries.

“I feel like it's preparing me because if I ever work in an orphanage, I want it to be self-sustainable,” Bateman said. “It's helpful to learn how to make your own products and sell them so that [you] can be self-sustaining.”

Though running ShoShana Natural does take time, both women say that starting a business wasn't as complicated as they thought it would be.

“I think it's a cool experience, just seeing how a business can be started,” Bateman said. “It's kind of cool to see how anybody can do it. It doesn't have to be a big corporation, but anyone can start a business if they want to.” ■

eter Yeh considers his skills

conditioning system a "blessing from God" plus he "loves serving people."

With that as a starting point, Yeh is developing a business model for Peter Yeh, LLC, an HVAC, plumbing and construction company he founded in



From its beginning, the heartbeat of Columbia International University has been "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." The motto is embraced not only in the classroom, but

Before departing, each team member raised his own support for the eight-day, Christmas break mission trip. While there, the team conducted soccer clinics for kids, played soccer matches, ministered in local churches and partnered with local organization "Building Houses Building Lives" to construct two houses for needy families.

For some players, one of the most memorable moments of ministry was

visiting terminally ill children at a cancer hospital called UNOP (Unidad De Oncologia Pediatrica).

"We served them dinner and shared the gospel which then led to a time of prayer and worship, junior Ethan Chandler said. "During the time of prayer it was amazing to see people be truly touched by the Holy Spirit, being met and comforted by God in their grief and brokenness."

The team also worked closely with Casa Aleluya, a children's home in Guatemala that cares for 400 orphaned, abused, and mistreated children. The team shared the gospel with the children using J316 balls. J316 balls are colorful, wordless evangelism tools that serve as conversation starters and visual aids.

"We purchased 100 balls to take into the communities where we ministered,"

Head Coach James Whitaker said. "We left them pretty much everywhere we went but we left a bag of balls at each of the places we did a soccer clinic since a soccer ball is such a precious commodity over there!"

Despite language and cultural barriers, soccer was a common ground on which the team could relate to many of those they encountered. The team was also blessed with two bilingual players who helped with translation, junior Abe Vasquez and freshman Paul Grandacarpio.

"At the beginning I was really nervous because I had never done something like that before and I knew it was a great responsibility," Vasquez said. "Once we got there and started translating, it was actually really good. I wasn't nervous anymore but I was

ACADEMICS

CIU SSM Launches Five-Year M.Div. Program

By Dr. John Harvey
Dean of CIU Seminary & School of Ministry

Students who sense a call to the role of senior or solo pastor can now enroll in a Master of Divinity program that equips them

The program being launched this summer by Columbia International University Seminary & School of Ministry (SSM) is

sense of calling to vocational Christian ministry. They complete a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) with a major in Advanced Biblical and Theological Studies and a Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) with a concentration in Bible Exposition.

Here's how it Works

the standard undergraduate core of Bible/Theology, general education, and leadership development, including designated electives in philosophy, logic, and world religions. During their third year, they begin courses in their major, which adds depth in biblical languages, theology, and worldview.

Students also apply to the Master of Divinity degree during their third year of study. If they are accepted, the fourth year is a "bridge" year in which they complete the requirements for their B.A. and begin their course work for the M.Div. A Senior Seminar integrates their biblical-theological understanding and aids the transition to graduate-level study.

Students graduate with their B.A. in the spring of their fourth

being mentored by experienced pastors whose primary focus is preaching. They complete their graduate-level requirements

of that year.

Mentors and Coaches

Students will be assigned faculty mentors to guide them

individualized academic advising, spiritual support, and ministry coaching. In addition, SSM will call on a wealth of special guest speakers and coaches to contribute to the program, including CIU Chancellor Dr. George Murray, former CIU president Dr.

Alumnus of the Year.

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answering God's call to
pastoral ministry.

The quality of these individuals create the opportunity to assemble a "blue ribbon" stakeholder group that can meet regularly to provide input on the effectiveness of the program, monitor the quality of students in the program, and provide guidance to graduates as they seek placement in ministry.

Breadth and Depth

Concerns over time and expense often lead students to choose shorter graduate-level degrees that lack the breadth and depth of ministry preparation provided by a Master of Divinity degree. With the Five-Year Master of Divinity program, though, students obtain a broadly-based undergraduate education that is the foundation for the graduate-level knowledge and skills needed to understand, apply, and communicate the Scriptures effectively in a local church context — without added post-graduation debt — allowing them to minister more effectively

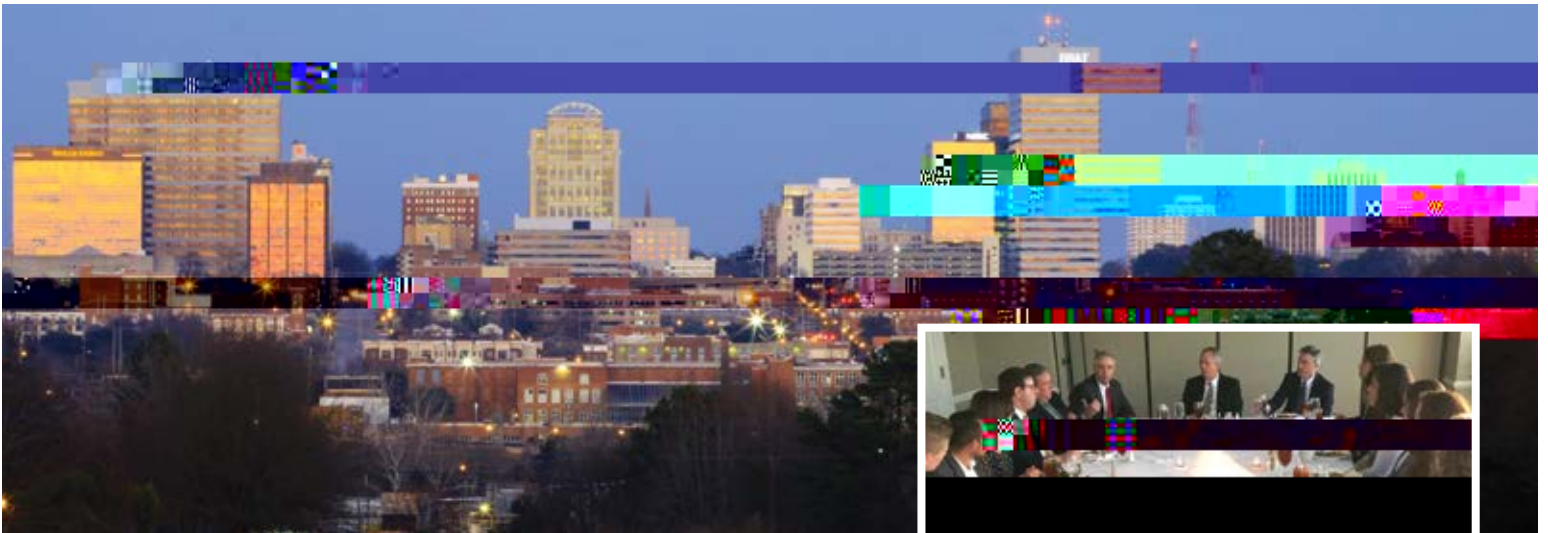
avenue to answering God's call to pastoral ministry.

CIU is grateful to The Kern Family Foundation for their \$500,000 grant that helps make the initiation of the program possible.

program visit: www.ciu.edu/5yrmdiv. ■



Dr. John Harvey (left) discusses the Five-Year



Connexus

New Initiative Connects Students With Business Leaders
By Bob Holmes

It may have been a bit intimidating. One evening last April, nine Columbia International University students dressed “smart casual” and headed to downtown Columbia to meet with a trio of local business leaders at an exclusive dinner club.

CIU Intercultural Studies professor Dr. Mike Barnett says the Marketplace Mentors Dinner, held once each semester, is part of larger initiative called “Connexus” designed to “connect our students with real-world Christ-followers who live, work, and serve in the marketplace.” The participating students are majoring in Global Business Development, International Community Development or Global Media Communication. Also attending the dinner were CIU Business & Organizational Leadership Program Director Dr. Benjamin Dean, and CIU Chief

Barnett says the challenge to provide mentors from the marketplace came from Bill Short, a prominent attorney in downtown Columbia and an active member of a downtown businessmen Bible study that was co-founded by CIU President Dr. Bill Jones.

Short, who attended the April dinner meeting, says there is an abundance of downtown believing professionals with a wide variety of ministries who can share their experiences with the students.

“We passed along our experiences on being relational, on how to share your faith, on how to approach leading others to Christ, on how to live an abundant Christian life in your workplace,” Short said. “These efforts are mostly non-denominational and thus strengthen the local churches and ministries.”

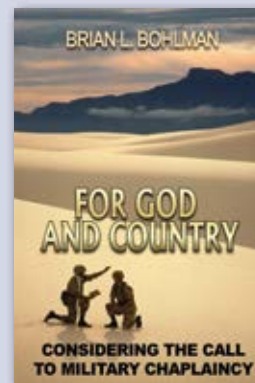
That resonated with CIU freshman Andrew White, who attended the dinner.



“I met businessmen who integrate their faith into their business, so I was reassured that integrating faith in the contemporary American marketplace is possible,” White said. “In(h gs 03s /TT2 Tf nat)-iblia963De t

RESOURCES

New Books by CIU Professors



For God and Country

*By Dr. Brian Bohlman
Adjunct Professor of Chaplaincy*

Considering the call to ministry can be

the traditional church setting, such as military chaplaincy. Dr. Brian Bohlman writes from a Christian perspective and holds the premise that the vocation of military chaplaincy is a high and honorable calling from God. Published by Chaplain Resource Center.

Learning to Lead (through love)



Open Mic Night at the Ram Shack

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

Standing off-stage at CIU's coffee house, the Ram Shack, senior

CIU's campus for his creative writing and knack for video games, he decided to surprise his audience with a hidden talent: he took the stage and rapped a song he had written.

by the senior class. Students performed guitar solos, read poetry, and sang, displaying their creative talents for their peers who squeezed onto couches and sipped coffee.

"I performed because I liked the open opportunity it provided the way it was organized, and the reception of the crowd."

The senior class hosted the event as a way for students to display their talents and enjoy their classmates' performances.

"Our goal was to provide an opportunity for students to take some time off on a Friday night and enjoy good coffee, a variety of talents, and a casual atmosphere," senior class president Niki McIntosh said.

The coffee house feel of the Ram Shack has made the former

bookstore a favorite on-campus gathering place.

"Ram Shack manager Kathy Weathersby and others have also done a great job over the past couple semesters in turning the Ram Shack into a place students want to hang out, and we wanted to take advantage of that," McIntosh said.

Open Mic Night also featured graduate student Jack Lewis on banjo and a chorded zither.

"The banjo started us off, followed by poetry, rap, the violin, piano, guitar, and vocals," McIntosh said. "The night wasn't about measuring the talent, it was about enjoying it."

Other students performed a combination of guitar and vocal music, and sophomore Mitch Gebell had the audience laughing with a comedic magic trick.

"We were most excited about the turnout of students and the constant lineup of talent," McIntosh said at the end of the night. ■

RAMS CLUB UPDATE

Mission Quality – On and Off the Field

Ever since CIU began competing in intercollegiate athletics in

79 athletes added to the student body and athletic facilities constructed and/or renovated. The Moore Fitness Center is now the “Home of the Rams” for basketball, a collegiate

through the 400-acre campus. Women’s soccer and men’s golf are scheduled to start this fall, with softball soon to follow.

and will be used for intramural athletics and other activities. Campus life has a school spirit about it with encouragement and support at its foundation. But there’s more; things you may not see.

One of the goals of CIU Athletics is for each team to be a “mission team.” In January, we saw that vision become reality

Whittaker, ministered in Guatemala, sharing the gospel with a variety of people including professional soccer players they met in competition. (See page 18.)

blessing to be able to gather with those guys [afterward] and share our testimonies with them,” Whitaker said.

Not only did the Rams play three exhibition games, they also hosted soccer clinics for children, visited terminally ill children at a cancer hospital, ministered to people who live in a community built on a trash dump, and even did a little construction work — all the while sharing the gospel wherever they went.

“We were able to love on a lot of kids who don’t have a lot of love in their lives,” junior Ethan Chandler said.

But in the mystery of ministry, not only were lives of

Guatemalans changed, so were the lives of the members of the CIU soccer team.

“The amazing thing is that we were the ones who ended up being blessed,” Coach Whitaker added.

“I think God used this trip to make a profound impact on each one of us. For me the highlight was recapping each day and hearing what God was doing in the lives of each of these guys.”

These student-athletes are admirable representatives of CIU on

to impact the nations with the message of Christ, whether it is in sports, in ministry, in the marketplace or as in the case of the

Athletics contributes not only to the growth of CIU’s enrollment but has created a new component to campus life, with students proudly wearing their “Rams Army” shirts as they cheer from the stands.

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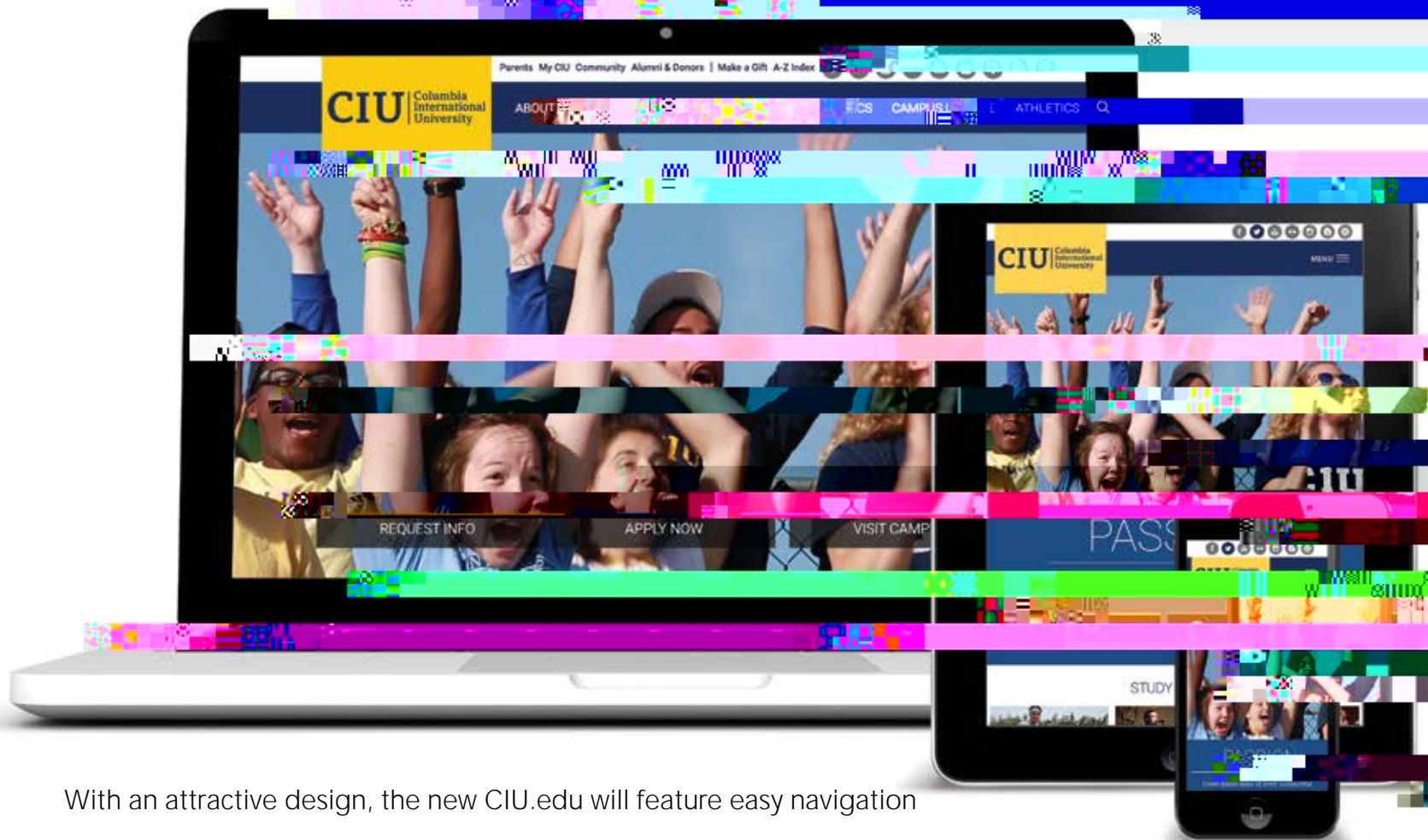
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Still Indebted after 70 Years

By Stan French ('57)

Editor's note: Stan French originally wrote the following post on his blog. It is used with his permission. French lives in Ormond Beach, Florida.

I arrived on the campus of Columbia International University (then called Columbia Bible College)

ALUMNI *Class Notes*

1940s

Wallace and Eleanor (Holderman) ('45) Turnbull

returned to Haiti where they have served most of the last 70 years of their life. *eleant@Tbull.com*

Sherwood '45 and Muriel (Yates) ('46) Taylor ministered to congregations for 34 years with the West Brazil Mission of the Presbyterian Church. After returning to the United States, Sherwood was pastor of a small church in Alabama, before they retired in Georgia where they teach Sunday school and Bible studies. They have fond memories of their years at CIU (Columbia Bible College at that time), and hope that at least

will be led by God to study at CIU. *mursherty@gmail.com*

Sarah Overstreet Midyett ('49) praises the Lord for the publication of the book about her late husband, **JT Midyett ('49)**. "JT Another Mighty Midyett" is a moving tribute

recalls his awareness that God was always at the forefront, leading his path. *somidyett@sc.rr.com*

1950s

Ed ('51) and Mary Lee (Fry) ('52) Walker served in Haiti for 23 years, equipping national leaders and building a vibrant radio ministry. After returning to the United States, Ed served as World Team's U.S. director for seven years, before

continuing his research and writing on missionary issues. In his memoir, "Astonishing Grace: A Mentor's Ministry in Haiti and Beyond," Ed presents the story of the way the Lord met him throughout his life. The book is a great ea—0(g (h8.6(—0(g (h8..()9a)-8.4

1970s

John ('76) and Linn (Dillard) Crowe ('76) met at CIU. John pastored a CMA church in Charlotte, North Carolina for

Christian Union (BCU) and The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), and then in Cairo, Egypt for six and a half years. They founded MRCofNC (www.MRCofNC.org) two years ago, which connects missionaries to the resources they need, such as use of a car, counselors, places of respite, debriefs, etc. The great bonus is that they are located in Raleigh, North Carolina, where their two daughters, Ashley Martindale ('00) and Julie Hayes ('04) live with their four and two kiddos respectively!

Jim ('78) and Sue ('77) Ness praise the Lord that after 30 years of working with Wycliffe on the Daasanach Bible Translation and Literacy project in Kenya, the Daasanach New Testament is complete. The dedication took place in northern
jrness08@yahoo.com

Jean (Nelson) Werner ('78) served with Pioneers abroad. She now lives stateside, promoting interaction between Americans and incoming international graduate students.
jnwerner2001@yahoo.com

1980s

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Mike ('99) and Beth Matheson and their two girls are moving to Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Mike will

kids who live on a large mission base in the highlands. You can learn more about their ministry at www.mkyouthpastor.com.

2000s

Matt ('00) and Joanne Cole live in College Station, Texas where Matt works as chief litigation counsel for Sexing Technologies, a world leader in livestock reproductive services. He advises his clients on matters related to risk management, compliance, and growth opportunities. He received his law degree from Baylor. They have three children:
mattgcole@gmail.com

With The Lord

Gertrude Addis Tharpe ('38)
Helen Norwood Pritchard ('47)
Mildred Larson ('50)
Dorothy Thorsby ('50)
Dorothy Thiers Brown ('51)
James Cail Sr. ('51)
Elsie (Hare) Thornton ('51)
Frank Cole ('52)
Betty Patterson ('52)
Fred Tenney ('52)
Warren Hathaway ('55)

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Pastor, Leader, Evangelist Dr. David Chow ('75) is the president of Ambassadors for Christ, Inc. (AFC) continuing the work that his father, Moses Chow ('58) started. His heart is to see the Chinese churches and the Chinese be a force for God's kingdom. Through AFC's mission of reaching Chinese intellectuals and their partnership with Chinese churches to advocate for missions and discipleship, David embodies CIU's core values of World Evangelization and Evangelical Unity. He and his wife Karen have four children: Dalen, Daniel,

THE FINAL WORD

Our Religious Freedom Restoration – in Christ

We've heard much in the news recently about several states passing bills with names such as The Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Those of us who follow Christ can certainly appreciate any legislative body that desires to codify further the religious freedom stated in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...

Such freedom remains exceptional in the annals of world history.

More important than the religious freedom granted by the Constitution or by state laws, however, has always been the freedom we have in Christ. Regardless of the nation or culture in which we live, we have freedom that extends far beyond the exercise of our personal religion. We live both free from sin and free to love and serve others through the One who liberated us by His death and resurrection.

Jesus declares:

. A few verses

later He makes it clear this describes freedom from sin. That freedom alone changes everything for us.

Our freedom in Christ, though, also has implications for the way we relate to others, even when they try to cause us harm. Peter writes,

A bondsman of God has his Master's interests at heart, and we know that Jesus said of Himself,

So, we should use our freedom to love and serve others, even those who may show contempt toward us and our beliefs. As Paul reminds us, *brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."* (Gal. 5:13-14).

For Americans, protecting our religious freedom remains precious. For all believers, though, far more precious in the sight of God continues to be a freedom in Christ that serves others and shows them how they can be set free from sin.

Yours for His glory,



William H. Jones
President

