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From the President's Office

A New Day is Dawning ...

... at Trinity College of Florida. Your prayers are making a difference. Your sacrifices are paying the price. Your assistance is generating the courage and confidence that "something new is about to **spring forth**." And the good news is that the Lord of the Universe is totally in charge. Reflect on His words:

Do not remember the former things nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing, Now, it shall spring forth:
 Shall you not know it?

He further says: *I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert ... This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.* Isa. 43:18-19,21 NKJV

This school year (2006-2007) we are celebrating **75 years** of training men and women for the service of the King of kings, Lord of lords. The graduates and those who have attended Trinity College of Florida have impacted the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Serving in the church as well as in other professions, these students have *lived out* the transforming message of our Savior and ushered literally thousands upon thousands into the Kingdom.

Hardships and difficulties have been on the "agenda," but God has been faithful every step of the way. In times of stress and trouble, He has always been near.

Built on this foundation of commitment and sacrifice, a "New Day is Dawning" as we have entered the 21st century. *It is a new day of:*

- ♦ **Unprecedented** opportunities to enrich and empower our community at large. Our local community is expanding around the College in all arenas of commerce and business. New subdivisions are everywhere with a new hospital under construction. Trinity College can be a huge *spiritual resource center* for the entire Christian community.
- ♦ **Unmatched** Biblical teaching by highly committed and trained faculty members. Each faculty member is committed educationally and relationally to the students, providing the best learning environment possible.
- ♦ **Unusual** passionate student body committed to knowing Him and making Him known. Our students are in attendance within forty different denominational and independent churches, strengthening and enriching the Body of Christ.
- ♦ **Unique** position as the Bible College for a surrounding 2nd million people. With our degree completion program, *TrinityQuest*, additional opportunities are available for students seeking to further their Biblical and leadership training.
- ♦ **Undeniable** influence as an accredited Bible College of worldwide recognition. Faculty and graduates alike have been recognized by world leaders for their contributions toward mankind. Recently mentioned in *Newsweek* and appearing in the St. Petersburg Times on many occasions, the College continues to possess opportunities of influence.
- ♦ **Uncommon** praying, planning, and preparation for a new student residence hall (part of Phase 1 on the master plan). Through the pledging and giving to this endeavor, a design/construction firm has been selected with schematic drawings underway.

The list goes on and on ... **A New Day is dawning** due to the commitment of the Trustees, previous administrations, and dedicated alumni. They have *Stayed the Course* to the Glory of God! How is this possible? Here it is: **"I will do a new thing ...,"** the words of the Lord. He will do it through *our availability* to Him. After all the years of faithful labor and service, **now it shall**

spring forth; shall you not know it? The "road" has been paved and the "rivers" of refreshment and provision are flowing. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes! The purpose of all of this is found in Isaiah 43:21.

***This people I have formed for Myself;
 They shall declare My praise.***

Join the Trinity College of Florida family in trusting Him to honor His name through all we say and do. **He is the Source of all you need, the Strength for all you do, and the Song for all you feel.**

Mark T. Amell



Our Trinity Administration



From left to right: Melvin L. Carter, Vice President for Development; James E. Lanpher, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mark T. O'Farrell, President; Joel G. Schmidt, Vice President for Business and Finance; Albert R. Depoutot, Jr., Vice President for Student Development

The Trinity Touch

By Melvin L. Carter, Vice President for Development

One of the benefits of being the Vice President for Development is having opportunities to meet and call on friends and alumni of Trinity College. I view my role as a friend-raiser who is serving the Lord as a fund-raiser. The Lord has allowed me to develop many deep friendships. My wife, Kathleen, works in partnership with me on most of my visits.

Many alumni who attended the Dunedin campus may know one of these friends. She is AliceMae Favro; the artist who painted "The Lord's Supper" that hung in the prayer room on that campus. Of late she has been in great pain and has experienced much suffering. She sent some thoughts on turning 86 to Kathleen and me. She writes:

"I've learned during these latter years, that this Christian life is not first about being 'happy' - nor even being healthy - but it's about being holy. Holiness is the product of embracing all that this life brings - the painful as well as the joyful - and choosing to grow spiritually through everything we experience in this earthly life.

"We don't really understand true joy nor comprehend purpose in life (to glorify God) unless and until we have suffered deep pain, and so learn of true life in Christ. Sometimes I think that is the only reason I'm left on earth, having lost the glorious privilege of serving Him in the Body of Christ for so many years, but now 'shelved,' though more accurately, 'shut in with God.'

"And so, 'set aside' I've learned, too, that serving Him is not necessarily or wholly doing but also 'being' and becoming, - under His tutelage - the servant He wants us to be. And through it all, He gives us 'bonuses' in precious Christian friends who love and care and uphold us. Thank you for fulfilling that role in my life."

Every time Kathleen and I visit with AliceMae to pray with her and to encourage her, we are the ones who are refreshed as much or more than she. She reflects the Lord Jesus in her life. May we all learn the lesson of being in Christ and allowing His holiness to shine through our lives! The Lord tells us in I Peter 1:16, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." That is my heart's desire. Please make it yours.

From Your Alumni President

"...My Peace I Give Unto You..." John 14:27

"Now may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Heb. 13:20-21

What a powerful connection we enjoy through our Lord Jesus Christ in these verses! Note: His peace, His power, His blood, His care, His covenant, His will, His pleasure, His sight, for His Glory. Where do we fit in? We must be willing to let Him perfect and perform His will in our lives – for His eternal glory. These are not peaceful times, but He is our peace.

As Alumni, our renewed challenge must be to yield ourselves to the will of Him Who has called us. I just spoke with **Charles (1938)** and **Emily (1939) Massey** in Tampa, and though they are weak, their God keeps them strong enough to teach 40 – 50 in a weekly Tuesday Bible study. Today I called **Al** and **Jane Tedder (1956)** and found the same devotion to teaching a weekly class

of 120 in spite of ill health since Al returned from Africa. They celebrated 50 years of marriage and ministry this year as did **Wendel (1959)** and **Elly Lilly**. Others who have marked 50 years of ministry are **Ruth Luttrell (1953)** in the Caribbean, **James (1955) and Grace Lilly** in Africa with SIM, **Ivan and Doris Schoen (1955)** in Suriname, and **Chuck and Bobbi Kinzer (1955)** in East Africa with AIM. It was our joy to recognize **Chuck and Bobbi** at the May banquet with the **Alumni Award for 2006** for their ministry and for directing students to Trinity. **Ken Moon (1957)** will be the featured speaker at Northside Christian School's 35th anniversary dinner on October 14, at 7 PM at the St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel. **Ken** pastored Northside Baptist Church, the school's parent, and his wife **Dottie (1957)** served as music director for many years.

50 years is not "forever and ever" even if it seems that way, but many of our alumni have served that and more as willing, yielded servants of our Lord. To Him be the Glory. **Art and Evy Yohner (1958)** remind us all with a motto verse: "Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." MATT. 24:44 NKJV

I sent a letter on your behalf to **Shirley Corts** and family as we joined in thanksgiving for the life of our brother **Mark Corts (1959)** who finished his

course valiantly at the end of August. Continue to pray for his family: **George and Naomi Corts White (1953)**, **John and Jo Ann Corts (1956)** and **Tom Corts (1960)**. Our times are in His hands. Our brother **Joe Tibbetts (1940)** is seriously ill in the hospital as I write. Thanks to all your prayers **Andy Arnette (1992)** has recovered from his bout with kidney stones in Indonesia. He and his wife, **Amy Beth (Erskine) (1992)** and their children will come home on furlough in November. We appreciate receiving your prayer requests for alumni so we can beseech our Lord together. We do need each other.

I was pleased to talk with **Peter (1962)** and **Joy Picos** who had just visited **Preston Schoentube (1961)** in West Virginia. **Amy Houts (1963)** went to Bulgaria again and rejoices in God's goodness. **Paul Rasmussen (1966)** is leaving to teach *Building on Firm Foundations* in Chile again with NTM.

Matt Hurja (2002) and family came home for a 4-month furlough from Germany. They went back in August to continue serving with Word of Life. These are evidences of the world being touched by Trinity alumni. May each take the Gospel of Peace as they follow the steps and will of the Lord Jesus.

With another Student Missionary Conference at Trinity, others will step out to be willing servants. Let's pray for our school and participate in support for this school year. The faculty and staff are fulfilling the will of God in training others to serve our Lord until He comes. May He give you peace.

"...Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid..." JOHN 14:27

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Les Harris with Alumni Scholarship Recipient
Anna McKampson



Mary Anne Harris (center) with Alumni Award
Recipients Chuck and Bobbi Kinzer

Les

In Memory

Dr. C. Mark Corts (1959) passed into the presence of the Lord August 29, 2006. Dr. Corts served at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, North Carolina from July of 1963 until November of 2002. The Southern Baptist Convention recognized his ministry and leadership through the numerous positions of responsibility in which he served his Lord. He was known as a great expository preacher and preached in more than fifty countries and on every continent. The breadth and depth of his ministry was greatly appreciated and will be missed; he made a difference. In spite of his illness, he continued mentoring pastors after he retired and he worked on his book, *The Truth About Spiritual Warfare* that was released September 1, 2006 by Broadman & Holman Publishing.



Dr. C. Mark Corts

Dr. Corts received his B.A. Degree from Trinity College of Florida and did graduate study at Chicago Graduate School of Theology and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Trinity College of Florida in 1971. Dr. Corts served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Trinity College for two years. He was much loved by his classmates and friends.

Barbara Dains (Att'd 1975-76) is a fourth grade teacher in a public school in Woodbury, Connecticut. She has been a teacher there for 18 years. Barbara attends church at Community Chapel in Southbury, Connecticut and has been volunteering this past summer at ACTS 4 which is a clothing ministry for needy families in the area. She had a wonderful visit this summer with **June Ward Davis (Att'd 1975-77)**, the first person she met when she went to Trinity in 1975. They have stayed close friends over the years.

Congratulations to **Joyce (Fillmore) Lambertson (1961)** on the release of her CD, *Organ Praises*, consisting of 21 organ arrangements of sacred hymns and gospel songs. If you are interested in purchasing one of these CDs, you may contact Way of Truth Ministries 814-944-2894.

Pray for our teachers in China who have returned there to continue teaching after visits to the states. **Randy (1986) and Karen (1982) Board**, and **Linda Sandy (1986)**.

Ivan (1958) and Doris (1955) Schoen say that prayer has succeeded in keeping them in mission ministry for 50 years and has enabled them to complete 53 books of the Bible in

In Remembrance

Catherine Berg (1955), April 5, 2006
 Renee Street (1938), May 5, 2005
 Vivian Exley Jenkins (1952), October 13, 2006
 Melvin B. Shultz (1951), June 25, 2006
 William A. Berryhill (1956), November 5, 2006

Weddings

Chris Kuti (student) and Mary Britt, May 13, 2006
 Joshua Atkins and Katryna Lyons (2006), June 3, 2006
 Billy Brown (student) and Ruthanne Sewell (2006)
 June 3, 2006
 Joseph Allotta (2006) and Amanda Phillips (2006)
 June 4, 2006
 Gerardo Cordero (2006) and Jenny Espinoza (2006)
 July 1, 2006
 Justin Thompson (student) and Rachel Cummings
 (student) August 20, 2006

Welcome

Emmanuel Thomas Feliciano
 Born on June 21, 2006 to Fred (1993) and Sarah (Harris
 1993) Feliciano
 Corbin Walter Schmidt
 Born on August 18, 2006 to Joel (Trinity College Vice
 President for Business and Finance) and Angela Schmidt

the Wayana language. They have been hindered recently in this process by Doris' accident and subsequent surgeries, a move to another house and the death of their daughter Becky. Their goal continues, Lord willing, to be for the Wayana tribe to have a complete Bible in their lifetime. The goal seemed unattainable until the Lord put it in their hearts to suggest to their long time fellow missionary, **Roy Lytle (1968)**, that he take on the translation of five Old Testament books when he retires from his present ministry on the field of teaching and preaching. That will only leave eight books for the Schoens to do to complete the Old Testament rather than 13. Ivan and Doris leave a thought to ponder: "There were more than 40 original writers of the Bible over a period of 1500 years or more, who were directly moved by the Spirit of God to write, and who wrote in their own language and framework of their own culture that which they were instructed to write, whereas, most translators have but one lifetime to learn, with the help of the Lord, another language, identify with a different culture, and master a strange grammatical system in order to produce a meaningful translation. But, the final product is not just a work of man which may endure for a time - even for centuries

or thousands of years as the pyramids of Egypt. The Word of God is eternal and will survive time to bless future generations."

Craig Batson (1983) is a pastor in West Tennessee.

Gary Brooks (1967) continues to pastor the Manatee RV Park Community Church south of Ruskin, Florida. He also continues to serve as chaplain aboard the SS American Victory Mariners' Memorial and Museum Ship berthed in Tampa. He traveled this summer to Mexico as an adjunct professor of Huntington University, teaching a course on Bible Synthesis.

Tom (1991) and Karen Ravasio reside in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on a 20-acre horse ranch where Tom stays busy



The Ravasio Family

training horses and enjoying a great ride every now and then. Since leaving Trinity College Tom and Karen have been involved with starting a church plant, opening a Christian Western Horse Ranch (www.shekinahranch.com) and Tom has authored a book series for youth about the white horse mentioned in Revelation 19:11 called "Shekinah, Lord of the Horses - www.lordofthehorses.com. He has written three of the books so far and the fourth is due out in the late fall of 2006. Tom's interest in helping people discover more about themselves has led him to go on to get his counselor's license and degree from the National Christian Counselors Association. He uses Creation Therapy (Temperament Therapy) to help people discover the way God "wired" them. The results are amazing. Their three daughters, April, Kalyn and Mikayla are all doing well. April lives in Palm Harbor and is busy raising three sons while Kalyn and Mikayla are journeying through their teen years with dedication to their youth groups and ministry opportunities. Kalyn is 15 and Mikayla turns 14 in November. Karen continues to look after the Ravasio family and provides care to an elderly woman in a neighboring town several days a week. Tom and Karen would love to hear from you. They can be reached at 724-258-3222 or send an e-mail to ravas4@earthlink.net.

Soyoun Kim (2002) passed the Tennessee bar exam earlier this year. She takes it as a sign to work harder as God's fervent servant.

When **Don Rasmussen (1966)** received notice of Trinity's missions conference in September, it brought to mind another missions conference years ago. When Don arrived at Trinity in 1962, his desire was to get a foundation in the Word before going to Hollywood to study film production. He and his wife, **Cheryl (Johannes) (1966)** both thought they would go into that field, but it was at the missions conference that the Lord changed their path and called them into missionary work. They have been involved in missions ever since, having served in Colombia, South America for almost 40 years. They now direct a small mission organization and have missionaries in a number of countries, as well as oversee the ministry they founded in Colombia in 1972 which works with drug addicts.

God is awesome! Those are the words of **Savorn (Scully) Touch (2000)**. She teaches at Logan Hope School in Philadelphia where God has been teaching her and her husband, Vibol, a lot about walking by faith. Vibol is the senior pastor of the Cambodian church, and they have two children, Nathaniel, 4, and Philip, 10 months. Drug dealers, prostitutes, and gangs constitute the lifestyles of Savorn's students and their families. Logan Hope School is offered to kids who are struggling to survive in the public school. The tuition is very low and their salaries are by *faith!* For Savorn's family, Logan Hope is a mission field of lost souls and broken families in need of Christ and it is not the paycheck that motivates them to work. Each day is a spiritual battle and each day God makes Himself known to them that He is in control. When Savorn started teaching K-1, she was greatly surprised to learn that her students did not know phonics, could



Savorn, top left, with her students

not read, and were in great need of love and encouragement. Savorn says that each day she sees God's wonder in these children's lives, and she and Vibol would not trade any job for the one they have each day. They ask for you to remember them in prayer as they continue to win these children and possibly influence their families for Him.

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Trinity Students in the Community

By Rev. Al Depoutot

This year Trinity College participated in *Somebody Cares Tampa Bay*. *Somebody Cares Tampa Bay* was established to unify and empower the Church across denominational and racial lines, utilizing all the key components that are needed to effectively reach and evangelize the Bay Area for Christ. *Somebody Cares* has equipped and supplied the Church with resources through many projects and events. By combining resources, we have been able to do more together than apart and significantly increase our effectiveness in reaching the Bay area. It is a one-day event in which churches and businesses across the Tampa Bay area are united to go out into the community and show the love of Christ by helping people in need. This year eleven cities were involved, two thousand four hundred and twelve volunteers came out to lend a hand in the one hundred and seventy-five different projects in fifteen different communities. We are so grateful for all the hard work that went into this year's event. It would not have been so successful without the commitment of everyone involved. In Pasco County where Trinity College participated, there were approximately 150 volunteers. These volunteers painted three houses, cleaned up Bayonet Point Middle School, and cleaned up other properties, as well as performing many other home repairs. Trinity College (a major sponsor)



Trinity Staff and Students at Raise the Roof



Trinity Students Hard at Work

had 30 volunteers who had the opportunity to work with other Christians from different denominations and learn what it is like to truly do something for someone else, receiving nothing in return. Trinity was the host site for the event, which meant that we would have lunch ready for a hungry crew. We served approximately 100 people from the community and heard the stories of how God had used this event to touch the hearts of those that worked and those that received the help. It was a great success.

Another event that Trinity College participated in, which took place on October 14, was *Raise the Roof*. The goal of *Raise the Roof* was to expose the general community to the Good News of Jesus Christ. It was a one-day event held at Clearwater's Coachman Park. The first *Raise the Roof* was held in August, 1999 at Tropicana Field before a Devil Rays baseball game. Rebecca St. James was the headline artist. The following year, Michael W. Smith attracted a crowd of 16,000. In 2001, the event moved to the Ice Palace and featured four-time Dove award winner Nicole C. Mullen and the hot new group, TrueVibe. The Tampa Bay Storm received an award from the arena football league for best group event

for *Raise the Roof*. Trinity College was a major sponsor in this event and received plenty of prime advertising in the literature for the event as well as being able to have a booth at the event itself. There were about 25 to 30 students who helped put on this event. They did everything from folding and handing out programs to counseling with those that came forward at the end of the night. There were over 6,000 people at the event and 151 decisions were made for Christ that night. Not only did they have great entertainment (the groups Skillet, Casting Crowns, Among the Thirsty, Andrew Phillip, and Consumed performed) but at one point Luis Palau preached the gospel and invited people to come to Christ. *It was an awesome time!*

Recent Memorial Gifts to the College

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Ms. Judy L. Shaffer

Oliver and Evelyn Tedder

Mr. Herbert R. Larson

Fern Thomas

Mr. Joseph Thomas

Rev. & Mrs. Melvin Carter

2006 Trinity Missions Conference in Pictures

By Dr. Paul Fritz, Director of Missions



The 2006 Trinity Missions Conference took a new turn by focusing on missions within the United States. Students were encouraged to engage in spiritual transformation from regular Christians into on-mission Christians, using organizations and strategies designed to awaken Christians and churches to personal involvement in the Great Commission. This year we invited training specialist, Darren Tipton, from the National Mission Service Corps of the North American Mission Board. He also serves as a Missions Communication Specialist with NAMB for mobilization events specifically, long-term pathways of service. A native of Guymon, Oklahoma, Darren is a 1993 graduate of West Texas A&M University. He earned his master's degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas. Darren represented the North American Mission Board as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention home mission agency which assists SBC churches in reaching the United States, Canada, and the U.S. Territories with the gospel of Jesus Christ. NAMB's work includes starting new churches, training and equipping people in evangelism, and mobilizing churches and church members to be on mission for Christ. The Board oversees the work of more than 5,100 missionaries, 42% of whom are volunteers. In addition to enjoying seven different ministries sessions with Darren, the students had twenty-one different workshops presented by a record number of mission representatives from September 28-30. Dozens of students made decisions to participate in future short-term mission ministries including children's ministries, disaster relief and translation projects. We thank God for the tremendous participation from the faculty, staff, and students in coordinating a successful dessert time following the Thursday evening missions night. Special thanks go to Rev. Mel Carter, Naphtili Simpson and Dangelo Gomes for their leadership ministries.



Trinity Graduates ... Going Forth

By Naphtili Simpson, Class of 2006



Naphtili with the Korowai people

This summer I had the incredible experience of spending eight weeks in Southeast Asia with Wycliffe Bible Translators. God severely moved in my heart while I was there. He pierced my heart for the people and burdened me for the work that is going on there.

I spent the first part of the trip in the capital city of the country we visited. There I met a team of eleven other Americans and three nationals. Our group split up for the second part of the trip. My group of three went to the furthest east island of the country. We went deep into the interior and lived with the DeVrie family. They are Wycliffe missionaries from the Netherlands. They have been working among the Korowai people for about three and a half years now.

The Korowai live in a way that is very far removed from modern life. Their housing, food and dress are very different. They live in tree houses, which are nothing more than thatched roof homes with plank wooden floors. These houses are typically 30 feet off the ground with a living tree as their main support. For food they mostly eat sagu, which is basically cornstarch that they get from the center of sagu palm

trees. They make this into a heavy thin bread type substance. Insects and pig are their main sources of protein but they also eat birds when they can get them. Sagu grubs are their main delicacy. Traditionally they wear much less than is common to us. Women wear skirts made from part of a palm branch and men wear simply a leaf and ornamental strings around their waist.

There are about 4,000 Korowai. Praise God that there are now seven believers among them. God is definitely at work. It was incredible to see God's work among a people group that has had very little exposure to the Gospel. Most of the Korowai have heard the Gospel for the first time through the DeVrie family. Only one other missionary has ever worked among them. How beautiful are the feet of the DeVries because the Korowai are living examples of the people Romans 10 speaks about. "How shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" Praise God that He desires the salvation of those from every tribe, nation and tongue.

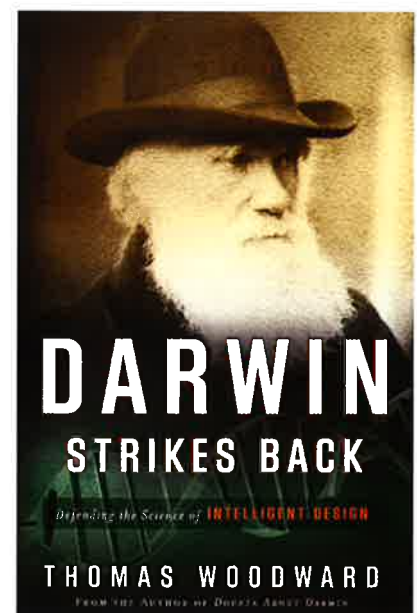
Because of what I saw and experienced during my trip this summer I have committed my life to Christ. He can do with me as He pleases. I deeply desire to work with Wycliffe and will be pursuing a graduate degree to equip me for that task beginning this next July. (Naphtili is currently serving as an assistant in the Trinity College Raymond H. Center Library.)

*"How shall they believe in Him
whom they have not heard?"*

Now Available: Darwin Strikes Back

Trinity professor Dr. Tom Woodward's latest book, *Darwin Strikes Back*, is now available in bookstores. In the foreword, Dr. William A. Dembski states the following: "*With Doubts About Darwin*, he [Dr. Woodward] has established himself as the historian of the Intelligent Design Movement. Now, with *Darwin Strikes Back*, he also assumes the role of a gifted war correspondent, moving up and down the lines of engagement, tracing streams of intense and often ferocious rhetoric as they are poured out upon design theorists by panic-stricken Darwinists." He goes on to say, "Woodward's previous work - *Doubts About Darwin* - received the high regard of numerous scholars not at all associated with the ID Movement ... Likewise in *Darwin Strikes Back*, his narratives and insights as a rhetorician of science should prove just as indispensable for the defenders of Darwinian orthodoxy as they are for the challengers. I predict this will especially be the case in his analysis of the debate swirling around Michael Behe and the flagellum as well as his coverage of the origin of life stalemate, and the self-maiming explosives of the atheologians."

Chuck Colson, founder and chairman of Prison Fellowship, states, "My friend Tom Woodward is one of the most effective and articulate chroniclers of Intelligent Design in America today. This excellent work will clear away some of the fog of confusion spread by Darwinists, and give you solid, usable information to defend Intelligent Design. A very valuable resource in one of the most consequential debates of our times."



Darwin or Design?

By Dr. Tom Woodward

September 29, 2006 - a day to remember. The day that the scientific case against Darwin was presented to a record-setting audience of some 3,500 in the Sun Dome arena at the University of South Florida to hear "Darwin or Design?" - a high octane crash course on the origins controversy. Never before had such a crowd gathered to hear about scientific evidence that conflicts with Darwinism and points to Intelligent Design (ID).

Jason Anderson (2002), who has worked for the past two years for the Discovery Institute, the leading think tank supporting research on ID, viewed the Sun Dome conference as a turning point: "It was the most encouraging event we have ever seen, where the public has an opportunity to hear why Darwin's theory is imploding. It was amazing especially to see the number of the next generation who came out. In doing that, they rebelled against the idea that we're just a cosmic accident.

"Darwin or Design?" was sponsored by Physicians and Surgeons for Scientific Integrity (PSSI). For more on PSSI, see doctorsdoubtingdarwin.org. Tampa cardiologist Dr. James O. Smith, a PSSI founder, welcomed the Sun Dome audience and explained how educators' increasing censorship of data "hostile to Darwinian macroevolution" had spurred the group to organize itself to educate the public on scientific problems with the Darwinian creation story.

The conference kicked up a storm cloud of controversy at USF and was even boycotted by USF's biology department. Eight USF professors, including Trinity board members Dr. Thomas Wade and Dr. James Stock, sent an explanatory postcard to their 2,500 professional colleagues, encouraging them to take advantage of the "interesting opportunity." Evan Tomlin (2006), now studying philosophy at USF, reported that several philosophy professors took a different tack from the biologists: they urged students to attend!

The evening included two talks and two interviews, involving four leading ID theorists, each explaining why the textbook theory had entered a meltdown stage in terms of scientific credibility. Mathematician William Dembski led off, in a brief interview, telling of his new book [The Design of Life](#) (coming early 2007). Next, Jonathan Wells (author of [Icons of Evolution](#) and [The Politically Correct Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design](#)) presented "Underwhelming Evidence" - a survey of five areas of evidence that fall short of claims that textbooks make for them. (The good doctor should sign up for the Tampa Devil Rays; he hit the ball over the fence.)

After a lively question period, I interviewed Dr. Ralph Seelke, biologist at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He explained how experiments with mutant bacteria have revealed the startling weakness of Darwin's "engine" of random mutations sifted by natural selection. Last but not least, Dr. Michael Behe, biochemist and author of *Darwin's Black Box* came to

bat and "crushed the ball" - launching it to the upper deck. He explained why "irreducibly complex" machines, such as the flagellum, a rotary-engine propeller on many bacteria, pose a severe challenge for Darwin's theory. Using Darwin's own words, these complex motors cause the theory to "absolutely break down." Behe reviewed supposed refutations of his work, and showed why each fails, and actually vindicates his argument.

Many commented on how well Behe and the other speakers related their evidence and arguments so that non-scientists could follow them. Saturday morning, the conference moved to the Radisson Hotel in north St. Petersburg, where Drs. Behe, Wells and Seelke each gave additional talks. One couple commented, "As great as Friday was, Saturday was even better!"

The Friday conference was heard live on WGUL radio station, and through widespread internet postings an additional 20,000 or more may have listened to WGUL through the internet around the world. Want to relive "Darwin or Design?" Contact Rich Akin at Trinity College, 727-376-6911 x 338, for information on ordering the DVD set which is \$35.00 including shipping.

The intelligent design hypothesis is affirmed neither by religious presumption nor a void of information; on the contrary, it is confirmed by more and more scientific research that shows irreducibly complex machinery at the heart of life's functions and systems.

Michael Behe, On the Nature of Science,
PSSI ID Conference, USF Sundome, 2006

Dr. Michael Behe

The Great Debate Comes to USF

A Warm Welcome to: Dr. Stuart Parsons

By Dr. James E. Lanpher, Vice President for Academic Affairs

This fall the College was very pleased to welcome a new faculty member to campus. He is Dr. Stuart Parsons, our new Assistant Professor of Bible and Theology.

Dr. Parsons was raised by his grandparents in the small coastal community of Manchester, Massachusetts, which is sometimes known as Mayberry on the ocean due to its small town feel. It is the type of place where the local police car was stolen by a criminal that the police were actually searching for!

Dr. Parsons grew up in a non-Christian atmosphere and came to Christ through reading an evangelistic book when he was in high school. The book convinced him that the Bible is true and that what it says should be believed. He accepted Christ after his junior year.

After high school, Dr. Parsons attended the University of Massachusetts where he obtained a bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then went to work for IBM and earned his masters degree in Computer Science from Marist College. After working for IBM for about fifteen years, Dr. Parsons became disillusioned with the corporate world, left it, and starting taking theology classes. Then he couldn't stop taking them and eventually ended up with a master of divinity degree from Western Seminary.

The Lord eventually led Dr. Parsons to Dallas Theological Seminary where he completed a masters of sacred theology and eventually a doctor of philosophy degree in theology in 2005. Dr. Parsons has a deep interest in the theology of the early church, doing his dissertation at Dallas on Theophilus of Antioch. He is also a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the North American Patristics Society.

We are grateful that the Lord has led Dr. Parsons to Trinity College. He brings a unique background and a good spirit to his classes. We look forward to many successful years of teaching!



Dr. Stuart Parsons

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Thomas Goodlett (1972), sent an e-mail telling us about the exciting opportunities of ministry the Lord has given him and his wife, Tatiana, among the orphans in Ukraine. Tatiana is from the Ukraine and is now a U.S. citizen. When they went to visit her family in Ukraine, the Lord showed them through one of Tatiana's former teachers the need of the orphaned and abandoned children. On return to their church in Columbus, Georgia, they presented the need to the congregation who responded by raising \$20,000 for shoes and socks for the children. The church now sends a team twice a year to minister to the young people and children in the orphanages and schools. Titiana is now in medical school in the Ukraine and each week Tom is developing the ministry of his church to the orphans. They have great freedom in teaching the Bible and have seen many decisions for the Lord. At one orphanage the government gave a psychological test. When the students were asked a question about the Number 1 priority in their life, over 50% said that a relationship with God was their first priority.

For Prayer

Bill Berryhill (1956) Family
Mary Ann Bodden (1936)
Mark Corts (1959) Family
Billy (1940) and Ruth Graham
James Lilly (1955)
Charles (1938) and Emily Massey (1939)
Jack McCurry (1953)
John Rasey (1961)
Al Tedder (1956)
Joe Tibbetts (1940)
Bill Touchton (1989)
Robert W. Watson (1980)
George J. White

For Your Calendars

*75th Anniversary
Celebration Banquet
May 4, 2007
6:30pm
Westin Innisbrook Resort*

*Please plan to be with us
for this special celebration
banquet!*

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