



## Greetings from the picturesque and gorgeous campus of Bethany University!

*Dr. Max Rossi, President*

Every single day I stand amazed at God's gracious hand of favor toward Bethany University! We have vibrant campus, a top flight faculty, an outstanding staff, and the finest students found anywhere! Here is a sample of what's happening at your University:

**Katrina Relief Missions Trip.** Under the leadership of Professor Joseph Childs, nearly sixty of Bethany's faculty, staff, and students, are responding to the needs of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. They are participating in Bethany's Katrina Missions trip to the Gulf Coast in partnership with the School of Urban Missions (SUM). Please see the next page.

**The new Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology** is off to a great start. The inaugural class is already underway, exceeding enrollment expectations, and recruitment continues for the next group. The MS program is looking for committed, compassionate, and capable men and women to take on the challenge of graduate studies in psychology. At the heart of our mission in graduate psychology is to view this discipline from a Christian perspective. Christian men and women are being called by God into the unique ministry of human services, whether in the public or private sectors. Bethany's program emphasizes personal spiritual reflection, intentional theological integration in coursework, and an ethic of servant leadership. Bethany is preparing competent and caring professionals in the discipline of psychology, to serve as counselors, psychotherapists, administrators, educators, program directors, and mental health experts of the world's social institutions.

**The Business Administration program** continues to receive rave reviews, and Bethany's faculty in Business has been ranked #6 in the nation among Christian colleges in the September/October edition of Business Reform magazine. The distinction was given to schools whose business faculty had significant marketplace, consulting and business ownership experience. Bethany's business faculty (both traditional and APPL) have either consulted with or have worked for companies such as Adobe Systems, Amgen, Apple Computer, Boeing, Cisco Systems, Compaq, Hyatt Hotels, HP, Hitachi PC, IBM, Johnson-Johnson, Sun Microsystems, Visa International, Zilog, and others. Nearly all have started and owned their own businesses, including banking, business consulting, legal, market research, real-estate, and software. Many are also either licensed or ordained ministers. Moreover, they are all committed to modeling a healthy integration of faith in their professional activities and to encouraging students to do the same.

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**The Bethany Debate Team** advanced to Quarter Finals in the opening season tournament making their presence felt at the first regional tournament of the semester, where Bruin novice debaters Darin Conley and Greg Steward broke into quarter finals. "Conley and Steward only joined the team one month ago", said Coach James H. Stewart. "To be successful at a tournament this quickly is amazing." The Santa Clara University tournament was comprised of six pre-elimination rounds of debate, which decided who would make it into the single elimination award rounds. 28 other teams were entered in Conley and Steward's bracket. Conley and Steward went 5-1 in pre-elimination rounds, making them one of the top seeds in their division. Conley and Steward's streak ended in quarter finals in a close debate on evolution and intellectual design. The Debate tournament topics included: U.S. Foreign Policy towards China, Military Recruitment in High schools, Academic Freedom vs. Community Standards, The Viability of Federalism, and others.



Bethany debate team, from top down left: **Victor Kirven, Krystal Johnson,** and **Delia Gonzales;** center: **Darin Conley** and **Victoria Carillo;** and right: **Greg Steward, Abigail Ortiz,** and **Sarajane Stewart.** Professor **James H. Stewart** heads this debate program, as part of Bethany's Communications Dept.

**The Athletics Program** also continues to make remarkable advances. In Volleyball, the Bruins upset Div. II Notre Dame Namur University in Scotts Valley earlier this Fall. Bethany jumped up and took an early 2 game win before losing the 3rd game. But after a brief intermission the Bruins roared back with outstanding setting from Kat Durnbaugh and the consistent kills from Katie Meledy and Christine Axtell. Also stepping up their play to take any hope away from the Argos, was Angela Holme and freshman Andrea Olmstead. Bethany University Head coach Veronica Cortese motivated the Bruins to work the plan to perfection, as the Bruins Defeat the visiting NDNU Argonauts for the first time in school history. At the NAIA Region II cross country meet held on Saturday November 5, 2005, junior Ashley Watkins made Bethany history by being the first athlete to qualify for an NAIA National Championship. Watkins covered the fast 5K course at Woodward Park in Fresno, California in a season's best time of 19:18.



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Let me also take this opportunity to invite you to Homecoming 2006! You won't want to miss it! Like me, you will also stand amazed at the beauty of our surroundings and the renewed sense of hope and direction of the campus. Please continue to prayerfully support your University! God is at work and you play a crucial part in the equation! God bless you!<sup>BU</sup>

In His service, and yours,

Dr. Máximo Rossi, Jr.,  
President