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Pillsbury Achieves Accreditation

The exciting Spring “news” from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College continues to spread across the country, receiving a very positive response! That news is, of course, the accreditation of PBBC on February 18, 2005, by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) during the Association’s 53rd annual meeting.

The ABHE (formerly known as the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, or AABC) is recognized as a national accrediting agency by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) www.chea.org and is also listed by the United States Department of Education as a recognized accrediting agency for biblical higher education www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg8.html#bce. As a result of these recognitions, the Association’s member institutions are

also recognized by the Department of Justice, the Veterans Administration, and other relevant federal agencies in the United States.



Dr. Robert Crane is congratulated by Dr. Rodney Bell upon the achievement of accreditation status at the ABHE Annual Meeting.

Accreditation is typically a multi-year process. A summary of the steps involved in the process may help to explain why accreditation has been so long in coming to Pillsbury. To achieve accreditation, a college begins with

Applicant status, which may last up to four years, and continues through Candidate status for four or more additional years. Applicant status is granted to institutions that appear to possess the necessary qualities for Candidate status. Candidate status is a pre-accredited status granted to institutions that show promise of achieving accreditation. During the Applicant and Candidate status phases, comprehensive self studies are required. Each phase concludes with an evaluation team visit conducted by educators from peer institutions who determine if the college is ready to move to the next level in the process. At

the conclusion of Candidate status, college administrators meet with a Commission on Accreditation that has the authority to grant accreditation. The goal of accrediting agencies is to

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Policy on Bible Versions

President's Note: Occasionally, we receive questions about the position of the College on Bible versions. I



am placing a copy of our policy in this issue of the *Perspective* with as little editorial comment as possible. My purpose is not to argue for a position or attack other positions, but simply to publish our long-standing policy for those who may not have been aware of it.

Statement on Bible Versions

“The Holy Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, written inerrant in its original languages by Holy men....”

The above words from the Minnesota Baptist Association Confession of Faith, which is also the Confession of Faith for PBBC, represent some important concepts relevant to the present controversy over versions of the Bible.

In the first place, our Confession of Faith asserts that the Bible is “the divinely inspired Word of God.” This is the clear affirmation of the Bible in II Timothy 3:16-17. Inspiration extends fully to the whole of the Old and New Testament Scripture (plenary inspiration) and to the very words of Scripture (verbal inspiration).

Second, the Confession properly ties together the inspiration and the inerrancy of the Scriptures. Biblical inerrancy is a necessary corollary and by-product of divine inspiration. Biblical inerrancy extends to

matters of science, history, and the doctrinal teachings of Scripture.

A third concept presented by this statement is the truth that God used “holy men” to put His revelation into written form. Peter asserts that these “holy men” were moved by the Holy Spirit. This supernatural work guaranteed the inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures.

Finally, the above statement indicates that, technically, inspiration and inerrancy apply only to the original languages or autographs of the Scripture. Only the human authors were “moved” by the Holy Spirit. There is no guarantee from Scripture that copyists and translators of the Scriptures will do their work infallibly. Versions and translations of Scripture do not possess the same inspired quality as the original autographs. It is our conviction, however, that accurate translations of accurate copies have a derivative inspiration because of their identification with the autographs.

Since the church does not possess the originally inspired autographs, does this mean that we do not have the Word of God today? Not at all! The Bible clearly presents the fact that God has providentially preserved His Word. He has preserved His words, His truths, and His doctrines.

Much of the Bible version debate today centers on the nature of the divine

preservation of the Scriptures. Has God perfectly preserved His Word in a single manuscript or version? If so, which one? Or has God preserved His Word in the mass of ancient manuscripts? It is our conviction that the text of Scripture has been preserved in all the ancient manuscripts but perfectly preserved in no single manuscript. By the exacting science of textual criticism, the modern scholar has pored over the ancient manuscripts and delivered to us printed editions of both Testaments that reflect with a very high degree of certainty the precise words of the original manuscripts. In turn, faithful servants of God have translated these printed editions into scores of languages around the world. While no printed editions in the original languages, nor translations in different languages, have the quality of direct divine inspiration, these works are authoritative and trustworthy when produced by honest scholars.

At Pillsbury, we honor and respect

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Mr. Dan Morrell, Missions Professor

Campus Improvements

Students will notice many improvements to the campus facilities when they arrive in August for the 2005-2006 school year. The residence



Chef Dennis Burggraff's kitchen has been upgraded.

halls have been outfitted with new fire alarms, and sprinkler systems were installed in the furnace and laundry

rooms of those buildings. The College is also keeping pace with its strategic plan to furnish 30 residence hall rooms per year with new furniture and carpeting. The carpet has already been installed, and the furniture will be in place when students arrive in August.

The Library has been given a new roof, and the carpet on its main floor is being replaced this summer. By using carpet tiles similar to those used in airports, sections that receive the most wear can be replaced as needed. In the Dining Commons kitchen, new exhaust hoods and venting systems have been installed above the stoves. All of the wood shelving in the kitchen has been replaced with stainless steel.

Old Main was also the site of two projects. The Speech and Drama Department now occupies the entire

third floor of the building. Unused space was converted to expand the scene shop, and additional space has been designated for prop storage and a make-up room for dramatic productions. This work was accomplished by volunteers from among the faculty and staff who contributed their time. The other major project in the building was the relocation of the photo lab facilities to a larger area across the hall from the previous site. The new 450 square-foot dark room more than doubles the size of the former facility.

All of this work is being done in addition to the usual painting, cement repair, and floor-to-ceiling cleaning that is scheduled each year. The campus is looking great as the maintenance crews and hired contractors are on target for completion before the arrival of new students on August 22.

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the King James Version. It is our primary version for use in classrooms, chapel, and extension ministries. We regard it as a trustworthy translation that bears all the marks of orthodoxy. We appreciate the beauty of its language. We are not, however, "King James only" in our position. We are convinced that, because of the diligent study of the original languages and the discoveries of archaeologists in the last 350 years, contemporary scholars are able to translate the Scriptures with a high degree of precision. Some of the modern versions make a valuable contribution to our understanding of God's revelation.

It is our conviction that one's position on the biblical text need not be made a basis for fellowship among Bible

believers. Men who truly love the Lord and truly contend for the Scriptures and the fundamentals of the faith can be found on both sides of the version debate. Both can and should work together in serving God and building the local church.

Finally, let me make some concluding notations about the above policy.

First, Pillsbury Baptist Bible College holds a high view of the origin and importance of the Scriptures.

Second, Pillsbury rightly identifies the current textual debate as a clash of views about God's means of preservation of His Word.

Third, Pillsbury uses the KJV in the classroom, chapel, and extension ministries.

Fourth, Pillsbury acknowledges the soul liberty of every believer to use whatever translation or version he chooses in his personal study and devotional life. We give some guidelines in the use of translation and version that we would recommend if the student does not use the KJV for personal study.

Fifth, we believe and teach that there are disagreements on the issue and that there are good people on both sides of the debate. Thus, it is important to us to teach how to disagree agreeably. We do not believe that the issue warrants the levels of rancor that have at times been generated.

Harvest Home Activities Announced

Harvest Home, which is Pillsbury's traditional Homecoming and Parents Weekend, will be held on September 23-24, 2005. A wide variety of



Pastor Dave Shaleen ('88) will conduct the joint Alumni and College choirs during the Alumni Chapel.

activities have been planned not only for the enjoyment of our alumni but also their spouses and children. The event will begin on Friday morning, September 23, with Alumni Chapel. Pastor David Rogers of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Willmar, Minnesota, will be the guest speaker. Pastor David Shaleen, Minister of Music at Heritage Baptist Church and Christian School in Frankfort, Illinois, will be on hand to lead the joint Alumni and College Choir that will sing two numbers in the chapel hour. Both men will be presented the 2005 Alumni Citation for excellence in Christian ministry during the chapel hour.

This year's special reunion group will be former members of the Pillsbury Comets men's baseball team. They will meet at Owatonna's Fuller Field in Darts Park to play on Friday afternoon. Umpire Charlie Fuller, a

fixture for years behind the plate at Pillsbury's home games will be back to call game. There will also be a home run hitting contest, a fastball pitching contest, and activities for the children between innings of the game.

The annual Alumni Banquet and Harvest Home Concert will be held at Grace Baptist Church of Owatonna on Friday evening. Child care will be provided for ages infant – 4 years during the banquet and concert.

On Saturday, Mr. Brent Mielke, the "Zoo Man," will give three presentations featuring his collection of birds, mammals, and reptiles. Brent and his animals have traveled throughout the United States and Canada, performing in front of over 5 million people. Intercollegiate soccer and volleyball games, a historical tour, a craft session, and plenty of opportunities for great Christian fellowship will round out the weekend activities.

A limited amount of low cost housing is available on the campus on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for housing and the Alumni Banquet are required and can be made by calling toll-free 1-800-747-4557, or you can e-mail pbbc@pillsbury.edu. See the following schedule for a full listing of activities. Additional information may be found on the "What's New" page of the Pillsbury website www.pillsbury.edu.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 23

- 9:30 a.m. Registration begins
- 10:00 a.m. Alumni Choir Practice
- 11:00 a.m. Alumni Chapel
Alumni Citations
Message—
Pastor David Rogers
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Baseball Reunion Game
- 2:15 p.m. Historical Tour
Campus Tour
- 5:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet
Grace Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m. Harvest Home Concert
Grace Baptist Church

Saturday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Brunch starts on campus
- 10:00 a.m. Zoo Man Presentation
Keepsake Craft Session
- 11:00 a.m. Lady Comet Volleyball
PBBC vs. AFLBS
- Noon Zoo Man Presentation
- 1:30 p.m. Zoo Man Presentation
- 2:00 p.m. Comet Soccer
PBBC vs. Crossroads



Former Comet baseball players will hold a reunion.

determine whether institutions of higher education meet or exceed the agency’s standards for accreditation. Taken as a whole, accreditation is structured to provide independent confirmation that an institution of higher education has a well-defined mission; that it has the personnel, facilities, and financial resources to effectively carry out that mission; and that it will continually strive toward excellence.

Although quite involved, the accreditation process helps an institution of higher education in significant ways. The process of conducting self studies is a valuable activity for the personnel of a college, causing them to evaluate its programs and procedures utilizing a variety of measurable assessments. From those assessments, the leadership of the school is able to track progress towards the school’s goals, build upon its strengths, and address its weaknesses. The visiting teams, comprised of veteran educators from colleges and universities with similar goals and a commitment to biblical higher education, provide valuable insights and suggestions that help college leaders to be more effective in addressing the school’s weaknesses and in achieving the mission of the school.

Although some Bible college administrators might argue that accreditation does not significantly aid student recruitment, the experience of the PBBC Admissions staff and the feedback from prospective students seem to indicate that accreditation is having, and will continue to have, a positive effect on new student recruitment efforts and also on encouragement of those who previously dropped out of school to return and complete their degree

Coming Events

Monroe Parker Evangelistic Meetings	August 30–September 2
	Evangelist Norm Stevens
Harvest Home	September 23–24
Choral Festival	November 3–4
	Mac and Beth Lynch – Guest Artists
Thanksgiving Vacation	November 22–27
Christmas at Pillsbury	December 8–9
Christmas Break	December 16–January 8
R. V. Clearwaters Bible Conference	January 10–12
	Missionary Kevin Zakariasen
Missions Conference	March 7–9
Spring Break	March 24–April 2
National Youth Conference	April 14–15
Commencement Concert	May 5
Commencement	May 6

programs. It appears that accreditation may be of even greater significance for students pursuing academic majors that are not uniquely vocational Christian service in nature. At the very least, accreditation removes the negative connotations associated with being “unaccredited.”

Pillsbury students should also realize a number of direct benefits from accreditation. It gives the students and their parents assurance that the education being provided at the College meets generally accepted post-secondary education standards. Students can also benefit from many sources of federal and state financial aid available only to those institutions that have reached at least Candidate status. It is not uncommon for students to receive several thousand dollars of direct aid through these programs, and the students can also qualify for student loans at favorable interest rates. Although credit transfer and degree acceptance decisions are

presently left solely to the discretion of institutions of higher education (and therefore may be arbitrary in nature), being accredited by a nationally recognized body does facilitate students’ transfer of credits to other institutions of higher education. It also facilitates acceptance of their Pillsbury degrees when they desire to enter graduate programs or seek employment opportunities that require degrees from accredited schools.

We believe that our recent accreditation will prove to be yet another significant step forward in the continuing development of our academic programs as we strive to prepare well-qualified men and women for a life of work and ministry—so may the news continue to spread!

Resources Found at Pillsbury.edu

Alumni, prospective students, and friends of Pillsbury are encouraged to use the college website as a primary



Mr. Tom Lawson records the Pillsbury Report weekly.

source of information about the school. Many new features have been added to the site in the past year and those who visit www.pillsbury.edu will find a wealth of information there. No matter where you are located, a couple of quick clicks will give you access to many of the same benefits that come with living next door to the campus.

Mr. Keith Champion, Athletic Director at Pillsbury, writes an article each week for the local newspaper that has become a "must read item" for many subscribers of the *Owatonna People's Press*. As a veteran coach, school administrator, and mentor for athletes of all ages, Coach Champion has a wonderfully balanced approach to athletics that is universally appreciated and respected.

You can read his article, called "From the Sidelines," as it appears each week. Simply go to Pillsbury's website and click on the Athletics button. To whet your appetite, one of Coach Champion's articles, entitled "I Don't Know This Game!" is printed on page

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A weekly source of campus news and current events is the *Pillsbury Report*. The program is aired every Thursday at 8:20 a.m. on Central Seminary's WCTS radio station. Those outside of the Twin Cities broadcast area can listen to WCTS online or find the program posted each week as an audio file on Pillsbury's website. From Pillsbury's home page, click on Updates and scroll down to find the audio files or a link to take you to WCTS online.

Also under the Updates section, you will find Dr. Crane's bi-weekly newsletter. Sent by e-mail to those who subscribe, the *Pillsbury Update* is a quick reading look at the campus and issues that are affecting Christian higher education from the President's perspective. At this site you will find the opportunity to subscribe so each issue will come to you as it is published, or you can read the current as well as archived issues directly from the web.

If you would like to have access to the 2005-2006 Pillsbury Calendar of Events, that too is available at www.pillsbury.edu. Each month is posted in a pdf format that can be viewed and printed on your computer. This is also the location where brochures about special events is posted in a pdf format. We invite you to review the many special events that have been scheduled for the coming year and plan to join us for one or more.

New features are constantly being added to the website, and a complete renovation of the graphics and format is underway. The Communications Office encourages all alumni to submit information or update currently published information in the online Alumni Directory.

Church Finance Course Offered

Pastor Ron Groschel, the senior Pastor of Prior Lake Baptist Church, will teach a Church Finance course at Pillsbury this fall. The course will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. If you are interested in auditing the course or taking it for credit, contact the Admissions Office by calling 1-800-747-4557 or e-mail admissions@Pillsbury.edu.

In Loving Memory

Memorials have been given in honor of

Emily Klima

Mary Jo Shafer



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I Don't Know This Game

A few years ago, I conducted an athletic camp near Nashville, Tennessee. I had a session with elementary students in the morning, high school girls in the afternoon, and high school boys at night. Before the first session started on Monday morning, a young, eight-year-old boy approached me by the edge of the bleachers. He sheepishly asked, "Are you the coach?" I replied that I was and he then stated, "You are going to have problems with me." I fought to hide my amusement with his comment and asked why he would say that. I envisioned this young boy as being a wild, undisciplined boy who would make my week stay in Tennessee a long one. He then looked at me with his big eyes and said, "You see coach, I don't know this game." I then chuckled at his reply and assured him that it was for that very reason we were having camp. He was a good camper and, hopefully, knew more about the game by the end of the week.

That innocent revelation by the young boy has been with me ever since. It has been a reminder to me what coaching is all about. To be a coach is to be a teacher—a teacher who has for his classroom the court, the mat,

the field, the pool, or the track—a teacher who has to teach "the game" just as a math teacher must teach the understanding of a math problem.

Many athletes can play, but it is the coach's job to get them to understand the fundamentals, techniques, and strategies of the game in which they are participating.

Coaches, at all levels, should not get so caught up with their won-loss records that they forget about their responsibility as a teacher. Often, in our competitive society, coaches can get caught up in having to always win to feel successful and forget the platform that they have to teach. Teaching the particular skills associated with the sport, but also teaching character traits, such as teamwork, industriousness, integrity, etc. Teach-

ing how to have humility in victory and graciousness in defeat. Teaching principles that will take the athlete far beyond their athletic years. Teaching



Coach Champion helps 2005 basketball campers improve their technique.

life through example as well as precept. I have found that this should not be an impossible task because most athletes really do want to learn.

What most young athletes are looking for are coaches who are role models. They are looking for coaches who practice what they preach and are enthused about what they do. They are looking for coaches who can look beyond the won-loss record and look for the never-ending opportunities to teach. They are looking for coaches who are willing to invest their lives in them.

Realizing there are many young athletes out there who "don't know this game," we, as coaches, should seize the opportunity to put on our teaching hats and get to work. Our young athletes are depending on it.

That's the way I see it...
From the Sidelines.

Contact Information

We would love to hear from you! Use any of the following convenient means to contact Pillsbury Baptist Bible College.

Admissions Hot-Line – 1-800-747-4557

Website – www.pillsbury.edu

General Campus e-mail – pbbc@pillsbury.edu

A directory of faculty and staff e-mail addresses is available on the above website under the topic "Academics."

Mailing Address – 315 S. Grove Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

You are welcome to visit campus for one of our special events or any other time you are in the area. Pillsbury is located one mile east of Interstate 35. Directions are available on the College website under the topic "Contact Us."



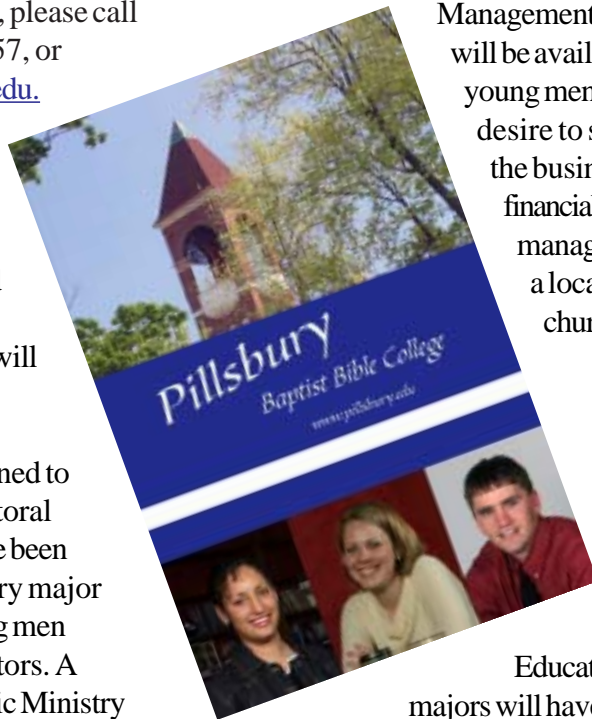
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New Catalog Includes Additional Majors

Pillsbury's new college catalog is now in stock and available for distribution. If you would like a copy, please call toll-free 1-800-747-4557, or e-mail pbbc@pillsbury.edu. In addition to current information about Pillsbury's existing programs, the new catalog has program and course descriptions for several new majors that will be available this fall.

Three new majors designed to prepare students for pastoral staff responsibilities have been added. A Music Ministry major will be available to young men aspiring to be music pastors. A combined Youth & Music Ministry major will be offered for young men who are seeking balanced

preparation to minister effectively in both areas. A Church Business Management major will be available for young men who desire to serve as the business or financial manager of a local church.



Education majors will have four new options in the fall of 2005: Mathematics Education, K-12 Vocal

Music Education, K-12 Physical Education, and an Art Education teaching field. A Graphic Design major has also been added, and the College has introduced four new business majors that include Accounting, Administrative Management, Agri-business Management, and Financial Management. In addition to these new majors, the existing Business Administration major has been thoroughly revised and will be re-introduced as a Business Management major.

For additional information on these new or revised programs, contact the Admissions Office by calling 1-800-747-4557 or e-mail admissions@pillsbury.edu.