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At the Heart of the Matter: Teaching

For about three and one-half hours each week this semester, I escaped the routine of the Samford presidency by meeting with 19 undergraduate students for a course in American politics. While the course evaluations of the students will serve as my report card, I confess that I enjoyed every minute of the experience.

Before coming to Samford last year, I was able to arrange my schedule so that I could teach one course each semester. With the challenges of the transition to a new institution and a new state, it was impossible for me to teach during my first year in this presidency, so the rhythm of my life was missing an important element. My return to the classroom gave me a sense of equilibrium (and a reaffirmation of purpose) that helped put the finishing touches on my Samford migration.

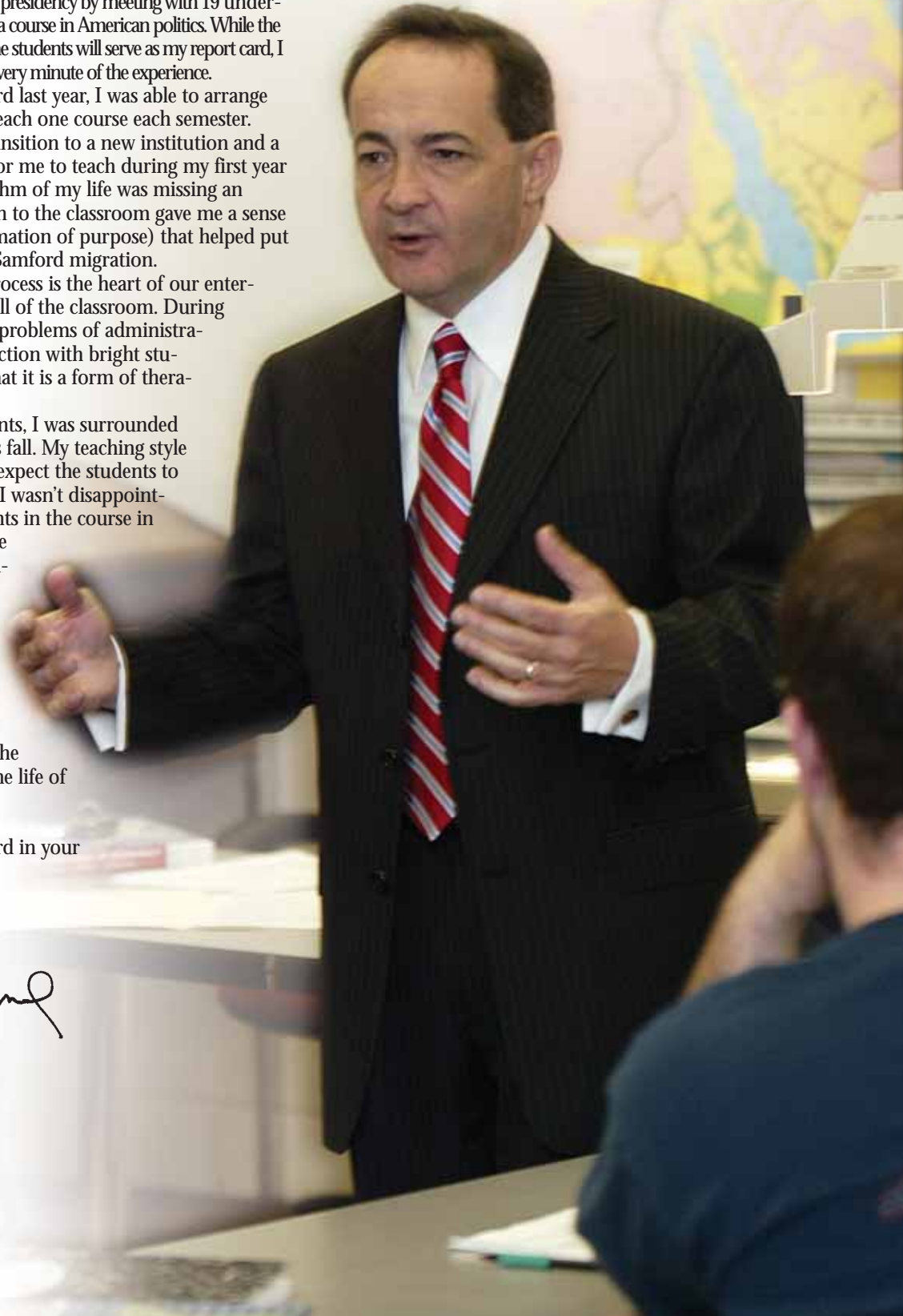
The teaching-learning process is the heart of our enterprise, and I can't resist the pull of the classroom. During those hours, I can escape the problems of administration and lose myself in interaction with bright students. Yes, I'll acknowledge that it is a form of therapy.

Speaking of bright students, I was surrounded by them in the classroom this fall. My teaching style leans toward discussion, so I expect the students to be ready for robust dialogue. I wasn't disappointed. In fact, there were moments in the course in which I felt that the roles were reversed, especially as we traded theories about the role of government in an increasingly complex society.

I'll never rise to the level of mastery possessed by so many of our gifted faculty members, but I cherish the opportunity to join them in the most important element of the life of the institution.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

Andrew Westmoreland
President

SAMFORD report

First SMG Production

Charles Wesley Documentary Premieres
on 300th Anniversary of His Birth

Charles Wesley was one of history's most prolific hymn writers, composing more than 5,000 hymns over a 50-year period in the 18th century. Among the best known are "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Wesley and his older brother, John, were cofounders of the Methodist movement in England. The sons of an Anglican minister, both studied at Christ Church, Oxford, and were ordained as Anglican clergy. But Charles is chiefly remembered for his many hymns. The Methodist hymnbook of today, *Hymns and Psalms*, contains more than 150 Wesley compositions.

December 18 is the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth in 1707. Coinciding with the anniversary is the release of a new documentary film, *A Heart Set Free*, about Wesley's life. It is the first production completed by Samford Media Group, which is affiliated with and has offices at Samford University.

Produced and directed by veteran filmmaker T. N. Mohan, the 90-minute feature written by Angela Burchett was scheduled to air globally on at least five cable and satellite television networks. Faith TV plans to carry the documentary during the Lent season of 2008.

Mohan invested hundreds of hours filming the documentary in Great Britain and the United States, traveling to Wesley's birthplace of Epworth, to Oxford and London to interview Wesley experts and film sites. He also filmed sites in Savannah, Ga., where Wesley visited for several months in 1735 as secretary to James Oglethorpe, founder of the colony of Georgia.

Mohan heads the Digital Video Center and teaches filmmaking at Samford. He has produced more than 20 multiple award-winning fiction and documentary films, including critically



Charles Wesley

acclaimed features on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor who opposed and was martyred by the Nazi regime during World War II, and Samford graduate Gerow Hodges, an American Red Cross official responsible for the release of 149 Allied prisoners from German prison camps during World War II.

"Wesley was the same kind of strong, dedicated figure as some earlier subjects of my documentaries," said Mohan. "He made a great journey in his religion. His first hymn spoke of his conversion in 1738, and he continued to write hymns based on his life experiences for another 50 years.

"His was a fascinating story of dedication to his beliefs in the face of violence against him and his brother during the early years of Methodism."

Wesley died at the age of 80 in 1788.

The Wesley documentary was coproduced by Christian History Institute of Worcester, Pa., Christian Television Association of Bristol, England, and Leader Cinematographica in Italy. ■

'Her Samford Roots Run Deep'

Samuel Chambliss of Atlanta, Ga., didn't know much about Samford University when his daughter, Carter, decided to attend the school. He and his wife went to college elsewhere and had no particular tie to Samford. All they knew was that the school had a Christian commitment, and that made them happy with their daughter's decision.

As it turned out, the Chamblisses had more of a tie to Samford than they realized.

Carter enrolled at Samford in 2006. About halfway through her freshman year, her father learned that Samford originally was Howard College. The discovery was like a beam of light in a dark room. It was a "remarkable" discovery, Chambliss said.

Chambliss knew Howard as the alma mater of his great-great-grandfather, John Alexander Chambliss, who graduated first in his Class in 1859 and became a well-known preacher in South Carolina after the Civil War.

That meant that Carter, without any prior knowledge, had chosen the same Christian school that attracted her great-great-great-grandfather more than 150 years ago. "That is divinely inspired, to me at least," said Chambliss.

He shared the story in a note to Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. At that point, the story became a bit more remarkable.

In a Samford history, Dr. Westmoreland found that one A. W. Chambliss of Marion, Ala., made the motion at the November 1841 meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention to establish the "theological institution" that became Howard College. A. W. Chambliss was John Alexander Chambliss' father.

"The bottom line, of course, is that Carter's great-great-great-great-grandfather was present for the first breath of Samford's existence," Westmoreland wrote to Samuel Chambliss.

"I'd say that her Samford roots run deep." ■

Trustee Commits to Seeing \$100 Million Endowment for Business School

Samford University's business school is being named for longtime Samford trustee and Alabama banking legend Harry B. Brock, Jr. The Brock School of Business name is effective immediately.

The announcement was made Dec. 4 by the university's board of trustees. Board chair William J. Stevens of Birmingham said the trustees voted to honor Brock's more than 45 years of trustee service to Samford, his longtime generosity to Samford and the community, and his professional achievements.

Brock is considered a banking pioneer in Alabama, Stevens noted. Brock triggered a chain of events in the 1960s and '70s that resulted in Birmingham becoming a nationally recognized banking center.

Joining Stevens and Brock in making the announcement were Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, business school dean Beck A. Taylor and Brock's wife, Jane.

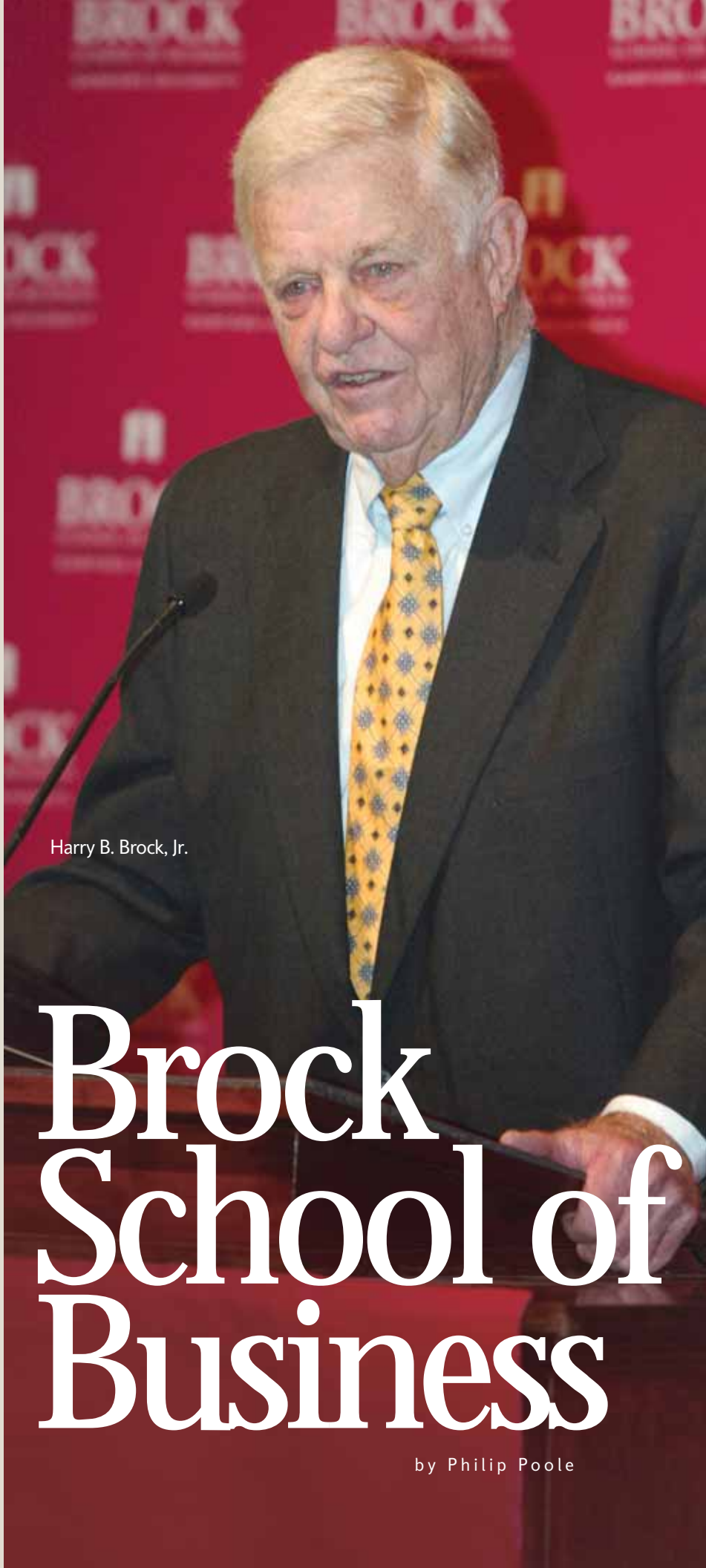
"Samford has always been an inspirational part of my life, and this is my opportunity to give back to the school and help influence the lives of young people," said Harry Brock. "My desire and vision for the school of business is to be a little different and to find a niche that will help these young people fulfill their dreams."

Brock announced his personal commitment to help the Brock School of Business build an endowment that will reach at least \$100 million. "All aspects of business education will be significantly impacted," said Brock.

Included will be an initiative to establish a world-class program in entrepreneurship. One of the immediate goals will be to add three full-time faculty positions to support the entrepreneurship program. The business school currently has 23 full-time faculty members.

"The trustees and Mr. Brock have identified an enhanced entrepreneurship emphasis as a key focus for the school of business, and we plan to work on this immediately," Stevens said. "What Harry Brock did for banking, he is about to do for business education in Alabama and across the nation."

The endowment also will provide for expanded research and scholarship opportunities for business school faculty and students, and greatly enhance the school's service to the community through opportunities such as partnerships and internships, Westmoreland said.



Harry B. Brock, Jr.

Brock School of Business

by Philip Poole

Once reached, the \$100 million endowment would place Samford's Brock School of Business among the top 25 accredited business schools in the United States in terms of total market value of endowment, according to Taylor. Samford would be in the top five among faith-based universities with endowed business schools, he added, based on current information from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business [AACSB].

"We are honored and humbled to carry the Brock name and legacy," Taylor said. "Our partnership with Mr. Brock will enable Samford's school of business to move to national prominence in business higher education. Furthermore, the Brock School of Business will immediately become a recognized leader among business schools with an explicitly Christian mission."

Westmoreland also noted the importance of having the Brock name associated with Samford's business school.

"Harry Brock is synonymous with Alabama business and banking, and fortunately for us, with Samford University for more than 50 years," said Westmoreland. "He is the consummate example of the entrepreneurial spirit and ethical business practice, and it is fitting that his name will be affiliated with Samford's Christian mission."

Brock first became associated with Samford when he moved to Birmingham in the mid-1950s. He served on the committee that raised funds for the university's current campus in suburban Homewood. Through the years, the Brocks and their family foundation have supported several endowed scholarships, renovation of what is now Brock Forum in Dwight Beeson Hall, gardens along Centennial Walk honoring Brock's parents, Samford athletics, capital projects, the Samford University Auxiliary and a long list of other projects. The Brocks provided the lead gift in 2006 for Jane Hollock Brock Hall, the location of the Dec. 4 announcement about the newly named Brock School of Business.

Brock and Westmoreland both committed to plans to pursue the endowment funding.

"We will work together to bring the vision for the school of business to reality," said Brock. "I am honored to have my name attached to the Samford school of business."

"The Brock name is legendary and communicates innovation and greatness among those in the business world," said Taylor. "Our faculty, staff and students have a new vision for the future, and it begins today as the Brock School of Business."

Spearheading the multibank holding company concept in Alabama, in 1971, Brock brought Central Bank and State National Bank of Alabama together to form a registered bank holding company, Central and State National Corporation of Alabama. As more banks joined the Central family, the name changed to Central Bancshares of the South, Inc.



Jane Brock, center, chats with well-wishers following the Brock School of Business announcement in Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall.

Brock was instrumental in the passage of the Statewide Bank Merger bill of 1980, allowing bank branching across county lines. This made it possible for Brock to merge his banks into one bank with branches throughout the state.

In 1987, Central Bancshares purchased a bank in Texas, thus becoming the first bank in Alabama to own a bank in another state and the first out-of-state bank to own a bank in Texas. He named the Texas operation Compass Bancshares of Texas and later changed the name of the parent organization to Compass Bancshares. Brock served as chairman and CEO of Compass Bancshares and Compass Bank of the South until his retirement in March 1991.

Brock, an innovative leader in the banking industry, has given his time, expertise and financial resources to help make Birmingham, Jefferson County and the State of Alabama a better place in which to live and work, Westmoreland noted. He has been an active board member of numerous charitable and civic organizations in Alabama. In 1962, Brock became a member of the Samford University board of trustees and was named a member of the Executive Committee in 1963. He served as board chairman from 1985 until 1989. He received an honorary doctorate from Samford in 1994.

Taylor noted that the Brock announcement is the latest in a long history of achievements for business education at Samford, which has offered degrees in business and commerce since 1922. In 1965, the school of business was established to offer both bachelor's and master's degrees in business. Alabama's first part-time master of business administration degree program was established at Samford, and the first M.B.A. degrees were awarded in 1967. The master of accountancy degree was approved in 1995. The business school was fully accredited by AACSB International in 1999, a recognition earned by less than 10 percent of business schools worldwide. ■

Additional reporting was provided by Kara Kennedy, director of external affairs, Brock School of Business. To view more photos, go to www.samford.edu/business.





Opposite page and top right: Samford people enjoy the homecoming parade. Top left: The Samford Gospel Choir performs.

A Perfect Day for Storytelling

by Mary Wimberley

Five-year-old Ansley Allen could hardly be faulted for her quip, “It’s a birthday celebration for Samford!” as she took in red-and-blue balloons galore on a perfect, blue-sky homecoming day in October.

It was, after all, the 50th anniversary celebration of Samford’s move from East Lake. Ansley was enjoying the day with her brother, Myers, 7, baby sister, Chloe, and parents **Robert ’98 and Gelaina Davis Allen ’97**.

The couple, former BSU Choir members, came from their home in Brandon, Miss., to observe Gelaina’s 10-year graduation anniversary, visit old friends and introduce their children to Samford in the hopes they might someday be alumni themselves.

“We’ve got to plant the seed early,” Gelaina said with a smile.

The Allens joined thousands of Samford alumni from nine states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations as well as present-day students for the festive occasion. Alumni of classes ranging from the early 1940s to 2007 attended.

The schedule of reunions, parade, hot-air balloon rides, football and

Grammy Award–caliber entertainment by Little Big Town offered something for everyone.

Graduates at a brunch for classes of 1957 and earlier included **Col. Carl Cooper ’43**, U.S. Marine Corps, ret., of Vestavia Hills, Ala. The former Bulldog football guard, student senator and retired educator took home the Lockmiller Award as the male from the earliest class at the brunch. **Magdalene Wade Thomas ’45** of Hendersonville, Tenn., was the female recipient. Thomas rolled her campus visit into a reunion with former roommate **Inez Whitt Stewart ’47** of Birmingham, who helped recall their good times in Inflation Hall on the East Lake campus.

Alumni and students at the popular Live at the Library program chuckled as storyteller and author **Kathryn Tucker Windham** regaled them with stories of her Southern upbringing. Her promise that “Everybody here is a storyteller,” was born out throughout the day on the quadrangle, in the dining hall and football stadium as alumni found each other for catching up and reminiscing.

Former student government president **Joey Vaughn ’86, M.B.A./J.D. ’89**, now an attorney in Jacksonville, Fla.,

staked out a good spot on Centennial Walk for his children, Jordan, 13, and Jonathan, 10, and nephew Payne Frost to view the homecoming parade.

Grand marshal **Barry McCulley** led a procession of 28 units, including nine floats and the Samford Marching Band. The Homewood mayor’s lead role symbolized the 50-year anniversary of Samford’s move from the East Lake area of Birmingham.

Dignitaries tossing candy from their convertibles included alumni of the year: Birmingham insurance executive **Walter Barnes ’56**, retired Samford religion professor **Sigurd Bryan ’46**, U.S. Senate aide **Carol Guthrie ’93** of Washington, D.C., and cardiologist **George V. Irons, Jr. ’52** of Charlotte, N.C.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority’s “Impeach the Governors” float, urging victory over homecoming game rival Austin Peay State University, was judged best entry in the parade.

The lunchtime festival on the quad formed a gathering spot for alumni seeking others from their graduation decade and affinity groups.

The ADPi tent had a celebrity visitor when alumna **Karen Fairchild ’90** dropped by on her way to a sound check



with her Little Big Town band, which would perform that evening.

The Sigma Chi tent was a hit with its flat-screen television, which allowed sports fans to follow the progress of midday football action.

Paralegal graduate **Bonnie Casey Turner '91** of Chatom, Ala., found the lunch tent a convenient food stop with her husband, **Tracy**, and their family.

Art alumni honored longtime professor **Lowell Vann '57**, who has served more than 37 years on the faculty, 35 of them as department chair. A ceremony included the reading of a proclamation from Alabama Governor **Bob Riley**, and the announcement of the Lowell Vann Endowed Art Scholarship honoring his long tenure and status as a true "Samford icon."

Graphic design major **Randy Sims '87, M.T.S. '97**, of Birmingham recalled his former professor fondly. "Dr. Vann always had a story to tell, and if you told a story, he could always one-up you with a better one." More seriously, he noted, "He was always an inspiration and an encouragement."

Storytelling abounded in the caf, where alumni lingered for hours to mingle and chat.

Joe McDade '61 of Montgomery, Ala., who was a freshman during the school's final year in East Lake, recalled water fights and other mischief that ensued during his last night in the soon-to-be-demolished men's barracks on the old campus.

Classmates later regained decorum when, in a nod to continuity of campus spirit, they walked a mysterious box across town from East Lake to Homewood. They ceremoniously presented the contents, a stuffed bulldog that now resides in the library's Special Collection department, to the student body as a gift from the Sophomore Class.

At Seibert Stadium, pregame ceremonies included a flyby by the U.S. Air Force 23rd training squadron from Fort Rucker, Ala. Helicopter pilots included **Daniel Denney '05**, who was commissioned an officer through Samford's Air Force ROTC Detachment 012.

Halftime activity included the introduction of former queens **Jean Wallace Bush '57, Angie Wooten Smith '82** and **Christina Knox '06**, all of Birmingham, and **Amy Chandler Simpson '07** of Niceville, Fla., and the 2007 Homecoming Court. Senior religion major **Ellen Donze** of Birmingham was crowned homecoming queen, and senior journalism/mass communication major **Jason Morales** of Daytona Beach, Fla., was named honor escort. The honorees were elected by vote of the student body.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs lost to Austin Peay, 28-25.

Kathy Wallace Echeverri '90 of Gadsden, Ala., enjoyed the game with her husband, Alberto, and daughters Natalie and Lilly. "The kids got to slide down the hill," she said, referring to the second favorite activity in Seibert Stadium on a football Saturday. They had earlier met friends for their own picnic on the grassy quad.

Little Big Town country music band christened the newly dedicated Pete Hanna Center as a music venue with its performance to about 1,700 alumni, students and others. The band includes former Samford students Fairchild and Kimberly Roads, who first sang together as members of the A Cappella Choir and Samford Singers in the late 1980s.

The audience included Roads' former Vail Hall roommate, **Susan McGaha Wideman '90**. Longtime psychology professor **Charlotte Freeman**, who taught both Fairchild and Roads in



Homecoming queen Ellen Donze and honor escort Jason Morales.

Little Big Town performs in Pete Hanna Center.



Last East Lake Class Enjoys 50th Reunion

There was no shortage of conversation at the Golden Reunion homecoming dinner for members of the Class of 1957, who will forever carry the banner as the last class to graduate from the East Lake campus.

Class president **Fred Slaughter** presided as he did five decades ago. Other class members helping with the program were 1956–57 student body president **Bill Baggett**, Baptist Student Union president **Jim Auchmuty**, Alumni Council class agent **Mel Deason** and **Chriss Doss**, who emceed the reminiscences.

Doss recalled how his work as a student chauffeur for the president, Major Harwell G. Davis, made him privy to the Major's low-key arrangements to acquire the Homewood property that would be the site of the new campus.

He also relived an incident during their final semester on the East Lake campus, on Valentine's Day 1957, when two students were hurt in a "row" over a basketball game with rival Birmingham-Southern College. "It was one of the few times I ever saw the Major befuddled," remembered Doss.

Betty Harris Gross, who graduated from the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, which later became Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, came from Oklahoma for her first visit to the Homewood campus.

Mary Ann Granger Weston reported that she has a healthy young Sherman Oak growing on family property in Coosa County. The seedling was grown from acorns that Samford botanists collected before the East Lake campus landmark was felled in the late 1990s.

"Sherman Oak was very special, the gathering place, the hub," said Weston. "The campus was small then, and we knew most everybody."

Her son, **David Weston, Jr., '88, J.D. '92**, and his wife, **Deena Haynes Weston '91**, had given the seedling to her after several hundred were distributed at his 10-year homecoming in 1998.

"It is growing nicely in the middle of a deer field," said Weston, who lives in Montgomery, Ala. ■



Homecoming scenes, top, from left: Riding student-center bull, gaining ground against Austin Peay, meeting Spike, ADPi welcoming Little Big Town's Karen Fairchild, float competition.



education courses, beamed with pride at a preconcert meet-and-greet with the band.

The Sunday service in A. Gerow Hodges Chapel drew a large crowd for worship led by **Esther and Bob Burroughs**, former campus minister and music faculty member, who now live in Greer, S.C.

Esther advised worshippers to leave legacies of a love for God's word, faithfulness, prayer, service and grace. She noted that her father advised her to lean on her heavenly father rather than on herself when she left

their Canadian home to attend college in North Carolina. "He gave me a legacy that day," she said.

Beth Crowe Webster '75 of Gadsden, Ala., was among the singers in the BSU Reunion Choir that presented special music.

"Being able to see Esther and Bob was the drawing card," the former BSU choir and campus ministries member said of her early morning drive to campus. "That, and being able to sing in this lovely chapel."

She was accompanied by others who share her Samford family legacy: her husband, **David Webster J.D. '74**, and father, 89-year-old **Richard G. Crowe '41**. ■



Pete Hanna Center features a grand foyer, 5,000-seat arena.



Pete and Barbara Hanna. Opposite page: Center entrance, fitness equipment.



Pete Hanna

Multipurpose Facility Called a Dream

Facilities include, from left, spacious ticket office, fitness/wellness center, classroom/meeting room, court-level entrance.





today.”
 The 132,000-square-foot facility is the largest single construction project in Samford history. Its capacity can be enlarged to 6,000 for concerts, graduation ceremonies and other programs with the addition of 1,000 seats on the arena floor. At Hanna’s request, the arena within the center is named for Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts and his wife, Marla Haas Corts.

The center houses athletics facilities with fitness and weight rooms, sports medicine and training areas, locker rooms and meeting rooms for teams, a student-athlete academic center, offices for coaches and administrators, a chapel and other athletics facilities.

In addition, the structure has a 12,000-square foot fitness/wellness center for all Samford students with the latest fitness training equipment, rooms for aerobics and other activities.

Hospitality areas in the new center are available for special events.

Hanna’s father started the steel company that bears their name. Pete Hanna borrowed \$80,000 from a Birmingham bank to buy his first batch of stock in the business in 1962. He went to work for the company after college and gradually took on responsibilities for its operational and personnel matters. After buying the business in 1984, he led it to unprecedented growth.

Hanna Steel Corporation, with headquarters in Birmingham suburb Fairfield, is a privately held company that operates coil-coating facilities in Fairfield and Pekin, Ill., and steel tubing operations in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Pekin. It also owns Hanna Truck Line, which delivers its products. ■

Samford inaugurated its grand new Pete Hanna Center with a series of events during homecoming weekend Oct. 18–20. More than 3,000 people attended a lecture, a dinner and a concert on successive nights, underscoring the multipurpose nature of the new facility.

Alumni, students, faculty and friends seemed duly impressed with the spacious structure and its 5,000-seat centerpiece, an arena for basketball, volleyball and other events. The first games were played in the \$32-million structure in mid-November.

About 1,000 people showed up for the first event in the new building, an Oct. 18 lecture by Einstein biographer Walter Isaacson. Another 500 attended the Oct. 19 dinner, and about 1,700 enjoyed the Oct. 20 concert by the Grammy-nominated country music group, Little Big Town.

“We come to give thanks to Pete and Barbara Hanna, and to many men and women who have turned a vision into something greater than our dreams,” said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland during dedication ceremonies preceding the dinner.

Hanna is a Samford alumnus and former Bulldog football player. He is chairman and chief executive officer of Hanna Steel Corporation and a member of the Samford board of trustees.

“Twenty-five words provide the rationale for hundreds of people to gather tonight to celebrate the opening of a magnificent facility on our campus,” Dr. Westmoreland continued. “Twenty-five words that changed Pete Hanna’s life and gave him reason for hope. Twenty-five words that bring humility and inspiration . . .”

Westmoreland referred to Hanna’s favorite Bible verse, John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

A bronze plaque emblazoned with these words hangs in the concourse level of the center.

Hanna said the completion of the structure was proof that dreams come true.

“I have three best days in my life,” he said, “the day I gave my life to Christ, the day I married Barbara and



Center

Come True



Homecoming Gala Samford Says Thanks to Longtime Supporters



President Andrew Westmoreland, top, welcomes Samford alumni and friends to the Gala dinner in Pete Hanna Center.



In a gala homecoming dinner at the new Pete Hanna Center, Samford paid tribute Oct. 19 to those who helped the school emerge as a nationally recognized university.

“This has been an extraordinary year for Samford,” said board of trustees chair Bill Stevens, “and we are grateful for each of you and the thousands of others who provided financial support to help Samford achieve so many good things.”

More than 500 donors, alumni and other Samford friends attended the affair, which combined the traditions of the annual Candlelight Dinner and Philanthropy Dinner. The event—with tables elegantly decorated in a variety of fall colors—also introduced the imposing new multipurpose center named for alumnus Pete Hanna.

Among the honorees were:

■ Samford Alumni of the Year Walter Barnes, Sigurd Bryan, Carol Guthrie and George Irons, Jr., with friends and family members. (See

profiles in Fall 2007 *Seasons*.)

■ Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts and his wife, Marla Haas Corts, who were inducted into the Samford Alumni Association as honorary alumni.

■ James A. Head, who helped raise funds to build the Lakeshore Drive campus more than 50 years ago and laid the cornerstone for the first campus building, Samford Hall, in 1955. Head, who celebrated his 103rd birthday the next day, also was made an honorary alumnus. (See story in Fall 2007 *Seasons*.)

The program spotlighted donors who this year achieved significant milestones in their lifetime support of Samford.

“Philanthropy is the cornerstone of Samford University,” said Vice President for University Relations Michael Morgan. “This year, almost 30 percent of Samford’s operations will be funded by financial support and endowment earnings. At the heart of that



Samford Alumni of the Year, from left, George Irons, Jr., Carol Guthrie, Sigurd Bryan, Walter Barnes.

philanthropy are those who give regularly . . . those whose support is annual.”

Morgan recognized the following donors who this year reached significant new levels of giving.

Samuel Sterling Sherman Society—Joe and Dena Malugen, Dothan, Ala., and Marathon Corporation.

J. B. Lovelace and W. W. Wilkerson Society—Alabama Power Foundation and Pat Courington, Albertville, Ala.

A. P. Montague Society—Russell and Hazel Boren, Pinson, Ala.; Howard and Julia Clark, Durham, N.C.; Henry and Pat Coshatt, Birmingham; James and Nancy Davis, Birmingham; Richard and Elaine Horsley, Birmingham; Marvin Mann, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; Master Boat Builders and owner Michael Rice, Bayou La Batre, Ala.; and Stancil and Joan Starnes, Birmingham.

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“Many here tonight have been inducted into the Sherman Society (highest level of giving) in previous years,” Morgan noted, asking them to



A portrait of President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts and his wife, Marla, hangs in Pete Hanna Center, where the arena bears their name. Here, the Corts look over the portrait with their grandchildren.

stand. He recognized representatives of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and Alabama Baptist Foundation, and the Harry and Jane Brock Foundation, as well as Jenna and Joe Cassese, Birmingham; Sara and Boyd Christenberry, Montgomery, Ala.; Barbara and Pete Hanna, Birmingham; John Pittman, Birmingham; Bonnie Swearingen, Chicago, Ill.; and Hall and Lucy Thompson, Shoal Creek, Ala.

After the recognitions, Samford

President Andrew Westmoreland added his thanks, and the program closed with the singing of the Alma Mater, played and led by the Samford Marching Band. ■



Barbara and Pete Hanna unveil Hanna’s portrait in the lobby of Pete Hanna Center.



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Isaacson Reveals Rebellious, Creative Einstein

by Sean Flynt

Samford's 2007 Davis Lecture Oct. 18 featured biographer Walter Isaacson, author of the acclaimed 2007 book, *Einstein: His Life and Universe*. Isaacson, who also serves as president and CEO of the Aspen Institute, spoke only briefly about Einstein's theories, focusing instead on the physicist's "rebelliousness, his imagination and his creativity."

In his lecture, the inaugural event of Samford's new Pete Hanna Center, Isaacson also described multiple ironies scaled to the physicist's influence. Einstein was a genius but struggled to find a job in his field even as he radically reshaped science. He was a pacifist who inadvertently helped set off an international nuclear arms race. He made great strides in explaining the order of the universe but lived much of his life amidst personal and sociopolitical chaos.

The Dopey One

Describing Einstein's early life, Isaacson offered "good news" for parents. "Einstein was no Einstein when he was a kid," Isaacson said. "He was very slow in learning how to talk—so slow that they called him 'the dopey one' in the family." However, Isaacson said, Einstein did not fail math, as generations of hopeful students have been led to believe. The truth, Isaacson said, is that Einstein's rebellious ways annoyed teachers and led to his dismissal from two schools. "This Einstein, he'll never amount to much," concluded one headmaster.

For many years, Einstein didn't offer much reason to believe his headmaster was wrong. He ran away from home at age 17, seeking greater intellectual challenge, but failed to gain admittance to even a second-tier university on the first try. He finally was admitted to a university, but then openly mocked a professor who declined to teach the latest work in physics. No wonder, then, that Einstein wandered jobless for years after graduation before becoming "a third-class clerk in the Swiss Patent Office."

Isaacson said Einstein couldn't even hope to rise in his patent work; to become a second- or first-class clerk, he would need a doctorate, and his dissertation had been rejected twice. But it was there that the student who professors called a "lazy dog" began his life's work in earnest—the "thought experiments"



Walter Isaacson discusses Einstein in a seminar with students.

that allowed him to overturn accepted theories of how the universe works.

While still jobless, Einstein fell in love with and married Mileva Maric. They had three children, the first out of wedlock and apparently given up for adoption. The couple soon fell apart, and Einstein persuaded his wife to grant him a divorce in exchange for the cash award that would accompany the Nobel Prize he expected to win—and did win—for the influential papers he published while still a clerk.

War and Peace

Einstein won prestigious academic appointments in Berlin in 1914, but the outbreak of World War I alienated the leftist, pacifist Jew from nationalist German society. After the war, nationalist Germans sought scapegoats for their own catastrophic failures, blaming internationalists, pacifists and Jews. "Einstein was three for three," Isaacson said. They ridiculed his 1921 Nobel Prize, calling his advanced theoretical work "Jew science."

In fact, Isaacson said, Einstein was not a traditionally religious person. Although he made frequent reference to "God," he did not believe in a being that

interacted with humans or could suspend natural law. Einstein found his god in the astonishing complexity of the universe, and although his views were literally unorthodox, he was highly respected among Jews. Though ever suspicious of nationalism, Einstein supported the Zionist cause and was later invited to serve as Israel's second president. As a refugee from an increasingly anti-Semitic Germany in the 1930s, he understood the danger the world faced if his erstwhile colleagues managed to harness atomic energy for the Nazi military.

Einstein collaborated with other physicists on a letter to Franklin Roosevelt warning about the kind of powerful weapon advanced physics might create. The U.S. government organized the Manhattan Project as a result, ultimately harnessing—and releasing—the destructive power of the atom. Einstein did not work on the weapon project because, Isaacson said, the U.S. government refused to grant him a security clearance due to his pre-war pacifism.

After World War II, Isaacson said, Einstein feared the threat of nuclear proliferation, especially as it didn't seem to be accompanied by an understanding of the new international reality that accompanied it. "Everything has changed except our way of thinking," Einstein said. "We have to change our way of thinking." He sensed the danger so acutely, Isaacson said, that when he was asked how World War III might be fought, Einstein responded, "I don't know, but I know how World War IV will be fought—with sticks and rocks."

Einstein worked for world peace until his death in 1955 but not at the expense of his work in physics. Even in the last moments of his life, he sought to develop a Unified Field Theory "that would explain all the forces of nature," Isaacson said. As he lay dying in his hospital bed, he wrote line after line of equations that, Isaacson said, "he thought could get him and us just one step closer to that spirit manifest in the laws of the universe." ■

Kathryn Tucker Windham visits Samford.

by Sean Flynt

'You Must Listen and You Must Remember'

Famed Storyteller Windham Inspires Laughter, Tears

Laughter filled University Library on Homecoming Saturday as famed Alabama storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham recruited for her personal campaigns. She has a few.

She insisted, for example, that the second meal of the day should be called "dinner" rather than "supper." "I don't know who got us messed up about meals," she said, and cited Scripture in support of her cause. "Jesus had the last supper with his disciples. It was at night. He did not have dinner with them. And please, folks, don't put sugar in cornbread or hushpuppies." That, Windham said, "is a desecration. If you want cake, make cake!" She also led the charge for naps, more for some people than others.

But the most serious and poignant of Windham's campaigns concerns storytelling and the preservation of family history. "We've got to get back to storytelling, get back to talking to each other—cut off all these electronic devices for a few hours and talk to each other," she said. "We've almost forgotten how to have conversations, even with people we love. We're too rushed and too busy—too busy to listen, too busy to remember."

Windham traced her own storytelling back to her grandfather, an itinerant Baptist pastor, and her father, a Thomasville banker and "the finest

storyteller I have ever listened to anywhere." She said even the pauses in her own storytelling seem to correspond to the pauses of her father drawing from his pipe as he told his own stories. Her father also was a great listener, she said, "and he taught me early that God gave us two ears and one mouth to use in that proportion."

So, Windham listened to the words, cadences, meanings and comforts of family stories—some told just for the sake of laughter and some so compelling that they can wring tears from an audience of strangers. She said hearing those stories in the company of family and friends gave her "a sense of security and well-being no television program could ever give—a sense of being surrounded by love and people who cared for me."

As a former reporter for the *Montgomery Advertiser*, *Birmingham News* and *Selma Times-Journal*, Windham has a great many stories from her adult life. Of course, she is best known as the author of many books, including the classic *13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey*. But many of the stories she shared at Samford related to her idyllic childhood in Thomasville, hometown of Samford's own Harwell Goodwin Davis.

Windham elicited howls of laughter with several family stories, including a tale of her 3-year-old self

scandalizing a church by volunteering to "shimmy" during the offertory hymn. Men in her audience shed tears over a beautiful, hypnotic story about a former slave, separated from his wife decades earlier when their master lost the man in a card game. Windham's father gave the man a loan so he could visit his wife and make sure she had fared as well as he had after emancipation. The grateful woman sent Windham's father a wedding wreath bush that still thrived during Windham's childhood.

Windham's final story, inspired by a question from the audience, again raised the roof. The tale of a traveling Passion play became more outrageous with every word and ended with the ersatz Jesus running half-naked through a Selma school building screaming, "they're trying to kill me," and the cross occupied by Judas, wearing green gym shorts and covered in tattoos.

All of Windham's stories, funny or serious, emphasized her vitally important point. "You must listen and you must remember," she said. "You're the one who needs to be telling that story to somebody else in your family before you forget it, before it's lost forever." ■

Stevens Travels from Basketball Player to Board Chair

William J. (Bill) Stevens came to Samford 40 years ago as a scholarship basketball player. He earned a degree in business and, several years later, joined a Birmingham company, Motion Industries, as director of human resources.

Today, Motion Industries is one of North America's leading distributors of industrial maintenance, repair and operation replacement parts. It has more than 500 operations, including nine distribution centers, and serves more than 116,000 customers.

Stevens has been its president and chief executive officer for 10 years. He credits his business success to the solid foundation he gained at Samford.

Stevens has been a member of the Samford board of trustees since 1997. He was elected chair of the board in 2003 after two years as vice chair, providing

leadership during one of the most momentous periods in Samford history.

During the past four years, Samford has completed the largest building program since the school constructed the original set of buildings for its Shades Valley campus in the late 1950s. It has also gone through a presidential transition, only its third since 1939.

Stevens steps down as board chair in December 2007, having served the maximum four consecutive one-year terms permitted by board policy. As he rotated out of the position, he reflected on his years at Samford and how he came to the school.

"God's providence brought me to Samford," he said, recalling his early days at the school. "My sister, Charolette, was already attending Samford, and I had visited her there, but I began my college education at Alabama Christian College because they offered me a scholarship to play basketball." (Charolette Stevens Hamby is a 1969 alumna.)

A graduate of Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City, Ala., he transferred to Samford after one semester

His company serves a wide range of customers in the automotive, chemical, food and beverage, wood and lumber, iron and steel, pulp and paper, mining and aggregate, and pharmaceutical industries.

Stevens recalled his basketball career as being most enjoyable because of the travel and experiences as well as the competition. "My sophomore year was my best, as we upset Mississippi State at Seibert Hall that year," he said.

His time was "consumed" by basketball and classes, Stevens said, but he also enjoyed his association with the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

Samford's Christian affiliation and mission were important to him as a student, he said, and that has been even more true during his tenure as a trustee. He has served on the executive committee, the business affairs and audit committee, the investment committee and the 2005 Presidential Search Committee.

"Samford's impact was positive for me as a student, for it provided an atmosphere to be with fellow students, professors and leaders that lived their faith," he said. "There were many people that set wonderful examples to follow. These same examples are there for me as a trustee."

He said he considers it a privilege to have served with such a talented and dedicated group of trustees, as well as with Presidents Thomas Corts and Andrew Westmoreland.

"We have been able to support the growth of the university in both the area of programs as well as facilities," he said. "The theme that is a part of every meeting is, we are a Baptist-affiliated institution, and our goal is to provide a great education in a Christian environment."

The strength of the board, he suggests, is having trustees from different generations who represent varied professions, and bring wonderful insights and always keep the clear motive of making Samford a better place as the top priority.

Samford will continue to grow and prosper if it stays committed to the Christian principles grounded in Baptist faith and heritage, he said.

"We must be open to the opportunities and challenges brought about by new generations, new careers, new programs that will always be well-served by individuals firmly grounded in the Christian faith," he added. ■

A Samford Trek

by Jack Brymer

at Alabama Christian. He graduated from Samford in 1970 with a degree in business administration. He said his years at Samford influenced every part of his life and continue to do so today.

"I met my wife, Kimeran Brown, at Samford in biology class," he said. "I am very proud of my degree from Samford, but the best thing that ever happened to me was Kimeran becoming my wife.

"The education I received has served me very well, for it gave me a solid foundation from both a practical application as well as the financial aspects that apply to all of business," he added.

Bill Stevens

Alabama Professor of the Year

by Sean Flynt

Carnegie Foundation Recognizes Davenport



Larry Davenport

PEOPLE

Martha Myers graduated from Samford in 1967, decades before Larry Davenport joined the university's biology faculty. In 2004, two years after Myers was murdered at her medical clinic in Yemen, Dr. Davenport was cleaning out old botanical specimens in the university's herbarium when he discovered and called attention to the small collection of specimens gathered by the missionary as an undergraduate student.

It's an interesting story about Samford, but consider what it says about Davenport. While sifting through thousands of specimens of ancient undergraduate work, determining their scientific value to the university, this professor also was taking the time to read the names of students he never

knew. He cares about the people behind the scholarship, no matter their professional status or intersection with his life. He is engaged as few others are in any profession, and that has led the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education to select him as the 2007 Alabama Professor of the Year.

Davenport was one of 40 educators selected from a field of more than 300 of the nation's top professors. "This is a wonderful, incredible, overwhelming honor—definitely the highlight of my career," he said when the honor was announced on Nov. 15. "I thank all the good folks who nominated me, and the CASE committee for selecting me. But mainly I thank my many years of Samford students who have always pushed me to excel and who share this award with me."

Two of those students, Allan Phipps and Adam Edwards, wrote letters in support of Davenport's nomination for the honor. Phipps is a high school teacher in Florida and the 2007 Sea World/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm National Environmental Educator of the Year, and Edwards is an environmental scientist with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

As important as the traditional instructional role is, the Professor of the Year honor also recognizes the many ways Davenport extends education beyond the walls of the classroom.

Suzanne Wolfe, editor in chief of *Alabama Heritage* magazine from 1986 to 2001, praised Davenport's sharing of his passion for biology through his ongoing column for the magazine. In that popular column, she said, "Davenport teaches his audience things they never knew they wanted to know. Thousands of our readers have learned about the deadly oleander, the rare Cahaba Lily, the giant swallowtail

butterfly and the sneaky trapdoor spider, among hundreds of other topics."

Wolfe said Davenport has made major contributions to conservation in Alabama. "His extensive research on the Cahaba Lily and its fragile habitat has brought national attention to Alabama's unique natural resources and led directly to the creation in 2002 of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, a 3,000-acre site in Bibb County," she said. The Alabama legislature was so impressed with Davenport's contributions that it designated May 27, 2006, as Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day in the state.

Retired Samford biology professor Mike Howell was Davenport's colleague for 30 years, working side by side with him on scientific articles, field studies and in the classroom. "I can only say that the CASE award committee made a selection in Larry Davenport that shows that they have done their homework. They have selected one of Alabama's best and most revered professors," said Howell.

"Dr. Davenport represents the strong tradition of teaching, research and service for which hundreds of Samford faculty members have been known," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, who nominated Davenport for the honor. "In every way, he is a credit to his discipline, and an inspiration to his students and colleagues."

Davenport won Samford's John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching (1991) and the Student Government Association Outstanding Faculty Award (1989), both of which were based on student votes. He recently was named director of Samford's Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education.

Samford professors have received Professor of the Year honors four times since the program began in 1981. Other Samford recipients include psychology professor Stephen Chew, business professor Thomas Woolley, and former business professor and interim School of Business dean Marlene Reed. ■



Hughes Court Laid the Groundwork for Civil Rights Gains: Ross Book

by William Nunnolley

The civil rights gains of the 1940s and '50s had roots in U.S. Supreme Court decisions of the 1930s, according to a new study of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, who led the Court during 1930–41.

Although the Hughes Court rendered no landmark decisions altering the second-class citizenship of African Americans, “more than a few of its rulings significantly eroded legal barriers that perpetuated racial injustice,” Samford University law professor William G. Ross wrote in his new book, *The Chief Justiceship of Charles Evans Hughes 1930–1941*.

The book also addresses many other issues faced by the Hughes Court, including its decisions on New Deal legislation, President Franklin Roosevelt’s court-packing controversy, and landmark decisions on free speech, free press and the rights of defendants.

Professor Ross, who teaches in Samford’s Cumberland School of Law, details the Supreme Court’s abandonment of its longtime function as an arbiter of economic regulatory legislation and the emergence of its modern role as a guardian of personal liberties. The book—Ross’ third on 20th century American constitutional

history—was published this year by the University of South Carolina Press as part of its series on U.S. Supreme Court chief justices.

Using a broad array of primary and secondary sources, Ross explores the complex interaction between the court and the political, economic and cultural forces that transformed the nation during the Great Depression.

In looking at the Hughes Court’s impact on racial matters, Ross said later civil rights gains were grounded in the court’s “evolutionary decisions” of the 1930s.

“By imposing stricter standards of due process on criminal trials, the Hughes Court helped to ameliorate the use of criminal law to perpetuate the socioeconomic suppression of blacks who were disproportionately the victims of terror tactics and slipshod procedures in criminal proceedings,” Ross wrote.

“The Hughes Court also helped to empower blacks by eliminating at least some of the ruses by which Southern Democratic primaries deprived blacks of their right to vote,” he said.

The court rendered important decisions striking against racial discrimination in voting, jury service, education and public transportation, but its criminal justice decisions “perhaps had the most racial impact,” said Ross.

“The most dramatic of the Hughes Court’s criminal justice decisions was *Powell v. Alabama*,” he said, because it required meaningful assistance of counsel in capital cases. The case involved a group of young black drifters, who became known as the “Scottsboro Boys,” accused of raping two white female hobo on a freight train near Scottsboro, Ala., in 1931. In reversing the conviction of seven of the defendants, the court found that the Fourteenth Amendment’s due process clause required states to provide competent attorneys at no cost to criminal defendants who faced the death penalty.

The Hughes Court criminal procedures decisions helped undermine the doctrine of “separate but equal” by showing that black defendants’ treatment was far more harsh than that of white defendants, and that the treatment of blacks was “both separate and

unequal,” Ross wrote, quoting a *Minnesota Law Review* article by Leon Higginbotham and William Smith.

In other parts of the book, Ross traces the court’s about-face in dealing with Roosevelt’s New Deal legislation. During FDR’s first term, the court—with a majority of conservative judges appointed by Republican presidents—invalidated eight federal economic regulatory statutes aimed at relieving the Depression during a 17-month period of 1935–36. This led to Roosevelt’s 1937 attempt to enlarge the Court by naming one new appointee to the Court for every member 70 1/2 years of age, but this plan failed.

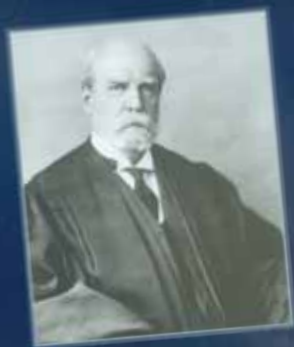
However, a “profound shift in the court’s direction” occurred during the late 1930s, Ross noted, as Roosevelt began filling normal court vacancies with more liberal justices such as Alabama’s Hugo Black. By the time Hughes resigned at age 79 in 1941, Roosevelt had appointed every justice but two, more than any president except George Washington.

“Although many justices have disappointed the presidents who have appointed them, every justice appointed by Roosevelt was deferential toward economic recovery legislation and protective of personal liberties,” Ross wrote.

During its early years, Ross noted, the Hughes Court handed down several landmark 5-4 decisions expanding free speech, freedom of the press and the rights of defendants in which Hughes cast the deciding vote. This showed that he could be “just the sort of justice that his opponents insisted he never could be,” Ross observed.

Hughes retired in 1941 after a distinguished career in public service. A native of Glens Falls, N.Y., he was elected governor of his home state in 1906. President William Howard Taft appointed him to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1910, but he resigned in 1916 to run for president, losing by 23 electoral votes (277-254) to Woodrow Wilson.

Hughes served as secretary of state from 1921 until 1925, and was appointed chief justice by President Herbert Hoover in 1930. He died at the age of 86 in 1948. ■



The Chief Justiceship of

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Focusing on Learning Through Life



In his book, *Obsessions of an Extraordinary Executive*, well-known writer, speaker and consultant on leadership Patrick Lencioni states: "I believe that healthy organizations share two qualities: they are smart and they

are healthy. An organization demonstrates that it is smart by developing intelligent strategies, marketing plans, product features and financial models that lead to the competitive edge over its rivals. An organization is healthy by eliminating politics and confusion which leads to higher morale, lower turnover and better productivity."

As the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies has focused on collaborating and finding strengths in a diverse, complex school with a variety of majors, we have attempted to become healthy. We have done this by celebrating joys and caring in sorrows, building trust with one another even though our disciplines are very different, and being clearer with each other as we communicate better. We have attempted to become smart by

developing a school-wide strategic plan, bringing together distinctions that are unique to the programs offered in our school. We have focused on students and what they need to be able to know and do to be the most successful graduates.

This is a new era for the school as we focus on learning through life. From the age of six weeks old throughout one's lifespan, learning is possible. I hope that you enjoy a few highlights from our school.

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Anne Glaze Stone '67

"I feel sorry for anyone who doesn't teach school for a living," said Anne Glaze Stone '67, who spent 25 years teaching in secondary and middle schools in Huntsville, Ala.

Stone is retired now but remains close to teaching in several ways. She is involved in teaching at her church, First Baptist of Huntsville, and with the Christian Women's Job Corps of Madison County.

She also serves as the first chair of the Dean's Executive Council of Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. The council was formed in April 2007 to provide advice, assistance, an outside perspective and resources to the education school's administration.

Stone and her husband, Bill, were owners of Stone Engineering Company of Huntsville until retirement in 2006. They support Samford students in several ways, including providing the Anne Glaze and William Stone Scholarship for a teacher education student from Limestone County. ■

Cover (page 21): Samford exercise science and sports medicine major Gracie Williams offers encouragement to a student during a fitness test at Robert C. Hatch High School in Uniontown, Ala. Samford ESSM students volunteer periodically to offer fitness and health screening tests to Perry County schools.

Education School Evolves into One of Samford's Most Diverse Entities

Five Departments Offer 34 Degree Programs

During the past decade, the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies has emerged as one of Samford's most diverse and complex academic entities, broadening its original mission of educating teachers to include a variety of other programs.

Today, the school is comprised of five academic departments and units offering 34 degree programs. The programs and their leaders include:

- Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, Dr. Alan Jung, chair
- Family Studies, Dr. Clara Gerhardt, chair
- Interior Design, Jeannie Krumdieck, chair
- Teacher Education, Dr. Carol Dean, chair; Dr. Maurice Persall, director, Graduate Studies
- Metro Programs, Dr. Cindy Kirk, executive director

By comparison, Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences, which provides the university's core curriculum, offers just over 40 degree programs.

Associate Dean Chuck Sands provided an overview of the diversity of the education school's programming.

"The school trains students for physical therapy school, medical school, working in cardiac rehabilitation, leadership in educational systems as principals

and superintendents, teaching in various programs with age ranges of six weeks to college adult, working as interior designers and registered dietitians, serving as family therapists, and training in counseling, just to name a few," he said.

The school gained national attention in 2000 when it was named one of the top four undergraduate education programs in the United States by the U.S. Department of Education. Its graduates have received 98 to 100 percent placement in teaching positions over the past 15 years, according to Dean Jean A. Box.

With the school's added diversity, it continues to rank high in measurable results. For example, it has placed:

- 100 percent of its interior design students seeking positions in the profession for the past four years
- 100 percent of students preparing to become registered dietitians for the required dietetic internship program the past two years
- Close to 100 percent of exercise science and sports medicine students applying to medical, pharmacy, physical therapy and other graduate programs for the past four years

Also, the Health-Care Interpreter Training certificate program, a 10-month course for bilingual students offered

through Metro Programs, received national recognition as the 2006 Distinguished Noncredit Program from the Association for Continuing Higher Education. The course is part of the Samford After Sundown community program.

Box noted that Samford also had been selected as one of three "Lead Universities" in Alabama to pilot the Instructional Leadership Program [ILP] redesign as required by the new state standards for leadership.

"Now that this graduate program has been approved, Drs. Maurice Persall, Les Ennis and Pattie Neill are providing assistance to other universities in the state by sharing about the process, ILP redesign requirements and documentation of compliance," said Box.

One challenge that the school's diversity offers is in the area of communication and working together.

"We are currently undergoing a strategic planning process that will allow us to see the specific areas of overlap across the 34 degree programs," said Dr. Sands. "We already have seen areas where there is potential for great overlap. One is in the area of aging and another is in viewing our school as one that promotes learning for life."

With the diversity has come added emphasis on research and scholarship, according to Sands.

"The emphasis on research can be tied to a very strong undergraduate research program in exercise science and, generally, a very clear, regular emphasis on research and scholarship," he said. "We have begun to encourage and track our scholarship much more closely than we have in the past." ■



Interior design majors Sarah Durnya, left, and Kerra Killingsworth complete a design rendering.

Learning Center, Young Authors Among Innovative Programs

by Jean M. McLean

Someone walking across Samford's campus might be surprised to hear youngsters' giggles echoing through the ivy. But then, those people would be unfamiliar with Samford's teacher education program.

There are so many innovations within this department that it's hard for Carol Dean, chair of teacher education, to focus on just two. However, she thinks the smiles and giggles from two programs, the Children's Learning Center and the annual Young Authors Conference, deserve special attention.

Young Authors Conference

The Young Authors Conference, sponsored this year in honor of Drs. John and Frances Carter by their children, is a morning of opportunity for area fifth graders and Samford education students. It continues the outreach tradition set by the Carters, both of whom began teaching in the school of education in 1956. Frances taught through 1984, while John was dean of the school from 1980 to 1986.

The Carters' sponsorship replaces grants that have enabled the school to host multiple elementary schools each year from one designated school system. These schools are eager to send their fifth graders for what Dean calls "a celebration" of writing.

"It gives the department an opportunity to connect with the community in a unique way," said Dean.

Dr. Michele Haralson, director of the curriculum materials and technology center, oversees the program. Its aim is simple, she said. "We want all students to feel that they can be successful authors."

This celebration of writing takes its form in learning centers created and staffed by Samford students. Every room in the building is filled with activities that reinforce what these fifth graders have read in their standard curriculum. Through enrichment activities such as crafts and drama, each center introduces children to varied genres, from poetry to science fiction. In one center, fifth graders bring examples of their own writing to read aloud.

For many of these fifth graders, a walk on Samford's campus is the first time they've considered college possibilities. The effort is specifically aimed at Birmingham-area systems with underserved, at-risk populations and is offered at no charge to the system or students.

For some education majors, this will confirm their calling to work in underserved education populations in urban or rural areas.

For everyone, it's a day of celebration, both of the written word and of future possibilities.

Children's Learning Center

Nestled in the woods adjacent to campus, laughter and eager learning is an everyday affair, as youngsters from six weeks old through age five participate in the Children's Learning Center, a learning laboratory for all ages and specialties.

Student teacher Kelly Hicks talks about pumpkins with students at the Samford Children's Learning Center.

Dr. David Finn is faculty director of the center, which opened in 1998 to serve as an inclusive school, serving children of all abilities. Alayna Tippen is the coordinator of the center and is responsible for day-to-day operations. Approximately 100 enrolled children from babies to preschoolers are the children of university employees and area families. This in-demand program is known not as day care, but as a rich resource with thematic curriculum that stimulates learning for every age.

For the 14 infants, an individualized curriculum is designed specifically for each child to foster physical, cognitive and emotional growth. Once children reach the toddler stage and participate in a group setting, they enter a world of themes set for the whole center. Two-year-olds may collect leaves on an autumn day, sorting them by color or size, while four-year-olds learn to distinguish the difference between deciduous trees and evergreens. Literature, science, math, music and art are all incorporated in each theme.

Samford students learn just as much as their young charges, says Finn. Nursing students may work at the center to observe typical and atypical growth. Interior design students may plan how spaces, textures and textiles should be crafted for children. Pharmacy students may document and review procedures for storing and administering children's medications. World language students may teach Spanish to older preschoolers.

Each discipline contributes and learns from the permanent staff of professionals who work daily with the children, providing consistency and routine for each age group.

The inclusion of children of all abilities is an important aspect of the program, says Finn. He is also director of special education for the university. This laboratory provides a nurturing environment for children to learn at their own pace while Samford students in a variety of disciplines observe, write curriculum and hone their skills to maximize each child's potential.

From young authors to toddling leaf-collectors, Samford's teacher education program is making its impact on multiple generations, within the university community and beyond. ■



ESSM Students Prepare for Wide Range of Fields

by Jean M. McLean

You never know what future professional you might encounter in Samford's Exercise Science and Sports Medicine [ESSM] program. About half of these undergraduates plan to be physicians or physical therapists. Others will be pharmacists, physician assistants, dentists, athletic trainers, fitness specialists, physical education teachers, nutritionists or other specialists.

More than ever before, each of these students, regardless of anticipated vocation, is nurtured in a program that "provides them with unique opportunities, including service learning, high-level research, and outstanding faculty members who care about the personal and professional lives of the students," said Dr. Alan Jung, ESSM department chair and assistant professor.

It is obvious that these efforts are working, as evidenced by the department's extraordinary graduate school acceptance rates. Nearly 100 percent of all the department's applicants have been accepted to medical school, dental school, pharmacy school, physician assistant school, chiropractic school, physical therapy school and other graduate programs.

Graduates currently attend graduate or professional schools ranging from Samford and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, to Duke and the University of Southern California.

Jung credits ESSM's success to the quality of entering students, the quality of committed faculty who make students a priority and the programs crafted to give undergraduates some master's-level research training while still in a bachelor's setting. The department emphasizes service that continues the school's community service tradition, which appeals to a wide range of Samford students, particularly those who see medical missions as part of their future. Many students, says Jung, consider their major as a foundation for a future of serving others in the mission field.

Part of this development is in research. Dr. John Petrella, a muscle physiologist formerly with the University

of Alabama at Birmingham's medical school, joined the department in August. "He brings a wealth of research knowledge and lab experience that will benefit all our students, particularly those who plan on attending graduate school, medical school or physical therapy school," said Jung.

Petrella continues the school's established emphasis on varied student research worthy of academic journal publication. Four manuscripts from last year's senior research projects were submitted for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Students regularly present their research projects at the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual meeting, and will begin presenting at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine and Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association annual meetings.

Research and service opportunities were furthered when the Exercise Physiology Lab recently acquired equipment to perform high-level research and conduct physiological testing for the local community. The metabolic cart is the gold standard for measuring aerobic fitness. It can be used to predict the number of calories an individual burns at rest during the day (resting metabolic rate) and the number of fat calories burned during exercise.

The lab frequently receives requests from individuals in Birmingham who would like to have a variety of physiological tests performed, including calls for an instrument called the "Bod Pod,"



Exercise science and sports medicine major Tan Taylor works with Josh Kaiser, right, and Thomas Comini in a motor skills development class for children at Samford.

which measures percentage of body fat.

In addition to special-request and research use of these instruments, students soon will have more opportunities for outreach. The department plans to launch an official Community Testing Program in 2008.

The combination of community service, research, consultation with professionals and peers and academic publication does more than further these students' chances of being accepted in their desired graduate school. It also helps meet the ESSM's mission to help them become as well-rounded as possible.

"It's not just about going to medical school or other graduate programs," said Jung. "We challenge students to think about their purpose, their God-given gifts and their calling. We hope this encourages the students to understand how they can make a positive impact on others—individually, locally and globally." ■

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Family Studies Programs Range from Local to Global

by Mary Wimberley

Samford's family studies students are familiar faces at M-Power ministries, a faith-based, multipronged ministry. Major components include a literacy program, the only free medical clinic in Birmingham, and a Christian Women's Job Corps that equips women in need for life and employment.

Emily McAbee is among students in a family life education class who have attended weekly job corps classes to build relationships and understand challenges faced by women in poverty.

The Samford students observed classes attended by job corps participants and also made presentations. McAbee and her group focused on encouraging the women to stress the importance of their M-Power classes.

The goal of their presentation was to boost the women's self-confidence. "Many of them don't have social support at home," said McAbee.

She says she has learned a lot from meeting and getting to know the 14 women in the program.

"They have inspired me because of how motivated they are. Nobody forces them to come to M-Power, yet they come every week to learn skills so they can make better lives for themselves," said McAbee, who says the experience has taught her a lot about compassion and that "people are doing the best they know how," even if it's not the way she would do it.

It is a valuable lesson the junior from Spartanburg, S.C., knows will help her in her future career in social services.

"The more compassion I have for the people I work with, the more motivated I will be to help them the best I can," said McAbee.

The Samford students will leave a teaching plan and materials from their workshop with M-Power that can be used with future classes of job corps participants.

Assessing Progress at Summer Camps

When YMCA chaplain Tom Rains needed help with program assessment in summer camps, he called on Samford family studies professor Jonathan Davis. The YMCA hopes the effort ultimately will result in better incorporation of the professionally recognized 40 develop-



Samford education professors Becky Atkinson, left, Clara Gerhardt, second from left, and David Finn, right, discuss language study with dean Maria Eugenia Maldonado and education school director Monica Cordero at the University of Cuenca in Ecuador.

mental assets that are defined as good predictors of outcomes for positive youth development.

Dr. Davis analyzed data collected by the YMCA when camps began in June, redesigned the survey to measure changes that the children in the YMCA experienced over the summer, and collected a second set of data in August.

The project became a good learning experience for Davis' summer senior research class members, who suggested other aspects of the YMCA program that would be important to measure. "As part of their training for program assessment, they helped enter the survey data," said Davis.

The collaboration with the YMCA continued in the fall semester as Samford students designed a survey for the after-school care program.

Understanding Profit Versus Nonprofit

An innovative new collaboration with the School of Business allows family studies majors to earn a minor in social entrepreneurship, which is offered in the business curriculum as a concentration for management majors.

"Many family studies graduates will get jobs in nonprofit or not-for profit agencies," explained professor Kristie Chandler. "They will have excellent understanding of family issues, such as parenting, but may not have a basic concept of how nonprofit and for-profit organizations differ. They need this background to help the nonprofit succeed at its mission."

A background in concepts of social entrepreneurship is also helpful to graduates who will work for for-profit companies with socially conscious missions. The academic content includes mission setting, governance, assessment and fund-raising.

"Because of its Christian nature, Samford gets students who want to serve others, and these courses will help them in that mission," said Dr. Chandler.

Taking Latin American Culture 'High' and 'Low'

Education professor David Finn's experience as a Samford Latin American Studies Fellow has benefited youngsters at the Children's Learning Center, which he directs, as well as undergraduate

students in his special education class.

"I reached low and I reached high," he said of the age range of students now engaged in projects he developed as a continuation of his involvement with the program.

He and education colleagues Clara Gerhardt, Becky Atkinson and Pat Terry were among 18 Samford faculty members who spent the better part of a year learning Spanish and the culture of Latin America. The project is supported by an international studies and foreign language grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

After attending weekly classes and colloquia last fall and spring, the group spent three weeks in Ecuador in early summer. For a week, they lived with host families in the town of Cuenca, where they attended Spanish classes, visited

cathedrals and museums, and met with faculty in their disciplines at the University of Cuenca—all the while speaking Spanish as much as possible.

"We had to learn it fast," Dr. Finn said of the language, in which he had little background before the class he took during Jan Term.

The trip ended with a drive from southern Ecuador north to the capital city of Quito, with stops at an Inca village and a museum at the equator.

Back home, the professors developed projects to connect their immersion in the culture with students in their Samford classrooms.

Finn is in the process of labeling the CLC bilingually, with words like "book" and "tornado zone" in both languages placed around the building. The earlier a child is exposed to a second language,

the better, said Finn, whose CLC clientele range in age from six weeks to five years.

"They have an empty pail, whereas ours as adults is full," he said of a youngster's mental capacity to absorb a new language.

He is exposing his college students to Latin American culture by requiring them to write and illustrate a simple children's book in English and Spanish. "This extends their appreciation of another culture and makes them understand the difficulty involved in translation," he said of the future teachers.

A publisher will bind the books so that the students can use them when they go into their own classrooms after graduation. ■

Interior Design Students Work to Preserve 1836 Home

One aspect of interior design is construction. Another is reconstruction. Several Samford interior design students learned more about reconstruction this fall by volunteering to work on a preservation project at a house built more than 170 years ago.

The project began during the fall of 2006, when Samford interior design assistant professor Charles Ford recommended preservation strategies to the West Jefferson Historical Society for a project at the Sadler Plantation home.

He outlined a plan to preserve the original windows and replace decayed windows at the 1836 structure in west Jefferson County. Part of his proposal was to employ proven preservation techniques established by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Working in conjunction with the Historical Society (of which Ford is a board member), students assisted in the repair and replacement of decayed windows at the home. Interior design major Holly Morgan found the hands-on learning experience valuable.

"I was particularly interested in the transformation of the house from a small log cabin originally to a two-story structure in later years," she said. "It was surprising to know the old log cabin still could be seen within the walls of this larger house just by looking underneath the foundation."



Students Kelly Fishbein, left, and Holly Morgan work on window repair at the 1836 Sadler Plantation Home in west Jefferson County.

Morgan was impressed by the early workmanship.

"The construction of the 19th century architecture done by hand and skilled craftsmen is definitely a lost art," she said. "You can tell they put their heart and soul into it."

Morgan hopes to go to graduate school to study historic preservation and interior design.

"The Sadler House experience made me realize that interior design is much more than space planning or designing

the latest restaurant. It's also about protecting and preserving structures of the past. I admire the people that want to preserve this history."

Ford said students can learn a great deal from historic architecture.

"They gain investigative and pragmatic experiences that heighten a person's perception of historically significant structures and give further cause to preserve the architectural gems," he said. "This is the type of experience we strive to implement in our course." ■



Metro Programs Broaden Offerings, HIT Program Gains Popularity

by Mary Wimberley

Exercise science and sports medicine professor James Angel hands out materials in the Metro Programs personal health class.

Samford's Metro Programs have established an exciting partnership with two area community colleges. Beginning this year, Metro Programs requirements are detailed in academic catalogs for Jefferson State Community College and Lawson State Community College. Both schools are in the metropolitan Birmingham area and attract a mainly commuter student base, as does Metro Programs, which offers evening credit classes for adult learners.

The listings, said Metro Programs Executive Director Cindy Kirk, make it easier for community college students to know what courses to take at their schools and be confident in what will transfer to Samford.

The result should be a smoother transition to Samford for work on a bachelor's degree after completing an associate degree at a two-year school.

HIT is a Hit

The Samford After Sundown [SAS] component of Metro Programs has obviously hit on something with its Health-Care Interpreter Training [HIT] certificate program. The 2007 class that launched in October is the third and largest cohort since the program started in 2004. The class quickly filled, and a waiting list is standing by.

HIT trains people who are bilingual in English and Spanish to become qualified interpreters in a medical setting. The program received the 2006 Distinguished Non-Credit Program Award from the Association of Continuing Higher Education, gaining national recognition.

The current class is evenly divided between native Spanish speakers and native English speakers, said SAS Director Paul Franklin. The class roster includes students with a heritage from at least six Spanish-speaking nations.

A common thread that ties students together is a commitment to serve others.

"An applicant for the HIT program must indicate an awareness of the needs of the Spanish-speaking population in Alabama and must demonstrate a desire to be of assistance to the community," said Franklin.

In the classroom and in the required internship, students gain knowledge and skills to help bridge linguistic and cultural gaps. "Many find innovative ways to put the training they received at Samford to work, becoming agents for positive change," said Franklin.

The 30 graduates from the first two HIT classes now work in various fields and situations. While many interpret in hospitals and clinics, others are in

ministry, missions and early childhood development.

One graduate, Giovanna Minotta, originally from Guatemala, founded and operates a nonprofit service agency for Latinos in the Anniston, Ala., area.

Help with Textbooks

A new "Book-it to Samford" effort is designed to help Metro Programs students with the increasingly high cost of textbooks.

With many texts costing from \$50 to \$150 each, the price of books can often make a Metro student, who already may be juggling family and careers, think twice about taking a class.

"Book-it to Samford" seeks to provide each evening student with access to required texts by paying for electronic access to textbooks (available on the Internet); reserving textbooks at the University Library; and holding book drives for gently used books.

Donated books are welcome at the Metro Programs office in Dwight Beeson Hall on campus, as are financial donations and corporate sponsorships. For information, call 205-726-2487 or 205-726-2898. ■



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- **Scholarship Society Contributor**—Annual gifts of less than \$1,000 are combined with other gifts and awarded annually to worthy students with demonstrated financial need. Contributors are recognized in the annual President’s Report.
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Q&A

Flash-frozen in History The Last Day of Pompeii

Samford classics professor Shannon Rogers Flynt '91 specializes in Roman archaeology and has helped excavate several ancient sites in Europe. As a Pompeii exhibit opened at the Birmingham Museum of Art this fall, she explained the unique value of the site and recalled her work on the archaeological team of the Anglo-American Project in Pompeii in that program's 1996 season. The exhibit will run through Jan. 27, 2008.

Pompeii was home to perhaps 20,000 people at the time of its destruction by volcanic eruption in August of 79. How many escaped?

It's believed that the majority got out, but the eruption had two effects on Pompeii. When Vesuvius erupted that morning, the volcanic stone and ash started raining down. It was heavy enough over the course of the day to tear down roofs, but it stopped, and some people may have gone back into the town, thinking the eruption was over. The second part of the eruption—the pyroclastic surge, in which those super-hot gasses came through—got the people who might have come back in. It just incinerated people where they stood. That would have been the

luckiest group. Those who died earlier—who choked on the ash, or were trapped and suffocated or killed by collapsing roofs or hit by debris—probably had it worse than the people who were standing there and were instantly burned alive.

Was the destruction of Pompeii, then, something like the devastation of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, with a certain amount of advance warning? Those who remained were simply overtaken by multiple disasters?

Yes, it just caught up with everybody. There may have been people who said, "I don't have anywhere to go" or, "I'll wait it out and see." There had been an earthquake related to Vesuvius in 62 that caused massive destruction in Pompeii, but that's not the same thing as a volcanic eruption. They probably knew what Vesuvius was, but it had never done that in their lifetime.

So ash and stone from Vesuvius sealed the city intact. Is that what makes Pompeii such an important archaeological site?

Yes. It was just flash-frozen in the course of two days exactly as people left it.

Did you make any exciting discoveries during your work?

Me? No. One of the things that made this project different from others is that a lot of work is done on the 79 level, but not many projects excavate below that surface. This project did, trying to get back to the earliest levels of settlement. So there was a focus on architecture, evaluation of standing walls and below-ground remains that enabled the project to look at how one little city block changed over time. One thing the project revealed was that although everybody said the House of the Surgeon was the oldest house at Pompeii, there were foundations *beneath* that house. Another big part of the project was the collection and evaluation of ecofacts—botanical remains. We did lots of flotation tank work, even for the tiniest seeds.

One of the most interesting things was that the middle of a main room—where a little pool had been, with a cistern beneath it and an open roof above it to collect water for the household supply—had been blown out by an Allied bomb during WWII. Apparently, it was a stray bomb meant for Naples.

It's easier to imagine Indiana Jones dodging bombs than sorting seeds. What's the most common misconception about what archaeologists do?

I think it's that most archaeologists are finding the big stuff, fully intact, that goes straight into a museum and somehow makes money—that you find the treasure and somehow get money from it. That's the way it was in the early days of archaeology, when the king of Naples could send in people [to excavate Pompeii]. He got to keep all the stuff, and that's all they looked for. They wanted the big stuff, whereas archaeology now focuses on the smallest stuff. It's always about context, the total picture, looking at every small detail to reconstruct what the past was like. Often, that means just looking at stains in the dirt. There's only so much you can learn from even the most amazing statue in isolation.

Archaeologists will excavate less and less. It's too expensive and it's too time-consuming. But it becomes more possible to do less-invasive things. That's what archaeologists try to do. You can use a variety of ground-penetrating radar devices that help you get an idea of what's below ground, and then you can be much more selective about where you dig. It's not about “grab a shovel and go.”

It's a reasonable criticism to point out that warehouses, universities and galleries are full of material recovered by excavations that has never been studied. People haven't published or written about or analyzed the things they've found, and there's probably enough to keep people busy, never to excavate again anywhere. It takes years and years of study just to figure out what you've got.

What was a typical day like for you and your fellow archaeologists at Pompeii?

It depended on which team you were working on. If you were doing ecofacts, then it was sifting dirt through fine mesh or putting it in water tanks to see what floated to the surface, and skimming stuff off and packaging it up. If you were with artifacts, you were washing potsherds and documenting them. Excavating wasn't too hard if you were just scraping dirt with your trowel as you were trying to trace levels down, but drawing pictures of those levels was painstaking. The hardest physical labor was probably when you'd come down to a floor surface—and that means [ancient] concrete floor. Then the pickaxes would come out and you'd have to go through it. First, of course, you'd

document it very carefully, and then you had to destroy it.

We'd go up to the site at about 7 a.m. or earlier to start the day, before it opened to tourists. Walking up the same route every morning through that city, I really got to know the site well. Of course, the advantage of being on that team was that we got to see things that tourists on a day trip don't get to see. On any given day, a small selection of houses will be open. They just don't have the staff to keep the whole site open.

What percentage of archaeology is actual in-the-dirt work?

I can only estimate, but for this project, they worked for maybe 12 years on one small city block. That's six weeks out of each year. The rest of the year, then, would be spent writing up and describing what they did. That's another 40-something weeks, compared to six weeks of digging, when you're probably only describing one season. It might take years to really look at the material you brought back.

What does one study to become an archaeologist?

You need it all. Archaeology is a science that's stolen from everything—math, language, history, literature, architecture, engineering . . . My friend from the Pompeii project, Barry Hobson, had a long career as a physician in Bradford,

England, and then retired and decided to go back to school to become an archaeologist when he was around 50. He went back to Pompeii every year as a member of the excavation team, overseeing the excavations. He's now finishing a book on Roman toilets—he looked at them from Pompeii all the way to North Africa. It's never too late!

For most of us, the terrible last moments of the city are the most obvious point of entry to the Pompeii story. What does the site mean to you?

The Birmingham Museum of Art exhibit is called “Stories from an Eruption,” and the focus is on the popularity of Pompeii as a destroyed city. It focuses a lot on the death, and when you go to Pompeii today, you're struck by the ghost town feeling if you're lucky enough to be there when it's quiet. You see a ruined city. But when I go there—and especially when I was working there—I see more of the stories of life. Archaeology at Pompeii reveals not just the few hours people had at what they thought was the end of their lives, but all the little everyday stuff that survived and which you don't always get from other sites. Archaeology is about reconstructing people's lives. ■

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“Cave Canem” (Beware of Dog): An ancient floor mosaic reminds visitors of everyday concerns before the eruption.

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ALUMNI

'48 **William and Beth Kelley Poe** retired after 63 years of ministry in West Africa, Missouri and Louisiana. They live in a retirement home in Kansas City, Mo.

'49 **Marvin Atchley** is retired in Pell City, Ala. He and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in September.

Ralph Barber of Pell City, Ala., recalled his days aboard the USS Dunlap in the Pacific in 1943 for an article in the *Mobile Press-Register*. He was among former crew members who gathered in Mobile for a reunion in September. The Dunlap was the flagship of a task force of six U.S. destroyers that led action in the Vella Gulf battle. He retired in 1975 as the special agent-in-charge of the Mobile office of the Drug Enforcement Administration after a 25-year career.

'51 **J. David Griffin** of Carrollton, Ga., writes articles for the Henry County historical quarterly, *The Orator*. He and his wife, Annette, celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary in December.

'53 **Pauline Jackson Clarke** of Birmingham retired after working 15 years as a hospice director.

Charles Powell was named to the 2007 Alabama Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame. A retired minister in Jasper, Ala., he was inducted during ceremonies in September.

Rayburn P. Reed retired after 10 years as chaplain with Baptist Shelby hospital in Alabaster, Ala. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Brent, Ala.

'57 **Cecil Brown** of Gadsden, Ala., is director of Etowah Christian Institution, Etowah Baptist Association.

'58 **A. L. Courtney** was inducted into the East Mississippi Community College [EMCC] Sports Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities at the Scooba, Miss., school. He played baseball and football at EMCC from 1953 to 1955. He declined professional baseball contracts to pursue his call to preach, which he has followed for 50 years. He is pastor emeritus at First Baptist Church, Pell City, Ala.

'59 **Royce Ballard** of Metairie, La., earned a doctor of ministry degree at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Brenda Whitten Thomas is chair of the English department at La Grange College, La Grange, Ga.

O. Suthern Sims, Jr., of Macon, Ga., received a Meritorious Service Award from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS]. He served on and chaired SACS committees for 35 years. He retired from Mercer University in 2003 when he was named emeritus professor of developmental and educational psychology. He has since held various posts at the school, and continues to serve as adjunct professor of pediatrics in the Mercer University School of Medicine.

'60 **Ronald F. Euler** of Pleasant Grove, Ala., is interim pastor at Snowtown Baptist Church.

'61 **Jerry King Douglas** lives in Knoxville, Tenn., where she tutors piano.

J. Harold Payne and his wife, Sally, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. They married seven days before he enrolled at Howard College on Sept. 16, 1957. They live in Homewood.

'62 **Jeanne Goode Mims** is founder of R & B Tax Service in Thorsby, Ala.

'65 **William M. Bishop** of Birmingham is retired from pediatric dentistry.

Saralyn Monroe Collins is executive director of training and development with eWomenNetwork. She lives in Winter Park, Fla.

'66 **J. Tyre Denney** is interim pastor at Evergreen Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky. He and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in August. They live in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

'67 **Anita Pritchett Arnold** of Brierfield, Ala., retired in November from Protective Life Corporation.

Gayle Brown Smith of Auburn, Ala., helped form the new East Alabama Children's Choir.

A Flagpole with a History

The next time you're watching a baseball game at Joe Lee Griffin Field, take a look at the flagpole in centerfield. It has an illustrious history.

For years, the pole stood near Old Main on the East Lake campus of then-Howard College. When Howard moved to Shades Valley in the fall of 1957, the pole stayed behind—for a few weeks.

The new campus had beautiful buildings, and eventually would have beautiful trees and landscaping. But it had no flagpole. On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1958, some Howard fraternity members decided to do something about this. James F. Sulzby, in his history of Howard College, tells the story.

With some fanfare, escorted by Birmingham police motor scout Richard Newman and a carload of young women, the fraternity members took the pole down and headed to the Shades Valley campus, literally carrying it on their shoulders.

There were 23 carriers, and they stopped periodically for rest, shifting the weight each time. The flagpole measured 55 feet in length and weighed 750 pounds. It was 10 miles from the old campus to the new. Each person carried about 35 pounds, but most said it felt like 35 tons before they had gone very far, according to Sulzby.

After about a mile, the pole bearers thought better of their project. They set the pole down by the side of the road and returned to campus. Two days later, 13 Birmingham-Southern College students picked up the pole and carried it to the new Howard campus—in a truck.

After some good-natured bantering,



primarily in the two school newspapers, the incident was laid to rest. Howard President Harwell Davis had the pole placed near the southwest corner of the library, where it remained for 40 years.

The pole was located near a young oak tree. As the tree matured, its limbs and the flag began to entangle. Something had to go, and it was the flagpole. New dual flagpoles were erected in Sherman Circle during the late 1990s, and the old flagpole was moved to the baseball field.

There, during baseball season, it continues to fly Old Glory, just as it did near Old Main and later, following its unlikely trip from East Lake, beside Davis Library. ■

'69 **Charles Shell** of Huntsville, Ala., retired after 30 years with Eli Lilly Drug Company.

'70 **Jan M. "Tex" Hawley** retired from the City of Mountain Brook, Ala., as a fire lieutenant/paramedic. He and his wife, **Pat Thorpe Hawley '71**, live in Homewood. She is a nurse at Tots 'N' Teens Pediatrics.

Kathy Sprayberry Wood is communication director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Ala., which has trained more than 393,000 emergency responders. A retired Army lieutenant colonel, Wood and her husband, Chuck, raise registered American quarter horses at Tranquility Base Farms, Alexandria, Ala.

'72 **Tom M. Weekley** of Milton, Fla., sold his drug store of 33 years in May and now works for CVS. He and his wife, Patsy, are parents of golfer Boo Weekley, who is ranked among the top PGA money winners.

'73 **Terrell T. Jackson** of Athens, Ala., is director of Giles Schools, Pulaski, Tenn.

'74 **Kay Jackson Harris** of Birmingham recently earned administrative certification from Samford and is the career technical education supervisor for Shelby County Schools.

'76 **Julie Maddox** of Pleasant Grove, Ala., is a family and consumer science teacher. She also oversees several student activities at her school.

Daniel A. Shadix is a chaplain with West Texas Veterans Administration Healthcare System, Big Spring, Texas.

'77 **James Branum** is director of the new CareNet Connections ministry. He is also ministry director at First Baptist Church, Fultondale, Ala., and faith-based coordinator for United Way of Central Alabama.

Rendell W. and Teresa Love Day '78 are former International Mission Board missionaries who now live in Georgia. She teaches in the early college program at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus. He is chaplain for Habitat for Humanity International and is bivocational pastor of Preston Baptist Church, Preston.

Mary Virginia Thompson wrote the entry on George Washington for *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 7: Foodways*, published by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and the University of North Carolina Press. She is research specialist at Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Mount Vernon, Va.

'78 **Bridgett Alena Junkin** was elected 2007–09 state recording secretary for Delta Kappa Gamma education honor society. She lives in Pell City, Ala., where she teaches at Pell City High School.

Garrard's Life Is Full of Magic

by Mary Wimberley



David Garrard '75

David Garrard '75 has combined an interest and talent in magic with his Christian faith for an unusual dual career. For 30 years, he has worked part-time as minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. The rest of his time is devoted to

magic, an interest he pursued even during his Samford days.

"My life is kind of eclectic," said Garrard. "One minute I'm evaluating kids for the Upward Basketball league I run at my church, leading WOW Worship or teaching Sunday school. The next, I'm performing at Caesars Indiana for a Halloween Party or traveling to Atlanta for a corporate show at the CNN Center."

In between, Garrard, who learned his first magic tricks from his father at age 12, appears at churches throughout the Southeast—entertaining, teaching, inspiring and motivating people of all ages. His shows, a blend of magic and message, have the intrigue of a well-performed illusion and often include music and lights.

Garrard incorporates close-up tricks with cards and coins, and audience participation, but also performs large-scale magic

tricks that may include assistants who are sawed in two or made to disappear.

Garrard turned tables on the disappearing feat in April during his opening act at Thunder Over Louisville, the largest fireworks show in North America and the official kickoff to the Kentucky Derby Festival.

"My assistants made me appear magically. Then I waved my wands and ignited the show. Very cool," he said of the experience, which was watched by an audience of 800,000, plus many more who viewed the live televised event.

Garrard and his wife, **Stephanie Judge Garrard '75**, are parents of Samford graduate **Claire Garrard '04**, and a son, Tyler.

Garrard's fall schedule included a show in Louisville with Las Vegas star Mac King and a trip to Vegas for a corporate show.

In December, his second DVD, *Tricks with Numbers*, will be released. His winter schedule includes corporate shows and a LifeWay national recreation conference in Florida.

He is helping to design special effects for his church's next Easter pageant that will incorporate illusions into the scenes of the temptation of Christ, the reappearance of Jesus and the ascension.

Next summer, he will be a featured performer when the world's two largest magic organizations, the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians, meet in Louisville. ■

'79 **Margaret Geer Roland** earned teacher certification at Shorter College and teaches in Rome, Ga. She and her husband, David, have three children.

Cynthia R. Vines of Morris, Ala., is a teacher and lead mentor at North Jefferson Middle School. She is a national board-certified teacher.

'80 **John W. Campbell** is associate professor of music and director of choirs at Georgetown College in Kentucky. While on sabbatical during the fall semester, the former A Cappella Choir graduate assistant (1982–83) spent two weeks in England.

'81 **William Stephen Eubanks, Jr.**, is chairman of the surgery department at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, Mo. He is president of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

Jacquelyn McIntyre Robison is youth minister at King's Cross, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Jennifer Cosby Mathewson Speer and her husband, Allen, live in Anna, Ill., and together have five children. She is a conference speaker, Bible teacher and founder of Word of Joy ministries.

'83 **Steven W. Burford** is assistant administrator of Children's and Women's Hospital at the University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.

Salam Shorrosh of Daphne, Ala., recently earned a Ph.D. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

David Vaillancourt, M.S.E. '89, is president of Certified Careers Institute, South Jordan, Utah.

'84 **Alisa Wynens Rehberg** is a licensed marriage and family therapist and licensed professional counselor. She and her husband, James Chesley Rehberg, Jr., live in Macon, Ga., with their two children, Gracie and James III.

'85 **Paula Graves** of Gardendale, Ala., is a graphic designer at Alexander Advertising. Her third novel, *Forbidden Touch* (Harlequin Intrigue) will be released in February.

Tommy J. Sanders earned a Ph.D. in management at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in May and is assistant professor of management at the University of Montevallo. He lives in Calera, Ala.

Karen Bush Tynes lives in Montgomery, Ala., with her husband, Tommy, and children, Austin, 12, and Jordan, 10.

'86 **J. Dale Armour, M.B.A.**, is senior vice president and chief executive officer of the Mississippi Division of Health Management Associates, Inc., Jackson, Miss.

Elizabeth Fentress Hallmark is coordinator of the simulation program in the Gordon E. Inman College of Health Sciences and Nursing at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in educational leadership with a concentration in electronic learning. She and her husband, Brian, have two children, Allison and Mack.

Mary Kay Kim Park, M.M., is pursuing a Ph.D. at Biola University, La Mirada, Calif. She lives in Yorba Linda, Calif., with her husband, Alex, and children, Lydia, Sarah and Isabel.

'87 **Cara Lott Brown** teaches public school music in South Carolina and is interim music director at First Baptist Church, Anderson, S.C.

Olivia Thomson, M.S.E. '94, of Birmingham was included in a recent listing of Outstanding Teachers of America. She taught at Princeton Alternative Elementary School.

Lynn Traylor is senior pastor of Buckner Baptist Church, Buckner, Ky. Traylor lives in LaGrange, Ky.

'88 **Eddie Beville** is pastor of Parkridge Baptist Church, Coral Springs, Fla. He and his wife, Laura, have four children.

Alicia McBride Tankersley lives in Marietta, Ga., with her husband, Tray, and their two children, Mary and Will.

'89 **Jimmy DeCarlo** of Rockford, Ill., is a graphic designer with Regular Baptist Press, a Christian publishing company. He has painted *No Longer an Outcast*, a depiction of Moses and the Burning Bush, available through History Dancer Art. He and his wife have four adopted sons.

'90 **Laurie Green Aderholt** is a middle school language teacher in Sylacauga, Ala., and secretary/treasurer of J.A. Aderholt, Inc. She and her husband, Jamie, have a son, Rhett, 10, and a daughter, Ryan, 4.

Susanne Michelle Eledge Ballard is a pharmacist with Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston, N.C. She and her husband, Jimmy, have four daughters, Harper Rose, Kirby Elizabeth, Dori Mariana and Eagan Caroline.

Nancy Johnson is helping to start a new church in Cumming, Ga.

Rebecca Kennedy is director of university missions at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Matthew S. Meadows is senior pastor at New Berlin Road Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

James Norman "Jim" Rice and **Catherine Carson '91** married in July. They live in Birmingham.

'91 **Nathaniel Bagley, Jr.**, was appointed to a three-year term on Birmingham's Historical Preservation Authority. He works in the city attorney's office, and is also a jazz musician. He and his wife, Regina, have two children, Ashton and Taylor.

Richard Lee Chancey is an attorney with Ezell, Chancey, Raiford & Farrar, LLP, in Phenix City, Ala. He and his wife, Tracie, have two children, Caleb and Caitlyn.

Tracy True Dismukes, M.B.A., is owner of Collage Designer Consignment, which celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2007 with a special promotion benefiting the Heart Association at its three Birmingham-area locations. Dismukes is a past president of the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops, and the Samford M.B.A. Alumni Association.

'92 **Charles Kennedy** is music associate at Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

Marion Wise, Jr., of Moody, Ala., is band director at Vincent High School. He and his wife, Melanie, have a son, Daniel Steven, born in June.

'93 **Angela Calhoun** and **John Carter** married in January. They live in Columbus, Ga.

Mary Beth Hill Dean is a vice president, business performance with Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, Birmingham. She and her husband, Chuck, have a daughter, Emily, born in March.

Kelli Halterman Jones lives in Murphy, N.C., with her husband, Michael, and children, Katelyn, 7, and Caleb, 4.

Angela Schooley Washington and **Steve M. Washington '94** live in Sumiton, Ala. He is manager of continuous improvement at American Cast Iron Pipe Company, and chairman of the Alabama Hyperion Software User Group. She is early intervention coordinator at the Walker County Arc.

'94 **David** and **Laurie Rowe Brooks** live in Edenton, N.C., where he is pastor of Edenton Baptist Church. They have two children, Caroline and Jacob.

Kevin C. Newsom is a partner with Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP, Birmingham, and cochair of its Appellate Practice Group.

Murphy Designs Coastal Living Cottage



Carol Murphy '99

Interior designer Carol Murphy '99 had an interesting assignment recently: design a coastal getaway to feature as the Idea Cottage in the October 2007 issue of *Coastal Living* magazine.

The 31-page spread displays Murphy's ideas for the 3,000-square foot home in Bon Secour Village on the Intracoastal Waterway, near the beaches of Gulf Shores, Ala.

The effort was "a lot of fun, as well as a challenge" for the designer with Tracery Interiors in Rosemary Beach Fla., who was tapped for the project partly because of her earlier work on a house featured by the magazine in 2004.

"I really enjoyed working with *Coastal Living* as well as meeting all the national sponsors and contributors to the house," said Murphy, who specializes in residential design, primarily new construction and renovation work.

A main component of such a project, says Murphy, is making the sponsors look good. "The sponsors give you catalogs of their items from which you make selections. The key is to finesse all the sponsors' items into a comprehensive design that is exciting to the magazine readers."

She chose to keep the idea cottage casual, young and user friendly, with soft and neutral

colors in rooms that she filled with comfortable furnishings.

The undertaking took about eight months, during which she also was involved with two other major projects. "I don't recommend doing that," she said. "It was an overwhelming workload."

Murphy's interior design studies at Samford included an internship in London, England, with a well-known upscale designer, the late Lady Victoria Waymouth.

"Her projects were so fantastic that I was sure that I had met my career peak as an intern. Luckily, I have gone on to work on some amazing projects since graduation," said Murphy, who credits the hands-on education she got at Samford, and the close attention she received from professors Jeannie Krumdieck and Ken Brazil, with preparing her for her career.

One of Murphy's favorite parts of being a residential interior designer is working with interesting people.

"Each project is different, based on my clients' goals. This means that my creativity is always getting pushed and challenged," said Murphy.

While much of her work is on homes along the Florida/Alabama coast, her talents are not confined to the South. The 2004 article, she said led a "great family" to me. "I ended up totally renovating their home in Nantucket. That was so much fun!" ■

- '95 Jeannette D. McCain** earned a master's in social work. She lives in Midlothian, Va., with her husband, Shawn, and twins, Daniel and Anna, 3.
- Jeffery McGriff** of Greenville, Ala., is owner of Elegant Designs.
- Bradley O'Rear** recently was elected president of the Birmingham Advertising Federation. He lives in Pelham, Ala.
- Jason W. Wallis** is owner of Jason Wallis Photography, Birmingham.
- '96 Allison Lee Dearing, J.D. '00**, is a policy analyst with the new Jefferson County Family Violence Coordinated Community Response in Birmingham. She and her husband, Jason, have two sons, Russell, 3, and Bennett Sterling, born in May.
- Steven L. Simpson, M.Div.**, earned a master's in community counseling at Columbus State University with emphasis in marriage and family therapy. A major in the U.S. Army, he is a family life chaplain at Fort Eustis, Va. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children, Keri and Casey.
- '97 Michael Kevin and Kimberly Kay Osborne Dunaway, Pharm.D.**, live in Andalusia, Ala., where he is youth and education pastor at Carolina Baptist Church. They have three children, Betsy, 6, Michael, 4 and Nathan, 1.
- Rebekah L. Falk** is associate pastor/spiritual director at University American Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.
- Mat R. Johnson** is sales/credit manager at Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc., Birmingham.
- Suzanah Raffield, M.Div. '00**, is global minister in residence at Covenant Community Church, Elba, Ala. She guides the 3-year-old congregation in developing a missions strategy that empowers it to act locally and globally. She will communicate with the church during her travels as a nongovernmental organization representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She is pursuing a Ph.D. at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Stephen C. Rucker** is vice president of commercial lending at Capital Bank, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He and his wife, Jaclyn, live in Chattanooga, Tenn.
- '98 B. Gayle Glenn, Ed.S.**, is the first woman to serve on the Trussville, Ala., school board.
- Christopher and Erin Cheek Robbins** live in Alabaster, Ala. He is an assistant principal in Hoover, Ala., and she is an educational consultant. They have two children, Anna, 3, and Clay, born in July.
- Eric, J.D.**, and **Carrie Tomlinson Stevenson** live in Pensacola, Fla. He is an associate with the law firm of Whibbs, Rayboun and Stone. She earned a master's in biology/coastal zone studies from the University of West Florida, and leads environmental education and outreach programs for the Escambia County Extension Service. They have a daughter, Lucy Adams Shannon, born in December.
- '99 Adam Blair, M.Acc. '01, M.B.A. '06**, and his wife, Karen, live in Birmingham.
- Jenni Drury Bonura** is associate broker in the Buckhead office of Jenny Pruitt & Associates, a realty firm in Atlanta, Ga. She is responsible for marketing initiatives, advising sales associates and building a team of agents. She and her husband, Don, live in Dunwoody, Ga.
- Jennifer Duke** married Joe Terpstra in October. They live in Alpharetta, Ga. She teaches second grade at Mount Pisgah Christian School.
- Jenny Douglass Hartzog and Neal Hartzog '00, J.D. '02**, live in Alexandria, Va. He is an attorney for the U.S. Patent and Trademark office. She manages the showhouse program for *Southern Accents* magazine. They have a son, Woodrow William, born in October.
- Trisha Schramm Holmes** and her husband, William, live in Mebane, N.C. She is a travel nurse with Duke University Hospital. They have a son, Henry Joseph, born in September.
- Benjamin Thomas Kelley and Mary Michael Garver '00** married in April. They live in Birmingham, where he works for Compass Bank and she is agency relations coordinator for United Way Community Food Bank.
- Jeffrey and Michelle Gresham Lipscomb** live in Statham, Ga. He is president of Georgia Real Estate Developers, Inc., Winder, Ga. They have two children, Ian and Scott.
- Melanie Fulda Lynch, M.S.E. '01, and Josh Lynch '02** live in Helena, Ala. She teaches at Shades Cahaba Elementary School. He is band director at Bumpus Middle School. They have a son, Taylor Caleb, born in May.
- Maria Burgess Walker** and her husband, Joel, live in Dallas, Texas. She is program adviser for the Women's Center at Southern Methodist University. They have a daughter, Scout Regan, born in June.
- '00 Kristen Brooke Boerner Broadbelt** of Land O'Lakes, Fla., recently earned a master's in educational leadership.
- Brett and Amanda Treadway Chapman '99** live in Madison, Ala., where he teaches history and coaches boys' soccer at Bob Jones High School. He is pursuing a master's in administration and supervision. They have a son, Luke, 1.
- Stuart Davidson** is student pastor at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. He and his wife, **Angela Ashley Davidson '01**, have a son, Jay, 1.
- Taylor Hanson** of St. Simons Island, Ga., married Reese King Haley in September.
- Brad Phelps, M.B.A.**, is a corporate recruiter with INC Research clinical research organization. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.
- '01 Bonnie Branum** married Jamie Monroe in October 2006. She is an associate with the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., in Birmingham.
- Shelli Nobles Henry** and her husband, Sam, live in Memphis, Tenn. They have a son, Andersen James, 1.
- David Brandon McGinty** is a manager, international tax, in Deloitte's Washington, D.C., national tax group. He earned a law degree from Temple University and an L.L.M. in tax from Villanova University. He lives in Arlington, Va.
- Amy Brock Moran** and her husband, Daniel, live in Spring Hill, Tenn. She teaches kindergarten at Grassland Elementary School in Brentwood, Tenn., where they are active at Fellowship Bible Church.
- Holly Morris Raidabaugh** recently was elected vice president of the Junior League of Richmond, Va.
- Heather Shea** married Todd Hatfield in September. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is accounting manager with Service Electric Company.
- James Michael Smith** is assistant pastor at New Calvary Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Ala., and assistant director-teacher/counselor at Royal Pines Recovery Center, Hayden, Ala.
- Nicole Thompson Stefano** of Indian Trail, N.C., recently earned national board certification in education. She and her husband, Jason, have a daughter, Ava Jean, born in July.
- Tina Riddell Strickland** is a nurse manager with Birmingham Veterans Affairs, Birmingham.
- Anne Catherine Kendrick Webster, J.D.**, is a financial and estate planning adviser with Calibre, a division of Wachovia Bank. She and her husband, Brooke, live in Winston-Salem, N.C., with their daughter, Lily, born in September.
- '02 Michael Cleveland** is pursuing a master of fine arts in acting in Chicago, Ill. He lives in DeKalb, Ill.
- Piper Carr and James Fly** married in May and live in Alpharetta, Ga. She works as an analyst and is pursuing an M.B.A. at Georgia State University. He is a web developer.
- M. E. Buck Dougherty III, J.D.**, and **Kimberly Walker Dougherty, J.D.**, live in Collierville, Tenn. He is an attorney with Husch & Eppenberger LLC, in Memphis, Tenn. They have three sons, Will, 4, Jack, 2, and George, born in May.

Carrie Lewis Kreps, Pharm.D., and **Joseph C. Kreps, J.D. '03**, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala. She is a consultant pharmacist for Senior Care Pharmacy and a preceptor for Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. He is managing partner of Kreps Law Firm, LLC, specializing in defense, residential real estate transactions and title insurance. They have a son, Joseph "Jay" Kreps, Jr., born in July.

Paul Franklin von Herrmann earned a medical degree in 2006 from the Medical College of Georgia and is a flight surgeon with the U.S. Navy in Pensacola, Fla. He and his wife, Missy, have a daughter, Ellie Jeanne, 1.

'03 **Stephanie L. Allen** is a therapist at the Enrichment Center, Huntsville, Ala.

Kristen Boutwell married Brock Eson in May. They live in Birmingham.

Sam Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., president and cofounder of CoolPeopleCare, is the author of his first book, *New Day Revolution: How to Save the World in 24 Hours* (Xyzy Press).

James Gibson married Jennie Johnson in January. He graduated the University of Alabama School of Law in 2006 and is a legal fellow in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, Ala.

Taylor and Shannon Knipfer Knight live in Norfolk, Va., where he is stationed as a U.S. Navy pilot. They are the parents of twin sons, Andrew Mark and William Taylor, born in July.

Shelley Sager married Allan Blocker in April. She teaches in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Glenda Smith of Jasper, Ala., is administrative assistant in the business office of Jimmie Hale Mission in Birmingham.

'04 **Nathan Douglas** is a commercial real estate broker with NAI Nashville in Tennessee.

Scott and Amy Bonds Meyer live in Birmingham.

Jaime Simmons is an outreach coordinator for CommuteSmart in Birmingham.

Natalie A. Temple of Hampton Cove, Ala., is office administrator at Whitesburg Christian Academy.

'05 **Nicholas T. Coffey** is associate pastor at Westwood Baptist Church, Pelham, Ala.

Sam Hawes and Emily Dawn Morris '06 married in June. They live in Birmingham.

Rebekah Lewis married Kevin Lin in September. She works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston.

Ashley Panella Moneyhun and her husband, Jay, live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Natalie Jennings Warren earned a master's in biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is an adjunct biology professor at Samford.

'06 **Mary Caldwell** is director of event planning with PathNorth, Washington, D.C. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Elizabeth Cesler married Philip Glofelty in August. They live in Birmingham.

Megan Forman of West Palm Beach, Fla., is program director for Florida Mentor, a residential care facility for people with developmental disabilities.

Marcus Huskey is assistant to the deputy director of political affairs in the Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C. He manages personnel and daily operations of the office. He assumed the White House post in September after working a year as executive assistant to U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis, S.C.

Megan Blair Kemp is administrative assistant at Currey Ingram Academy, Brentwood, Tenn.

Caroline McCreary works at Infinity Insurance, Birmingham.

Lisa Peters is a staff accountant with the Atlanta, Ga., office of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. She earned an M.B.A. from Troy University.

'07 **Ben Schmidt** is a financial analyst with CNL Income Corp., Orlando, Fla. He lives in Windermere, Fla.

Megan Stodard is a child life specialist at Shriners Hospital for Children, St. Louis, Mo. ■

births

'87 Beth and **Rex C. Tuckier** of Moulton, Ala., a son, Elijah Rex, born May 15, 2007.

'90 Jimmy and **Susanne Michelle Eledge Ballard** of Kinston, N.C., a daughter, Eagan Caroline, born in December 2006.

'91 **Sean, M.S.E. '94**, and **Shannon Rogers Flynt** of Morris, Ala., a son, Ambrose Doss, born Aug. 30, 2007.

'92 Kristen and **Erick Fitzgerald, M.Div. '96**, of Uniontown, Pa., a son, Jeremiah Thomas, born September 4, 2007.

Brock and **Kelly Newsome Fredette** of Kennesaw, Ga., a son, Michael Edward, born April 15, 2007.

Derrek and Marysha Tyler Luther of Sarasota, Fla., a son, Conner Tyler, born Sept. 9, 2007.

Melanie and **Marion Wise, Jr.**, of Moody, Ala., a son, Daniel Steven, born June 20, 2007.

'93 Jason and **Lee Anne Samples Bryant** of Huntsville, Ala., and Varese, Italy, the adoption of a daughter, Wren SiHui Lee, on Oct. 30, 2006.

Chuck and **Mary Beth Hill Dean** of Birmingham, a daughter, Emily, born March 13, 2007.

Mathew and **Shannon Howell Wrenn** of Maylene, Ala., a son, Grayson Stone, born Aug. 31, 2007.

Heather and **David C. Young** of Ligonier, Penn., a daughter, Willow Mae, born April 6, 2007.

'94 Rhett and **Amarily Perdono Barnett** of Pelham, Ala., a daughter, Catalina Noelle, born Nov. 8, 2006.

Tiffany and **William D. Denton** of Birmingham, a son, Christian Graham, born May 23, 2006.

Kurt and Carolyn Wagner Weigel '96 of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Lauren Abigail, born April 15, 2007.

'95 Shaun and **Carolee Joy Franklin Barber** of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter, Serena Michelle, born July 30, 2007.

Kert and **Michelle Friday Rojka** of Lutz, Fla., a son, Adam, born Sept. 26, 2006.

'96 Eric and **Angie Lee Crossan** of Clarksville, Tenn., a daughter, Addison Lee, born June 7, 2007.

Jason and **Allison Lee Dearing, J.D. '00**, of Birmingham, a son, Bennett Sterling, born May 4, 2007.

Brandi Gorman Guthrie and **Lee Guthrie, J.D. '97**, of Hoover, Ala., a son, Larry Lee III, born Oct. 25, 2006.

Laura Abston Ludwig and **Peter Allen Ludwig '97** of Chelsea, Ala., a son, Jonathan Cameron, born Sept. 6, 2007.

Andrew and **Tammy Lockwood Miller** of York, Penn., a son, Jackson Sage, born Aug. 10, 2007.

'97 **Sidney, J.D.**, and **Katie Emerson Mitchell '98** of Greenville, S.C., a daughter, Sidney Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 2006.

Carrie and **Christopher Nelson** of Bessemer, Ala., a son, James William, born Nov. 7, 2005.

Mark Aaron and Katherine Stockton Willard of Albany, Ga., a son, David, born July 26, 2007.

'98 **Collin and Katherine McCarthy King '00** of Birmingham, a daughter, Peyton Scarlett, born March 27, 2007.

Amy Smith Minchin and Jonathan B. Minchin, M.B.A./J.D. '03, of Birmingham, twins, Abigail Lucy and Elizabeth Lauren, born May 4, 2007.

Amy Coe Pattillo and Jim Pattillo, J.D. '02, of Birmingham, a son, Matthew Sheldon, born Aug. 14, 2007.

Chris and Erin Cheek Robbins of Alabaster, Ala., a son, Clayton David, born July 12, 2007.

William M. and Nicole San Souci Robbins '01 of Chelsea, Ala., a son, Gabriel Matthew, born Feb. 20, 2007.

Eric, J.D., and Carrie Tomlinson Stevenson of Pensacola, Fla., a daughter, Lucy Adams Shannon, born Dec. 12, 2006.

'99 **Sherri and Daniel Ausbun '01** of Moreland, Ga., a daughter, Elizabeth Reese, born Sept. 6, 2007.

Luke and **Mary K. Carter Campbell** of Aledo, Texas, sons, Carter Andrew, born Dec. 24, 2005, and Luke Ryan, born Aug. 2, 2007.

James and **Corrie Brooks Carr** of Charlotte, N.C., a daughter, Kendall Brooks, born Sept. 29, 2006.

Dugald and **Kristen Farmer Hall** of Birmingham, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born July 31, 2007.

Jenny Douglass Hartzog and Neal Hartzog '00, J.D. '02, of Alexandria, Va., a son, Woodrow William, born Oct. 15, 2007.

William and **Trisha Schramm Holmes** of Mebane, N.C., a son, Henry Joseph, born Sept. 23, 2007.

Melanie Fulda Lynch, M.S.E. '01, and **Josh Lynch '02** of Helena, Ala., a son, Taylor Caleb, born May 19, 2007.

Carlos and **Leslie Swatzell McDonald** of Birmingham, a son, Hardy Gray, born Dec. 30, 2006.

Libby and **Jonathan E. Pope** of Hampton Cove, Ala., a son, Charlie, born June 1, 2007.

Craig G. and Libby Lovett Shadinger of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Austin Glen, born Aug. 24, 2007.

Jeff and **Laurie Allen Shanks** of Homewood, a son, Allen Jeffrey, born Aug. 29, 2007.

Joel and **Maria Burgess Walker** of Dallas, Texas, a daughter, Scout Regan, born June 11, 2007.

'00 **Matt and Rachel Westmoreland Blazer** of St. Louis, Mo., a daughter, Caroline Kelton, born March 18, 2006.

Shane and **Rebecca Walker Burroughs** of Kissimmee, Fla., a son, Ethan Walker, born Dec. 7, 2005.

Stuart and Angela Ashley Davidson '01 of Montgomery, Ala., a son, Jay, born Dec. 20, 2005.

Russell and Jessica Stephenson Taylor of Charlotte, N.C., a daughter, Kathryn Rose, born July 23, 2007.

'01 **Corrie and Nathan D. Edwards** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Daniel Tucker, born Sept. 12, 2007.

Sam and **Shelli Nobles Henry** of Memphis, Tenn., a son, Andersen James, born May 12, 2006.

Luis and **Angela Wilhite Mendoza** of Hendersonville, Tenn., a son, Thomas Victor, born Aug. 27, 2007.

Jonathan and **Whitney Locke Rich** of Walton, Ky., a son, David Andrew, born June 21, 2007.

Brooke and **Anne Catherine Kendrick Webster, J.D.**, of Winston-Salem, N.C., a daughter, Lily, born Sept. 6, 2007.

'02 **Ryan and Katie Emerson Brewer '03** of Pelham, Ala., a son, Boston Neal, born Aug. 1, 2007.

Daniel and Mary Craft '03 of Orlando, Fla., a daughter, Virginia Grace, born Oct. 16, 2007.

Carrie Lewis Kreps, Pharm.D., and Joseph C. Kreps, J.D. '03, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a son, Joseph "Jay" Kreps, Jr., born July 26, 2007.

Michael and Natalie Seanor Lea of Bullock, N.C., a son, John David, born July 10, 2007.

Missy and **Paul von Herrmann** of Pensacola, Fla., a daughter, Ellie Jeanne, born March 29, 2006.

'03 **Taylor and Shannon Knipfer Knight** of Norfolk, Va., twin sons, Andrew Mark and William Taylor, born July 26, 2007.

Mike and **Heather Leger** of North Lauderdale, Fla., a son, Caleb, born Jan. 31, 2007.

'04 **Martin and Jamie Dorsett Jackson** of Deatsville, Ala., a son, Dorsett William, born Sept. 4, 2007.

Michael and **Courtney Mize** of Birmingham, a son, Jonathan Phillip, born July 18, 2007.

Jay and Katherine Arnold Wolf of Malibu, Calif., a son, James Thompson, born Oct. 16, 2007. ■

in memoriam

'30 **Harvelle Benjamin "Vic" Goodwin, Sr.**, age 99, of Hoover, Ala., died the afternoon of Aug. 21, 2007. He ended his career with the U.S. Postal Service as a postal inspector in 1947 and started Goodwin Oil and Tire Company. He was chapter and state president of the Alabama Independent Service Station Association and a member of the Alabama Oil Jobbers Association. In college, he lettered in baseball, basketball and football. He was an avid golfer for 70 years.

'31 **Margaret McCorquodale Newell Goodwin**, age 97, of Hoover, Ala., died the morning of Aug. 21, 2007. She taught fifth and sixth grades in Jefferson County schools. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and United Daughters of the Confederacy, a garden club and literary study club.

'38 **William Davis Jeffers**, age 90, of Pell City, Ala., died Oct. 17, 2007. He retired from the U.S. Treasury Department. He was a long-time volunteer at Christian Love Pantry.

Merle McCarty Ritchie of Mountain Brook, Ala., died Aug. 19, 2007. She was a retired teacher from Mountain Brook Elementary and Highlands Day School. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Woman's Club and several garden clubs. At Samford, she was May queen and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

- '39 **Kathleen Dodd Morgan**, age 93, of Boaz, Ala., died Oct. 7, 2007. She taught school for 40 years. She lived many years in Greenville, Ala., where she was education director at First Baptist Church.
- '41 **Mary Emily Wishart Andrews**, age 86, of Birmingham, died Aug. 28, 2007. An elementary school teacher, she was a board member of the Birmingham Jefferson Historical Society, and member and president of the Arlington Historical Association. She was a member of several civic and cultural organizations.
- '42 **Florrie Thompson Hurtt**, age 85, of Birmingham, died Sept. 1, 2007. She served 65 years in the Samford University Auxiliary and was an active alumna of Phi Mu sorority. A leader in Woman's Missionary Union activities, she participated in many mission trips. She taught Sunday school for 70 years at Ruhama and Huffman Baptist churches.
- '43 **Martha Lou Gober Smith**, age 85, of Birmingham, died Aug. 26, 2007. She taught at Glen Iris/Epic School for many years. A past president of the Alabama State Gospel Singing Convention, she was a founder and manager of the Cahaba Heights Senior Center.
- '45 **Edward Cecil Little** of Jonesborough, Tenn., died Sept. 10, 2007.
- '47 **Hugh O. Chambliss**, age 83, of Huntsville, Ala., died Sept. 24, 2007. He was executive director of Madison Baptist Association for 22 years, 1966–88. He was a former

vice president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and president of the Samford Alumni Association. He received an honorary doctor of divinity from Samford in 1974.

- John M. Tinklepaugh**, age 86, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Aug. 21, 2007. He owned and operated T. R. Taylor Drugstore for many years. He was active in the Tuscaloosa Retail Drug Association, square dance club and other civic groups. During World War II, he served in three PT boat squadrons in the Mediterranean Sea. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.
- '49 **John D. Clinkscales**, age 82, of LaGrange, Ga., died May 13, 2007. He was retired controller of Milliken and Co. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.
- '51 **Edward Arakawa** of Oak Ridge, Tenn., died March 15, 2007. Dr. Arakawa was a physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.
- Leroy J. "Jack" Carlisle, Jr.**, age 78, of Hartselle, Ala., died Sept. 13, 2007. He was a chemical engineer for Amoco Chemicals, Co., for 24 years. He was a tackle on the Samford football team before leaving school to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

Cecil E. "Lollie" Howell, age 85, of Mobile, Ala., died Sept. 17, 2007. He was a retired pharmacist and veteran of World War II, during which he was an infantry medic. A member of the Lion's Club and Mobile Touchdown Club, he was an avid golfer with Mobile Seniors.

- '52 **Janie Wilson Greene**, age 76, of Hoover, Ala., died Aug. 24, 2007. A dietician, she was a past president of the Alabama Dietetic Association. She worked at Baptist Medical Center–Princeton, Carraway Hospital and Jefferson State Community College, where an annual scholastic award bears her name.
- '53 **Elizabeth Bartlett Brown** of Trussville, Ala., died July 12, 2007. She was a nurse who fondly recalled her days in nursing school.
- '54 **Robert Lee Fausett**, age 90, of Helena, Ala., died Sept. 12, 2007. He retired from U.S. Steel after 39 years. He enrolled at Howard College in 1934, but dropped out because of his father's health. After serving in the U.S. Navy in Hawaii during World War II, he attended college part-time until he received his degree.

- '58 **H. Don Thornhill** of Brevard, N.C., died Sept. 23, 2007. He was a retired business owner.

- '62 **Sherry Smith Clowdus**, age 68, of Glencoe, Ala., died Aug. 21, 2007. She practiced pharmacy for 30 years in Florida and Alabama, and was president and secretary of the Bay County Pharmaceutical Association.

Carter Mason, age 66, of Franklin, N.C., died Sept. 12, 2007, from a rare pulmonary illness. He was owner of Plaza Pharmacy, a car enthusiast and collector, and an avid golfer.

- '63 **Jack Snell**, age 66, of Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 2, 2007, of pancreatic cancer. He was a pastor for 40 years, including 20 years at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. In 2000, he became Asian Mission Coordinator for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and at his death was director of CBF's Global Field Ministries. Known as an ecumenical civic leader, he was a founder of the CBF and a member of the Freedom and Justice Commission of the Baptist World Alliance.

- '70 **Mary Robinson Guffin**, age 59, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Oct. 22, 2007. An elementary teacher and counselor, she was named 1995 Alabama Regular Teacher of the Year by the Alabama Council for Exceptional Children. At Samford, she was active in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Baptist Student Union, and was Student Government Association secretary. She was 1970 Class Agent on the Samford Alumni Council.

- '72 **W. J. "Bill" Nugent, M.A. '80**, of Oneonta, Ala., died in April 2006. A minister, he was pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ala., at his death. He taught many years in Samford's Howard College Extension Division.

- '75 **Gail Carroll Burton Eldredge, M.B.A.**, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Sept. 20, 2007. She was a partner in Eldredge & Eldredge CPA firm and secretary/treasurer of Burton Construction Company. A member of national and state CPA groups, she was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout den mother, and youth sports coach.

Samuel Olaniran Fadeji, age 65, of Ogbomoso, Nigeria, died Aug. 14, 2007. He held various posts at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, where he was most recently head of the department of Biblical Studies. He was general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, president of All Africa Baptist Fellowship and a committee member of the Baptist World Alliance. He was a guest lecturer in Old Testament at Samford in 1996.

- '92 **Noel Johnson, J.D.**, age 39, of Gladewater, Texas, died Aug. 23, 2007. He practiced law in Longview, Texas.

- '95 **Gretchen Hartung Anderson**, age 44, of Seattle, Wash., died Sept. 1, 2007. She was a nurse. Her love of hiking and nature led her to hike the Appalachian Trail. Following renal failure and a kidney transplant, she continued to serve others as a community volunteer.

- '01 **Janna Love Henderson, Pharm.D.**, age 30, of Arley, Ala., died Aug. 21, 2007, of breast cancer. She was a pharmacist with Blue & Gray Drugs in Hanceville, Ala., and Vickers Drugs in Carbon Hill, Ala. ■

June Baggett, Former Auxiliary President, Dies



June Baggett

June Stewart Baggett of Homewood, Ala., who served on Samford advisory boards and was a former president of the Samford University Auxiliary, died Sept. 16. She was 80.

A Samford alumna, she was a member of the advisory boards of the

Howard College of Arts and Sciences and the Christian Women's Leadership Center. She was a 50-year member of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, where she taught a Sunday school class for 20 years.

As a student at Howard College in East Lake, she met her future husband, Hudson, who later taught religion at Samford and served as editor of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper until his death in 1994.

She is survived by three sons, Mark, Dale and Tim, their spouses and six grandchildren. Mark Baggett teaches English and law at Samford. ■

update

President Bush Appoints Corts Head of International Education Initiatives

Samford University President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts was named to a new position this fall related to President Bush's international education initiatives.

He is responsible for coordinating U.S. foreign aid efforts to support education around the world. The initiatives include a five-year plan to provide education to four million children in six countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Liberia, Mali and Yemen.

Laura Bush announced the appointment Sept. 24 in New York City at a luncheon on global health and literacy. Dr. Corts and his wife, Marla, moved to Washington, D.C., in October to begin the new assignment.

In making the announcement, Laura Bush said Corts brings a strong background to his new job. "Dr. Corts has had a distinguished education career in the United States," she said. "He brings to his new job extraordinary compassion and skill."

Corts will coordinate nearly \$1 billion spent annually by the United States for education programs in various



Thomas E. Corts

developing countries.

The new post has real potential for making a difference because of the links between health, education, literacy and quality of life, Corts said. "This initiative has a lot of consequences for global peace and prosperity," he said.

The foreign aid education programs are administered through the U.S. Agency for International Development and coordinated with the State

Department of Education and other agencies.

Corts was elected executive director of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities in June of 2007, but left that post Sept. 30 to assume his new position. He retired as president of Samford in May of 2006 and was elected president emeritus by the Samford board of trustees.

The Cortses are keeping their home in Birmingham for future use. Because the new position is a presidential appointment, it likely would not continue past the term of President Bush, Corts noted. ■

Amanda Tapley Named Miss Samford 2008

Amanda Tapley, a sophomore piano performance and premedicine major from Birmingham, was crowned Miss Samford University 2008 on Nov. 9. She will represent Samford in the Miss Alabama pageant in June.

Tapley also won the talent award for her piano performance of the 3rd Movement from Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor. Her pageant platform is "Music for a Cure."

A graduate of Briarwood Christian High School, she is the daughter of Patricia and Jeff Tapley, and the granddaughter of retired Samford piano instructor Witold Turkiewicz.

Finalists were Katie Robertson of Atlanta, Ga., first runner-up, and Susan Hamm of Thorsby, Ala., second runner-up. ■

Pollock Award Goes to Graham Biography of Missionary who Supported Indian Independence

Dr. Stephen A. Graham, a University of Indianapolis political science professor, won the 2007 John Pollock Award for Christian Biography from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School for his 2005 book on Christian missionary and evangelist E. Stanley Jones.

Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Mission details the life and work of Jones (1884–1973), who went to India as a Methodist missionary in 1907 and later became an itinerant evangelist who was equally concerned with social justice and spirituality. Jones supported Indian aspirations for independence from the British Empire and was sensitive to Indian religious traditions.

Graham, a member of the Indianapolis political science faculty since 1984, received the Pollock Award during Beeson's chapel service Oct. 16.

Beeson Divinity School established the Pollock Award in 2001. The international award, which carries a cash prize, is named for the British author of more than 30 books on religion, the majority of which are biographies of Christian leaders.

Graham's biography of Jones, published by Abingdon Press, is aimed at a broad audience. It sets Jones' life against the backdrop of the Christian missionary movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the aftermath of World War I, the various phases of the Indian independence movement, the origins of Japanese imperialism and militarism in the Pacific during the 1930s and '40s, and American domestic and international politics following World War II.

Graham is a graduate of Davidson College with master's and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University—all in political science. ■

Women's Basketball

Bulldogs Picked Second by OVC Coaches

Coach Mike Morris has made the Samford women's basketball program a winner, as evidenced by this year's preseason coaches poll in the Ohio Valley Conference. Samford was picked to finish second in the 11-team league.

Morris and his team have higher expectations. They want to win the championship. "If you don't expect to win a championship, then nobody else will expect you to win one either," he said.

Career scoring leader and All-OVC first-teamer Alex Munday leads a trio of senior starters back from last year's 18-13 team. She entered the season with 1,309 total points. Guards Taryn Towns and Megan Wilderotter also started for last year's team that went to the semifinal round of the OVC tournament.

"Everything starts with your seniors, then your point guard, and Taryn Towns is both," said Morris. "She leads by example and is the most consistent player on the team. Alex Munday is a very special player who can score in bunches. Megan Wilderotter is our sparkplug at both ends of the court."

Gone from last year's squad are guard Chelsea Insell, a 1,000-point career scorer; center Veronika Pike, last year's rebound leader; and guard Tish Pilkington, who started 15 games. They were part of the best four-year record in Samford women's history, winning 62 games.

"A mark of a good program is to continue to be successful after losing quality players," said Morris. He hopes to do so with a combination of returning letter-winners and freshmen.

"Monica Maxwell has the chance to be an all-conference player, and Karmen Smith can produce on both ends of the court," said the coach. He also thinks MaKenzie Spruiell and Chika Okoli will play well.

Other returnees are Jennifer Elkins, Jessica Rhoden and Julianne Lackey. Freshmen Emily London, Savannah Hill and Alex Crow—all guards—have shooting and passing skills to contribute this year. ■

For scores and other information, go to www.samfordsports.com.

Coach Mike Morris

2007-08 schedule

Nov. 9	at LSU**	Jan. 17	at Morehead State*
Nov. 13	ALABAMA	Jan. 19	at Eastern Kentucky*
Nov. 16	Second Round of WNIT	Jan. 24	TENNESSEE-MARTIN*
Nov. 17	Third Round of WNIT	Jan. 26	AUSTIN PEAY*
Nov. 24	vs. Missouri†	Jan. 31	at Tennessee State*
Nov. 25	at Florida Atlantic†	Feb. 2	EASTERN ILLINOIS*
Nov. 30	at New Orleans††	Feb. 9	at Austin Peay*
Dec. 1	vs. George Washington††	Feb. 14	MOREHEAD STATE*
Dec. 5	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	Feb. 16	EASTERN KENTUCKY*
Dec. 18	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	Feb. 21	at Tennessee Tech*
Dec. 20	MURRAY STATE*	Feb. 23	at Murray State*
Dec. 27	at Florida State	Feb. 28	at Southeast Missouri*
Jan. 2	LIPSCOMB	March 1	at Eastern Illinois
Jan. 5	at Tennessee-Martin*	March 4	OVC First Round
Jan. 7	at Jacksonville State*	March 7-8	OVC Semifinals and Finals
Jan. 10	TENNESSEE STATE*		
Jan. 12	TENNESSEE TECH*		

*Ohio Valley Conference game

**WNIT First Round game

†Florida Atlantic Tournament

††University of New Orleans Tournament

Dates are subject to change. Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

Men's Basketball

Youth Having Its Day for Bulldogs

Samford basketball coach Jimmy Tillette quipped that the last time he had a team this young was in high school. While the comment was tongue-in-cheek, it provided an accurate characterization of the 2007-08 Bulldogs.

"I think the thing for us this season is that we're so young," said Tillette. "Our team will definitely improve, and we expect them to get a lot better as the season goes on, [but] it's going to be a work in progress."

Tillette has three returning starters who have accounted for 157 starts in their careers, but none of the other 10 players has ever started a college game before this year. Gone are Randall Gulina, who led the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring at 18.1 points a game, and point guard Jerry Smith, a 10.3 scorer who set Samford's career assists mark of 433.

Travis Peterson, the 6-10 center, returns after averaging 11.3 points and five rebounds a game last year. The other starters back are guards Joe Ross Merritt (8.8 points) and Curtis West (6.0). Merritt leads returnees with 70 career starts.

Tillette is Samford's all-time winningest coach with a 165-129 record entering his 11th season. One of his strengths is leading young teams. His first Samford team was the youngest Division I squad in America with one senior and four sophomore starters. It went 14-13, and the next year became the first Bulldog team to go to the NCAA tournament.

Other lettermen back are sophomores Trey Montgomery, Bryan Friday, Jim Griffin and Savoy Fraine. Montgomery likely will contend with West for the point guard job vacated by Smith. Friday is a possibility at the other guard spot, and Griffin and Fraine at forward.

Andy King at center and Gabe Bermudez at point guard are redshirt freshmen expected to play some. Josh Bedwell, a hot-shooting true freshman guard, could see playing time after scoring 24.8 a game in high school.

Samford was picked seventh in the preseason poll of OVC coaches. Last year's team was 16-16, but went to the semifinal round of the OVC tournament. ■

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2007-08 schedule

Nov. 11	at Evansville	Jan. 17	at Morehead State*
Nov. 15	BELMONT	Jan. 19	at Eastern Kentucky*
Nov. 20	TOWSON	Jan. 24	TENNESSEE-MARTIN*
Nov. 24	BREWTON-PARKER	Jan. 26	AUSTIN PEAY*
Nov. 26	at Lipscomb	Jan. 29	at Murray State*
Dec. 2	at Florida State	Jan. 31	at Tennessee State*
Dec. 6	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	Feb. 2	EASTERN ILLINOIS*
	(ESPNU)	Feb. 9	at Austin Peay*
Dec. 15	REINHARDT	Feb. 14	MOREHEAD STATE*
Dec. 18	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	Feb. 16	EASTERN KENTUCKY*
Dec. 20	MURRAY STATE*	Feb. 23	at ESPN BracketBuster
Dec. 29	at Clemson	Feb. 28	at Southeast Missouri*
Jan. 3	at Tennessee Tech*	March 1	at Eastern Illinois*
Jan. 5	at Tennessee-Martin*	March 4	OVC First Round
Jan. 7	at Jacksonville State*	March 7	OVC Semifinals
Jan. 10	TENNESSEE STATE*	March 8	OVC Championship
Jan. 12	TENNESSEE TECH*		

*Ohio Valley Conference game
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Coach Jimmy Tillette

Bulldogs Show Promise During Sullivan's First Season

Chris Evans



Samford Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan saw some good things during his team's inaugural season this fall but acknowledged that frustrating mistakes kept the outcome from being all that it could have been.

"We have to learn how to win,"

Sullivan said late in the year. "I am proud of this team, and there's no question we are a better team now than we were at the beginning of the season. But, we have to learn how to win."

The Bulldogs went 4-7 and showed improvement both offensively and defensively over last season. However, kicking-game breakdowns and other mistakes hurt the final outcome, costing the Bulldogs especially in close losses to Austin Peay (28-25) and Tennessee State (38-28).

Still, Samford's offense made for exciting times. The Bulldogs averaged 25.4 points a game and scored their highest point total ever against a Football Championship Division (formerly I-AA) team in a 59-52 win over Tennessee Tech.

Senior quarterback Jefferson Adcock led the way against

Tennessee Tech, completing 29 of 40 passes for a Samford-record 472 yards and five touchdowns. Receiver Jeff Moore caught nine of the passes for a Bulldog-record 260 yards and three touchdowns.

Adcock broke Jimbo Fisher's record of 451 yards against Wingate in 1987. Moore topped Efre Hill's total of 223 yards against Tennessee-Martin in 2003.

Adcock passed for 2,472 yards and 14 touchdowns on the season, and finished his career in fourth place all-time among Bulldog passers with 5,725 yards. Moore caught 61 passes for 996 yards and six touchdowns. He ended his career in third place all-time with 193 catches for 2,759 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Freshman running back Chris Evans also created some offensive excitement, gaining 1,033 yards in 185 carries. It was the highest rushing total since Jerome Russell's 1,236 yards in 1999.

Linebackers Rodney Shepherd and Jay McCurdy led the Bulldog defense in tackles for the second straight year with 88 and 80, respectively. McCurdy had 13.5 tackles for losses totaling 51 yards. ■

Blankenship Named Cross-Country All-American

Samford's All-American runner, Lauren Blankenship, continued her winning ways in the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships and in National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] championship events this fall.

After winning her third consecutive OVC title Oct. 27, she qualified for her third trip to the NCAA Championships by finishing third in the regional race at the University of Florida Nov. 10.

She then finished 24th in the NCAA Championships Nov. 17 at Indiana State University to earn All-American status in cross-country.

Blankenship won All-American honors at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif., during the springs of 2005 and 2007.

The Bulldog senior was named the OVC Female Athlete of the Year for the

third time this fall after winning the conference meet hosted by Samford at Spain Park High School in Hoover, Ala. Her time of 17:26.34 was the fastest collegiate time ever recorded there.

"She really went out there and blistered the course," said Coach Glenn McWaters.

That performance led the Samford women's team to second place in the OVC race. Bulldog freshman Hillary Neal finished sixth to earn Female Freshman of the Year honors. Blankenship and Neal were first-team All-OVC selections. Lauren Pilcher finished 13th and was named to the All-OVC second team.

The Samford men's team finished sixth in the OVC meet. Drew Anderwald led the men with a 13th-place finish to win All-OVC second-team honors. ■

Soccer Team Caps OVC Tenure with Best Season Record

The Samford soccer team closed out its five-year run in the Ohio Valley Conference by posting the best season record in school history (15-5-1). The success gave the Bulldogs a staggering 38-6-7 record against league opponents during their OVC tenure. Samford moves to the Southern Conference next year.

Coach Todd Yelton's team fought to a 1-1 tie with Southeast Missouri in the OVC tournament championship game Nov. 11 at Cape Girardeau, Mo., but lost on penalty kicks, 5-3, after two overtime periods.

The Bulldogs became the first OVC team in history to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, but lost to Louisiana State, 1-0, in overtime Nov. 16.

"I'm extremely proud of this team and how hard they played," said Yelton. "They left their hearts out on the field, and they did a great job of controlling everything that they could control."

Three Samford players were named to the OVC All-Tournament team: seniors Heather Birdsell and Cassie Applegate, and sophomore Cindy Spiker.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents 43-16 this season and allowed only six goals in 11 matches against OVC foes. They held nine opponents scoreless. Samford was the conference's top-ranked team in assists (36), points (122) and goals-against average (0.73). The season total in goals (43) was a Samford record.

Lauren Cook and Amber Cress led Bulldog scoring with 21 points each, and Applegate added 18.

The Bulldogs were ranked as high as 14th in the South region by *Soccer Buzz* magazine during the season. Three of their losses were to regionally ranked opponents—Auburn, Miami and Indiana. ■



Cassie Applegate

Volleyball Improves by 10 Wins to Go 16-13

Samford's volleyball team christened the new Pete Hanna Center with a pair of wins over Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State Nov. 9-10. In the process, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 16-13 record, their first winning campaign.

"It's a great way to open Pete Hanna Center, for us to get two wins and to be able to finish the season on a winning note," said Coach Michelle Durban. "It definitely shows how hard this team has worked."

The final match honored Samford's two seniors, Robin Bishop and Angela Dempski. The win over Eastern Kentucky was Samford's first ever, while the victory

over Morehead State thwarted the Eagles' hopes of winning the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title outright.

Samford finished with an 11-9 OVC record, its best in five years of league membership.

"Our program has grown and is going in the right direction as we head toward the Southern Conference next year. We've got a core group coming back and we are replacing one starter," said Durban.

The Bulldogs improved by 10 wins this year, having won only six matches during last year's injury-riddled season. ■

New Preministerial Scholarship Program Helps Students Form Their Ministries

by Maegan Wilson

Last spring, Samford's Department of Religion awarded eight students the new Premierial Scholarship. This merit scholarship is offered to students who demonstrate a clear calling to full-time ministry in a traditional, church-related position, as well as high academic standards, and giftedness and competence in areas demanded by church-related ministries.

Students awarded this scholarship initially can receive as much as \$11,000 per year. This amount can increase to \$16,000 for recipients who successfully maintain the scholarship requirements and are recommended by the religion department and the Premierial Scholarship Committee. The committee consists of religion department members, Samford faculty, local ministers and members of the Samford Board of Ministerial Mentors.

The application deadline is January 15, 2008. The inaugural scholarships were offered to selected juniors and seniors. Beginning in 2008, the scholarships will be targeted for entering freshmen. Ultimately, the scholarship committee hopes to give out as many as 50 scholarships.

"The money and support from the administration are there for the program to expand," said Dr. James Barnette, associate professor of religion and director of ministerial formation. "Just as there are premed, prelaw and prepharmacy programs, we want to develop a premierial program that will train up the most capable ministers of tomorrow."

To be eligible for the scholarship, applying students must have a sense of calling to full-time ministry in such roles as senior pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of youth, minister of children, career missionary (nonmedical), hospital chaplain, campus minister, pastoral counselor, or seminary or religion professor.

In addition, applicants must declare a religion major or minor and attend an accredited seminary, divinity school or religion graduate program within two years of graduation. Applicants also must show leadership in extracurricular activities, and represent the highest moral standards and principles.

The first chance for high school seniors to interview for the program will



Dr. James Barnette (center, green sweater) chats with Premierial Scholarship holders, from left, Ellen Donze, William Deal, Jere Mahaffey, Lauren Welty and Emily Snider.

be Feb. 2, 2008, at Premierial Scholars Day, Barnette noted. "This will be a time for students to come with their parents and receive information through seminars, to ask questions and to learn about the Samford distinction. There's nothing like this scholarship and program at other schools."

The program strives to award students in each type of ministry. The diverse group of eight juniors and seniors that previously earned the scholarship is evidence of this. "We represent every facet of ministry," said junior William Deal. "Not one of us wants to do the same thing with our ministries, and all types of denominations are represented as well."

Once students receive the scholarship, they must meet various requirements such as maintaining a 3.0 GPA, completing ministry internships coordinated through Project Timothy and participating in Ministry Cadres, which facilitate vocational and spiritual growth in a community setting.

Senior Lauren Welty plans to be a children's minister and has seen the doors the scholarship has opened for her. "This scholarship is not one-dimensional," she said. "Being able to network with different ministers in the community has

introduced me to a variety of opportunities."

Samford junior Landon Eckhardt, who desires to be a senior pastor in an urban setting, feels the scholarship program has given him encouragement and confirmation in where he is going. Senior Ellen Donze, who hopes to become a religion professor, agreed. "In the seriousness of calling, there's comfort in knowing you have guidance," she said.

Deal has been highly involved in Project Timothy internships, which have helped facilitate his call to youth ministry. "I get to experience areas of ministry that I know I'm called and not called to," he said. "Experiencing different sides of ministry has helped prepare me." ■

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events

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- Dec. 15** Commencement, 10 a.m., Pete Hanna Center
- Dec. 15–16** Alabama Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.alabamaballet.org
- Dec. 15–21** Exhibit: *The Photography of Charles Patrick Dagg*, Davis Library, 205-726-4015 for holiday schedule
- Dec. 26–28** Cumberland School of Law continuing education seminar, Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Jan. 2** Jan Term classes begin
- Jan. 5** School Violence Prevention workshop, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 205-726-2433
- Jan. 8** Alabama Association of Institutional Research workshop, hosted by Samford University, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Davis Library, 205-726-4302
- Jan. 18–19** Instrumental Ministries workshop, sponsored by the Alabama Baptist Convention, 1-800-264-1225, ext. 217
- Jan. 19** Make-a-Change workshop, sponsored by Samford University and the National Conference for Community and Justice, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Dwight Beeson Hall, 205-726-2101
- Jan. 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday: no classes, offices closed
- Jan. 22** Birmingham Art Music Alliance duo piano concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2489
- Jan. 23** Jan Term classes end
- Jan. 24** Jan Term final exams
- Jan. 25** New student orientation for spring semester, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Dwight Beeson Hall, 205-726-2216
- Jan. 28** Spring semester classes begin
- Jan. 29** University Convocation
- Feb. 1** Mathematical Association of America, Alabama state dinner, 6 p.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center
- Feb. 1–28** Larry Thompson: *One Man Show*, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingin Hall
- Feb. 2** Ministerial Scholars Day, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., 205-726-2925
- Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics annual meeting, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., 205-726-2034
- Feb. 3** Preparatory Music Department student recitals, 1 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-4049
- Feb. 5** Korean Children's Choir concert, 10 a.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-2826
- Faculty Piano Recital: Kathryn Fouse, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Feb. 5–6** LifeSouth Community Blood Drive, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., 205-726-2835
- Feb. 7–9** Samford Theatre presents *Oleanna*, 7:30 p.m., Bolding Studio, 205-726-2853, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Feb. 8–9** School of the Arts scholarship auditions, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., 205-726-2778
- Alabama Association of Historians annual meeting, 205-726-2858
- Feb. 10** Samford Theatre presents *Oleanna*, 2:30 p.m., Bolding Studio, 205-726-2853, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Feb. 12** Guest and Faculty Recital: Joseph Hopkins, Suzanne Hopkins, Richard Faith, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Feb. 14** Samford Auxiliary meeting, speaker: Martha Pullen, 10 a.m., Brock Hall, 205-879-1996
- Cumberland School of Law Alumni luncheon, 11 a.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-2443
- Feb. 14–16** Step Sing, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.samfordtickets.com
- Feb. 15** Cumberland School of Law continuing education seminar, Robinson Hall, 205-726-2865
- Feb. 16** National Federation of Music Clubs solo festival, 205-726-4049
- Feb. 17** Super Jazz Big Band concert, 3 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-726-4188
- Feb. 18** Office of Admission Scholars Day, 205-726-2273
- Feb. 18–21** Brock School of Business naming celebration, 205-726-4070
- Feb. 19** Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends Series, 7 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, 205-251-7727
- Feb. 19–21** William E. Conger, Jr. Lectures on Biblical Preaching, speaker: William H. Willimon, 11 a.m., Hodges Chapel
- Feb. 21** Marie NeSmith Fowler Lectureship and luncheon, speaker: Helen Shores Lee, circuit judge, Tenth Judicial Court of Alabama, 11 a.m., Flag Colonnade, Beeson University Center, 205-726-4194
- Feb. 22** Faculty Recital: Kathryn Fouse and Bill Bugg, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Feb. 22–23** Alabama Ballet presents *Romeo and Juliet*, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.alabamaballet.org
- Feb. 23** National Federation of Music Clubs solo festival, 205-726-4049
- Feb. 24** Alabama Ballet presents *Romeo and Juliet*, 2:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- Feb. 26** School of the Arts presents Music from Japan, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com

- Feb. 28** *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me, National Public Radio broadcast*, 7 p.m. Wright Center Concert Hall, sponsored by Samford University and WBHM-FM, www.wbhm.org
- Feb. 28–March 1** **Samford Theatre Dance concert**, 7:30 p.m., Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com
- Feb. 29** **Guest Recital: Richard Faith and Friends**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Feb. 29–March 1** **School of the Arts scholarship auditions**, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., 205-726-2778
- March 1** **School Violence Prevention workshop**, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 205-726-2433
- March 2** **Samford Theatre Dance concert**, 2:30 p.m., Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com
- March 3** **School of Business career fair**, 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall Lobby and Brock Hall, 205-726-2980
- March 3–31** **Samford Selects Artist Showcase**, featuring artists from the Samford Visiting Visual Artist Series, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall
- March 7** **Samford Children's Theatre presents *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***, 3 p.m., Boren Courtyard and Gardens, 205-726-2952
- March 8** **Samford Children's Theatre presents *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***, 2:30 p.m., Boren Courtyard and Gardens, 205-726-2952
- Samford Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band concert**, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- March 9** **Preparatory Music Department student recitals**, 12:30 p.m., Bolding Studio, 205-726-4049
- March 11** **Women's Conference on Problems and Policy**, sponsored by Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, 205-726-2745
- March 11** **Concerto-Aria concert**, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com
- March 13** **Samford Auxiliary meeting**, speaker: Rushan Smith, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, 205-879-1996
- Auchmuty Lectureship**, speaker: Millard Fuller, 10 a.m., Reid Chapel, reception follows
- March 13–15** **All-State Choral Festival**, fine arts complex
- March 17–21** **Spring Break**, no classes, offices open
- March 24** **Easter Monday holiday**, offices closed
- March 27** **Guest Artist Recital: Ralph Votapek**, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.samfordartstickets.com
- March 29** **Science Olympiad**, hosted by Samford University, 205-726-2960
- Birmingham Music Teachers Association sonata/sonatina competition**, fine arts complex, 205-726-2617
- A Cappella Choir concert**, 7:30 p.m., Reid Chapel

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For ticket information, performance details and schedule updates on art performances go to www.samford.edu/arts.

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Samford Seeks 2008 Alumni of the Year Nominations

Samford University is seeking nominations for 2008 Alumni of the Year to be recognized during the annual homecoming celebration Oct. 24–26.

Nominees should be graduates (undergraduate or graduate degree) who have distinguished themselves in service to their profession, to their community and to Samford. They also must have shown support to the university since graduation through their personal involvement and financial contributions. The recognition can be for lifetime achievement or for a significant achievement during the previous year. Nominees must have completed their initial Samford degree at least 10 years prior to nomination.

All alumni are encouraged to participate in the nomination process. Nominations may be submitted using the nomination form at www.samford.edu/alumni. Nominations also may be submitted via e-mail to alumni@samford.edu or in a letter with appropriate supporting information to Alumni of the Year, c/o University Relations, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

Deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 31, 2008. ■

Class of 1958 Reunion Set for May 16–17, 2008

Samford will hold a reunion for its Class of 1958, the first class to graduate on the Shades Valley campus, during commencement activities May 16–17, 2008.

The reunion will include a tour of new facilities and a dinner at which '58 class members will receive a 50th anniversary diploma.

The group will have an opportunity to participate in commencement Saturday, May 17, in the new Pete Hanna Center, the first time Samford will have held spring commencement on campus since 1989.

Graduates from the Class of '58 are encouraged to contact Director of Alumni and Parents Programs David Goodwin for more information at 205-726-2337 or dbgoodwi@samford.edu. ■



Fall colors the hillsides around the Samford campus.