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A Fine Man, an Undelivered Speech

Suffering through multiple health and personal problems, a long-term employee and friend had become habituated to painkillers, then alcohol. Unable to work, sick, addicted, he spent far too many days in a private, senseless stupor. One morning last spring when his wife needed their car, a rear tire was flat. Foggily aware of his incapacity, he fumbled with the phone book and unexplainably dialed a tow truck company.

"Got anybody there that can change a tire?" he slurred into the phone.

Hearing a question that was hardly routine for tow truck companies, but sensing someone in need, the tow-truck driver felt kindly inclined to answer, "Yes." He would be right over.

On site, the big truck driver—himself only three years removed from the 15-year grip of dereliction and drugs—discerned in my friend all the symptoms of a fellow human being in dire need. In no time, he had changed the tire and reappeared at the doorstep. My friend opened the door through a haze of malaise. The truck driver laid a large hand on his shoulder and told my friend simply, "I don't know what you've done, but you haven't done anything the Lord can't forgive."

Strangely and instantly overwhelmed by the unexpected directness of his statement, perhaps made vulnerable by the utter hopelessness of his condition, my friend was emotionally melted, reduced to his knees and asked

the Lord to renew his life and to restore him. In a turn of events over many weeks, mentored by the tow-truck driver, my friend found his way to a transforming faith, abandoned his bad habits and addictions, and passionately joined in ministry to needy persons, including the homeless in Birmingham's Linn Park. Weeks later, telling me of his triumph, my friend spoke of the joy he was finding in helping others. He said, "Goodness knows I have little enough myself, but I am going from here to buy a few shirts for a man who has none."

Having listened, incredulous, to the account of my friend's recovery, I wanted to meet the driver of the tow truck, who in changing a tire was the instrument in changing a man's life, by reminding him of the Lord's infinite capacity to forgive and set right. When they later came to my office, James Richardson was a surprise—a good-looking, gentle giant of a black man, tall, broad-shouldered, handsomely dressed in sport coat, well-creased trousers and tie, his shaven head lit up by sincere eyes and a heart-warming smile. James told me of his past, straightforward and without emotion. Three years earlier, reading a Bible in jail, he knew only that he never wanted to be in jail again, that life



James Richardson

ought to be better. In solitude, as he thought about his devout parents, about Bible lessons he had learned as a child, he determined that, with the Lord's help, his life would turn around. And it did. As one of his friends said, he came out of jail a changed man.

When he finished, my eyes were watery and my voice choked in response to their touching testimonies. "James," I asked, "would you come tell that story to Samford students?"

"I'll be glad to tell the story anywhere I can," he assured me. We agreed to find a suitable date during the fall term.

Saturday morning, July 30th, I picked up my newspaper to read that "a Birmingham tow-truck driver and preacher to the city's homeless was shot to death early Friday morning while on a towing run." I froze with dread that it might be the only tow-truck driver I knew, just as my eyes fell on the second paragraph: "James Richardson, 43." Summoned by police to tow away a wrecked car, he had been alone after midnight when someone shot him and took his wallet. One of his friends said, "Knowing James, he probably had \$2 or \$3 in his wallet, and he would have cheerfully given that and more to anyone who asked."

That powerful story is James' legacy. He never got to share it with Samford students.

Thomas E. Corts
President

HOLY BIBLE

Buchanan Winner Sanders Believes in Giving Italian Music Its Due

Dr. Donald Sanders firmly believes that good students challenge teachers to be better. “Everything about teaching is reciprocal,” said the longtime music faculty member. “Good students are absolutely part of the reason for a teacher doing a good job.”

But this year’s Buchanan Teaching Award winner also subscribes to pianist Leon Fleischer’s definition: “The teacher’s role is to inspire.”

Sanders has worked to do that over the years in two distinctly different settings, the lecture course and the performance skill class. He teaches music history to lecture sections and piano to individual students in the School of Performing Arts.

“I try to get the students talking in lecture courses,” he said, calling the shift away from the 50-minute lecture in the direction of class participation the biggest teaching change he’s seen in 31 years at Samford.

“In one-on-one performance classes, it’s a matter of getting students to improve, no matter where they start.

“I like the mix of teaching both kinds of classes,” he said.

Sanders’ academic specialty is 17th- and 18th-century Italian music, which he believes gets credit for less influence in the formation of classical music than it deserves.

“There is the feeling in some circles that German and Austrian music had more influence than Italian,” he said, “but Mozart’s music was actually an amalgamation of German and Italian styles. That’s just one example.”

Sanders joined the Samford music faculty in 1974. He holds a bachelor’s in piano performance from the University of South Carolina, a master’s in piano performance from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Kansas.

The South Carolina native has led Samford music students on tours of Italy, where he has done research on

18th-century keyboard music and 17th-century Italian church music. On his most recent tour in 2004, he led the group to an Italian opera house in Mantua where Mozart performed as a 13-year old student.

“Betty Sue Shepherd [his piano-teaching colleague at Samford] was along, and I asked her to perform,” he said. “She played some Mozart. It was a wonderful experience.”

Sanders performs regularly as a chamber music player and accompanist with his colleagues in the Division of Music, and also speaks and writes about



Dr. Donald Sanders leads one of his music history classes.

17th- and 18th-century Italian music. He is a contributor to the current edition of the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*.

He also is completing a modern edition of the first music written for piano in 1732, a work entitled *12 Sonatas* by Lodovico Giustini. Sanders’ edition is scheduled for publication by Carl Fischer Publishing in early 2006. ■

Box Named Dean of Education School

Dr. Jeanie A. Box, acting dean of the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies at Samford since the fall of 2004, was named dean of the education school, effective Sept. 15.

A member of the Samford education faculty since 1989, Box also served as associate dean of curriculum and instruction and chair and professor in the award-winning teacher education department of the education school.



Dean Jeanie Box

Box is a member of the board of examiners for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education [NCATE]. She has been a team member on numerous

NCATE reviews throughout the U.S.

She received her B.S. degree from Auburn University and her M.S., Ed.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Box received the George Macon Teaching Award at Samford in 1992. ■

Samford Gets Its Highest Ranking

Samford University vaulted into third place in the South among master’s degree schools the 2006 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of America’s Best Colleges, its highest ranking in history. Samford ranks higher in its peer group than any Alabama school.

Samford moved up from fifth in the South in its category, Best Universities—Master’s, which includes schools offering undergraduate, master’s and some doctoral programs.

Samford also ranks 13th in the South in the Best Value category.

“Public recognition for academic quality and effectiveness is hard to come by, so it means a great deal to be acknowledged by peers and other experts,” said President Thomas E. Corts. ■

Fawaz Gerges delivers the J. Roderick Davis Lecture Oct. 13 at Samford.



Noted Scholar Gerges Explains

Why

by Sean Flynt

JIHAD Went Global



Fawaz Gerges, Christian A. Johnson Chair in International Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies at Sarah Lawrence College, returned to Samford Oct. 13 as a featured speaker in the J. Roderick Davis Lecture Series. Gerges discussed the origins of the militant Islamist jihad (“armed struggle”), how it became a global phenomenon and how it might finally be defeated—themes outlined in the most recent of his many books, *The Far Enemy: Why Jihad Went Global*.



The noted author, analyst and commentator said the jihadist movement was born in the mid-1970s in Egypt and for two decades was primarily focused on replacing existing Middle Eastern regimes—"the near enemy"—with Muslim theocracies. Several developments turned a portion of the movement down the path toward direct attacks on "the far enemy"—the United States and its allies.

The Road to 9/11

The jihadist defeat of the Soviet superpower in Afghanistan in 1989 was of critical importance because it left 100,000 U.S.-supported, -trained and -armed jihadists in search of a new fight, Gerges said. "What do you do with a huge army of seasoned, professionalized, empowered and emboldened jihadists on the move?"

As the jihadists pondered that question, Saddam Hussein's Iraq invaded oil-rich U.S. ally Kuwait. Saudi jihadist Osama bin Laden proposed to the Saudi Arabian government that he assemble an army of fellow jihadists to expel the secular tyrant Hussein from Kuwait without resorting to U.S. military intervention at the heart of the Muslim world. The Saudi government rejected bin Laden's offer and engaged the U.S. to drive Hussein's army from Kuwait. Suddenly, the far enemy had a permanent military presence in the most sacred of Muslim lands.

"Our stationing of troops in Saudi Arabia in 1991 was the most important catalyst in enraging religious sensibilities throughout the Muslim world and, in particular, in alienating Osama bin Laden and the radicals of his ilk," Gerges said. "Saudi Arabia isn't just another country. Saudi Arabia is the heart of the Muslim world, or community, worldwide. Saudi Arabia is the home of the two holiest shrines in Islam—Mecca and

Medina. Saudi Arabia was the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed. This is where Islam was born."

The third major development in the jihadist movement's growth outside the region was, ironically, its defeat in the local struggles that had been its focus since the 1970s. By the late 1990s, Gerges said, most jihadists had declared a "unilateral cease fire," essentially surrendering. "Of course," he added, "a small minority of jihadists, mainly in Afghanistan, decided to expand the war away from the near enemy to the far enemy."

Gerges said this fringe-of-a-fringe calculated that, having been defeated at home and rejected even by other jihadists, they could galvanize support for their cause by attacking the U.S. and provoking a violent response that would alienate and radicalize the mainstream Muslim world. They had already defeated one superpower, so why not take on another? So, Al Qaeda emerged in 1998 with the express intent of attacking the U.S. directly.

Playing into bin Laden's Hands?

The good news, according to Gerges, is that "there were few takers for Al Qaeda's project in the Muslim world." The group remains far outside the Muslim mainstream and even outside the jihadist mainstream. Gerges noted that U.S. intelligence agencies estimate the maximum number of Al Qaeda members at approximately 10,000. The Egypt-based jihadist group Jamaa Islamiya, by contrast, has a membership of more than 100,000, and its leaders have criticized Al Qaeda for endangering remaining local jihadist movements by attacking the United States. As a result of such disagreement, Gerges said, "there is a major civil war taking place within the jihadist movement."

Al Qaeda's strategy failed in Afghanistan, bringing down Al Qaeda's Taliban allies and severely weakening the organization. "I think we have done magnificently against Al Qaeda," Gerges said. "Al Qaeda now is a shadow of its former self." He noted that the U.S. estimates that 65 percent of Al Qaeda's leaders are dead, almost every Al Qaeda lieutenant involved in the 9/11 attacks has been arrested, 5,000 Al Qaeda foot soldiers have been arrested or killed, and Osama bin Laden and other top Al Qaeda leaders are in hiding and out of contact with their remaining lieutenants. The result, Gerges said, is that Al Qaeda

is decentralized, and local affiliates are now acting on their own.

Unfortunately, the war in Iraq has given Al Qaeda "a new lease on life," Gerges said. In addition to toppling a secular dictatorship once allied with the U.S., the war in Iraq has achieved the Al Qaeda goals of alienating the mainstream Muslim world from the U.S., and serving as a rallying point and training ground for a new jihadist army. "I wonder sometimes if the way we defined the threat, the way we reacted to the threat, the way we still define the threat, plays exactly into the hands of Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden," Gerges said.

Practicing What We Preach

"The worst thing you can do in this particular war is fight a unilateral war," Gerges said. "Every single major breakthrough against Al Qaeda since 9/11 has occurred as a result of multilateral coordination and collaboration with our allies—every single one. We must create a highly complex, highly viable, multilateral coalition to engage the international community in order to slay the monster." Doing that, he said, will "complete the internal encirclement of Al Qaeda."

Gerges said such coalition-building must include reaching out to the 70 percent of the Muslim world's population under the age of 20, nurturing their hope for the future and their attraction to the American ideal. But he warned that this will be difficult to do if the U.S. also defends the oppressive regimes that seek to limit the futures and rights of those young people.

"I would say one of the most important ideas in this particular war is to keep a healthy distance from dictators," Gerges said. "Look who our friends are in the Middle East even after 9/11. Our friends are the sheiks and the princes and royal families in Saudi Arabia. Our friends are the dictators in Algeria and Egypt, who have tens of thousands of political prisoners. How do you reach out to this huge constituency—the 70 percent of the Muslim population—while, on the one hand, you invade a country and say, 'We want to liberate you, to liberalize you, to democratize you,' and on the other hand you welcome the king of Saudi Arabia, the dictators of Egypt and Algeria? To practice what we preach—I think this would be one of the most effective tools in trying to defeat the serial killers who visited death and havoc upon our shores on 9/11." ■

Reflections on EGYPT

by Mary McCullough

For the past 10 years, I have been interested in the cultures of North Africa and the Middle East, especially their contemporary literature and music. After two days of orientation at Yale University in late June, I traveled with 15 other educators on a long-awaited journey to Egypt. We were participants in a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Abroad. I had looked forward to the experience since learning of my appointment in the spring. Our preparatory lectures on women's issues, current Egyptian politics, music and dance, Egypt's connection to its past, and Egyptian literature only whetted my appetite.

Landing in Cairo June 30, we settled into our hotel and later enjoyed an expansive dinner hosted by the Egyptian Fulbright staff. The continuous hospitality amazed all of us; the generous, genuine spirit and sense of humor for which Egyptians have a reputation made us all feel at ease within the culture. Not only did the Fulbright staff and our tour guides welcome us, but everywhere we went, Egyptians of all ages shouted, "Welcome! Welcome to Egypt!" when they learned we were from the United States. People were so much more welcoming than I ever thought possible.

The Fulbright seminar was based in Cairo, where we attended lectures on ancient Egypt, pre-Islamic literature, contemporary Christianity in Egypt, Islamic art and architecture, Islam in Egypt, bedouin culture, the feminist movement in Egypt and contemporary Egyptian art.

One surprising issue that surfaced during our lectures had to do with democracy, which Egyptians seem to feel must spring from the people of a country and not be imposed as a disguised form of Western imperialism. We discovered that the Egyptian political scene is very complicated, and there is the feeling that the Western media sometimes focus too much on marginal groups such as the Kefaya movement, which is not seen as important by many Egyptians.

Many of the lectures coincided with cultural activities and tours. With our well-trained, entertaining and knowledgeable tour guide, Mohammed Ossama, we visited the pyramids and the Sphinx; the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, where the treasures from King Tutankhamen's tomb are exhibited along with numerous ancient Egyptian artifacts such as mummified animals; and the Mummy Room, where mummies of Ramses, Nefertiti and others are on display. We saw Islamic Cairo, the Coptic Christian neighborhoods of

Dr. Mary McCullough's Egyptian travels as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar included visits to the Great Pyramids, the tomb of Ramses II at Abu Simbel (Page 7 top, with McCullough in foreground) and a market at Khan el Khalili in medieval Cairo.



Cairo and a synagogue. We went to a performance of rolling dervishes and a concert by Wasat el Balad, a popular, socially and politically minded contemporary Egyptian band, much appreciated by Egypt's youth. We took a weekend trip to Alexandria, where we visited the recently rebuilt library and learned about Egypt when it was dominated by the Roman Empire. We went to Sharm el Sheikh, a resort on the Sinai Peninsula, where we went snorkeling in the Red Sea and visited Egypt's oldest monastery, St. Catherine's. Our final trip was a four-day cruise on the Nile, where we visited Upper Egypt (the southern part of the country, so called because the Nile flows north), the Valley of the Kings, Luxor and Aswan, and Abu Simbel.

We also spent several days discussing current events and issues of the region with VIPs. We visited the Arab League (the Arab world's equivalent to the United Nations), where we were given a tour and attended a lecture on the role of the Arab League in the Middle East peace process. On the same day, we met Israel's ambassador to Egypt after his talk and question-and-answer session, arranged especially for our group.

The Arab League is obviously interested in peace between Israel and Palestine but seems to see a side not always shown in U.S. media. The league sees the withdrawal of troops from Gaza as problematic because without an airport or seaport, and with Israeli soldiers still posted at the border, Gaza will be like a prison for Palestinians, with no free access to the outside world.

The league was not in favor of the U.S. invasion of Iraq but would work with the United States to stabilize the country, sending its troops in if the U.S. would withdraw. Thus far, however, the U.S. seems unwilling to do so.

Each seminar participant proposed a curricular project to be completed at the participant's respective institution upon returning to the United States. My project focuses on the history of women in Egypt and issues facing contemporary Egyptian women, with particular focus on the Islamic practice of veiling.

Veiling is a complex question. It existed in pre-Islamic societies in the Middle East but was



started early in Islam to distinguish between women who had converted to Islam and those who had not, and to distinguish between the wives of Mohammed and other women. The style varied widely from region to region. Women have started veiling recently for several reasons: economic (they don't need a hairdresser), familial or peer pressure, religious, and others. The Koran states that both women and men should lower their gaze and be modest, so the "hidjab" (the Koranic term for the veil, which can also mean "screen," "partition" or "curtain") can be interpreted as a symbol of modesty.

As I reflect on my monthlong experience, I think of how my perceptions about Egypt shifted. I learned quickly that Egyptians feel very connected to their ancient past, and they see their identity as Egyptian, not Middle Eastern, Arab or African. The stereotypes, the misinformed and incomplete images so many people have unfortunately taint opinions about people who are similar to us in more ways than we might think. I would like to return to the area to learn more about the complex interactions that make up Egyptian society, whether they be cultural, political, social, artistic—or simply human.

I am grateful that I was able to experience Egypt firsthand, and my interest in this area has increased. I am proud to have been an unofficial representative of the United States, to promote cultural exchange and understanding of this much misinterpreted part of the world. ■

Dr. Mary E. McCullough is assistant professor of French in the world languages and cultures department at Samford University. She traveled in Egypt during July as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar. She has documented her research in a booklet for Samford cultural perspectives courses. The booklet is available from Dr. McCullough.



Applebaum Study of Gulag Shows Vastness of Soviet Repression

by William Nunnolley

One of the most pervasive elements of Soviet life during the mid-20th century was the Gulag system of work camps that constantly threatened the lives of Russian citizens at all levels of society.

Soviet premier Vladimir Lenin began the system of forced labor camps in the early '20s, but they reached their zenith under dictator Joseph Stalin between 1929 and his death in 1953. The mass labor system ended after Stalin's death, although smaller, and in some cases, more brutal political prisons for dissidents stayed open through the 1980s.

Yet the West had little broad knowledge of the Gulag before Russian novelist and Nobel Prize-winner Alexandr Solzhenitsyn wrote about it in his three-volume work *The Gulag Archipelago* in 1973–75. Solzhenitsyn's exhaustive study was based on his own eight years in Soviet prison camps, his memories of other prisoners' stories, and letters and other documents.

Two years ago, a *Washington Post* columnist, Anne Applebaum, provided a further picture of the system in her book *Gulag: A History*, for which she received the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction writing. The first study to make use of recently released Soviet archives on the Gulag system, Applebaum's work not only substantiated Solzhenitsyn's account, but added significantly to the public's knowledge of the Gulag. It is being translated into more than 20 languages.

Applebaum, a Bessemer, Ala., native, delivered the annual Ray Rushton Lecture at Samford's Cumberland School of Law this fall. She spoke on a program with her husband, Radek Sikorski, a native of Poland and an official of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. Shortly before their Oct. 10 appearance, Sikorski was elected to the new Polish Senate. (See separate story.)



Applebaum stressed at Samford that the topic of her book was not new and that although Solzhenitsyn “had no access to archives,” he did “get the general outline of the history right.” But, she concluded, “archives can make a difference.”

Among other documents, she used the day-to-day archive of the Gulag administration, with inspectors' reports, financial accounts and letters from camp directors to their supervisors in Moscow. By reading these documents, “the full extent of the system, and its importance to the Soviet economy, comes into focus,” she said.

“We had always known that there were many camps,” she said. “Thanks to archives, however, we now know that there were at least 476 camp systems, each

one made up of hundreds, even thousands, of individual camps, or *lagpunkts*, sometimes spread out over thousands of square miles of otherwise empty tundra.”

The majority of prisoners were peasants and workers, she said, “not the intellectuals who later wrote memoirs and books.” With few exceptions, she noted, the camps were not constructed in order to kill people; Stalin preferred firing squads for mass executions. Even so, the camps could be lethal. Nearly one quarter of the Gulag's prisoners died during the years of World War II.

Gulag prisoners came and went, and camp rosters were very fluid, she said. They left because they died, escaped, had short sentences, were released to the Red Army or because they were promoted from prisoner to guard. There were amnesties for the old, for pregnant women and for anyone no longer useful in the forced labor system.

“These releases were invariably followed by new waves of arrests,” she said.

As a result, some 18 million people passed through the camps during the



Common Voice Makes U.S. and Europe 'Seem Legitimate,' Says Sikorski

Radek Sikorski, elected to the new Polish Senate in September, underscored his nation's stance as a staunch U.S. ally during an October appearance at Samford. He described Poland as "trans-Atlantic minded" and noted that in the recent election, voters actually exchanged one pro-U.S. government for another that is even more pro-American.

Sikorski has been a resident fellow of the American Enterprise Institute and executive director of the New Atlantic Initiative in Washington, D.C., for the past three years. He returned to Poland in late October to take his seat in the Senate, representing his native region of Bydgoszcz.

Speaking as part of Samford's Ray Rushton Lecture Series at the Cumberland School of Law, Sikorski said the United States now has a willingness to talk with European allies. "Only when Europe and the United States speak together does it make them seem legitimate," he said. His hope is for a more united Europe because that would mean "a more effective Europe."

Sikorski spoke on a program with his wife, author Anne Applebaum, whose book *Gulag: A History* was awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction writing. (See separate story.)

Europe needed the U.S. as an ally "in the old days," Sikorski said, to protect it from the threat of Soviet Russia. Now, he said, it needs its American ally, because while the population of Europe will shrink during the next few years, the number of terrorist-minded jihadists will grow dramatically. Poland has a peace-keeping tradition through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO], he noted, and that continues with Polish troops in Iraq.

Sikorski said that even though Poland has held elections since the fall of communism 15 years ago, the recent election was the first "that is about the future." One reason, he said, was that it took the people of Poland a long time to get away from their "Gulag vision" that stemmed from almost half a century under Soviet control.

Now, he said, Poland needs to concentrate on such internal issues as repairing its roads, eliminating corruption and doing something about its 18 percent unemployment figure. ■



Ray Rushton Lecturers Anne Applebaum and Radek Sikorski speak at Samford.

Stalin era, and another six to seven million were deported to exile villages. The camps began as part of Stalin's effort to increase industrial output and collectivize agriculture, and spread to virtually every sector of the economy. They were located all across the vast country, from cities such as Moscow to power plants above the Arctic Circle to fishing camps on the Pacific coast. Prisoners did everything from digging coal with a pickax to running nuclear power plants to building apartments and designing airplanes.

"In the Soviet Union of the 1940s, the decade the camps reached their zenith, it would have been difficult, in many places, to go about your daily business and not run into prisoners," she said.

While the camps were designed as places for people to work, they also were intended "to terrorize and subjugate the population," said Applebaum. "It was a living threat [of being sent to a camp] that every Soviet citizen would have known about and everyone would have feared."

But if the Gulag played such a large part in Soviet history, Applebaum asked, why did people in the West know so little about the system for so long? After all, she said, in the terror famine of the 1930s, "Stalin killed more Ukrainians than Hitler murdered Jews."

Her answer was twofold: partly because the archives were closed and the Soviet camps were never filmed, as the German concentration camps were at the end of World War II; partly because the Soviet system of socialism had its defenders in the West through the 1930s and '40s, vestiges of which remained as late as the 1980s.

Why study the Gulag system?

"The more we understand how different societies have transformed their neighbors and fellow citizens into objects, the more we know of the specific circumstances which led to each episode of mass murder, the better we will understand the darker side of our own human nature," said Applebaum. ■

Reunions, Balloon Rides, Music, Football,
Cosby and More: Samford Homecoming
Celebration Has It All

by Mary Wimberley

What a

A lumna **Pat Barnes Gillespie '55** recalls that her senior homecoming, in the fall of 1954, was celebrated in the red mud of the new Homewood campus. "We still had classes at East Lake, but we had our parade through downtown Homewood, and then laid the cornerstone for Samford Hall," said Gillespie, who was a member of the Homecoming Court that year.

By the fall of 1957, students had started classes on the new campus, beginning a new chapter in the history of Samford and subsequent homecomings.

Alumni and students by the thousands celebrated a fun-filled Homecoming 2005 on a picture-perfect fall weekend Oct. 28-30. Activities ranged from a gala homecoming banquet and fireworks Friday through Saturday reunions on a tent-filled quad to an exciting win for the Samford football team to an evening of laughter with comedian **Bill Cosby**. Sunday's worship service in filled-to-capacity Hodges Chapel completed a great weekend.

Former band member **Bonnie Bolding Swearingen '55**, back for her 50-year class reunion, reprised a role she first enjoyed as an undergraduate. Tapped as "honorary drum major" for the day, she conducted the Samford marching band in the Fight Song during Samford's 31-11 win over Tennessee State.

Afterward, Swearingen recalled that during the 1954 football season, she was the drum major and a cheerleader. "I would wear my cheerleader outfit during the first half of a game, change into the drum major uniform for halftime, and then put my cheerleading clothes back on for the second half," she said.

The quick-change routine got even trickier at homecoming, when she was in the court and the women wore eveningwear. "Then I also had to change into my long dress for the halftime ceremony," said Swearingen, who lives in Chicago, Ill.

One of her 1955 classmates, **Pat Powell** of Birmingham, was among those who enjoyed a full day of events, beginning the morning high above campus in the gondola of a colorful hot-air balloon. "The balloon ride was a lot of fun," she said as she prepared to reminisce with friends at Saturday's Golden Reunion banquet.

Pat Gillespie also was celebrating her 50-year reunion at the Golden Bulldog brunch with her brother, **Bob Barnes '52** and sister-in-law, **Judy Brown Barnes '56**. She had introduced the two while she and Judy were practicing organ at Ruhama Baptist Church. They all live in the Birmingham area.



At the brunch, 1949 classmates **June Baggett** and **Pat Scofield**, both of Birmingham, tied for the Lockmiller Award given to the female present from the earliest class who has not won the prize previously. Retired chemistry department chair **Leven Hazlegrove '47** received the male Lockmiller Award.

During the day, alumni from classes ranging from the early 1940s, such as **Florrie Hurtt**—who hasn't missed a homecoming since her graduation in 1942—to the newest grads of 2005 returned to their alma mater to reconnect with friends and professors.

Saturday morning events included an on-campus parade featuring the band, cheerleaders and eight floats, all led by the grand marshals, **President Thomas E. Corts** and wife, **Marla**, riding in a horse-drawn carriage.

Judges picked Zeta Tau Alpha's float, themed "Cage the Tigers" in reference to the afternoon's opponents from Tennessee State University, for the first-place \$1,000 prize. Phi Mu won second and Alpha Delta Pi won third.

Pleased parade watchers included **Michael '92** and **Paula Martin Fargarson '93** of Birmingham, and their three children, **Anna**, **Caleb** and **Mary Claire**. "We're just hanging out and going on to the game," said Michael, describing a schedule that many would duplicate.



Top: Former drum major **Bonnie Bolding Swearingen '55** leads the Samford Band during the homecoming win over Tennessee State.

Adjacent: Student organizations welcome back alumni and friends on the quadrangle.

Weekend!



Samford's Justin Ray gains ground against Tennessee State.



Zeta Tau Alpha's "Cage the Tigers" wins float competition.



Above right: The Samford Marching Band swings into action as part of the Homecoming parade.



The quadrangle was dotted with white tents as gathering points for members of classes and organizations.

The Pi Kappa Phi tent was the happening place for brothers and alumni raising awareness for their philanthropy, which supports disabled Americans. **Jim Stephens '73**, M.B.A. '75, enjoyed the camaraderie.

"I have been reminiscing, remembering how beautiful the campus was and how much more beautiful it is now," said Stephens, who lives in Bessemer, Ala., and teaches business education at Hueytown High School. He enjoyed a brief sidewalk visit with Dr. Corts. "He's leaving a legacy," Stephens said of Corts, who will retire this year. Stephens' own legacy includes his son and fellow Pi Kap, Matt, a Samford sophomore.

Joe Wingard '66 enjoyed an impromptu visit with retired English professor **Ray Atchison '43**. It was Wingard's first time at homecoming since his graduation.

"I waited 40 years to come back because I couldn't attend while I was working," said Wingard, who made up for lost years by registering for all events through Sunday brunch. He retired this year after a career teaching English at Andalusia High School.

The "Samford in Spain" tent celebrated the program's 20th anniversary. "We had 17 in the first group, and at least 500 students have gone in all," said world languages and cultures department chair **Myralyn Allgood '61**, who has led most of the trips.

Pamela McArthur '99 of West Palm Beach, Fla., was on the 1998 trip. "Traveling in Spain was one of the most exciting education experiences I had,"

said the Spanish/biology double major. "I spent the full 10 weeks that summer. We stayed in three towns, and I received 16 credits," she remembers. A music minor, **McArthur** also enjoyed visiting with music alumni who happened by the tent, which was set up near Buchanan Hall music building.

Alumnus **Mitch McCoy '92, J.D. '95**, went to Spain after graduating as a Spanish minor. The trip had such an impact on him that he is now finishing a Ph.D. in Spanish literature at the University of Georgia.

The 45-member Samford Gospel Choir performed a well-received concert of gospel favorites on the Beeson University Center steps.

Inside Beeson University Center, the Bulldog Glee Club kicked off a barbecue lunch with a miniconcert. The 15-member club of alumni, faculty and students premiered their talents at a football game two weeks prior. The group is led by music professor **Timothy Banks '74**, its organizer, and includes such alumni as physics professor **Tommy Tarvin '70** and retired communications director **Jack Brymer '67**.

The midday meal was a popular draw for alumni, students and parents.

James Brake '50 and his sister, **Estelle Brake Teal**, who attended in the early 1970s, enjoyed the barbecue before heading to Seibert Stadium for the



Comedian Bill Cosby (in Samford shirt) chats with Samford football players, from left, Brad Booth, Ossie Buchannon, Steve Wisdom, Kevin Pughsley and Cortland Finnegan at Art Gallery reception.

1:30 p.m. kickoff. "We are members of the First and 10 Club," said Brake, a football supporter and familiar face at Samford athletic events. The siblings live in Huffman.

Another avid sports enthusiast, **Ed Holcombe '65**, spent the morning in Seibert Hall. "I enjoyed watching both the men and women's basketball scrimmages," said Holcombe, a Cullman pharmacist who also was looking forward to the football game.

Football fans were not disappointed, as the Samford Bulldogs handily defeated Tennessee State.

Off-the-field activities included a brief pregame dedication ceremony at Spirit Plaza, which includes a bronze medallion of the Samford bulldog and named bricks honoring individuals. Spirit Plaza, located between Seibert Stadium and Joe Lee Griffin Field, was initiated by the Class of 2003, represented at the ceremony by class member **Sara Ellison**, who flew from her home in New York, N.Y., to cut the celebratory ribbon.



Sara Ellison cuts ribbon at dedication of Spirit Plaza.

Children of alumni and students enjoyed the FunZone with the popular MoonWalk and other options.

Halftime activity included the presentation of the Homecoming Court and crowning of senior **Emily Morris** of Memphis, Tenn., as queen. She and senior honor escort **Jacob Simmons** of Hendersonville, Tenn., were elected by vote of the student body. This year's queen, a sports medicine/premed major and goal keeper for the women's soccer team, was crowned by 1989 queen **Rachel Corts Wachter '90** of Spanish Fort, Ala.

Homecoming 2005's guest entertainer **Bill Cosby** may have set a record for foot traffic in 2,600-seat Wright Center, which was almost sold out for both of his back-to-back shows. Wearing a Samford sweatshirt, Cosby held forth from a stage that was bare except for an easy chair and small side table.

The perennial favorite delighted two audiences of students, alumni, parents and community members with jokes and stories on the trials of parenthood, being a student and grandparenting. He ended each two-hour show with his classic dentist-chair routine, to which audiences responded with appreciative ovations.

"My face hurt from laughing so much," said one audience member, whose sentiment was echoed by many.

Todd Heifner '91, '98 M.B.A., was Cosby's host for the day. "He couldn't have been nicer," Heifner said of Cosby, whose only food request was for Coney Island-style hotdogs.

"He was most generous with this time and comments, and asked me a lot of questions about Samford. It was a homerun hit for Samford," said Heifner, who was Samford student government president during 1990-91.

Special worship services bookended the three-day homecoming celebration.



Homecoming Court members enjoy the day. They are, from left, freshmen **Lauren Smith**, Brookhaven, Miss., and **Paul Anderson**, Jacksonville, Fla.; sophomores **Stephanie Elliott**, Birmingham, and **Bobby Smith**, Pensacola, Fla.; juniors **Suzie Hornor**, Germantown, Tenn., and **Chad Robison**, Knoxville, Tenn.; queen **Emily Morris**, Memphis, Tenn., and honor escort **Jacob Simmons**, Hendersonville, Tenn.; and seniors **Olivia Keaggy**, Nashville, Tenn., **Brian Cook**, Decatur, Ala., **Ann Claire Vaughn Paris**, Tenn., and **Brandon Foltz**, Nashville, Tenn. **Morris** and **Simmons** also are seniors.

A memorial choral evensong on Friday honored the life of **Andrew Gerow Hodges '42**, a Samford life trustee who died Oct. 13. The event was held in **Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel**, dedicated in 2003.

Beeson School of Divinity **Dean Timothy George** recalled that when trustees voted to name the chapel for the retired Birmingham businessman, the honoree, known by his middle name, insisted that his first name be included.

In the Greek language, the name **Andrew** connotes valor and courage, traits that **George** noted earned **Hodges** a bronze star for his heroic actions as an American Red Cross volunteer in World War II.

In the Bible, **Andrew**, Jesus Christ's first disciple, was known as an encourager and an introducer, exemplified by his introducing Peter and Jesus Christ, and introducing the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus.

"Our **Andrew** had a gift of introducing, as in Samford to the Beeson family," said **George**, referring to the connection that resulted in the school's largest gift from a single benefactor.

"In his quiet way," **George** said of **Hodges**, "he was bringing people together and introducing them to Jesus Christ. He would want us to keep introducing people to Jesus Christ."

In the same chapel, located on the site of a former men's dorm, alumnus

Philip Wise, senior pastor of Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, spoke at a Sunday morning service. The pulpit from which he spoke, he noted, was not 40 yards away from where he and roommate **Bill Stevens** would sleep until five minutes before class.

"We were two jocks who didn't hold much promise, so there's hope for all of you," he joked to the students in the room, noting that **Stevens** is now chairman of the Samford board of trustees.

The 1970 graduate observed that although Americans live in the most prosperous, most democratic and safest country in the world, most are not content.

"I believe what every human being wants is the kind of contentment that lasts," said **Wise**. To find contentment, **Wise** said, "Jesus says to look around you and don't worry, seek God's kingdom, and live your life today, not tomorrow or yesterday."

"Dream about tomorrow and learn from yesterday," advised **Wise**, "but don't let that keep you from living today." ■

‘These Stories Take on a Life of Their Own’

by William Nunnolley

Robert McCammon graduated from journalism school during the Watergate era of the mid-'70s. He dreamed of becoming a reporter, but because of the glut of young journalists seeking to become the next Bob Woodward or Carl Bernstein, he couldn't find a job.

Finally, he was hired by the advertising department of a Birmingham department store, Loveman's. He delivered the store's daily ads to *The Birmingham News*. It was "as dead-end a job" as one could imagine, he said.

But McCammon still wanted to write. He enjoyed reading science fiction as a youth, and after reading an early Stephen King novel, decided he could write horror fiction. He had developed a vivid imagination as a youngster, partly, he thinks, from being reared by his grandparents in a rambling old house of Spanish architecture, now known as Gabrella Manor, in Birmingham's Roebuck section.

By the late '70s, publishers were looking for another Stephen King. About the same time, in 1977, McCammon decided to try his hand at fiction writing full-time. His first book, *Baal*, was bought by Avon Books, the paperback publisher, and published in 1978.

"It was a terrible book," the author said at Samford during Homecoming. "But they liked it and it sold." Speaking on the Live at the Library series, he likened the experience to "learning to write in public."

McCammon quickly turned out a second book, and encountered "the sophomore curse." The publisher said the manuscript too closely resembled a film script currently being shot and rejected it. But after seeing the completed movie, Avon decided the resemblance wasn't there after all.

The company bought not only the second book, *Night Boat*, but a third he had ground out in two months time, *Bethany's Sin*, for a combined price of \$30,000. These books appeared in 1980, and McCammon was on his way as a novelist.

Over the years since, he has written 10 additional novels of horror and general fiction. Several have appeared on the *New York Times* best-seller list, including *Boy's Life* and *Gone South*. He told his Samford audience he didn't know how many books he had sold, but one Web site estimated four million were in print.

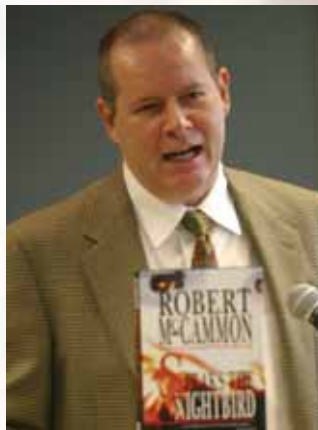
His latest book, *Speaks the Nightbird*, is a historical novel about a witchcraft trial in early South Carolina. It sat on a shelf for several years because he disagreed with a New York publisher's proposed changes. After he read from the manuscript on a program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, River City Press of Montgomery, Ala., published a hardback edition (without the changes) in 2002. Avon picked up the paperback rights, and that publication led to a number of favorable reviews.

"A writer works alone," McCammon said. "I don't work with an outline. It's just a leap of faith. It's fun not fully knowing where you're going. It can be kind of mystical. These stories take on a life of their own. When your work comes out well, it's one of the most gratifying feelings you can have."

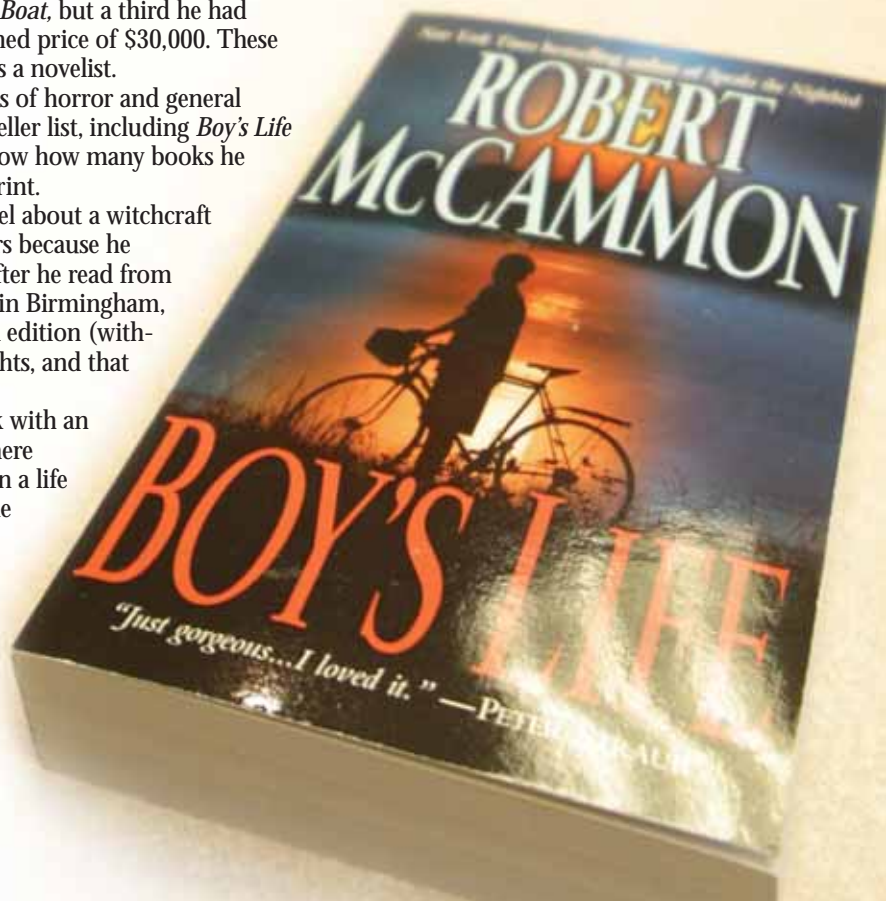
What should aspiring writers do?

"They should read," said McCammon. "That gives an appreciation for language. It helps you to think. And they should practice writing every day."

"They can't expect not to have to struggle and push," he said. "But it's wonderful to see your name on the cover of a book." And when the author has reached the status of having his name above the title, as McCammon has, "it's even more wonderful," he added. ■



Author Robert McCammon speaks on Live at the Library.



"Dear God," began the University professor in prayer, "thank you for these young people who have chosen to respond to Your calling to the ministry of teaching."

It was Betsy Box's first day in her first education class at Samford University, and the professor started the class with a simple prayer. For the first time in her young life, Box began to understand that her desire to be an educator was "a calling from God, a mission." Today, more than 30 years later, that conviction continues to compel her to dream and to act.

While a college student, Box had opportunity to travel to Berea, Ky., to assist in a research project investigating why some children learn differently. Learning disabilities were just beginning to be recognized in academic circles, and Box was intrigued with the possibility of helping children who struggled in school. She personally understood their struggles.

"In the first grade, I'd sit in Mrs. Murphy's class and write my Bs and Ds backwards and wonder why Dick and Jane had a pet cat and a pet 'god.' I'd go home, and my mom, who was a teacher, would re-teach me all the information that I had been unable to learn in class," she recalled.

With her mother's persistence, Box ultimately succeeded. "My mom was definitely my inspiration," she said, to help children who struggled with learning disabilities.

The first student for Box in Kentucky was a 21-year-old welder who could read only at a second-grade level. His goal was to read at a sixth-grade level so he could fill out job applications.

"We worked hard for eight weeks," recalled Box, and the result was that the young man was reading at a seventh-grade level. He thanked his teacher with dream-launching words. "Thank you for my life," he said.

"At that moment, my dream for a school was born. I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to develop a school for children with learning disabilities, so they wouldn't have to struggle," she said.

After graduating from Samford in 1971, Box moved to Atlanta, landing a job at Woodward Academy, where she pioneered a program working with learning-disabled children. She also earned a Ph.D. in education.

Her students at Woodward Academy improved under her steady instruction, but she noticed a decline in their skills during the summer. In 1980, Box launched Squirrel Hollow Camp, a summer program designed to address the academic needs of learning-disabled students in a camp-like setting. Several parents, pleased with the improvements in their children, urged her to start a full-time school.

"Well, that was my dream!" exclaimed Box. She prayed and sought wise counsel, sharing her dream with her Sunday school teacher at Southwest Christian Church in East Point, Ga. He asked Box two questions: "Do you feel there is a need?" and "Are you the best person to fill that need?" Box enthusiastically answered yes to both questions.

"Take it as a green light from God and pray that He will stop you if it's not what He wants you to do," said her teacher.

In 1985, in the basement of her church, the Bedford School, named after

the small Alabama community where her father had been raised, opened its doors to 34 students. Today, the school has an enrollment of 134 children in first through ninth grade on its own 45-acre campus in Fairburn, Ga. Her goal is to develop each child into an independent learner who can be successful in a traditional school setting.

Looking back, Box credits Samford University with giving her the confidence needed to bring her dream to reality. "The professors set a wonderful example," she said. "For them, teaching was a ministry. For me, that was vital."

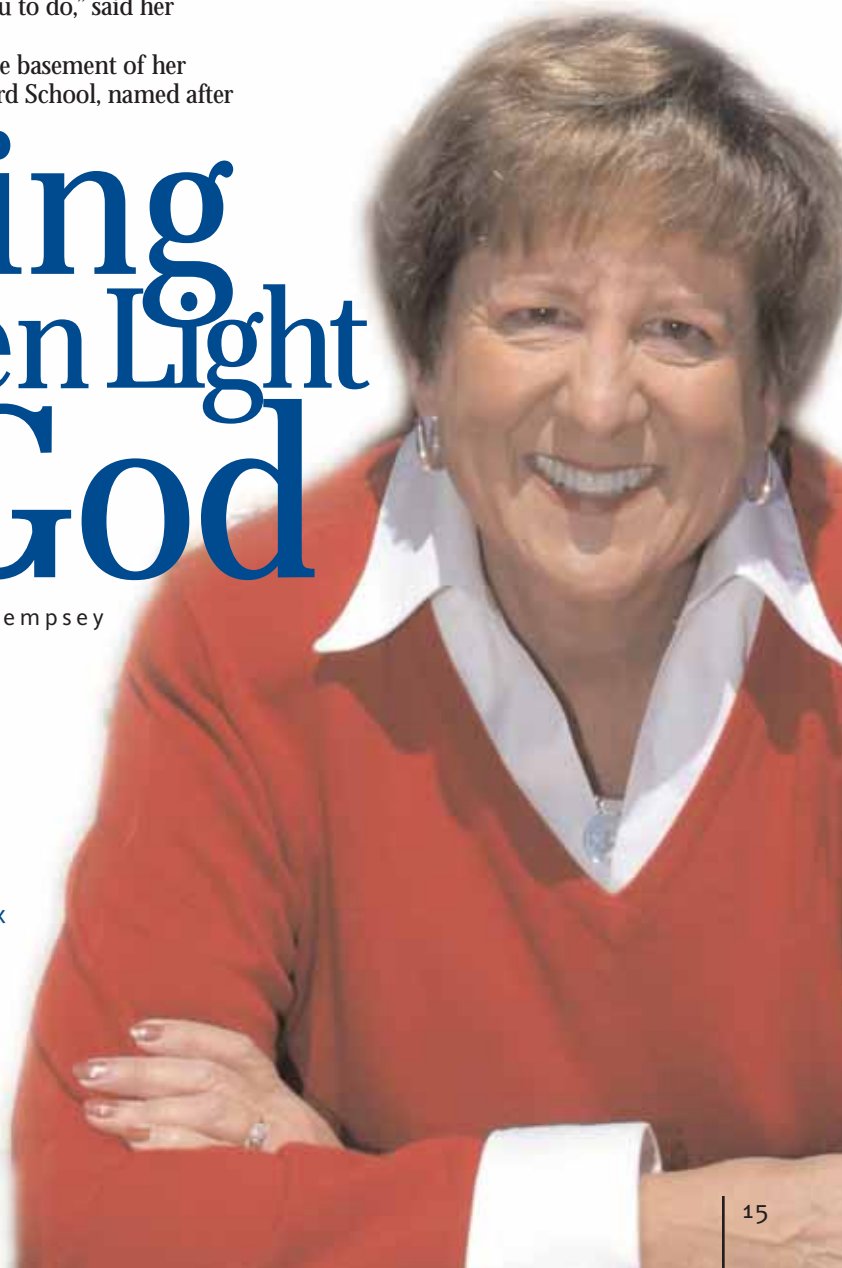
Today, Box, 2005 Samford Alumna of the Year, supports her alma mater with financial gifts to the Samford Fund, earmarked for scholarships. "I want others to be able to have the education that was so meaningful to me," she said. ■

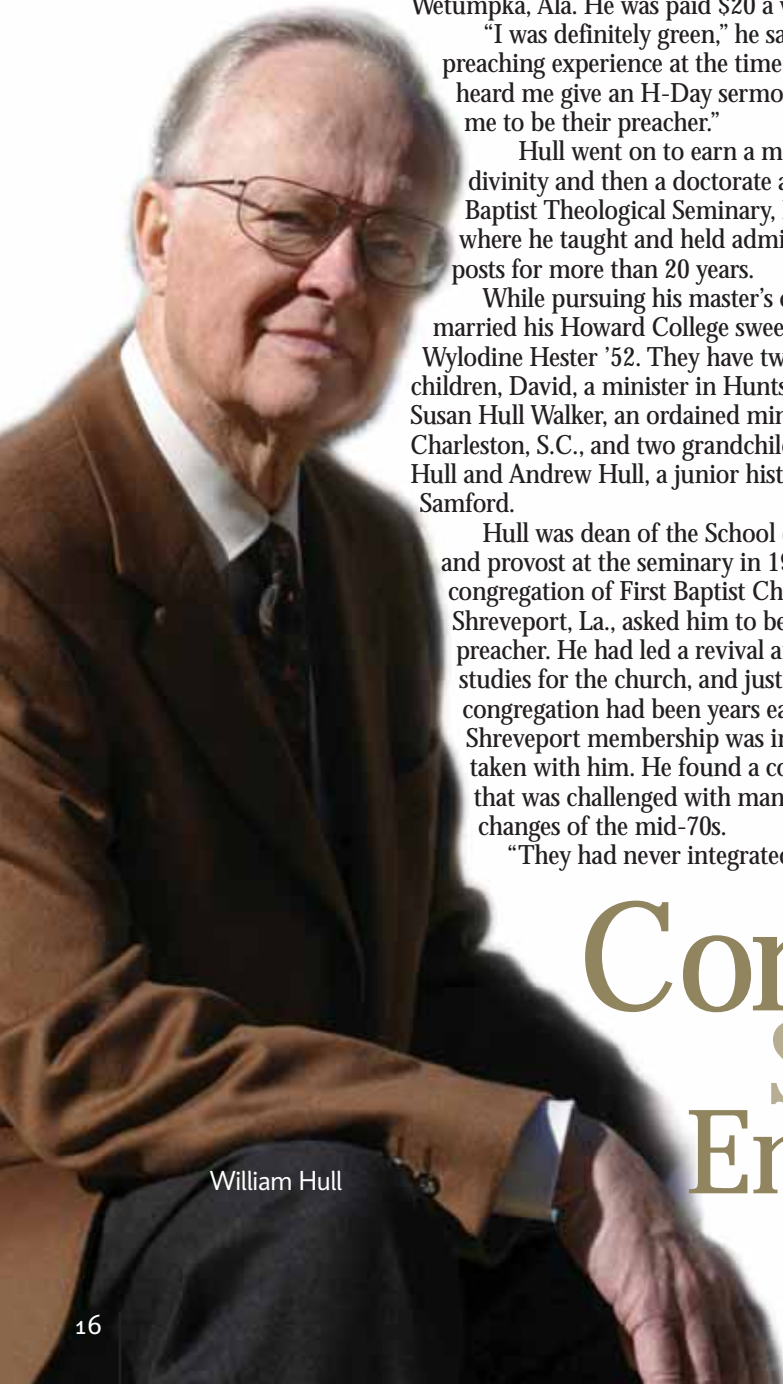
Taking a Green Light from God

by Margaret Dempsey

Betsy Box

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William Hull

William E. Hull enrolled at the University of Alabama in 1948 as a premedicine major but realized that the profession was not his “calling.”

“I was good at biology and chemistry, and my mother wanted me to be doctor, but I didn’t feel a sense of calling to medicine,” recalled the 1951 Samford graduate and retired provost who was honored as a 2005 Alumnus of the Year for his life as a Baptist educator, minister, author and lecturer.

Early in his junior year at Alabama, a clarified call to ministry that he had first heard several years earlier resulted in a midyear transfer to Howard College.

“I hit the ground at East Lake and never looked back,” said Hull, who switched his major to religion and, at age 20, took his first pastorate at the one-room Beulah Baptist Church near Wetumpka, Ala. He was paid \$20 a week.

“I was definitely green,” he said of his preaching experience at the time. “They had heard me give an H-Day sermon and asked me to be their preacher.”

Hull went on to earn a master of divinity and then a doctorate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he taught and held administrative posts for more than 20 years.

While pursuing his master’s degree, Hull married his Howard College sweetheart, Wylodine Hester ’52. They have two grown children, David, a minister in Huntsville, Ala., and Susan Hull Walker, an ordained minister in Charleston, S.C., and two grandchildren, Emily Hull and Andrew Hull, a junior history major at Samford.

Hull was dean of the School of Theology and provost at the seminary in 1975 when the congregation of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., asked him to become their preacher. He had led a revival and Bible studies for the church, and just as the Beulah congregation had been years earlier, the Shreveport membership was immediately taken with him. He found a congregation that was challenged with many societal changes of the mid-70s.

“They had never integrated a single

ethnic group, had no women deacons and had never ordained a woman,” said Hull.

Before he left in 1987, the church included a racially diverse membership, and he was privileged to preside at the ordination of his daughter, the first woman to be ordained in a Baptist church in Louisiana.

Remembered still in Shreveport for a 1977 sermon in which he challenged the city’s restrictive social structure, conservatism and worship of the status quo, Hull was a strong force in north Louisiana’s religious and political communities. Active in the city’s Futureshape Commission, Interfaith Committee and other civic causes, he received the Shreveport Bar Association’s Liberty Bell Award in 1984 and other awards.

His many other honors from academic and denominational organizations include the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award from the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in 1999.

Hull has written seven books on theology or higher education, as well as numerous book chapters and articles in scholarly and denominational publications. He has spoken on *The Baptist Hour* radio program, and at many national and international Baptist conventions.

His return to Birmingham came at the behest of Samford President Thomas E. Corts. He was named to the new post of provost in 1987, serving until 1996, when he was named University professor. In his position as research professor, he writes and lectures at a pace that some of his younger colleagues would find hard to match.

“I am swamped in writing projects,” admitted Hull, whose latest book, *Strategic Preaching: The Role of the Pulpit in Pastoral Leadership*, will be released in 2006. For 15 years, he has been the beloved minister in residence at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, where he preaches one Sunday a month and leads all Wednesday night services.

Hull admits he’s never been one for purely recreational pursuits. “I like to read and write,” he said. “I enjoy world travel and occasional trips to the beach and mountains. I love my family, but I also enjoy my work.” ■

Continuing to Set an Energetic Pace

by Mary Wimberley

For close to half a century, he chronicled the unfolding of history, tackling such diverse topics as racism, political corruption and the development of the South. From 1948, when he first accepted his pencil and notepad as a police reporter at *The Birmingham Age-Herald*, until 1992, when he finally turned off his computer as editor of *The Atlanta Journal*, Luther Durwood "Mac" McAlister '49 quietly acknowledges that journalism gave him an opportunity "to have an impact on change in Atlanta and the South."

Now retired, the 2005 Alumnus of the Year traces the roots of his life's work to Howard College and the faculty members there who developed personal relationships with the students. "They cared about us as students, interacted with us," he recalled.

Two faculty members in particular encouraged in McAlister two lifelong passions that would birth and nurture his career. Anne Crittendon Martin, his first journalism teacher, "inculcated in me a consuming curiosity and the desire to accumulate knowledge through that curiosity," he said. "That served me very well for the next 45 years." Dean Percy Burns, an English professor, lived

out his belief that, "It was a very good thing to be educated in a broad field. His joy of learning was infectious, and he set a course for me in wanting to learn, be educated, know what was going on in the world."

The Birmingham Age-Herald and *The Anniston Star*, where McAlister honed his craft from the late 1940s to the early 1950s, were training grounds for the budding journalist to put into practice his classroom learning. In 1954, McAlister moved to Atlanta and joined the staff of *The Journal*, where, during the next 38 years, he served in positions ranging from copy editor to women's editor to managing editor.

During his tenure, McAlister mentored Cynthia Tucker, current editorial page editor for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "Mac represents the old-fashioned, hardworking, straight-arrow newspaper man," said Tucker, who was hired by McAlister in 1976, fresh out of college. "He has unquestioned professionalism and high ethical standards. Whatever I have become, I owe in part to Mac."

Another closer-to-home McAlister protégé is daughter Jane McAlister Pope, deputy editorial page editor for *The Charlotte Observer*. Not intending to study journalism, McAlister's only

daughter volunteered for the student newspaper at the University of Georgia. "I thought it might be a way to have fun and meet interesting people," she said. "After all, every journalist I had ever met was fascinating." She soon discovered she loved the work, not just the people, and changed her major. The elder McAlister encouraged his daughter to consider other careers, citing journalism's long hours, low pay and public criticism, she said. "But it was too late by then. I'd caught the journalism bug," smiled his daughter, who graduated with a journalism degree from Georgia in 1978.

McAlister met his wife-to-be, Fay Curenton '50, at Howard, thanks to a snowball exchange. One snowy day, an anonymous female with red hair hit him with an unexpected snowball.

Thinking she was a winsome redheaded classmate from his French class,

McAlister "returned the favor by throwing a snowball" at

Fay the next time he saw her. He soon discovered that Curenton

had neither begun the snowball exchange nor would be

outdone by it, delivering her own version of a windowsill snowball to him right in the middle of

French class. In 1950, they were married.

The McAlisters give consistently to the Samford Fund. "Dr. Corts certainly has maintained that atmosphere of morality and faith on campus that will lead an entire generation in the right direction," said McAlister.

He and his wife live in suburban Atlanta, where they are members of First Baptist Church, Decatur. McAlister is a "multifaceted believer who thinks well and acts often. He is warmly faithful as well as intellectually faithful," said pastor Gary Parker. In addition to their daughter, the McAlisters have two sons and seven grandchildren. ■

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Knowing What's Going On in the World

by Margaret Dempsey

Durwood McAlister





Giving to Leave a Legacy

Samford Honors Its Donors

by Mary
Wimberley

Samford University said thank you to donors who provided generous gifts ranging from scholarships to new facilities at its annual Philanthropy Dinner Oct. 6. The dinner featured several exciting announcements for the more than 350 guests, who were saluted for their significant financial support during the 2004–05 academic and fiscal year ending May 31.

Special honorees included members of Samford's four lifetime giving societies, which recognize cumulative contributions of \$100,000 or more to the University.

"The Promise for All Generations" was the theme of the event, held at HealthSouth Conference Center in Birmingham. Robert Holmes of Birmingham, chair of the board of trustees' University Relations committee, presided.

Student and faculty perspectives were presented by senior Zachary Harter and Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Dean Nena Sanders.

Harter, an accounting major from Acworth, Ga., expressed appreciation to the donors for the investment they have made in his life.

They would never know, he said, the extent of the contributions they have made. "You've invested in more than stocks and bonds. It is remarkable to see how people have taken what God has given them and invested in our lives," said Harter.

Sanders, noting the rich legacy the nursing school has celebrated for 83 years, cited the lives of two remarkable women, Ida V. Moffett and Lucille Beeson. A unique synergy resulted, she said, when the lives of the nursing educator and the Birmingham philanthropist crossed. "They had much to give, although in very different ways," she said.

"What would the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing be if there had not been an Ida V. Moffett or a Lucille Beeson, or you, who have given so much? Your gifts allow us to continue to dream dreams, and I believe the world will be a better place for it," said Sanders.

"The Promise" was celebrated musically by the A Cappella Choir, which performed F. Melius





Christiansen’s “Offer unto God the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving” and the spirited “Go! Tell It!” arranged by alumnus Ken Berg ’77, ’81 M.Mus.Ed. Conducting duties were shared by Samford School of Performing Arts Dean Milburn Price, who retires this year, and music professor Timothy P. Banks ’74.

Commenting on “The Promise for All Generations” initiative, Holmes noted that while Samford is a blessed institution, its story has not been without hardships.

“Our present is built upon yesterday’s promise, no matter the odds, to endure and to flourish for future generations,” he said. “Through the years, this legacy has been developed by leaps of faith taken by alumni, friends and supporters, who put their shoulders to the wheel.”

His remarks resonated with those attending, all of whom share his views on the importance of the University. Since he became a trustee in 2000, he said, “This institution has moved me in a way I can’t express in words.”

Holmes, senior vice president—ethics and business practices at Alabama Power Company and chair of the Alabama Power Foundation, noted the commitment he and his wife, Camelia, have made to Samford, and urged others to “get on board” with them.

“What we’re doing here is something that will leave a legacy,” said Holmes. “Look at me as someone who wants to do something, to leave Samford better than we found it.”

Holmes and Vice President for University Relations Michael D. Morgan recognized donors who have contributed at various giving levels.

Morgan announced that three donors qualified as Sherman Society members just days before the dinner and will be inducted next year. The Sherman Society, named for Samuel Sterling Sherman, founding president of the college, is the highest lifetime giving recognition at Samford.

Boyd and Sara Christenberry of Montgomery, Ala., were recognized for their recent major gift commitment to “The Promise,” which resulted in the Oct. 8 dedication of the Christenberry Planetarium in Samford’s Sciencenter. Christenberry is a life trustee.

Joseph and Jenna Cassese of Birmingham were acknowledged for their generous funding of the instrumental rehearsal hall in the new music building under construction on campus. Mrs. Cassese is a Samford trustee.

Bonnie Bolding Swearingen of Chicago, Ill., was thanked for her commitment of a major gift to benefit the Samford theatre

Robert Holmes, above, emcees the Samford Philanthropy Dinner. Top (left), Samford A Cappella Choir entertains; (center) Ruth and Homer Floyd; (right) Lonnie Funderburg and James Stivender. Bottom, from left, Margie Bolding, Bonnie Bolding Swearingen, Thomas and Marla Cortis and June Bolding Llewellyn; (2) Nena Sanders; (3) Marla Cortis, Genie and John Morris; (4) Malcolm Miller, Jenna and Joseph Cassese; (5) Sara Christenberry, Stella Stivender.



department. A Samford alumna, former Hollywood actress and retired stockbroker, she is a member of Samford's board of overseers.

Montague Society presentations, honoring others who give generously in support of Samford's distinctive mission, went to Frances M. Brown and the former Ruhama Baptist Church. The A. P. Montague Society is named for the University president from 1902–12, a man who emphasized the distinctiveness of a school unafraid to address the improvement of the whole person—mind, body and spirit.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the late Ben Brown (trustee chair 1973–85), holds life membership in the Samford Auxiliary and “is an advocate for the University in many ways,” noted Morgan in making the presentation. She established the Frances Horner Brown Scholarship and also has supported performing arts, athletics, the Children's Learning Center, the general endowment and other scholarship funds.

Ruhama Baptist Church was located near Samford's East Lake campus and served as the site of many school programs. Several years ago, members of the church decided to sell their property and become part of other congregations.

“But, the spirit of Ruhama lives on,” said Morgan. “Former Ruhama members have provided endowment funds for Davis Library and scholarships for the Samford Auxiliary and the music division.

“Most significantly,” he announced, “is the recent major gift to fund the Ruhama Baptist Church Instrumental Practice Center, which will be the entire third floor of the new music building.”

Ruth and Homer Floyd represented the Ruhama Baptist transition group at the dinner.

The elite Circle of Progress societies also includes the Harwell G. Davis Society, named for the president who led the college during one of the most critical periods in its history—the aftermath of the Great Depression through World War II and the relocation from East Lake to Shades Valley.

This year, the Davis Society includes three new members: Nancy and James Davis, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Woman's Missionary Union Foundation.

The Davises, of Birmingham, have supported many projects, including the annual Samford Fund, student organizations, athletics, scholarships, the Samford Auxiliary, the Speakers Series, the Centennial Walk project and Davis Library.

WMU, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has been instrumental in funding Samford's Christian Women's Leadership Center.

“This unique partnership ensures that women have opportunities to express their faith and calling as part of their academic preparation,” noted Morgan.

The WMU was represented at the dinner by its executive director, Dr. Wanda Lee '69, and her husband, Larry '68, both Samford graduates.

The WMU Foundation also has provided significant funding for the CWLC and has supported a scholarship honoring longtime WMU executive June Whitlow. Foundation president David George '81, accompanied by his wife, Allyson '83, represented the foundation.

Samford President Thomas E. Corts offered concluding remarks and expressed appreciation for choices that Samford friends and supporters have made in the school's behalf.

“Life is about choices that shape our lives and destinies,” said Corts, noting that choices are made by individuals. “We shape ourselves by the choices we make. The legacy is the promises we've been able to keep.

“This is a cause that is worthy,” he said of the Samford mission. “Thank you.”

The A Cappella Choir offered its signature piece, an arrangement of the hymn “Beautiful Savior,” as a choral benediction and invited all to join in singing the Samford Alma Mater as a finale.

Each guest received as mementoes a coaster imprinted with the University's seal and the pendulum that hangs in the Samford Sciencenter. ■

Enjoying the Philanthropy Dinner are, from left, Allyson and David George, Wanda Lee, Kay Barnes; (right) Sara and Boyd Christenberry, Joe Dean.



The Right Place for Elizabeth Sloan

by Jack Brymer

When Elizabeth Sloan, accompanied by her mother and a neighbor, arrived at Samford's Vail Hall in 1969 as the first African-American female to live on campus, she was poised for confrontation.

She had visions of the arrival of another African-American woman on another Alabama campus 13 years earlier. When Autherine Lucy tried to enroll at the University of Alabama in 1956, she was met with racial epithets and people throwing sticks, rocks and eggs at her. Sloan and her mother talked about that episode during their short drive from nearby Oxmoor.

Their arrival at Samford provided a stark contrast on a quiet September afternoon. Sloan was greeted by a sole individual, Dean of Women Martha Ann Cox, who took her to her room.

For Sloan, coming to Samford was the beginning of a journey she feels resulted from being in the right place at the right time. "People are where they need to be when they need to be," she said. "Everything is for a reason; otherwise, I wouldn't be sitting here."

Today, she is Elizabeth Sloan-Ragland, married to accountant Charles Ragland, and is director of the Telecommunications and Distance Learning Center for WJAB-TV/WJAB-FM 90.9 at Alabama A&M University near Huntsville, Ala. The Raglands' 19-year-old son is an urban studies major there.

Sloan-Ragland's first contact with Samford was through Dr. Wayne Flynt '61, at that time a Samford history professor and adviser to the Young Democrats Club and Ministerial Association. The clubs provided tutoring assistance at Rosedale High School in Homewood for exceptional students and for those who lacked basic skills.

Flynt remembers Sloan-Ragland as "an exceptional student, extraordinarily bright and from a great family." She credits Flynt's influence and relationship, and her high school counselor's advice, for her decision to attend Samford. Also, Samford was close to her home and family, which she revered. One of six children, she became the first to graduate from college, bringing her late father and mother tremendous pride.

For the most part, student life at Samford was non-confrontational, Sloan-Ragland recalled. "Students would sit and stare, and I just stared back," she said. "There was never any physical or verbal abuse, and I was naïve enough to believe that if you wanted something, you had to be involved." Involved she was. In addition to the Young Democrats Club, she belonged to Masquers, a theatre group.

She also was selected as a member of Hypatia women's leadership honorary, "a signal personal honor," she said.

Sloan-Ragland called her Samford enrollment "providential" because it led to a part-time college job with Alabama Public Television [APT].

The Federal Communications Commission had sued APT for its lack of minority employees, and Samford President Leslie Wright, an APT trustee, recommended that Sloan be hired.

"If I had not been at Samford at that time, I would not be here now," she said.

Because of her experience with APT, she was employed by Alabama A&M shortly after graduation. She has spent her entire professional career there. After teaching four years, she moved into full-time administration, where she finds a sense of fulfillment in being able "to reach out and touch our campus and the entire community through radio and TV."

In addition to providence, she acknowledged the support of family, friends, students and faculty for her success.

She volunteered an incident during her sophomore year that enhanced her sense of community. It occurred when her mother died. As the family came into the small Baptist church for the memorial service, she saw several faculty and staff sitting in the audience. "It never occurred to me that anyone from Samford would be there," she said. "I wasn't expecting anyone to be, but when I saw them, I knew I had community."

In retrospect, Sloan-Ragland said her college experience was not all "peaches and cream," but there was more good than bad. "Going to Samford was who I was, not what I was trying to prove," she said.

"It was a very easy transition for her and for us," Cox said recently. "The students accepted her, and she accepted us. She opened the door [for minorities] at Samford."

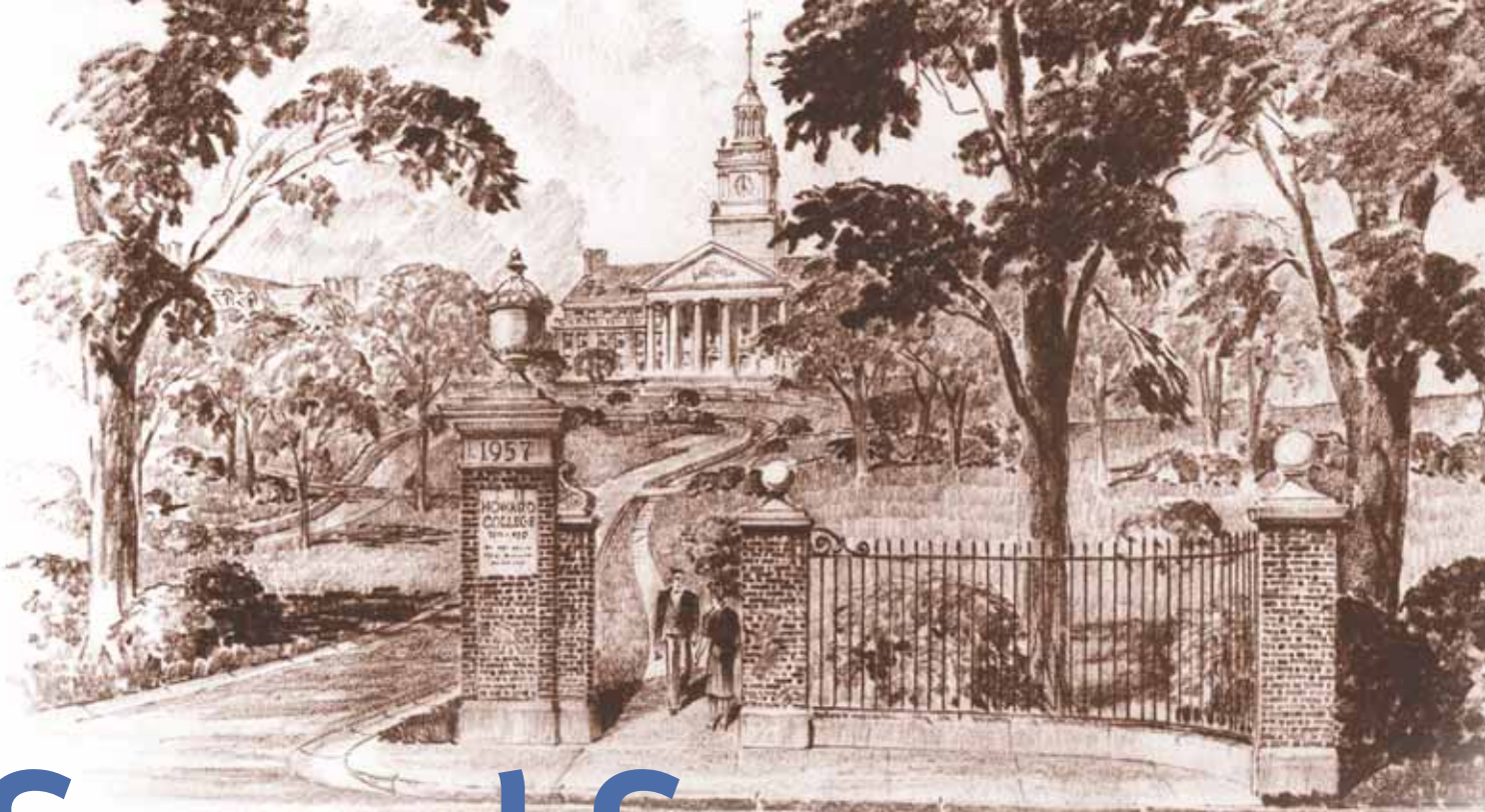
Sloan-Ragland completed her bachelor of arts degree in 1973 and later earned a master of science in urban studies at Alabama A&M. She has used her speech and dramatic arts major extensively in her position. She has written, produced, directed and served as the "talent" for several radio and television productions, including *The Legacy of the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions*, a documentary of the 17 black land-grant colleges.

As director of the Telecommunications Center, she is responsible for budget, personnel assignments, grant writing and administration duties for a staff of 35 people.

She is involved in numerous social and civic organizations, and is the recipient of several special awards, including being named to *Outstanding Young Women of America* and chosen one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Madison County. ■

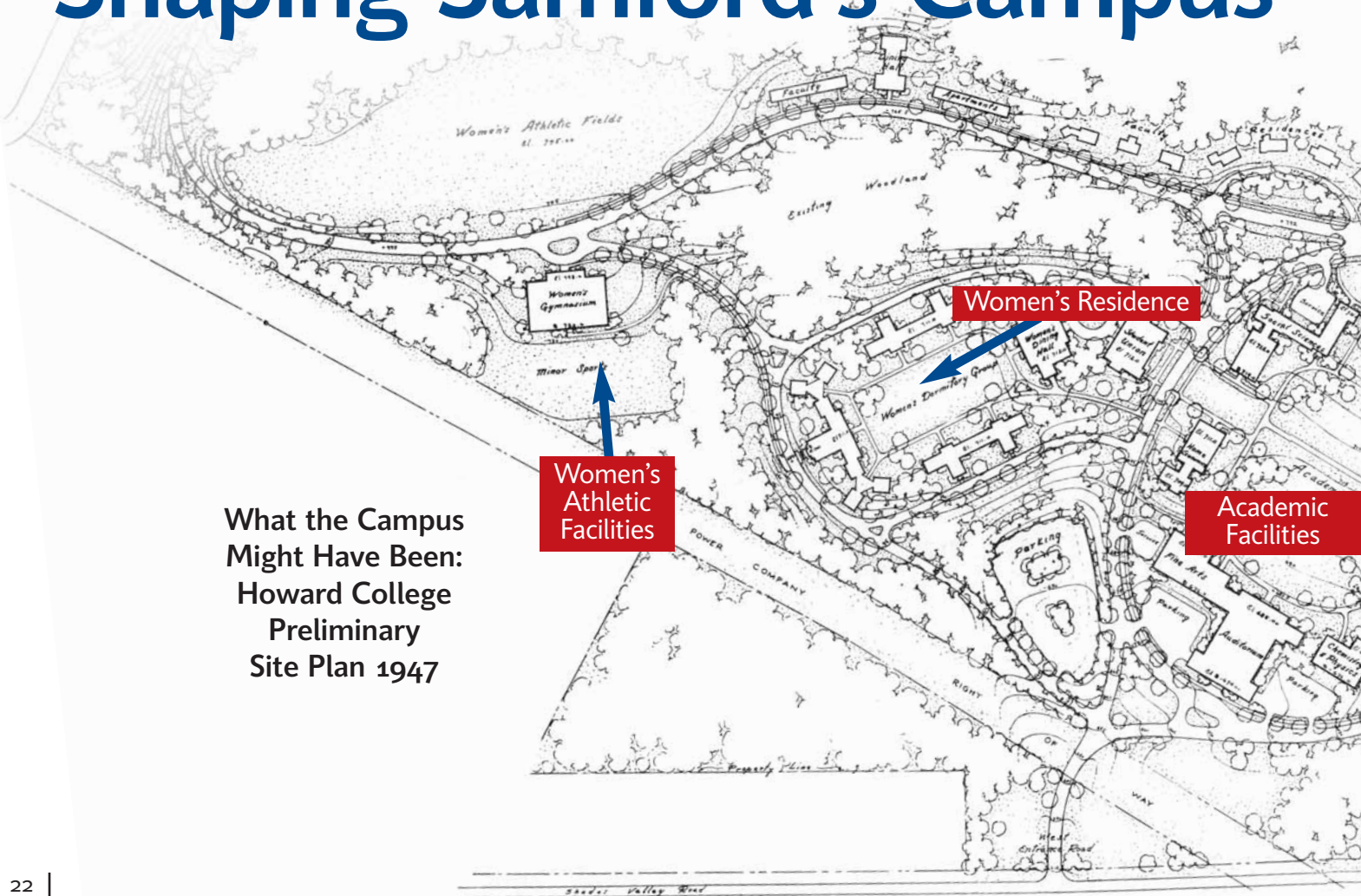


Elizabeth Sloan-Ragland



Sacred Space: Shaping Samford's Campus

by David Bains



What the Campus
Might Have Been:
Howard College
Preliminary
Site Plan 1947

Women's
Athletic
Facilities

Women's Residence

Academic
Facilities

In the heart of Samford's campus, at the head of Centennial Walk, is one of the most poignant monuments to the importance of the college campus in American culture. There, one finds a bronze plaque memorializing not a person, an idea or an event, but a lost place—the East Lake campus of Howard College. The plaque maps Old Main, the other buildings and the famous “Sherman Oak.”

On the opposite side of the plaque dedicating the walk is a map of the Lakeshore Drive campus, not as it is now, but as it was when the walk was dedicated in 1988. Visitors who try to use it to find the Sciencenter or Hodges Chapel will be frustrated, but alumni with fond memories of life in the inauspiciously named Residences A, B and C will here find a token of their former presence.

As these plaques suggest, college campuses have a special hold on the American imagination. Their buildings point beyond themselves to ancient traditions of learning, their grounds to the beauty of the natural world. As they participate in the rituals and activities of college life, students enjoy campuses as unique places of freedom, community and personal discovery. Alumni return to them to relive fond memories, marvel at improvements, bemoan changes from

the good old days and to be again at the place that helped make them what they are. Charged with meaning, story and ritual, a campus is a sacred space.

Colleges are also the guardians of treasured goods, centuries of accumulated wisdom and beauty, cutting-edge scientific knowledge, the dispassionate search for truth and the disciplines for forming character. Church-related colleges, like Samford, include Christian faith among these. Campus planners seek to express all these things in their designs and, most importantly, create space that facilitates the research, community, study and prayer necessary to develop and transmit these treasured goods.

Shaping Samford's Campus

Many have judged Samford's campus to be quintessentially collegiate. Some first-time visitors remark that the campus is “the most beautiful” they have seen. Others comment that with its green lawns, large trees, columns and symmetrical red brick buildings, it looks “just like a college should.” To understand how the sacred space that is Samford has been fashioned and why it appeals to so many, one must consider its particular history of vision, planning, investment and adjustments to pragmatic realities.

While generations of Samford alumni cannot imagine the school anywhere else, others remember the East Lake campus and know that Howard College only moved to this site in 1957. After World War II, when the college

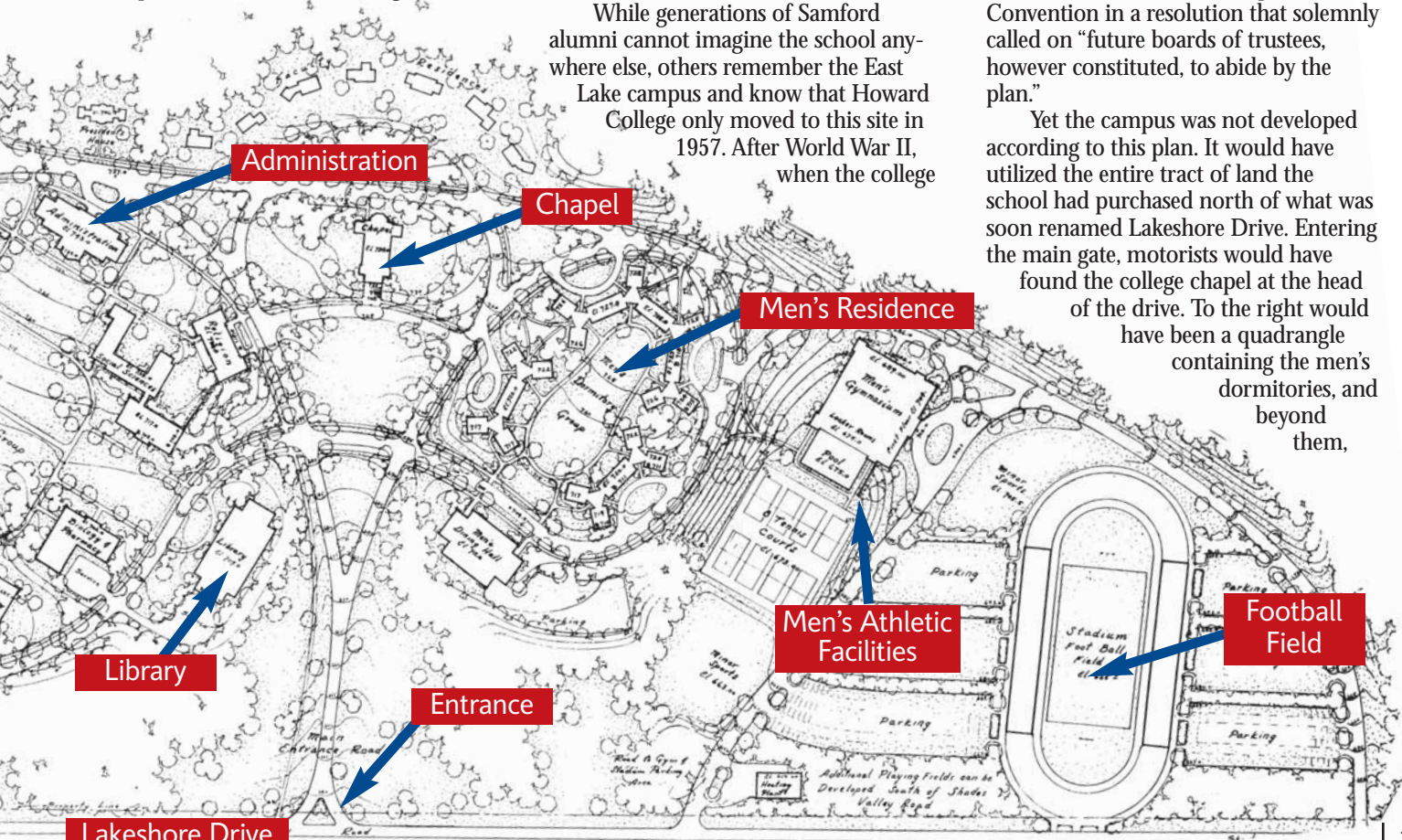
president, Harwell Davis, sought a new campus for the school, his top choice was the Roebuck Golf Course, just over a mile to the northeast of the East Lake campus. Howard would have moved there had the City of Birmingham been willing to sell the 100-acre site.

Many other possibilities were considered, as Susan Ingram Hunt Ray explained in *The Major: Harwell G. Davis: Alabama Statesman and Baptist Leader*. These included land adjoining Birmingham-Southern College and Lane Park, the present site of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

While sites 10 to 15 miles from Birmingham were suggested, Davis insisted that, because of the many commuting students, the new campus be accessible by public transportation. Once an extension of a bus route was guaranteed, the land for the present campus was purchased in the spring of 1947.

In selecting and planning the site, Davis and other Howard leaders drew on the expertise of Olmstead Brothers, the famous Brookline, Mass., landscape architecture firm. In planning the site, Olmstead collaborated with the school's architects, the Birmingham firm of E. B. Van Keuren and Charles F. Davis, Jr. In the fall of 1947, the site plan was enthusiastically approved by both the board of trustees and the Alabama Baptist State Convention in a resolution that solemnly called on “future boards of trustees, however constituted, to abide by the plan.”

Yet the campus was not developed according to this plan. It would have utilized the entire tract of land the school had purchased north of what was soon renamed Lakeshore Drive. Entering the main gate, motorists would have found the college chapel at the head of the drive. To the right would have been a quadrangle containing the men's dormitories, and beyond them,



the football field. To the left of the entrance drive would have been the academic quadrangle, arranged at an angle to Lakeshore Drive, with the administration building, not the library, at its head and the performing arts center at its foot. Beyond the academic quad on the west side of the campus was another quadrangle of women's dormitories and a back gate opening onto Salter Road.

This plan was rooted in the landscape design approach established by Frederick Law Olmstead (1822–1903), the firm's founder. He is best remembered as a designer of parks and estates, including New York's Central Park and the Biltmore Estate in western North Carolina. Olmstead also made major contributions to campus design. He believed campuses should be composed of small groups of buildings positioned independently wherever they could take best advantage of the topography and scenery. The Olmstead Brothers site plan for the Howard campus reflected this picturesque approach with its three independent groups of buildings arranged at various angles to one another, the faculty houses along the ridge at the back of the campus, and the gently curving roads that ran through the campus.

When college officials began to prepare the site, however, they soon discovered that grading the land to conform with the plan would be prohibitively expensive. The campus was restudied twice, by Olmstead Brothers in 1949 and by Van Keuren and Davis, apparently independently, in 1953. It was the 1953 plan that was built. It substantially reduced costs by only requiring the development of the central portion of the site, and gave the campus a more formal and impressive public face.

While the initial plan had used a formal classical plan of the type promoted by early 20th-century architects for the academic quadrangle, the final plan utilized this classical approach throughout. The central quadrangle was arranged parallel to the road. The entrance drive, while still curving like those on Olmstead Brothers' picturesque plan, led into the quadrangle. The openness to the road, elevated site and compact nature of Samford's campus make it more impressive than many other similar campuses. One of the most successful

aspects is how it carefully balances the three most common focal points of American college campuses—the library, administration building and chapel.

Baptist colleges planning new campuses in the 1940s and '50s almost invariably chose the colonial tradition. Architectural historian Richard Guy Wilson termed Williamsburg the 20th century's "great tastemaker." By all accounts, President Davis' wife, Lena Vail Davis, was a strong supporter of the Williamsburg style. Thus, it was no surprise when in 1950 the *Howard College Alumnus* featured a drawing of the proposed campus (according to the Olmstead plan) that used colonial revival buildings.

The primary desire of faculty and students, however, was for modern, functional and efficient buildings. As late



as February 1953, the trustees considered adopting modern architecture because of its "functional use and cheaper cost of construction." But they decided that "the architecture remain of the formal type," though changes could be made "for the sake of economy and functional purposes, provided that the aesthetic beauty of the conservative architecture was not thereby impaired."

Maj. Davis later explained that potential benefactors had expressed a preference for a classical style. The architects assured Davis that the Georgian style was the appropriate choice because it could provide impressive buildings with functional interiors. The monumental plan developed by Van Keuren and Davis displayed this traditional architecture to maximum effect.

Within a few years of its opening in 1957, the campus was celebrated as "the Williamsburg of the South." The

uniform use of sand-faced bricks, Flemish bond, limestone trim and double-sash windows with white trim and mullions marked the campus as being in the colonial Georgian style.

The colonial revival was before anything else a style for domestic architecture. Its use at Samford helped associate the school with the home. The inclusion of dormer windows in the roofs of almost all the buildings highlighted the domestic character of the campus. Even large buildings were given a more domestic sense of scale by being broken into smaller parts. The flat-roofed wings of some buildings such as Samford and Ingalls halls suggested to viewers that an older building had received more modern additions.

The inclusion of cupolas on large buildings with significant functions (Samford, Ingalls, Davis Library and Beeson University Center) further cemented the link to colonial buildings, especially to

Williamsburg. The only building that evoked a specific colonial reference was the chapel. Its spire was promoted as copying that of the First Baptist Church in Providence, R.I. (built 1775–76), founded by Roger Williams in 1638 as the first Baptist Church in America.

The colonial revival typically combined classical buildings in a lush garden-like setting. While Samford had few trees in its early years, the landscape was an important part of the campus. Boxwoods were moved from the East Lake campus to create a large formal garden in the center of the campus. This was later replaced by Centennial Walk, which was similar to the plaza depicted on the school's 1953 plan.

Samford's campus was remarkably conservative in its treatment of the colonial Georgian style. There are few modern elements present in the exterior of the older buildings. Glass was only used in the traditional fashion. Interiors remained firmly separated from exteriors. Most subsequent buildings maintained the colonial Georgian style, though several more recent ones, including the Rotunda, Hodges Chapel, the law library and the Sciencenter, diverged from it while staying within the classical tradition and maintaining the major exterior

elements of sand-faced brick, mullioned windows and limestone trim.

Beeson Law Library and the Sciencenter reflect different directions within the classical tradition. The law library relates to the other buildings on campus with its arches and rectangular mullioned windows. The oversized elements on its exterior, like those on the east side of the extension to the University Library, reveal the large volumes that make up its interior. Its massive size is displayed, not hidden through apparent additions.

The Sciencenter is masterfully integrated into the symbolic core of the university through its pavilions that terminate the walks running the length of the quad. It brings Reid Chapel more into the center of the campus. Like the law library, it departs from the colonial revival by clearly being one complete large building without the illusion of major additions. Unlike the law library, it includes itself in the exact style of the older buildings by imitating their sash windows and dormers. On the west side, its massiveness is broken down through the addition of dormers, false balconies and well-placed downspouts. While it appears domestic, there is no humble domesticity of scale. This is a palace, the architecture of empire, not of humble colonials.

Challenges

Although the campus is widely praised, several shortcomings might be noted. First, one of the distinctive aspects of the American collegiate experience has long been the integration of classroom learning and residential life. Samford has pursued this goal by seeking to house more students on campus. Yet, with the transformation of Crawford Johnson Hall into Beeson Divinity School and the construction of Beeson Woods and West Campus, residential space has grown more distant from academic space in both real and symbolic terms.

While visitors are initially impressed by the exterior of Samford's buildings, the inside of some buildings provide a jarring contrast. Painted cinderblock and ceramic tile show what the architects meant when they promised that colonial Georgian exteriors could be combined with functional and economical interiors.

There are fewer informal spaces for gathering than on many other campuses. Ben Brown Plaza provides one informal outdoor space, but in academic buildings, offices and classrooms are placed along corridors, not around lounges that foster interaction and informal learning. The large, open spaces and various groupings of easy chairs and tables in the University Library are the most intentional efforts to provide more contemporary, informal space.

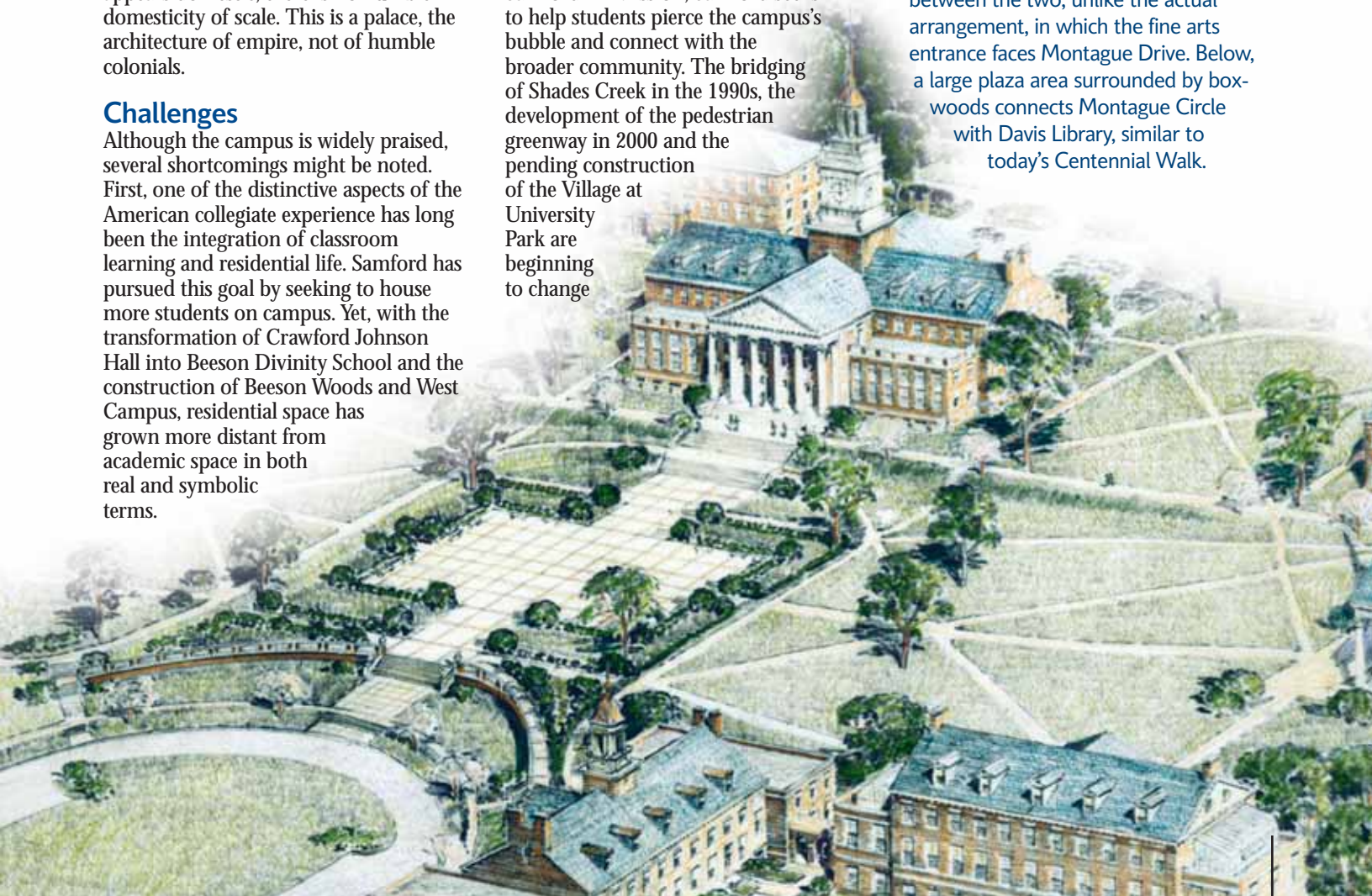
The campus most significantly departs from the American college ideal in that there is no college town across the grassy lawn. To go anywhere, students need a car. At East Lake and in Marion, Howard's quadrangle opened to a walking neighborhood. When the school moved to Lakeshore, it moved into the world of the automobile suburb. Through various programs such as Samford-in-Mission, Samford seeks to help students pierce the campus's bubble and connect with the broader community. The bridging of Shades Creek in the 1990s, the development of the pedestrian greenway in 2000 and the pending construction of the Village at University Park are beginning to change

Samford's immediate environment.

Despite these challenges, the style and shape of Samford's campus give it a certain dignity and associate it with times and places that help make it sacred space. Most fundamentally, however, the campus provides a place for community and learning. It is the rituals and activities of this community, official and unofficial, that do the most to invest the campus with sacred meaning. At the end of their college careers, in academia's most distinctive ritual, students process, not in a solemn march but in a jubilant walk, across the campus invested with years of personal and communal meaning, gathering as they go the values, memories and spirit of the place and taking them into the world. ■

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These 1955 campus renderings show how portions of the Samford campus might have looked. On the opposite page, the fine arts center entrance faces the rear of Samford Hall, with a plaza between the two, unlike the actual arrangement, in which the fine arts entrance faces Montague Drive. Below, a large plaza area surrounded by boxwoods connects Montague Circle with Davis Library, similar to today's Centennial Walk.





Rolling Up Sleeves

Students Help Katrina Victims Dig Out, Clean Up

by Mary Wimberley

Helping clear hurricane debris in Pascagoula, Miss., are Samford students, clockwise, from left, Andrew Garnett, Andy Farmer, Ryan Blakesley, Randi Windham Gardner and Caroline Catlett.

Until recently, most Samford University students could not explain what “mudding out” meant, much less claim experience doing it. That changed once Hurricane Katrina sent tons of mud and water into thousands of homes along the Gulf Coast in late August.

Students and faculty responded to helping Katrina victims in many ways, including hands-on assistance in the flood-damaged areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Their work often included scraping mud from the interior surfaces of homes and buildings.

More than 200 Samford students and faculty/staff volunteers joined the effort along the Gulf Coast during late October. Divided into 12 groups, they spent their four-day fall break cleaning, mudding out homes, bleaching, ripping out sheetrock and performing other tasks in New Orleans and Slidell, La., Pascagoula and Gulfport, Miss., and Bayou La Batre, Ala.

Caroline Catlett, a senior from New Albany, Ind., worked in Pascagoula, Miss.

“I expected it to be pretty bad, but the devastation is beyond belief,” said Catlett. “We saw what used to be multimillion dollar homes that are now slabs of concrete and rubble. Despite their loss, many of the people we met were so positive. It was amazing to see their good attitudes.”

Protected with face masks and gloves, Catlett and others in her team tackled four houses in five days. “We used crowbars to check ceiling tiles for mildew and moved rubble, which was everywhere, to the street for the city to pick up,” said Catlett, whose group bunked each night at a local Episcopal church.

The largest number of Samford volunteers, about 50, was stationed in Slidell, where they assisted two churches on relief projects.

Ellen Kiel has an emotional attachment to the Slidell, La., site where she and 30 other volunteers slept and worked. First Baptist of Slidell is her home church, where she grew up and attended before enrolling at Samford. “Every building had from two to six feet of water,” reported Kiel.

Her group also worked at three houses, tearing out wet sheetrock and ruined appliances. “One house will be bulldozed because it is not

salvageable,” said Kiel. “Since it has been two months since the event, we’ve had time to forget about it some at Samford, but these people are still dealing with it.

“On Sunday, we had worship service, and the church, even with its dirty concrete floors and fold-out seats, was packed,” said Kiel, amazed at the spirit displayed by the residents who have lost so much.

Samford history professor Jonathan Bass called his experience in Bayou La Batre “one of the most meaningful, humbling and heart-breaking endeavors” he had participated in during his eight years at Samford.

“We worked with a young couple—Josh, Tracy and daughter, Ariel—who were so overwhelmed by the scope of the devastation that they were paralyzed,” said Dr. Bass. “They simply never knew where to start because the task was so daunting.

“Our small group cleaned out their ruined belongings, removed flood-damaged floors and walls, and treated a horrific mold problem. More important, our team demonstrated God’s grace, mercy and humility in the time we spent getting to know this family.”

In early October, the Samford track team traveled to south Mississippi to assist with relief efforts, taking with them about 25 boxes of donated shoes and clothes for distribution through Volunteers of America. University Minister James Barnette accompanied the team, and the group worked on houses in Escatawba and Pascagoula, ripping out paneling and drywall, removing insulation, clearing fallen trees and cleaning up debris.

The Samford community began mobilizing to help Katrina victims with an outpouring of volunteerism and financial generosity in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane in September.

In a fund-raising effort sponsored by the offices of student involvement and student ministries, the campus contributed \$11,182 to the American Red Cross for storm relief. Compass Bank matched the gifts dollar-for-dollar, doubling the total to \$22,364.

Cumberland School of Law students raised \$2,700 for the Red Cross, and Compass matched that amount as well.

The Samford volleyball team had been scheduled to play in New Orleans, but Katrina forced cancellation of their matches. The team took up donations at on-campus athletic events in early September, raising another \$771.30 for relief.

Law students also helped the Salvation Army organize and distribute clothing and other items to Katrina evacuees in late September. They look forward to helping in other ways using their specific area of expertise.

The law school’s Community Service Organization is working with the Alabama State Bar, Legal Services of Alabama [LSA] and other groups to assist Alabama residents, as well as residents of Louisiana and Mississippi who have taken refuge in the state.

Cumberland’s Robinson law building will house a Hurricane Disaster Relief Call In-Take Center, which LSA will operate as part of its statewide network for providing legal assistance to hurricane victims. The center staff will include a lawyer, a paralegal and an administrative assistant. With a Spanish-speaking lawyer on site, the center will offer the state’s first dedicated line for Spanish-speaking victims. Cumberland students and other volunteers will help staff the center, screen incoming calls and provide assistance to evacuees.

During the fall break, law students assisted the LSA at field offices around the state and at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. They are also in line to assist the Calhoun County Bar Association with the legal needs of the many evacuees housed at Fort McClellan in Anniston.

Students in business professor James King’s graduate and undergraduate human resource management classes found a unique way to assist and encourage hurricane victims who found themselves in Birmingham without work. Through a project they dubbed Hurricane Occupation Placement Effort [HOPE], students helped dozens of people prepare for their job search. Based at the relief center at Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham, they helped job seekers prepare résumés and skill sheets for prospective employers. Each person received 25 free copies of their résumé. Students also collected information from agencies and companies looking for workers, in hopes of making a connection.

Soon after Katrina struck, students and faculty at Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy responded to the health-care needs of many evacuees. Pharmacy faculty helped coordinate primary-care services at the special medical needs clinic at the Birmingham Fairgrounds and organized a systematic way to meet prescription drug needs for people housed at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena.

Postdoctoral residents and student pharmacists, led by pharmacy faculty Roger Lander and Michael Hogue, assisted in the project. Being able to help evacuees who had run out of medicine and had no prescriptions gave the pharmacy students an unusual opportunity to experience real-life public health pharmacy practice. ■

Checking ceiling tiles for mildew are, from left, Brooke Ratchford, Katie Baird, Megan Delaney and Randi Windham Gardner.



At left: Pascagoula homes show the devastation wreaked by Katrina’s wind and storm surge. The first story of the house on the left was washed away, leaving the roof line almost at ground level.



National League for Nursing Designates Moffett a Center of Excellence

First in Alabama, One of Seven Nationally

The National League for Nursing [NLN] has taken the lead in establishing and maintaining high standards of nursing education for more than 100 years. Half a century ago, in 1955, the Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing—the forerunner to Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing—became the first nursing school in Alabama to achieve NLN accreditation.

Now, Samford's nursing school has become the first in Alabama and one of the first in the nation to be designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the NLN. Moffett was recognized for its demonstrated excellence in "creating environments that promote student learning and professional development," according to the NLN.

The NLN initiated the Center of Excellence [COE] program in 2004 "to publicly acknowledge nursing schools that distinguish themselves by outstanding achievement in the promotion of excellence in nursing education," said Dr. Ruth Corcoran, chief executive officer of the NLN.

Three nursing schools earned COE designation the first year and four this year, including Samford. Schools carry the COE designation for three years, during which they are expected to be available to other nursing schools seeking to move their programs toward distinction.

According to NLN officials, Samford's "inventive program is distinguished by a stellar level of student-faculty collaboration, a faculty that encourages and guides students to

deliver professional presentations at national and regional forums; deliberate efforts to promote the health of the poor in surrounding communities; and interactive teaching/learning activities in both nursing and non-nursing courses."

Samford nursing Dean Nena Sanders accepted the award during the NLN Education Summit in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 1. Samford Provost Brad Creed and 14 nursing faculty members also traveled to Baltimore for the award presentation.

"This designation validates the quality of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing's faculty and their dedication to student learning," said Dr. Sanders. "In addition, it highlights the outstanding accomplishments of our students and their commitment to learning and professional development.

"The dynamic learning environment at Samford is complemented by a mission-focused, nurturing community," she added. "Faculty feel valued and supported to create many opportunities whereby both they and students, often working together, continue to grow professionally."

Also in Baltimore, the NLN awarded COE designations to nursing schools at Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y., the University of Louisiana at

Lafayette and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Features the NLN judges considered included the nursing school's outstanding program of undergraduate and graduate research, innovative and creative teaching strategies and program designs, and faculty engagement in student learning, service learning, portfolio development and capstone projects for all undergraduate and graduate students.

Steps in the competitive process also included extensive documentation of programs, activities, policies and initiatives, and a site visit by an NLN representative. "This was a yearlong process," said Sanders.

The nursing school, founded in 1922 by the Birmingham Baptist Association as a diploma school of nursing, joined Samford in 1973 and began offering associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing. It now offers baccalaureate and master of science in nursing degrees, as well as nurse anesthesia and postmaster's programs. ■



From top, students Ryan Hollingsworth, Catherine Henderson and Amanda Hamil participate in Drug Formulations class.

Samford Pharmacist

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF THE SAMFORD UNIVERSITY McWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



'So, What's Next?'

Forty-seven years ago, at the age of 18, I began pharmacy school at Howard College, now Samford University. My immediate goals at that time were to graduate and eventually own a drug store. At 21, I graduated from pharmacy school, and at age 27, opened my own pharmacy in a small town. My goals were realized. Or were they?

Nearly 50 years of education and practice as a pharmacist and administrator illustrate a myriad of changes in pharmacy. It is now clear that upon graduation from pharmacy school, I had not been challenged and informed about what was on the horizon for the pharmacy profession. With the passage of time, I have the benefit of reflecting back and seeing the emergence of an entirely new landscape of pharmacy and a foretelling of the next wave of change likely to transform the profession.

When I owned my own drug store, not the now politically correct "independent community pharmacy," the chain drug industry was in its infancy; hardly anyone could imagine something other than a local drug store, owned by a self-employed pharmacist. Hospital pharmacy practice was even less a career consideration during that time. Hospital practice was mostly isolated in the basement of a hospital building, and the pharmacist had little, if any, interaction with anyone outside the concrete walls of that basement cubicle.

What could I not see on horizon? My limited perspective did not include these now everyday expressions of the profession of pharmacy:

- home infusion practice
- three times more women than men enrolled in pharmacy school
- long-term care pharmacies
- mail service pharmacies
- clinical practices in community and institutional settings
- pharmacists prescribing and adjusting dosages via physician protocol agreements
- government involvement in health care for the needy (Medicaid)
- patient education and disease management programs
- managed care
- pharmacists giving immunizations
- chain pharmacies
- pharmacies in grocery stores
- pharmacies in mass merchandise/department stores
- PBMs
- postdoctoral residencies
- Pharm.D. degree
- salaries for staff pharmacists ranging from \$90,000 to \$110,000 per year
- Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties certification

These all are realities in 2005.

So, what new changes are on the horizon today? It doesn't take the clearest crystal ball to imagine:

- Internet pharmacies offering fee-for-service consultation on prescriptions in a virtual pharmacy setting
- mail service pharmacies meeting the drug distribution needs of a majority of patients with chronic diseases
- community-based independent and chain pharmacies offering refill processing from their Web sites with actual distribution from a subcontractor mail service or central filling facility

Are we seeing the electrification of pharmacy?

Could it be that pharmacists will truly become primary care providers of health care, accepted by the health professional team as partners in patient care? Some of these new movements already include:

- independent and chain-based community pharmacies redefining the role of the pharmacist in community-based care delivery
- free-standing disease management centers serving patients with chronic illnesses being piloted in all areas of the country
- pharmacists forging partnerships with physicians to design effective treatment protocols which often incorporate prescriptive prerogatives
- pharmacists hiring nurses, dietitians, physical therapists and respiratory therapists to extend their services to patients

Will the drugs of tomorrow be like the drugs we are familiar with today? Pharmaceutical companies are reinvesting profits in research and development at an impressive rate. Designer drugs are the name of the game. Genetic engineering

offers promise for identifying the causes of diseases that may then be treated with targeted drug delivery systems. Will these treatments come in traditional pill vials and bottles, or might they be biologicals with storage requirements and enormous per unit (or dose) costs? What if cures are found for our most formidable chronic diseases? Not too recently, the herbals and natural products industry was looked at with disdain by most health professionals. Today, complementary medicine and alternative medicine are respected health fields heralded by patients and professionals alike.

Will pharmacy education go through another change in program length or prerequisites? Since the McWhorter School of Pharmacy began in 1927 as the Department of Pharmacy at Howard College, the program has been structured as a three-year pharmacy graduate (Ph.G.) degree, the four-year B.S. in pharmacy, a five-year program with two preprofessional and three professional years, and now as a first professional doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree requiring a minimum of two preprofessional and four professional years. More and more of the nation's 92 pharmacy schools are enrolling a majority of students with a prior baccalaureate degree. When will that become a requirement to study pharmacy?

So, What's Next?

The facts are that change is inevitable, that change is positive and that change will shape our profession for tomorrow. I will soon complete 27 years of service at Samford University, including 15 years as dean of McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Change will continue for the school and the next generation of students. These changes or others like them will affect and continue to impact how we provide an education to improve society's health and the well being of humankind through example, scholarship and service to others as we strive to assume the leadership role in meeting the challenges of health care in the future.

What's next?—only time can tell.



Joseph O. Dean, Jr., Ph.D., R.Ph.
Dean and Professor
McWhorter School of Pharmacy

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Admission Picture Reflects Nationwide Rise in Applicant Pool

Pharmacy practitioners are keenly aware of the dramatic increase in the number of young people interested in a pharmacy career. Most pharmacy schools have witnessed a surge in the applicant pool since 2001. Despite 10 new pharmacy schools that have come into existence since 1995, admission to pharmacy school has become more competitive than at any time in recent history.

"Competition for limited class space has resulted in many good applicants not gaining admission," said C. Bruce Foster, director of external relations and pharmacy admission for McWhorter School of Pharmacy [MSOP]. "The Admission Committee works diligently each year to make the best possible decisions when choosing applicants for this program. Currently, we receive more than 1,000 applications annually, interview 300, and accept 120–125."

Academic credentials are the primary focus of the committee in determining which applicants are invited for an admission interview, said Foster. Traits such as insight into pharmacy, interest in others, ethics, and verbal and written skills are the focus of the admission interviews during the final admission selection process, he noted.

Foster provided a statistical analysis of the 2005 application cycle. A total of 1,067 qualified applications were received with 316 applicants interviewed to fill a class of 123. The number of qualified male applicants was 376, representing 35% of the qualified applications. A total of 37 male applicants entered the Fall 2005 class, representing 30% of the entering class.

The number of applicants with prior bachelor's degrees has increased during the past decade, with 51% of the 2005 MSOP applicants holding a prior degree. In the 2005 entering class, 29% of the class had an earned bachelors degree or higher. The average entering GPA for those accepted was 3.57/4.0, the third consecutive year that the entering GPA exceeded 3.5.

"The McWhorter School of Pharmacy continues to receive the majority of applications from outside Alabama," said Foster. "Qualified applications from nonresidents of Alabama

represented 74% of the 2005 applicants. The nonresident applicants that were accepted and matriculated for Fall 2005 represented 56% of the entering class."

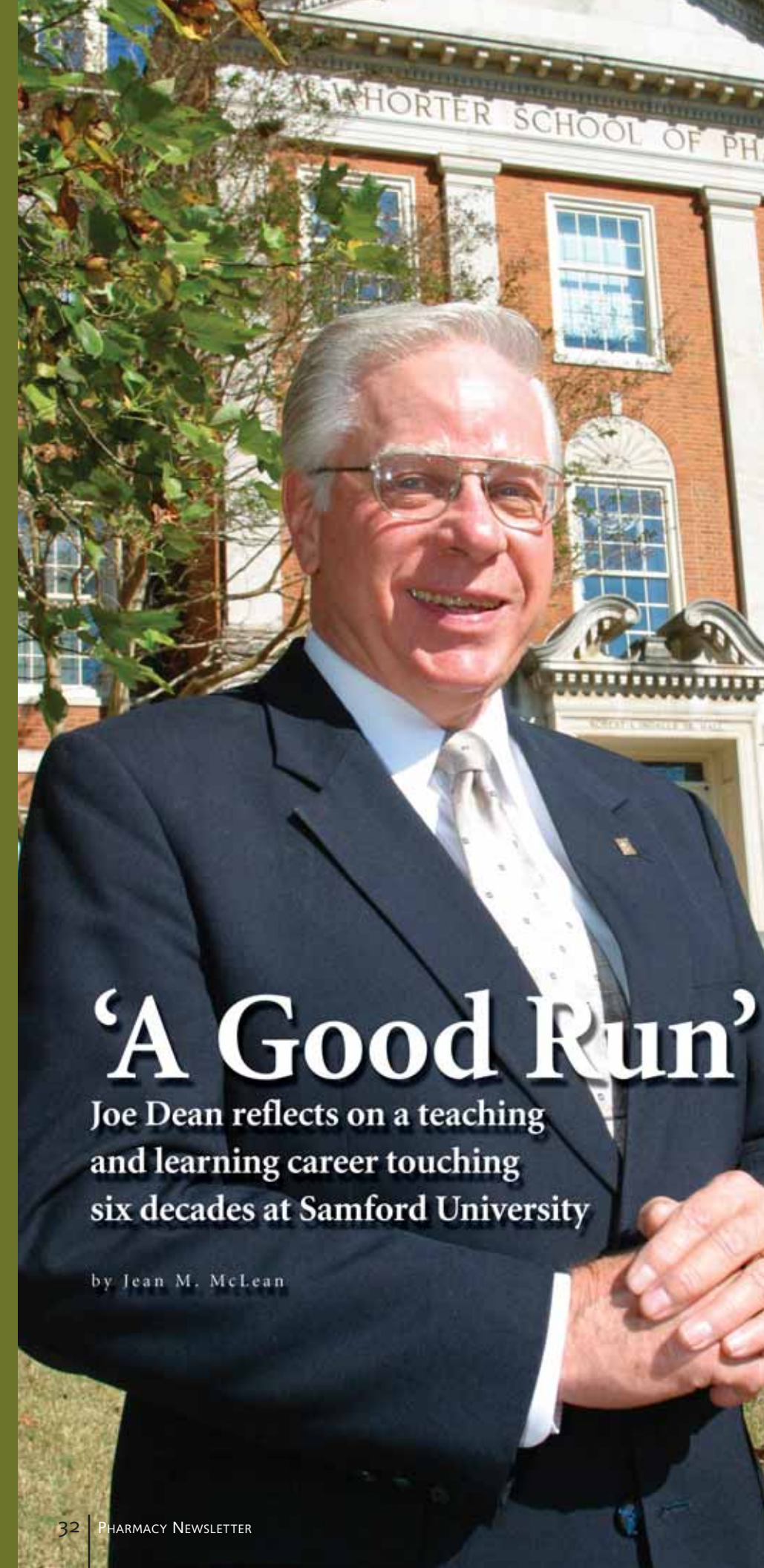
Each year, many applicants say they were referred to the school by an alumnus, Foster noted.

"We encourage you to continue to send young people our way that have an interest in entering the pharmacy profession," he said. "The committee seeks students who are academically prepared, possess good social and communication skills, and have a knowledge and commitment to the pharmacy profession and its future. In addition, we expect applicants to be guided by an ethical standard that reflects the mission of the MSOP and Samford University, and that is essential in the health-care arena."

The Office of Admission is available as a source of information to alumni who seek to assist students in their application to pharmacy school. In addition, the MSOP Web site provides the most accurate information to prospective pharmacy students regarding the admission requirements and application procedures. For information, go to www.samford.edu/schools/pharmacy. ■



Student pharmacist Blake Roddenberry practices laboratory technique.



‘A Good Run’

Joe Dean reflects on a teaching and learning career touching six decades at Samford University

by Jean M. McLean

Like most beginnings, it didn't seem particularly significant at the time. In 1955, a 15-year-old boy named Joe Dean went to work at the soda fountain at Kessler's Pharmacy in Tarrant City. When he turned 16, he got to make deliveries.

Soon, Dean decided he wanted to own a drugstore. He knew there was a good pharmacy school in Birmingham at Howard College, so he decided to go there.

He graduated from Phillips High School one Friday night and started college the following Monday morning. It was June 9, 1958. That day marked the beginning of a relationship that would touch six decades.

It hardly seems that long to Dean, the soon-to-retire dean of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, who as a young man became president of his freshman class, graduated to become a pharmacist, and returned to Samford in 1975 to fill an administrative and teaching post in the pharmacy school.

Dean didn't consider himself an academic then and still doesn't, despite his doctorate and his global influence on students and the profession. Instead, he looks back on McWhorter's progress with a mixture of awe and pleasure.

"It has been a good run," he reflects. "I have enjoyed it."

The school has enjoyed a good run under his leadership. In 1991, Dean became dean. In 1992, the school made a breakthrough, fulfilling plans of previous administrations to implement Total Quality Management principles into teaching and administration.

"I kind of fanned those embers a bit," said Dean, encouraging what became the Samford Plan, an innovative approach to designing a curriculum structure that met acclaim through a national meeting presentation and coverage in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. Problem-based learning methodologies soon followed.

From 1992 to 1994, the Samford Plan positioned the school as an innovator. Faculty led workshops and consultations, and the school was redefined and gained national exposure.

Then came the next breakthrough, one that Dean and Samford President Thomas E. Corts had worked toward for 10 years. In 1995, pharmacy alumnus Clayton McWhorter granted the school \$10 million, a gift that "redefined who we were. It was a transforming event, a

catalyst that helped us grow closer to our potential for our school,” said Dean.

Suddenly, the school—now the McWhorter School of Pharmacy—was nationally recognized. An international reputation followed.

Dean was asked to present the Samford Plan in Great Britain and the Netherlands. “We were seen as a place ahead of the curve,” he remembers. Although it may have seemed that the pieces simply fell into place, the process was not accidental.

Dean began pondering an international role for Samford in 1991, speaking with friends in national organizations about strengthening its influence. It seemed to Dean, and to colleagues, that international relationships were a logical step. Samford had purchased a London study centre in 1983. By the late 1980s, a course in “Pharmacy and Health Care in Great Britain” had become part of the Samford in London January Term curriculum.

“I could see our program progressing internationally,” said Dean. And progress it did—to the other side of the world.

Soon, word about Samford’s learning techniques moved east. Japanese pharmacy school officials were interested in the contemporary American models of clinical pharmacy and intrigued by the problem-based learning approach. Dialogues with Japanese pharmacists expanded into work with schools in Korea and China. Samford’s experience influenced their programs. New ideas were exchanged.

Samford organized an invitational East Asian conference on pharmacy education and practice in Birmingham in 1997. A second meeting followed in Shanghai in 1999. The group eventually broadened to include professionals from Malaysia and Thailand. Today, it continues to grow. In July 2006, the Asian Conference on Clinical Pharmacy will again convene, continuing a global dialogue that began in Birmingham.

“It was an opportunity unclaimed. It’s been amazing,” said Dean.

Not only did Samford gain new ideas from its eastern counterparts, but the school’s Christian mission of helping others was fulfilled. Dean’s personal mission also was realized.

“Early on, when I was a young teen trying to decide what life would be for me, I had one of those spiritual moments when I decided I could be a Christian businessman,” he recalled. “I didn’t have to be a missionary to serve.”



Dean Joe Dean admires his likeness on the winning entry of McWhorter’s annual pumpkin-carving contest.

Looking back over his Samford years, Dean sees a melding of professional skills and faith. The school has made a global impact, potentially affecting the physical and spiritual health of millions.

Dean’s work has earned numerous accolades. He received the inaugural Outstanding Dean Award from the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy. Most recently, he received an honorary doctor of pharmacy degree from Meijo University in Nagoya, Japan. The degree honored Dean’s leadership as program adviser in the pharmacy school’s assistance in developing Meijo’s faculty in establishing clinical practice models. The Meijo award is just one benchmark in the school’s extension of its Christian mission.

“We were a catalyst for something,” Dean said. He credits the success of the school’s international venture to humility. “We never tried to change our colleagues. We taught them and learned from them. They do some things better than we do.” Interestingly, however, an American school was able to trigger dialogue among Asian nations that rarely asked each other for advice.

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy’s international efforts and

innovative teaching techniques are not all that Dean is proud of. He is gratified that minority recruitment has diversified the school. Daily contact with that mix of students will be what he misses most.

“I will miss those individual relationships with students and faculty,” Dean said. What he won’t miss is having his schedule determined by others. He’s looking forward to “looking at every day as Saturday,” a still unrealized luxury. His retirement at the end of this academic year comes after a post-65 bonus year, as he served for an additional time to see the school through its scheduled accreditation self-study and program review.

Dean admitted he hasn’t yet processed all the emotions connected to leaving Samford. But he knows he will always be grateful for a home where he could “live life in ways that made a difference.

“At Samford, I realized I had found myself in a very fortunate place. A faith-based institution made it easier to live out that calling. The University was a vehicle for living out my calling in a way I never would have imagined.” ■

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Pharmacy School Commits to Helping Perry County Improve Health Care

Perry County, where Samford University was founded as Howard College in 1841, is one of the 100 poorest counties in the nation. One characteristic that reflects this is health care. Perry has disproportionately high incidences of cancer, diabetes and hypertension. It also has no hospital.

Samford has committed to helping the county and Black Belt area where the school began, and McWhorter School of Pharmacy [MSOP] faculty and students are among the most active in this endeavor.

With the help of Perry County health-care coordinator Francis Ford, R.N., the pharmacy school began working with diabetic patients in the county several years ago. Since then, the school has added hypertension clinics, geriatric information programs, a pharmacy residency and involvement in health fairs in Perry.

“Alabama has the greatest incidence of diabetes in the nation, and Perry County has the third highest incidence in the 67 Alabama counties,” said Dr. Gary Bumgarner, assistant professor of pharmacy. “The two higher counties also are in the Black Belt.”

Bumgarner worked with students Tonia Thornton Glover, Latricha Hagler and Rosa Pettway to initiate a diabetic education and support group in Perry County. Begun as their fourth-year research project, the program enabled

the students to work with 12 patients suffering from diabetes. The students called the patients weekly and met with them monthly.

“A major focus of this diabetic program is to develop personal relationships with the diabetic patients, to listen, to establish trust, to become friends, to convey to the patient that they really care,” said Bumgarner.

“This approach is exemplified every day by many of our alumni as they practice pharmacy. The relationship that the pharmacist has with the patient contributes to the healing along with the proper use of the medicine. The patient is more inclined to comply with a medication regimen, and to take that walk and eat that healthy food that was discussed.”

The students, now graduates, presented their research project as a poster at the second annual Black Belt Health Care Summit in Montgomery, Ala., in August 2005. They also received jointly an award from the U.S. Department of Public Health for this work.

Now, MSOP is working to expand the diabetic support group throughout the Black Belt. Student Demetri Holmes is developing a master plan to accomplish this as his fourth-year research and anticipates starting the next diabetic support group in Sumter County at York Drugs in York. Eddie Davis, a 1985

MSOP graduate, owns York Drugs, and Dr. Pettway, one of the three initiators of the pharmacy school involvement in Perry County, practices pharmacy there.

The early activity related to the diabetes problem stimulated an onslaught of pharmacy school involvement in Perry.

Dr. Charles D. Sands, chair of the pharmacy practice department, started a hypertension clinic at the Perry County Health Department. Every Wednesday afternoon, he and several fourth-year pharmacy rotation students screen and advise patients with hypertension. He works closely with the local physicians, and county and state health departments.

Dr. Condit Steil, a certified diabetic educator and faculty member in the pharmacy practice department, began a diabetic clinic that meets Monday afternoons at the Perry health department.

Dr. Patricia Naro, a member of the practice faculty specializing in geriatric pharmacy, takes her fourth-year rotation students to Perry County once a month to provide presentations to senior citizens on topics ranging from nutrition and hypertension to dementia.

The pharmacy school also established a one-year residency program in Perry County in rural public health. Recent graduate Maryanna Brooke is serving as the first resident.

Dr. Bob Henderson, vice chair of pharmacy practice and director of the pharmacy school's experiential program, developed a rotation site in Perry County for the advanced practice experiential program that will start next June.

MSOP student organizations took part in a health fair in Perry County last spring and plan additional health fairs in the future.

“The Perry County work of our pharmacy students certainly seems to be infectious,” said Bumgarner. “Invariably, the student reaction when they work in Perry County is, ‘This is why I went into pharmacy in the first place.’ They want to help others.” ■

Tonia Thornton Glover, Pharm.D., right, reviews the medication regimen of a Perry County resident at the County Health Department Clinic.





Carrie Lewis Kreps, Pharm.D., left, and P-4 student pharmacist Liz Gilbow Collins discuss medications at a Bruno's Pharmacy experiential site in Birmingham.

Samford Pharmacy Practice Program Offers More than 250 Clinical Sites

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy [MSOP] Department of Pharmacy Practice continues to develop and expand in response to the increase in student enrollment and society's demand to prepare competent pharmacy practitioners.

The department teaches courses related to pharmacy practice and is responsible for all student learning at clinical teaching sites (experiential sites). To help handle this increased load, two new faculty positions were created in 2004, bringing the total in the department to 24 faculty members, four staff members and four pharmacy residents.

New clinical teaching sites were created at St. Vincent's Hospital and Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, as well as the Jefferson County and Perry County health departments.

The mission of the department, adopted in 2002, is to educate pharmacists "to assure the optimal use of drugs in society."

"The increase in class size has presented challenges to the experiential program as it seeks to place students in quality sites and with quality preceptors for both the Early Practice Experience [EPE] and the Advanced Practice Experience [APE]," said Dr. Charles D. Sands, pharmacy practice chair.

"At MSOP, we are fortunate to have excellent experiential sites in the greater

Birmingham Metropolitan Area, both in institutional and community practice. Training sites are also located throughout Alabama, and around the Southeast."

Dr. Sands noted that selected opportunities are available in the United Kingdom, Korea, Macau, Japan and China.

More than 250 affiliated clinical teaching sites are used in the experiential program, he said, and the program has almost 400 preceptors of record, including all full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty.

"The department is continuing its international efforts and will send about seven advanced practice students to Asia (Japan, Macau, Korea) for one-month clinical experiences during the 2005-06 academic year," Sands said. "Ten students from the College of Pharmacy, Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan, visited Samford this fall for a two-week clinical experience."

The international program gives MSOP students a chance to meet with pharmacy students from another country and discuss items of mutual interest, and provides the Japanese students an opportunity to observe MSOP pharmacy practice faculty as role models in the clinical setting, he noted.

"The department takes very seriously its vision to nurture and prepare students and pharmacists to be leaders, lifelong learners and practitioners who optimize the safe use of drugs in society," Sands said. ■

Students Stay Active in Professional Organizations

McWhorter School of Pharmacy students engage in numerous activities through their professional organizations.

Kappa Psi recently hosted the province meeting for Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Members also attended the national meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Kali Jernigan was elected graduate member at large. The fraternity worked on a diabetes screening project and arranged a pie-throwing fund-raiser.

The **Alabama Society of Health System Pharmacists** sponsors an ongoing drive to buy teddy bears for children at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, supporting the charity with bake sales and stethoscope sales. This group also began a student emergency relief fund.

Rho Chi has been involved with Samford's recycling project.

The **Students of the National Pharmacists Association** participated in health fairs in churches and at Jefferson County's Cooper Green Hospital. They assist the indigent in Perry County, Ala., supporting various clinics and patient counseling. They also work in immunization efforts.

The **National Community Pharmacists Association** [NCPA] also assists in Perry County. NCPA's major charitable project is collecting for the Salvation Army Angel Tree each Christmas.

The **Academy of Student Pharmacists** [ASP] organizes the annual school picnic. ASP also organized the White Coat Ceremony. Samford hosted the midwinter regional ASP meeting. These students contribute to diabetes screening and heartburn awareness events. They worked with the Jefferson County Health Department to provide prescriptions and medications to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Christian Pharmacy Fellowship [CPF] sponsors weekly meetings and lunches. A monthly "Missions Monday" raises support for mission field workers. Its fall festival is a tradition.

Phi Lambda Sigma and the **Academy of Managed-Care Pharmacy** sponsor lunch-and-learn sessions for the entire school. A recent speaker discussed the critical topic of Medicare Part D and the role of pharmacists necessary to its successful implementation. ■

Reassignment of Social, Administrative Sciences Produces More Equity in Sizes of Departments

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A new name emerged within the framework of Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy [MSOP] recently: the Department of Pharmaceutical, Social and Administrative Sciences.

The change followed the reassignment of the social and administrative sciences disciplines from the MSOP Department of Pharmacy Practice to the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

"This reassignment created more equity in the size of the departments, and placed the faculty in groups with similar education, training and experience, as well as similar curricular responsibilities," said Dr. Pamela J. Sims, chair of the newly named department.

As part of the change, Sims noted that Dr. Roger Parker moved from the pharmacy practice department in 2004 to return to his roots in teaching physiology and pharmacology.

Sims shared an update on department activity:

Curriculum—The 16 full-time faculty deliver 22 required courses, representing 74 credit hours of the P-1 through P-3 professional curriculum, and seven elective courses. Three are new electives covering topics in recent advances in pharmacology, immunology and current topics in pharmacy practice. In response to student interest, a course in herbals has been revived.

Facilities—Recent renovations of Ingalls and Russell halls have provided faculty with classroom teaching, laboratory teaching and laboratory research space, as well as up-to-date offices. Dr. Teresa Wilborn provided the first scientific presentation of work conducted in the new research laboratories in June of 2005 at the annual meeting of the Endocrine Society in San Diego, Calif.

Faculty Activity—Fifteen of the 16 faculty in the department are registered pharmacists. "This understanding of the practice of pharmacy provides students with a unique education in the sciences—when faculty can link, for the students, the practical reasons for learning science as a foundation for their future practice of pharmacy," said Sims.

Student pharmacist Mary Kunyiha works in the Michael Propst Pharmaceutics Laboratory.

- **Dr. Andy Webster** mentored Birmingham high school student Thanh P. Le of the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, who won the Alabama competition in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Program. As the Alabama winner, Ms. Le represented the state at the national competition in San Diego, Calif., in May. Webster was promoted to professor this last year.
- **Dr. Amy Broeseker** received her Ph.D. in educational research from the University of Alabama. She studied spirituality and moral development in pharmacy students. Broeseker joins doctors Wilborn and Sims as faculty holding both the Pharm.D. and Ph.D. degrees. In addition, Broeseker advises the Christian Pharmacy Fellowship.
- **Drs. Gary Bumgarner, Alan Spies, Valerie Prince and Scott Asbill** initiated a project to use literature to encourage the professionalism of pharmacy students. Spies and six of his pharmacy law students proposed changes in Alabama law to the State Board of Pharmacy.
- **Dr. Susan Alverson** was honored by the graduating Class of 2005 as the Margaret Self Propst Teacher of the Year.
- **Drs. Mary Monk-Tutor and Sims** were invited speakers at the International Clinical Pharmacy Education Symposium and Workshop at Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan. In addition, the MSOP monograph on problem-based learning edited by Monk-Tutor and originally published in 2002 was translated into Japanese. She is currently on sabbatical (the first in the MSOP history) studying the history of pharmacy.

Professional Organizations—Spies serves nationally as the treasurer for Phi Lambda Sigma, the pharmacy leadership society. He serves MSOP students as adviser to the Academy of Student Pharmacists [ASP] of the American Public Health Association [APHA] and coadviser to Phi Lambda Sigma. **Dr. John Sowell** serves on the board of directors of JCPA and as faculty adviser for NCPA. **Dr. Bruce Waldrop** serves as adviser to Kappa Psi and as adviser/coordinator for the student relief fund annual fund-raiser. ■





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The Baltimore Oriole

Former ‘Spike’ Mike Milton Makes the Majors

by Mary Wimberley

The bridegroom at the fancy New York City wedding had a longtime wish granted when a large, orange-and-black bird wearing a baseball cap entered the reception hall.

“He was a huge Baltimore Orioles fan, and it was his dream to meet the Oriole Bird,” explained Mike Milton ’03. “The bride wanted me to present the groom’s cake at the reception.”

Since April, Milton has been head bird and mascot coordinator for the American League team, putting in 55 to 70 hours a week during games and other appearances. As a Samford student, he was “Spike,” the Bulldog mascot, for two and a half years.

Milton won the head bird job after submitting tapes and auditioning in person with two other finalists. In professional mascot circles, it’s considered a plum job. The Oriole Bird is one of four mascots in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The others are the Philly Phanatic, Yupee

from the former Montreal Expos and the San Diego Chicken.

While he and two part-time Oriole Bird mascots switch out duties during games, Milton handles most outside appearances, which total more than 400 a year.

The New York reception, which featured the Oriole logo on the groom’s cake, was his first wedding event. “I danced with guests for about 45 minutes. It was a lot fun,” said Milton, who drove the official bird van from Baltimore, Md., for the event.

More common are visits to hospitals, nursing homes and elementary schools, where he presents a “Bird Get Healthy” program that emphasizes the food pyramid. Senior citizens are loyal supporters, he says. “Older people love baseball,” observes Milton. “They are lifelong fans.”

During a game, Milton hams it up with fans and sometimes with players. “People revert to their childhood when they get around a mascot,” said Milton, who enjoys helping people act a little wild and “let go.” While in character, he doesn’t speak, but makes a whistling sound.

He gives many autographs, always signing “The Oriole Bird” and sometimes drawing a picture of a bird.

Fans at the ballpark will spend \$40 on a souvenir doll just to have something for the Oriole to sign, he says, adding that autographed objects are sometimes used for charity auctions and fund-raising activities.

“Some people would rather have the Bird’s autograph than Sammy Sosa’s,” he said, referring to the former National League star slugger who joined the Orioles in 2005.

For all his cool antics, things get heated up inside the bird’s suit, where the air can be 40 degrees hotter than outside. Milton recalls one summer day when the reported temperature approached 100 degrees.

“On the field, it’s about six to 10 degrees hotter than that,” said Milton, who drinks lots of water during a game.

A veteran mascot, Milton was the cougar at Northview High School in Dothan, Ala., before enrolling at Samford, where he majored in business management. While a student, he was also the “Noid” for Domino’s Pizza promotions and the Easter bunny at the Summit shopping center.

He continues to serve as alumni adviser to Samford’s Spike.

On Orioles’ road games, he is mindful of his actions in airports, where security checks may involve displaying the costume that he carries in a large bag. “I try to make sure no children are around to see it,” said Milton, who doesn’t want to spoil the mystique for young fans.

What about the future, when his birding days are over? He would like to study law, he said, preferably at Samford’s Cumberland School of Law. ■



Mike Milton keeps the fans smiling as the Baltimore Oriole.

Karon Bowdre's Mission Field Came to Her Front Door

by Mary Wimberley

Karon Bowdre reached into her childhood and college experiences to explain to Samford University Auxiliary members that a legacy is much more than an insurance policy.

"Lasting legacies are not those of the financial kind," said Bowdre '77, J.D. '81, U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Alabama and former Cumberland faculty member. She was the presiding judge at the high-profile trial of former HealthSouth chief executive Richard Scrushy earlier this year.

The 2003 Samford Alumna of the Year used stories of her late mother's life, as well as dreams and recollections of a cold January spent in New York City on an urban missions project to make her point at the auxiliary's fall luncheon Oct. 13.



"The term 'legacy' may not appear in the Bible, but the concept does," said Bowdre. "It is about teaching life lessons to the young and learning life lessons from elders."

Bowdre's mother, Belva D. Owen, grew up with limited means, but with dreams of attending Howard College and becoming a missionary or teacher.

"There was no money, so she went to work, but she never lost her love of learning and missions, and she passed that on to her two daughters," said Bowdre, who as a girl watched her mother lead church activities and teach English to Vietnamese refugees in Montgomery, Ala.

"Belva's foreign mission field came to her door," said Bowdre. "Her prayers for me are a large part of her legacy to me. She also imparted to me the legacy of wanting to attend college."

Through scholarships, Bowdre attended Samford, which her mother "attended vicariously" with her. Bowdre's leadership experiences in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, student government and other campus activities, she said, gave her acceptance and confidence.

Following a call to mission service that she first felt at a Girls in Action camp at Shocco Springs Baptist conference center, Bowdre majored in religion to prepare for seminary. She felt religion classes "were the most interesting courses on campus," she said.

Bowdre was challenged through study with professors who made her think and seek answers for herself. "The faith I grew up with became my own personal faith and beliefs," said Bowdre, now married and the mother of two sons.

It was a sociology course in juvenile delinquency, however, that altered the course of her life's work. During a class visit to family court, a chaplain encouraged her to consider law

as a ministry, pointing out that in a legal career, she could reach people that workers in ministry could not.

"I realized that my call was not necessarily to seminary but to surrender to God's purpose," she said. She entered Samford's Cumberland School of Law after receiving her bachelor's degree cum laude.

"Like my mother, I found that my mission field came to me," said Bowdre, who was associate editor of the *Cumberland Law Review* and a member of the Moot Court Board.

She told auxiliary members how she was introduced to urban missions during an undergraduate preschool retreat with Samford Director of Campus Ministries Esther Burroughs. During a Jan Term course in 1975, she traveled to New York with 18 others to renovate a small storefront building in a ghetto area on the Lower East Side.

"The eyes of these naïve Samford students were opened wide," she said of her first encounter with drug addicts and dealers. "Now, I deal with them on a regular basis in my court."

She and the others worked hard sheetrocking, wiring, replacing ceiling and flooring, and building a puppet stage in the unheated building. Knowing that the exterior would soon be drawn on by area residents, they dubbed the new mission "Graffiti."

"We returned home deeply changed," said Bowdre, who later visited churches in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee to tell the story of Graffiti and the need for urban missions.

This summer, 12 Graffiti cohorts celebrated the 30th anniversary of the project with a reunion trip to the mission. They found the work still flourishes and has grown extensively to impact the city and spark other ministries.

"The experience this summer illustrates that God calls us to work where He is already at work," She said. "We were humbled to see what became of that work." ■

Judge Karon Bowdre speaks at the Samford Auxiliary fall meeting.



'Whiz' Enjoying Life in Century-Old Bed-and-Breakfast

by Jack Brymer

Two years separated their ages and more than a century their hopes and dreams, but recent events in the life of Samford alumnus Michael Whisenant '91 reveal a "common thread of sorts" with Confederate Col. Thomas Little in humanity's pursuit of success and happiness.

Whisenant was 18 when he left home in 1987 in search of life's dreams and goals. Little was only 16 when he joined the Confederate Army in 1864. One common thread their lives share is a century-old home in Fayetteville, Tenn.

Whisenant, or "Whiz" as he is known to his closest friends, chose Samford because of his interest in graphic design. Researching the school, he learned that Samford not only won the top awards of the Birmingham Ad Club, it won practically all of them.

A visit to the campus with some friends for a design workshop ended the search. "It was not just the workshop," he said. "There was just something unique about Samford."

Four years later, Whisenant graduated with what he describes as an excellent education and was immediately employed as a graphic designer by Hoffman Media in Birmingham. Time passed, and he enjoyed his work. But he began to feel something was missing.

During a visit to his mother in Huntsville in 2001, Whisenant looked

in the real estate section of the local newspaper, "something I had not done in years," he said. He discovered that the Little-Young House in nearby Fayetteville, just across the Tennessee border, was for sale.

The size and beauty of the house was all it took. After looking it over, he purchased it, without any knowledge of its historical value, and started his own business—the Little-Young House Bed-and-Breakfast.

Research revealed that the property at 210 Bright Avenue was purchased in 1869 by Confederate Col. Thomas Cheatum Little for his wife, Elizabeth Agnes Goodrich.

A native of Bedford County, Tenn., Little moved to Fayetteville after the Civil War and became one of the town's leading citizens. As minister of the Congregation of the Church in Fayetteville, he went on to preach 5,000 sermons, conduct 1,600 funerals and perform the marriage ceremony for more than 400 couples, many in his house. He also helped establish the city school system.

Whisenant purchased the house from Little's great-grandson, Dr. Richard

Michael and Paula Whisenant enjoy sharing their home's historic past with guests.

Young, after illness forced him to move from his childhood home.

On Sept. 17, 2005, Whisenant married Paula Whitaker of Harlan, Ky., donor relations coordinator for the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.

Michael and Paula feel as though they have been entrusted with an important chapter in the history of Fayetteville and the Little-Young family. Both love history, and they take seriously their charge. "The Little-Young House has a wonderful past and story that we love to share with our guests," said Paula. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Michael said he finds a "common thread" in the guests who stay at the Little-Young House Bed and Breakfast. "It is truly amazing how everything has come together." ■



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2003

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ALUMNI

- '55 **Frank Sidney Wells** recently retired as minister to senior adults at First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., completing a 50-year career as pastor, missionary and denominational employee. His wife, **Jo Ann Fossett Wells '56**, is a retired speech language pathologist.
- '57 **Jesse Drew Harrington** retired as chairman of the history and social sciences department at Troy University, Montgomery campus, in June. He and his wife, Maria, now live in Cumming, Ga.
- '59 **Frank C. Galloway, Jr.**, is included in the 2006 Best Lawyers of America list for real estate law. He is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Hand Arendall, L.L.C.
- '60 **John C. Bush** is interim pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. He and his wife, **Sara L. Fulton Bush '59**, live in Decatur, Ala. He retired in 2004 after 42 years of active ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- '61 **Nancy James Sayers** will represent the Department of Research and Development of the North Texas VA Medical Center at Dallas at two national meetings in December: Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, and Applied Research Ethics National Association. The meetings, both in Boston, Mass., are sponsored by Boston University School of Medicine and the Association of American Medical Colleges. She serves on the Dallas VA Internal Review board, which protects the rights of human subjects in research.
- '64 **Crawford Cinyard Conway, Sr.**, of Cleveland, Tenn., recently retired from the Bradley County school system and completed an interim position at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
- Sandy Autry Ignatonis** of Marietta, Ga., recently retired from teaching. She is listed in several Who's Who publications.
- James William Tidwell** of Cullman, Ala., retired from the trucking industry.
- '65 **Saralyn Monroe Collins** of Winter Park, Fla., is senior executive managing director and national training director of eWomenNetwork. She was honored as 2005 Managing Director of the Year for North America.
- '66 **Clarence and Frances W. Duncan** live in Ocala, Fla. He is senior adult minister at First Baptist Church. She recently retired from Marion County schools after 33 years.
- Jim Gibson** was named a 2005 distinguished alumnus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary [NOBTS]. The retired music publisher at LifeWay Christian Resources was cited for his impact on Southern Baptist worship and music. His career included serving as executive project manager for the *Celebration Hymnal*, released in 1997. He earned a master's in church music from NOBTS in 1970.
- '67 **Rod Hovater** was named one of Computer Associates' top sales executives at the company's annual meeting this summer. He and his wife, **Paula Smith Hovater '69**, live in Roswell, Ga.
- William E. Lee** of Waverly Hall, Ga., sold his drugstore and is a pharmacist with Walgreen's Drug Store in Columbus, Ga. He and his wife, Wynne, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They have three children and six grandchildren.
- Julian Ray Smith**, president of Fair Havens Publications, is publisher and cowriter of *Too Busy to Live: The Addiction America Applauds*. The book explains how culture drives people to be excessively busy and offers practical suggestions to achieve physical, emotional, and spiritual balance and wellness. He and his wife, **Dianna Joan Peterson Smith '67**, live in Lake Kiowa, Texas.
- '71 **Ruth Ann Carpenter Siegler** of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visual arts coordinator for Sycamore Community Schools.
- '72 **Ann Butler, M.S.E.**, of Decatur, Ala., has been organist and pianist at the city's Ninth Street United Methodist Church for 42 years, taking only one year off while working on her master's degree at Samford. The retired music teacher was accompanist for the Decatur Civic Chorus for 25 years.
- William Sumners**, director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, received a Society of American Archivists' Award for his significant contribution to the field of religious archives. He is the author of many publications, including *Documenting the Spirit: Manual and Guidelines* and the Church Archive series. He lives in Franklin, Tenn.
- '74 **Camilla Brown Reid** is associate director, Reese Library, Augusta State University, Augusta, Ga.
- Evelyn Shaw** retired from teaching after 30 years and is an ombudsman with the Jefferson County Council on Aging. She lives in Morris, Ala.
- '75 **A. Alisa Boone, M.B.A. '80**, is advertising manager for *Southern Living* magazine, published in Birmingham.
- '76 **Clyde Walker** is strategic account manager with Education Finance Partners, Brentwood, Tenn.
- '77 **Paul Garrard** is director of education loan management with Sallie Mae, Reston, Va. He develops products and services to ensure a successful repayment experience for Sallie Mae's eight million student and parent borrowers.
- '78 **Judy Farrington Aust** of Atlanta, Ga., recently retired after 20 years in the practice of law. She devotes time to her sixth-grade son, Owen, and her new career as an artist. Her series of oil paintings, "Garden Rhythms," was the subject of an opening reception in Atlanta, Ga., in September.
- James Clay Fielding** is the author of *SongStar*, the first book in a series, Cycle of the Songs, based on Native American lore and myth, and the Old West. He lives in Lakeland, Fla.
- Delane Tew** is chair of the humanities division at Judson College, Marion, Ala.
- '79 **T. K. Kieran** will present workshops on strategies for accelerating growth at two international association meetings this fall: the Executive Committee International Leaders' conference in Washington, D.C., and the National Business Incubation Association in San Diego, Calif. She is consultant and owner of T. K. Kieran & Associates, Atlanta, Ga.
- '80 **David Carson** was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association in July. He is president of Chemical Dynamics, Inc., Plant City, Fla. He and his wife, Lei Ann, have two sons, Nathan and Ben.
- Charles Davis** of Hendersonville, Tenn., is a pharmacist at Publix.

Campbell Memoir Centers on Flying



Julian Campbell

When Julian Campbell's daughter, Robin Wilhelm, encouraged her father to record an oral history of his first 50 years, he did even more. He wrote a book and had it printed, a 380-page volume he titled

Memories That Must Not Vanish.

Memoirs provide a firsthand view of history, and that's what Campbell '52 does with his descriptions of growing up in rural north Alabama and his 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. One episode details an epic journey he took flying a B-26 bomber from south Florida to North Africa during World War II without a navigator. The route covered 10,000 miles, took 13 days and required 10 stops for rest and refueling.

Campbell was part of a group of B-26 crews assigned to ferry bombers on the trans-Atlantic flight to the war zone. The B-26 normally carried no navigators; pilots used short-range navigational equipment to find their way. But for this long flight, the plan was

to have a navigator in the lead plane, and the other planes would follow. However, no navigator showed up.

After several days, Campbell asked the operations officer at Morrison Field in West Palm Beach, Fla., for permission to fly to North Africa, navigating himself. The officer said yes, and off Campbell flew, with one other plane following him, across the Caribbean, down the coast of South America, across the south Atlantic and ultimately to Marrakech, North Africa.

"It's frightening to think how little flying experience we had and how ill-equipped we were for this undertaking," he admits in his memoir. Campbell flew the required 40 missions in the Mediterranean theater, and then finished out the war as a flight instructor.

The Cullman, Ala., resident wrote his book primarily for family but gave a copy to the Samford library. Special Collection Librarian Elizabeth Wells placed it with other memoirs of local history.

"These volumes serve a valuable purpose of providing a firsthand view of history," said Wells. "In this case, it fits in well with a recent project in which Samford students are seeking interviews with World War II veterans to record their experiences." ■

- Elizabeth Cruz Fandetti** and her husband, John, live in Weston, Fla. They have two children enrolled at Samford, Elizabeth Gilbow, a pharmacy student, and John Paul Fandetti, a freshman.
- '82 **Karen Faircloth**, director of the Emergency Department at Montclair Baptist Medical Center, Birmingham, was named a fellow of the Emergency Nurses Association Academy of Emergency Nursing. She has been a leader in emergency and trauma professional organizations at state and national levels.
- '83 **John D. Brock** is administrator of NorthStar Surgical Center, Lubbock, Texas. He is active in civic activities and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.
- Salam A. Shorrosh** is pastor of Lagoon Baptist Church, Gulf Shores, Ala. He and his wife, Sherry, have a son, Michael.
- '84 **Richard Sample** of Fremont, Calif., is assisting the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship with Hurricane Katrina disaster relief in Louisiana.
- '85 **A. Brantley Harwell, Jr.**, received the 2005 Fred Ford Excellence in Teaching Award at Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tenn., where he is an English professor. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee.
- '87 **Charles A. Douglass**, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, is stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.
- David Kelley Mann** of Harlingen, Texas, recently received board certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains.
- Rick McKee**, editorial cartoonist for *The Augusta Chronicle* (Ga.), won first place for editorial cartooning in the 2005 Georgia Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. His cartoons are syndicated to 400 newspapers through King Features and have appeared in *Newsweek* and *USA Today*. His work has been featured on CNN and Fox News channels. While a student, he was a cartoonist for the *Samford Crimson*.
- Robert Parker** is principal of Bob Jones High School, Madison, Ala.
- '88 **David Weston, J.D. '92**, is coauthor of the book *Step by Step: Looking at the New Testament Beatitudes through the Old Testament Feasts*. He practices law in Montgomery, Ala., where he lives with his wife, **Deena Haynes Weston '91**, and their three children.

- '89 **Kate Ray Dieterich** owns and operates Simply Sage Interiors in Purcellville, Va., where she lives with her husband, David, and twin daughters, Addison and Courtney, 9.
- '90 **Laurie Green Aderholt** is a teacher in Sylacauga, Ala. She and her husband, Jamie, have a son, Rhett, 7, and a daughter, Ryan, 2.
- Sheila Galvez** teaches middle school students in Jefferson County Schools' alternative program. She is a certified Turbo Kick instructor and member of Birmingham's volleyball league. She holds a master's degree in agency counseling from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- '91 **Chris and Susan Neville Blazer** work with Campus Outreach—Brazil. They have three children: Hannah, 8; Joshua, 5; and Jonathan, 3.

David Thomas Cade was a Hurricane Katrina disaster relief volunteer with the American Red Cross in Jackson, Miss., in September. He is a real estate agent in Birmingham.

John Philip Gray, M.B.A., received an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Alabama Law School in August. He is assistant professor of legal studies and criminal justice at Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala., where he is director of the master's degree program in criminal justice.

Sheri Lobach Spivey and her husband, Donnie, are church planters in Kamloops, British Columbia, for Mission Service Corps, a division of the North American Mission Board.

- '92 **Charles Howard** and his father recently opened an employee leasing company, Howard Leasing, in Bradenton, Fla.
- '93 **James M. and Kimberly P. Huston** live in Lilburn, Ga., with their three children: James, 10; Lauren, 8; and Matthew, 6.

M. Patrick Lowe completed a three-year fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. Dr. Lowe and his wife, Kimberly, live in Memphis, Tenn., where he practices medicine at the West Clinic.

Brian Robert Randles married Nichol Simmons in February. They live in Orlando, Fla.

'95 **David Fuerst** earned a master of business administration from Wake Forest University's Babcock Graduate School of Management. He and his wife, **Melissa Bootes Fuerst '92**, and their three children live in Charlotte, N.C., where he is a district sales manager for Vulcan Materials Company.

Daniel Ray Manning, a major in the U.S. Air Force, is an A-10 instructor pilot at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

Adrienne Carol Sullivan Maxson lives in Norcross, Ga., with her husband, David, and three children, twins Anna and Joshua, and Katie.

Stephanie Zito of Tampa, Fla., recently returned from West Darfur, Sudan, where she served with World Relief as communications officer of the Darfur Relief Collaboration. She worked with populations affected by conflict in the volatile region of West Darfur.

'96 **Kendra Sawyer Haddock** of Hoover, Ala., was selected for inclusion in the silver anniversary edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. She holds a master's degree in art education and teaches at Valley and Helena intermediate schools.

Becky Sanders Malcom is a psycho-therapist in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Steve, have a daughter, Madeline Grace, born in May.

Timothy Davis Reeves of Knoxville, Tenn., received an educational specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University.

Eric W. Sawyer is a geographic information specialist with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance in Washington, D.C. He coordinates the use of geographic information systems in international disaster relief.

'97 **Hunter** and **Vicki Klauser Brewer '99** live in Brandon, Miss. He is starting a Presbyterian Church of America near Madison, Miss. She is a senior sales associate with Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

Rachel Blake Fry received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Alabama in August. She is a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Angela Dougharty Porada lives in Cordova, Tenn., with her husband, Mark, and their two children, Will, 2, and Annalise, 1.

Jason Lee and **Susan Elizabeth Carlberg Sterling '00** live in Birmingham. They received master's degrees from Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Fla., in May. He is Reformed University Fellowship campus minister at Samford. They have a daughter, Katherine Ann, born in July.

'98 **Michael Jeffrey Brannon** is pursuing a Ph.D. in Biblical studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sarah Beth Brasington received a master of divinity degree from George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in August.

Adam Wade Greenway of Lexington, Ky., was elected a trustee of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. At age 27, he is the youngest trustee. He is on staff at the Baptist Church at Andover.

Cherington Love Shucker taught a year at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China, and married Darin Gehrke in April. They live in New York City, where she is a member of the client relations team at Eagle Capital Management, LLC.

Julie Cills Crocker and her husband, Michael, live in Spring, Texas, with their son, Justin Michael, 1.

Andrew Woodall Pohl is director of education at Brasfield Technology, Birmingham. He and his wife, Anna, live in Alabaster, Ala., with their son, Everett Matthew, born in June.

'99 **Kristen Farmer** married Dugald Hall in Reid Chapel in early November. She is assistant director, Lister Hill Center for Public Policy, Birmingham.

Liana Celeste Holmes Wrenn is Internet banking product manager at AmSouth Bank, Birmingham. She and her husband, Gabriel, own University Skateboards and Cycles in Montevallo, Ala.

Jason Zinn works for Young Life. He and his wife, **Amanda Grace Teague Zinn '99**, live in Birmingham with their daughter, Katelyn, 1.

'00 **Lisa Andreone** was on the NBC reality TV show *The Biggest Loser* in October 2004, and more recently on *The Biggest Loser*, season two, and *The Biggest Loser Family Edition*, which aired this fall. She lost 83 pounds during the three-month stay in a California house with other contestants, finishing among the top five. She will appear in another upcoming episode. She is a motivational speaker based in Orlando, Fla.

Jennifer Bearden married Richard Franklin Thorn in October. They live in Memphis, Tenn.

Michael and **Elizabeth Creech Giddens** live in Loganville, Ga. He is an agent with First National Insurance in Duluth, Ga. She received a master's in education in May and teaches third grade in Gwinnett County. They have a daughter, Wryeton Elizabeth, 1.

Russell and **Amy Yvette Maddox Lowe '01** live in Birmingham.

Amy Marion Seay and her husband, Jon Hall, opened a landscaping business, Ten X Properties, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jill Troglen is marketing and public relations coordinator at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Birmingham.

'01 **Tara D'Ann Bourque** earned a master's in elementary education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in August. She lives in Homewood and teaches second grade at Oak Grove Elementary School.

Elizabeth Anne Brown is a freelance writer who also teaches American literature and

Guthrie Named Communications Director for Senate Finance Committee

Carol Guthrie '93 was named communications director of the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. Guthrie will lead day-to-day press operations for the Democratic staff of the committee. She assumed her duties after Thanksgiving.

Guthrie served previously as communications director for Finance Committee member Ron Wyden [D-OR], handling his national and local press relations for more than four years. Before working for Sen. Wyden, Guthrie worked in broadcast journalism and on political campaigns.

"Carol brings a wealth of press experience to our Finance Committee team," said Sen. Max Baucus [D-MT] in making the

announcement Oct. 20. "She will keep the public well-informed of the action happening in the Finance Committee. I look forward to having her join our staff."

An honors graduate of Samford, she earned a bachelor of arts in journalism/mass communication and English. ■



Carol Guthrie

creative writing at Southside Christian School, Greenville, S.C.

Fran Gardner married Jason Cooper in January. They live in Newnan, Ga.

David King is in his second year of a pastoral residency at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Pamela Garner is an accountant with Capstone Building Corporation, Birmingham.

Jennifer Graham is a secretary with Peninsula Medical Associates, Bradenton, Fla.

Jeffrey Garrett Miller, J.D., is an attorney with Sirote & Permutt, P.C., in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Dana, have a son, Garrett Bozeman ("Bo"), 1.

Katie Partain Patterson and her husband, **Seth Patterson '02**, live in Miami, Fla. She is pursuing a doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Miami. He is an elementary music teacher in Miami-Dade County schools.

David Wildes earned a master's in divinity at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May and married Carrie Siska in July. They live in Waukegan, Ill.

Jason and **Gini Hallquist Young** live in New Orleans, La., where he attends New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They are church planters with the Bridge Church Communities of Greater New Orleans. They have a daughter, Mercy Reese, born in July.

'02 **Amanda Foster** married Phillip Coleman in September. They live in Starkville, Miss. She is an outpatient therapist with Community Counseling Services.

Leah Fuller, J.D. '05, married **Craig William Dube** in March. They live in Birmingham, where she is an attorney with Environmental Attorneys Group.

Candice Nicole Griffin is minister of children and students at University Baptist Church in Montevallo, Ala.

Brian Smith is in his third year in the clinical psychology program at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Keiran Walsh received a master's in physician assistant studies from the Medical University of South Carolina in August. She lives in Gastonia, N.C.

Robert Brian Watson married **Jennifer Anne Beard '05** in June. They live in Pelham, Ala. She is a nurse at Children's

Hospital. He is pursuing a master's at Samford's Beeson Divinity School.

Michaëlle E. Wells is pursuing a master's in divinity-social work, a dual degree, at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Richmond, Va.

'03 **Maribeth Stuart Ball** and her husband, **Clint**, live in Winter Park, Fla.

John and **Julie Marie Chovanec Bowles** live in Duluth, Ga.

Adriane Culpepper and **Justin Ireland** married in May. They live in Helena, Ala. Adriane is pursuing a master's in social work at the University of Alabama and works in the Samford admission office. Justin works for Student Life as conference tour director and director of Student Life at the Beach.

Dana Bryant Duell is an admission adviser with Clayton College of Natural Health, Birmingham.

Kevin T. Gunter earned a master's in piano performance and pedagogy at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, in May. He is class piano coordinator for the music division at SMU and a faculty member in the piano preparatory department.

Jessica Litwiniec won first place in solo auditions in the graduate division of the 2005 Alabama Music Teachers Association competition and second place in the piano division of the 2005 Alabama Federation of Music Clubs scholarship auditions. She is a graduate student in piano performance at the University of Alabama.

Abby McWhorter married Adam Estes in August. They live in Madison, Ala., where she works at Youth Villages.

Allison Yvonne Reid-Lumbatis is a third-year student at Samford's Cumberland School of Law.

Jessica Ashlee Richie taught English for a year in Ostrava, Czech Republic, with ESI International and is now with the Department of the Army in training as a public relations media specialist. She lives in Seattle, Wash., where she is assigned to the Corps of Engineers for one year.

'04 **Amanda Elizabeth Drissell** married David Baca in 2004. They live in Rolla, Mo., where she teaches at Wyman Elementary School.

Katie Hall and **Baxter Bentley '05** married recently. They are enrolled in seminary at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Samuel Phillips Jones, a second lieutenant and student naval aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps, is in pilot training in Pensacola, Fla.

Scott Larimore and his wife, Jennifer, live in Mountain Brook, Ala.

Daniel Adam Ledford is an account manager with UniShippers, Atlanta, Ga.

Theresa Smith Mack of Birmingham recently retired from the Jefferson County Board of Education after 30 years of service.

Rebecca Lee Rowe, M.M., is associate director of music at Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Kimberly Sanders married Ian E. Davey in August at Samford. She is pursuing a master's in diplomacy and international relations at John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. They live in Short Hills, N.J.

Shellie R. Tillman is a registered nurse in the cardiology unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

'05 **Catherine Brumfield** is a nurse in the special care unit at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Emily Dockery married **Daryl White, M.Div. '04**, in January. They live in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Brandy Allison Smith married Matthew Dunn in June. They live in Ozark, Ala.

Meredith Ingram McDonough received a Graduate Council Fellowship to pursue a master's in library and information studies at the University of Alabama. The fellowship is the most competitive at the graduate level in the university.

Dana Mitchell of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is pursuing a master's degree and teacher's license at Middle Tennessee State University.

Missy Polhemus, M.B.A., is associate Internet director for consumer marketing at Southern Progress Corporation. She is responsible for leading and planning online promotion strategies for Southern Progress magazine titles.

Jennifer Pratt is pursuing a master's degree and teaching fourth grade in Atlanta, Ga.

Jenn Rizzo married Joel Collins in June. They live in Lexington, Ky. ■

births

'85 **Annesley H., J.D. '88**, and **Ashley Harris DeGaris, J.D. '99**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Eva Margaux, born July 27, 2005.

John and **Lisa Robbins Haynes** of Beaver Dam, Ky., a daughter, Emma Jean, born Aug. 16, 2005.

'90 Jonathan David and **Lisa Ruth Robertson Cooper** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Anna Hays, born April 22, 2005.

Timothy Brett and **Joy Davis Reeves '91** of Trussville, Ala., a son, Daniel Sterling, born June 22, 2005.

'92 Jim and **Marla Hearn Boren** of Atlanta, Ga., twin sons, William Wynn and James Watson, born Aug. 18, 2004.

Jason K. '93 and **Leslie Henry Sasser** of Birmingham, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, born April 25, 2005.

'93 **Christopher W., J.D. '97**, and **Amy Harrell Deering** of Birmingham, a son, Michael Christopher, born June 7, 2005.

Greg and **Kim Haralson Gagliano** of Birmingham, a son, Nicholas Gregory, born March 4, 2005.

Jason and **Karen Marie Jakoby Gudgen '96** of Spring Hill, Tenn., a son, Ryan Joshua, born Feb. 10, 2005.

Gregory L., J.D. '94, and **Lynn Hogewood Schuck, J.D. '03**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Garner Lee, born Sept. 20, 2005.

Bob and **Heather Ann French Watters** of Bessemer, Ala., a son, Larkin Zane, born May 10, 2005.

Matthew and **Shannon Howell Wrenn** of Maylene, Ala., a daughter, Riley Taite, born July 15, 2005.

'94 Scott and **Lisa Fields Harris** of Birmingham, a daughter, Lucy Marie, born Dec. 9, 2004.

'95 Richard and **Amy Jordan DiPrima** of Rome, Ga., a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 2005.

Steve and **Deborah Franklin Guin** of Helena, Ala., a son, Evan David, born Feb. 5, 2005.

Elizabeth and **Patrick N. Millsaps** of Camilla, Ga., twin daughters, Kendall Elizabeth and Alison Neill, born May 6, 2005.

Michael Damon and **Ann Elizabeth Armistead Moore '96** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Olivia Cate, born July 21, 2005.

'96 Eric and **Kim W. Benner, Pharm.D.**, of Birmingham, a son, William Carson, born Aug. 18, 2005.

Steven and **Christy Langford Gum '97** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Callan Virginia, born May 28, 2005.

David, J.D., and **LeAnna Carr Huddleston, J.D.**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Nancy Ellen, born July 29, 2005.

Steve and **Becky Sanders Malcom** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Madeline Grace, born May 26, 2005.

'97 Bethany Joy and **Clay Patrick Berish** of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, born Nov. 29, 2004.

Mark, M.Acc. '98, and **Carol Hinson** of Birmingham, a daughter, Abigail Grace, born April 4, 2005.

Ingrid and **Bill Lunsford** of Huntsville, Ala., a son, William Lucas (Luke), born May 24, 2005.

Stephen Blake '98 and **Nikki Topham Miller** of Pelham, Ala., a son, Caden Reid, born Jan. 22, 2004.

Jason Lee and **Susan Elizabeth Carlberg Sterling '00** of Birmingham, a daughter, Katherine Ann, born July 28, 2005.

Phil and **Debbie Helton Wright** of Roswell, Ga., a son, Tanner Allen Lee, born Feb. 26, 2005.

'98 Michael and **Julie Cills Crocker** of Spring, Texas, a son, Justin Michael, born Jan. 19, 2004.

Beth and **Mark Damron** of St. Louis, Mo., a son, Stratton Luke, born Aug. 23, 2005.

Anna and **Andrew Woodall Pohl** of Alabaster, Ala., a son, Everett Matthew, born June 12, 2005.

Jeremy and **Tara Gravette Vice** of Birmingham, a son, Wesley Brooks, born July 29, 2005.

'99 Tommy and **Rebecca Ricketts Gladney** of Bessemer, Ala., a daughter, Katelyn Gayle, born Aug. 22, 2005.

Jonathan Altman and **Cara Leanne Doxtater Hyde '00** of Glasgow, Ky., a son, Jack Altman, born May 29, 2005.

Katie and **John David Yingling** of Helena, Ala., a daughter, Joy Olivia, born Aug. 18, 2005.

Jason and **Amanda Grace Teague Zinn** of Birmingham, a daughter, Katelyn, born Feb. 23, 2004.

'00 Michael and **Elizabeth Creech Giddens** of Loganville, Ga., a daughter, Wryeton Elizabeth, born March 23, 2004.

Shane Gregory and **Christina Norris Williams** of Marietta, Ga., a son, Owen Shane, born May 26, 2005.

'01 Dana and **Jeffrey Garrett Miller, J.D.**, of Mobile, Ala., a son, Garrett Bozeman ("Bo"), born Sept. 14, 2004.

Scott and **Michelle Clark Newman** of Trinity, Ala., a daughter, Olivia Nicole, born June 28, 2005.

Brian and **Jamie DeLoach Scott** of Birmingham, a son, Owen Andrew, born March 7, 2005.

Jason and **Gini Hallquist Young** of New Orleans, La., a daughter, Mercy Reese, born July 6, 2005.

'02 Joseph and **Sheri Harbison** of Trussville, Ala., a son, Lester Paul, born Dec. 27, 2004.

'03 Mike and **Heather Hackett Leger** of North Lauderdale, Fla., a son, Joshua Peter, born July 10, 2005.

'04 Wesley Quick and **Anna Kate Intraboona** of Hanceville, Ala., a son, Jay Collin Quick, born Feb. 1, 2005.

'05 Sarah and **Gregory Vander Wal** of Northport, Ala., a son, Peter Reuel, born June 27, 2005. ■

inmemoriam

'33 **Thomas Hendon Blaylock, Sr.**, age 92, of Daphne, Ala., died Aug. 28, 2005. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. In 1947, he founded Blaylock Investment Corporation in Shreveport, La., serving as president and chairman of the board until his retirement in 1984. He was president of the Louisiana Mortgage Bankers Association, and a number of Shreveport-Bossier realty and economic associations. He received two of Boy Scouts of America's highest honors for adult leaders, the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards.

H. Clayton Waddell, age 97, of Clinton, Miss., died Aug. 14, 2005. He was a pastor in Louisiana and Washington, D.C., before joining the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he taught for 25 years. He later taught at Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

'35 **Glendolyn Warren**, age 91, of Clermont, Fla., died Aug. 20, 2005. She was president of the Belvedere Club, comprised of Howard College friends. A longtime resident of Vestavia Hills, Ala., she was active in church and garden club work.

'38 **Marie T. Zilinskis**, age 89, of Arlington, Texas, died Sept. 18, 2005. She was a teacher and librarian in Center Point and Mountain Brook, Ala., and helped establish the E. B. Erwin High School library.

'40 **Fred Perel**, age 85, of Birmingham died Sept. 17, 2005. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he left Nazi Germany in 1936. He was a Birmingham businessman for more than 50 years.

'47 **Bert Ronald Murphree**, age 83, of Decatur, Ala., died Aug. 24, 2005. He was senior pastor at Flower Hill Baptist Church for 21 years, and also served churches in Kentucky and Tennessee.

'48 **John H. Burks**, age 81, of Cropwell, Ala., died Sept. 23, 2005. Drafted at age 18, he served with Patton's Third Army during World War II. He worked with Alabama Power Company for more than 40 years. He was an avid collector of Hull pottery.

Miles Tillman Dean, age 82, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., died Sept. 27, 2005. He was a fighter pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was recalled to active duty in Korea. He retired from the Naval Reserve after 32 years of service. He

was president of a personnel management, investments and consulting firm.

Margaret Saffles Hand, of Gadsden, Ala., died Aug. 4, 2005. She was an artist, public school teacher and supervisor of art. She was the official artist for two-year colleges in Alabama.

'49 **Madge Hammond Boling**, age 92, of Birmingham, died Oct. 2, 2005. She was a teacher in various Alabama school systems.

Herbert M. McClamy, age 81, of Jackson, Ala., died Aug. 25, 2005. He was in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II, serving in the Pacific and Japan. He was the founder of Mac's Drugs, where he practiced pharmacy for 40 years.

Ottis Newton Williams of Decatur, Ga., died Aug. 6, 2005. An officer and naval aviator in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was assigned to the Pacific theater. After retiring from a career in the Navy, he worked for the state of Alaska's Division of Aviation.

'50 **Harry James Dover, Sr.**, age 84, of Asheville, N.C., died Aug. 17, 2005. During World War II, he was a radio operator with the 8th Air Force in Cambridge, England, flying 25 missions over Germany and occupied Europe. After earning a degree in pharmacy at Samford, he became a medical service representative for Parke Davis Co. He was a longtime HAM radio operator.

'51 **Jean F. Maxwell**, age 75, of Dadeville, Ala., died Aug. 16, 2005. She was a registered nurse in Birmingham and Knoxville, Tenn.

'52 **Paul L. Heflin**, age 82, of Jackson, Miss., died June 22, 2005. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was owner of Brent's Drugs, where his career spanned 42 years. He was a past president of the Exchange Club of North Jackson and the Mississippi Pharmacy Association.

John Thomas Poole, Jr., age 85, of Birmingham, died Aug. 3, 2005. He served with the U.S. Army in the European theater during World War II. He retired as president of MASCO Fabrics, Inc. For many years, he was treasurer of the Birmingham Baptist Association and the Center Point Fire Department.

'53 **Howard Harris Bishop, Sr.**, age 81, of Jacksonville, Ala., died Aug. 13, 2005. He

was stationed in the Middle East with the U.S. Army during World War II. He began his pharmacy career at Crow Drug in Jacksonville and was owner and operator of Wikles in Saks, Ala.

'56 **Sammie Chesley Daniels**, age 75, of Thomasville, Ala., died Aug. 11, 2005. A probate judge in Marengo County for 20 years, he was a past president of the Alabama Probate Judges' Association. He was pastor of churches in Marengo, Clarke and Perry counties in Alabama, and Park City and Billings in Montana. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Millard Dual Sivley, age 75, of Vincennes, Ind., died Aug. 12, 2005. He was a retired Presbyterian (USA) minister, having served churches in Indiana, Alabama, Texas and Tennessee. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Retired Educator Boyce Albright, Longtime Trustee, Dead at 81

Dr. Boyce S. Albright '48, who served more than two decades on the Samford board of trustees, died Sept. 22 in Haleyville, Ala. He was 81.

An educator, Dr. Albright was superintendent of education for Winston County schools for 10 years and superintendent of Haleyville schools for 18 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Haleyville, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years.

Albright served on the Samford board from 1976 until 1990 and again from 1991 until 2002. The board elected him a life trustee in 2002. ■

Dan Stone, Former Assistant to President, Dies at 78

The Rev. Dan Stone of Cadiz, Ky., who served as assistant to the president of Samford from 1990 until mid-1992, died Oct. 7 at the age of 78. During his tenure, he helped coordinate a number of activities related to Samford's sesquicentennial celebration in 1991-92.

A native of Hopkinsville, Ky., he was a graduate of Georgetown College (Ky.) and Southern Baptist Seminary. He later served as director of admission and director of alumni affairs at Georgetown.

Stone was pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown and led a network of home-based Bible studies for more than 30 years, becoming a popular Bible study leader and conference speaker. ■

- '57 **Margaret Anne Faulk King**, age 69, of Blairsville, Ga., died July 27, 2005. She was a teacher and guidance counselor in Atlanta, Ga., and taught many years at Five Forks Middle School in Gwinnett County. A longtime member of the Decatur Civic Chorus, she also sang in many church choirs.
- '63 **Lucy Frank Barrow Champion**, age 64, of Lanett, Ala., died Sept. 15, 2005, of cancer. She was a teacher and counselor in LaGrange, Ga., and Riverdale, Ga., at Clayton Junior College in Morrow, Ga., and Southern Union State Community College in Alabama. As a Samford student, she was president of Delta Zeta sorority, business manager for the *Bull Pup* publication, a senior class officer and a member of several honor societies. She was a Maid of Cotton twice.
- '67 **Rita Bailey Hendrix**, age 58, of Birmingham, died March 31, 2005. She was a retired oncology nurse at Medical Center East and also worked with Hospice.
- '69 **Thomas B. Dozier**, age 58, of Clanton, Ala., died July 1, 2005, of pulmonary fibrosis. He was retired from sales and management, and had served in the 101st Airborne Unit in Vietnam. He and his wife, Beth, met at Samford when she was a freshman and he was a sophomore. They dated for four years and were married for 35 years.
- '74 **William Albert "Bill" Owens, Jr. J.D.**, age 62, of Athens, Ala., died Aug. 26, 2005. He was an attorney in Athens for 31 years, a municipal judge for Ardmore, Ala., and the first public defender for Limestone County.

Linda Ellis Selman, age 53, of Jasper, Ala., died Aug. 7, 2005, of a brain tumor. A registered pharmacist, she worked at CVS Pharmacy or its predecessors for more than 30 years.

- '79 **Carol Ann Rasmussen J.D.**, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Sept. 6, 2005. She was an attorney.

Retired Faculty/Staff

Harold Edwin Wilcox, age 92, died Sept. 10, 2005, in Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Wilcox taught chemistry at Samford from 1939 until 1946. He later served as chemistry department chair at Birmingham-Southern College and taught at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harold Wilcox Chemistry Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. ■

Service Had a High Priority with Andrew Gerow Hodges

America was embroiled in World War II when Andrew Gerow Hodges graduated from then-Howard College in 1942. Like many young men, he tried to enlist for military service. He was declared unfit because of a shoulder injury suffered playing football at Howard, so he took a job with an insurance company.

"But I saw so many young men my age going to serve their country, and I just wasn't happy not doing my part," he said several years ago.

Hodges volunteered in 1943 with the American Red Cross. He was attached to the 94th Infantry in western Europe and soon found himself in the middle of the action. His assignment was to get food and medical supplies to Allied prisoners of war being held in German prison camps in the Lorient sector of northwest France.

Ultimately, he devised a plan—which he persuaded the Germans to go along with—to swap prisoners of war in several camps. In late 1944, the combatants agreed to a pair of one-day truces and exchanged 149 POWs, the only such swaps recorded during the war. Hodges was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions.

"Thanks to Hodges, we survived," said Wayne Stewart of Wenatchee, Wash., who attended a reunion of the former POWs hosted by Samford in 2002. The exchange was the subject of a video documentary, *For One English Officer*, produced several years ago.

For Hodges, who died Oct. 13 at age 87, service—to his country, community, church and alma mater—was a lifelong commitment. Samford University benefited particularly from his generosity and devotion.

Hodges served on the Samford University Board of Trustees for 43 years, holding many leadership positions, including the role of chairman. He was chairman of the search committee responsible for President Thomas E. Corts coming to Samford in 1983.

"His warm smile, gentle spirit and total devotion to this University will be sorely missed and forever remembered," Dr. Corts said after Hodges' death. "He loved this place, realized its true potential, and never hesitated to say a good word and to persist in saying good words in its behalf."



Samford dedicated Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel in November 2002.

Hodges was a retired executive vice president of Liberty National Life Insurance Company (now Torchmark), and was mentored by brothers Dwight and Ralph Beeson at the company during his early years there. Hodges was among the first to draw the Beesons' interest to Samford, Corts noted, and the family ultimately donated more than \$100 million to the University.

A native of Geneva, Ala., Hodges returned to Birmingham after World War II and began his career with Liberty National, working with the company until retirement in 1984. Throughout his adult life, he worked on behalf of numerous local charities as well as his church, Dawson Memorial Baptist. He was honored with local and national awards from the Boy Scouts of America.

Samford honored Hodges by naming Divinity Chapel of Beeson Divinity School the Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel in November of 2002. A campus street leading to Beeson Woods residential village also bears his name.

Hodges is survived by his wife, the former Mary Louise Shirley; two sons, Dr. Andrew Gerow Hodges, Jr., and Gregory R. Hodges; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. ■

Samford Responds to Alumni Calls for Change

by Caroline Catlett

The results of a survey sent to Samford alumni earlier this year are prompting leaders of the alumni association to begin changes to a variety of programs from faculty lectures to reunions. The 20-question survey was sent to alumni council members and active participants in Samford clubs across the nation.

"We know a lot of alumni come to campus for homecoming and Step Sing, but we're not giving them enough opportunities to come back throughout the rest of the year," said Alumni Relations Officer Billy Ivey. "Alumni should always feel welcome on campus, but we're working on developing specific activities and programs to encourage them to come home."

When participants were asked questions about attending various on-campus activities, 50 percent said cluster-year reunions (decade of graduation) would motivate them to come to campus more often. The alumni association is developing plans to hold cluster and departmental reunions on days throughout the year, not just homecoming weekend.

The results also revealed 37 percent of alumni would come to campus more often for faculty lectures. The alumni association plans to ask schools and departments to start their own faculty lectures, symposiums and speeches. The School of Business is developing the Samford Business Network, which will hold breakfast events and schedule high-profile speakers for alumni groups several times each semester.

Survey participants were asked what they wanted to be the focus of programming by the alumni association. Alumni had six choices and could check all that applied. More than three-fourths (77 percent) said they would like to see more opportunities to participate in athletics events. Ivey said more alumni events would be scheduled at home games.

Two-thirds (67 percent) of respondents said they would like to see the alumni association target programming toward Greek-letter organizations, and the alumni association has plans to work directly with Greek organizations to assist with alumni events.

An alumni family enjoys this year's homecoming luncheon in Beeson University Center.

A strong majority (76 percent) agree completely that donations are an important way to strengthen the University, although only 27 percent say they are being well informed about the use of donations to Samford.

Director of Development Monty Hogewood said, "Alumni donations go wherever the donor wants them to go. If donors want their gifts to go to scholarships, for example, we always follow their wishes."

"We plan to communicate better to alumni when and where and why to give donations to Samford," Ivey said. "We encourage them to communicate with us as well. We're eager to hear from alumni."

Sixty percent of alumni agree completely and another 33 percent agree that Samford Clubs are a great way to become more engaged in alumni involvement. Club members enjoy attending athletics events together, dining out as groups and holding fundraising events.

"Anybody can start a club," said Ivey. "We have a Samford Club leader handbook that gives lots of great advice on how to start your own club. You can call the alumni office to get your copy, or it can be downloaded online."

Currently, Samford has at least eight active alumni clubs across the nation in cities such as Dallas, Texas, Mobile, Ala., Nashville, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., and Washington, D.C. Three more are being developed.

Does being a graduate result automatically in alumni association membership? Close to half of those responding to this question (47 percent)

said yes, and the same number said no. (Six percent had no answer.) The correct answer is "yes." Alumni who graduate are automatic members, but those who make donations to Samford are considered "contributing members."

"The last fiscal year, we had 12.33 percent of alumni give to Samford," said Hogewood. Contributing members now are recognized in every issue of *Seasons*. The alumni association is producing new alumni vehicle decals, which will be sent via postcard to every contributing member.

Getting feedback from alumni across the nation was most helpful, said Ivey. "We want our alumni and their families to know they are greatly appreciated," he said. "Our goal over the next year is to be better at communicating with alumni not only on an annual basis but a continual basis. We want them to come back to campus but also take a bit of Samford with them wherever they may live." ■

For more information on the Samford Business Network, contact Dr. Beck Taylor, dean, School of Business, at (205) 726-2364 or btaylor@samford.edu.

For more information on Samford's alumni association or to learn more about starting a Samford Club in your area, contact Billy Ivey, alumni relations officer, at (205) 726-2483 or wrivey@samford.edu.

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Soccer Team Wins OVC Tournament, Beats Vandy in NCAA First Round

The Samford soccer team won its third consecutive Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title this fall, and then won the OVC postseason tournament to qualify for its first appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] College Cup tournament. The nation's best 64 teams compete in the College Cup.

Samford beat Vanderbilt, 5-4, in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11 but lost to Pepperdine, 2-0, in the second round Nov 13.

The Bulldogs defeated Eastern Illinois, 1-0, in the OVC tournament championship Nov. 6 in Charleston, Ill. Sharon Young's goal in the 78th minute of play was the difference.

Young was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Samford's Rebecca Mock, Heather Birdsell and Cayley Winters joined her on the All-Tournament team.

Coach Todd Yelton's team put together a 15-4-4 overall record, best in Samford's nine-year soccer history, and Yelton was named OVC Coach of the Year. The Bulldogs are

50-22-11 during his four seasons as coach.

"I'm extremely proud of this team," said Yelton. "They worked so hard for this all year long, and they deserved the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament. This was a great win for our team."

Rebecca Bohler was credited with her OVC-leading 12th assist on Young's winning goal. Bohler, who was named the OVC Player of the Year, and Birdsell led the team in scoring with 20 points each.

Winters, a freshman goalkeeper, recorded her sixth shutout of the season in the championship game. She posted a 10-3-2 record after relieving injured senior Emily Morris (5-1-2) midway through the season.

Samford finished the regular season with six consecutive wins, and then beat Murray State, 4-3, in the first round of the OVC tournament. Samford outscored opponents, 37 goals to 13, during the season. ■

The Samford soccer team celebrates its OVC tournament championship.



Samford Women Once Again Dominate OVC Cross-Country Championship



For the second consecutive year, the Samford women's cross-country team dominated the Ohio Valley Conference Championship. Lauren Blankenship captured a second straight individual crown, and Samford Head Coach Glenn McWaters was named 2005 OVC Women's Coach of the Year.

Blankenship went on to qualify for the NCAA Cross-Country Championship at Terre Haute, Ind., by finishing third in the South Regional Championship Nov. 12 in Gainesville, Fla.

Samford women finished first, second (Katherine Herring), third (Robyn DeBenedet), fourth (Michelle Brewer) and 10th (Jessica Brewer) to win the OVC meet with 20 points. Eastern Illinois, which hosted the Oct. 29 meet in Charleston, Ill., finished second with 66 points. More than 70 runners competed.

"We're very excited," said McWaters. "The women ran extremely well today."

The Samford men finished fifth overall with 115 points. Freshman Cameron Bean finished 18th for the Samford men and was named the OVC Freshman of the Year for men.

"Cameron's been running well all year," McWaters said. "His consistency paid off today."

"Our guys are very young. This men's field was a senior-laden group. I'm very proud of how well our young men's team did, and with a little more experience, our guys should contend for the conference championship," McWaters continued.

Both the men's and women's teams won a number of individual awards. Following her victory in the 5K, Blankenship was named 2005 OVC Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year, and earned first-team All-OVC honors for the third consecutive year. Blankenship ran the 5K course in 17:00.18.

"Lauren ran a great race," McWaters said. "She won by 1:15; she just cruised through this course. She's running extremely well, and we're very excited about the way she's been performing."

Four other Samford women were awarded All-Conference honors. Herring was named first-team All-OVC following her second-place finish with a time of 18:15.47. DeBenedet finished third, running an 18:20.52 to be named first-team All-OVC for the second year in a row. Michelle Brewer finished fourth overall to earn first-team All-Conference honors after running an 18:21.26. Jessica Brewer was named second-team All-OVC following her 18:47.31 time and 10th-place finish.

Michael Hanson was the top finisher for the Bulldog men, placing 17th with an 8K time of 26:10.89. Bean finished 18th overall, while Bo Brawner was the number three finisher for the Bulldogs, taking 25th overall with a time of 26:37.45. Drew Anderwald finished 27th, running a 26:28.61, and Christopher West rounded out the top five for the Bulldogs, finishing 28th with a time of 26:39.05. ■

Lauren Blankenship wins the OVC Women's Cross-Country Championship for the second straight year.



Samford Trustees Approve \$32 Million Multipurpose Center

The new multipurpose center will be built west of Seibert Hall and Bashinsky Fieldhouse.

Samford University trustees have approved a contract for construction of a new \$32 million multipurpose center on campus. The centerpiece of the facility will be a 5,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball.

The University anticipates breaking ground on the 132,000-square foot center before the end of 2005. In addition to the arena, the facility will house an athletics center 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 facilities.

A key component of the structure is a 12,000-square foot student fitness/wellness center for all students. "Lifetime fitness is important," said Dr. Richard Franklin, Samford vice president and dean of students, "and our students are eager to form good habits of conditioning as part of a complete education."

At its fall meeting Sept. 16, the Samford board of trustees approved the design of the new facility, which will be the largest structure on the Samford campus. Trustees awarded the construction contract to Stanmar, Inc., of Sudbury, Mass., specialists in the design and construction of multipurpose facilities. The Samford board of trustees approved the addition of a multipurpose facility with an arena last spring as part of some \$53 million in campus improvements, and fundraising is proceeding for these projects.

"The multipurpose center will be a crown jewel of the campus," said Samford President

Thomas E. Corts. "It satisfies our need for spectator sports as well as participation. Every student who passes through Samford will know this building. It should give us as fine a facility as any university in the Ohio Valley Conference and allow students the joy of cheering intercollegiate teams to victory—but also of meeting their personal goals in the weight room and on fitness equipment.

"Being able to hold commencement on campus will be especially meaningful to families and friends of Samford students."

The arena will be used for convocations such as Samford graduation programs and concerts. Seating capacity in this configuration will be 6,000, with the addition of 1,000 seats on the floor. Of the 5,000 permanent seats, 3,000 will be chair-back seats and 2,000 bleacher seats.

The new center will be located west of Seibert Hall and Bashinsky Fieldhouse and north of Joe Lee Griffin Baseball Stadium. It ties together the major recreation facilities into a west campus zone. The area is the current location of Samford's Hardiston Tennis Complex, which will be moved further west.

"This new center will take us from 'worst to first' among arenas of this size in the Ohio Valley Conference and the nation," said Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller. "It's designed to keep the intimacy that has surrounded Samford basketball but will have all the modern amenities that we have lacked for many years." ■

Tireless Chriss Doss Retires, but Still Wears Many Hats

by Mary Wimberley

When Chriss Doss '57, J.D. '68, retired in May as director of Samford's Center for the Study of Law and the Church, it meant no work stoppage for the longtime administrator.

"I am practicing law 14 hours a day and having a wonderful time," Doss said recently from his Hoover, Ala., office, where his clientele includes individuals, small corporations, churches and groups of many denominational bents.

He also is completing several writing projects, tending to his ever-growing personal library, guest speaking and enjoying his grandchildren. The tireless Doss also performs an occasional funeral and wedding.

Doss, who became the center's first director when it was established in 1987, has always worn many hats. He has been a pastor, college librarian, history professor, law librarian, law professor, Jefferson County commissioner and state legislator.

At a September roast, friends and associates spoke to his amazing life, beginning with his youth in north Alabama, where he was student body president at Cullman High School. Emcee Randy Overstreet, who considers Doss a mentor, kept the talk flowing.

Cullman and Samford classmate William R. "Bill" Baggett '57 noted that in high school, wherever there was a crowd, Doss would be in the middle. "Students voted you the most likely to succeed, and you did," he told Doss.

Doss earned a divinity degree at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's in library science from Drexel University between his two Samford degrees. After whetting his appetite for ministry as a pastor in Pennsylvania's coal mining area, he

returned to Alabama to stay as librarian at the Cumberland School of Law.

Doss has served as president of the Alabama Historical Association and the Alabama Baptist Historical Society. His current writing projects include books on the history of Alabama rivers, notorious Alabama train robber Rube Burrow, the Nathan Bedford Forrest/Abel Strait chase across north Alabama, the original 15 trustees of Howard College, and a collection of profiles of country preachers he has known.

"I have also promised a publisher that I would complete a manual on church administration and business matters," he added.

At the roast, Doss was commended for his high ethics and professionalism as a politician and attorney by Ben Erdreich, who served with him on the Jefferson County Commission, and former law partner Charles Gorham, J.D. '68. Gorham recalled that Doss hung cowbells on the office door of their young practice so they would not miss any walk-in clients.

"He is one of the most honest people I've ever been around," said Gorham. "He's lived his religion." Gorham noted that Doss wrote the 1973 Ethics Act of Alabama while serving as a state legislator and is credited with its passage. The legislation is used as a model of ethics laws in 14 other states. Doss' reputation as a racial conciliator was noted by presenters J. Mason Davis and Wilson Fallin.

Doss was court monitor, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, in the DeKalb County school prayer case,

work that earned him the first Walter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award presented by the Interfaith Alliance in 1999.

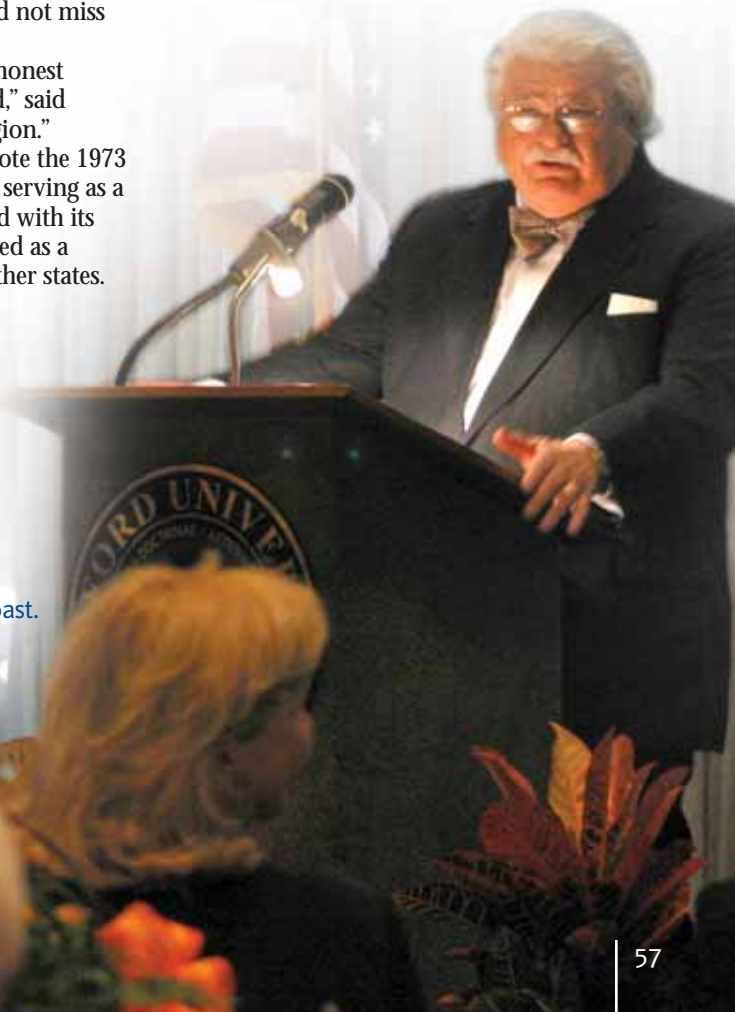
Troy Morrison, retired executive director of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, said that as special counsel to the state convention, Doss kept money in the denomination that could have been lost in court cases.

Samford President Thomas E. Corts said Doss "has done a wonderful job for the Center for Law and the Church," and added, "Very few people understand what he has meant to the Baptists of this state and to Samford."

As a history buff who has visited countless historic sites and museums, Doss shared from his vast knowledge of historical characters and episodes.

"I like to get to an historic place late, shortly before closing. Go to the bookstore, ask a lot of questions and appear interested. They will say, 'Wait, and we'll give you a real tour.' It works every time." ■

Chriss Doss speaks at his roast.



Old Song Sing-Along: A new Samford tradition?

by Jack Brymer



Singers enjoy Samford's latest Old-Song Sing-Along.

What began as a Samford Auxiliary program of tribute to the music and memory of gospel music composer Philip P. Bliss has become a popular and growing Old-Song Sing-Along tradition at Samford University.

The idea was born during the summer of 1990 when Samford President Thomas E. Corts was visiting his parents and in-laws in his hometown of Ashtabula, Ohio. An avid old-book collector, Corts happened upon a copy of P. P. Bliss' *Memoirs* in a used bookshop on Ashtabula's Main Street.

Having first learned as a child in Ashtabula First Baptist Church of the famous gospel song writer, Corts purchased the book. He knew some Bliss songs and knew Bliss had been killed in Ashtabula when a railroad bridge collapsed, but he later realized that he and most other people even had the wrong bridge in mind.

After a cache of new material was found in a local museum, Corts joined with the Rev. Virgil Reeve, then-pastor of Ashtabula's First Baptist Church, in a symposium on the 125th anniversary of the bridge disaster. Papers at the symposium became the book *Bliss and*

Tragedy: The Ashtabula Railway Bridge Accident of 1876 and the Loss of P. P. Bliss, which was edited by Corts.

A companion book, *Songs of Bliss: A 125th-Year Remembrance of Songwriter Philip Paul Bliss*, also compiled by Corts, was printed for that occasion "to perpetuate the memories of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, and to honor the Lord, whom the Blisses served so faithfully," Corts notes in an introduction.

The books and music struck a nostalgic note with a much larger audience than the Auxiliary membership. Later, at a pastor's conference, Corts said he was surprised to discover how many people knew the old songs of Albert Brumley, Marion Easterling and others. The response inspired Corts to convene a program of congregational singing on campus. It was billed as the Old-Song Sing-Along.

The first sing-along took place Oct. 5, 2003, in Reid Chapel under the direction of legendary gospel musician Dick Baker of Dallas, Texas. The program featured Bliss' 10 most popular songs, including: "Almost Persuaded," 1871; "Hallelujah, What a Savior," 1875; "I Gave my Life for Thee," 1859; "It is Well with my Soul" (music by Bliss),

1873; "I Will Sing of my Redeemer" (music by Bliss), 1876; "Jesus Loves Even Me," 1871; "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," 1873; "The Light of the World

Thomas Corts on Gospel Music

"Gospel music has an incredible capacity to embed itself in the deepest recesses of memory and the softest spots of our souls. From earliest childhood, I cannot exaggerate how it has impacted my theology, my ethics, my mental equilibrium, my relations with others and my personal peace with God. Across the hard places of life, I have suddenly and subconsciously found myself whistling songs I had almost forgotten. In deepest sadness, some involuntary response has played one of those great old songs to ease my grief. In times of great joy, I can find my heart and mind coordinated to the celebratory beat of old-time Gospel tunes. The music implanted in my being has been a lifelong treasure for which I am eternally indebted."

is Jesus," 1875; "Whosoever Will," 1870; and "Wonderful Words of Life," 1874.

The program was so well-received that a second sing-along was planned for October of 2004. It was directed by Bob Burroughs, adjunct associate professor for choral arranging in Samford's School of Performing Arts. A faculty octet was added that performed the gospel quartet favorite "Just a Little Talk with Jesus."

Once again, the response was overwhelmingly positive, and a third event was scheduled in the spring of 2005. Brad White of Memphis, Tenn., a full-time music evangelist and former pianist for the James Blackwood Quartet, directed the sing-along.

That program also featured the music of the late Marion Wesley Easterling of Clanton, Ala. Easterling, a member of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, composed more than 400 gospel songs and was host of a gospel music radio program on WKLF in Clanton for 40 years. A faculty quartet sang several of Easterling's most popular songs.

Again, the audience expressed support, so another sing-along was scheduled for Oct. 2, 2005. Brad White returned as the director and was featured as part of the program. A pianist of exceptional skill, White also plays the saxophone and sings. His exciting and energetic performance was well-received. The audience sang from a booklet of 36 old songs and suggested other songs as well.

Responses from attendees at the sing-along are many and varied, but a recurring theme is the love for gospel music that is fast fading from the music programs of churches.

Wendell Prentice came to the most recent sing-along with her Sunday school class from First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa.

"We're seniors, so the older hymns and the more traditional hymns are the ones we like best," she said. "We enjoyed it very much."

Helen Carper of Pelham said she prefers the old-time hymns to modern music. A member of First Baptist Church in Hoover, she said, "It brings us closer to God."

Likewise, Mrs. Woodie Glenn, a member of Providence Baptist Church in Rockford, said she and her husband Donnie "love gospel music and especially the old gospel songs."

Again, at the request of the congregation, another Old-Song Sing-Along is being planned for the spring of 2006, featuring White as director.

A new tradition continues. ■

Galloway Brings a Glittering Record to Coach Tradition-Rich Samford Debate

Over the years, Samford University has made a name for itself in intercollegiate debate. Beginning as early as the 1950s, the school consistently has produced winning coaches (Al Yeomans, Brad Bishop, Skip Coulter) and winning debaters.

During the past 32 years, Samford has been invited to the national debate tournament 24 times, regularly competing against such schools as Wake Forest, Dartmouth and Harvard.

"Any school in the nation could tell you about our program," said debate director Michael Janas, who led eight teams to the national tournament during his recent tenure.

Now, Dr. Janas has turned the program over to another coach, Ryan Galloway, who brings a sparkling record as a debater and debate coach, and who believes, "Debate is one of the most educationally rewarding things of my life."

His most recent position was as debate coach at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where he rescued a program that was down and took it to last year's national debate tournament. "We don't want to put too much pressure on him," said Howard College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Chapman, "but I am confident we will remain one of the top debate teams."

As a college student at George Mason University, Dr. Galloway debated from 1990 until 1994 and was twice ranked as one of the top 10 teams in the country with his debate partner, Gordon Stables. As a debater, he qualified three times for the national tournament. After finishing college, he decided to pursue a professional career in debate.

His first position was at Baylor University, where he coached a team that reached the final four of the national tournament. Two teams he coached there were ranked as top 15 teams in the country. In 1999, he was named Coach of the Year for the southern region of the Cross Examination Debate Association [CEDA]. While at Baylor, he judged the final round of the national tournament twice.

He then moved to the University of Georgia as a graduate assistant. During his four years there, he helped coach a team that went undefeated in the preliminary rounds of the national tournament and reached the



Debate coach Ryan Galloway

quarterfinals. Also at Georgia, he was named Graduate Assistant of the Year for District Six and Critic of the Year in 2003 for the CEDA southeast region. He also judged at the national finals.

After his successful run at Georgia, he took the directorship at Augustana College, leading the team to its first appearance at the national tournament in five years.

Galloway said hard work is the key to winning debate. Student debaters are expected to dedicate 40 or more hours per week and 12 to 15 weekends a year to work with the team. They must conduct research on a daily basis to have up-to-date information.

As team director, Galloway has plenty of responsibility as well. He helps student debaters develop arguments and coordinate information from daily research. He critiques the team at practice debates, helps make travel arrangements and attends weekend tournaments.

Success comes from "doing about 20 little things right," he said. Among the most important are "having adequate research and information on the topic" and "day-to-day practice."

All the effort points toward one goal: to qualify for the national tournament at Northwestern University in March of 2006 and to enjoy some success at the national level. ■

Samford student Caroline Catlett, a senior journalism/mass communication major, contributed to this story.



Boyd and Sara Christenberry enjoy the planetarium dedication.

Samford Dedicates Christenberry Planetarium

Samford University honored a long-time trustee and donor this fall with the dedication of the Boyd E. Christenberry Planetarium in the University's Sciencenter.

"This scientific place is also a sacred place," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts during Family Weekend dedication ceremonies Oct. 8. "This place is part of what it takes to provide a strong liberal arts preparation for our students. The Christenberrys have provided a gift for all time."

Christenberry, a retired executive with Alfa Insurance Corp. in Montgomery, Ala., is a life trustee at Samford. The son of sharecropper parents from rural Perry County, Ala., he rose in the ranks of senior executive management in the Alabama Farm Bureau Insurance Co., now known as Alfa. At his retirement in 1993, he was executive vice president for marketing.

"If my mama were here today, she would be the most surprised," Christenberry said.

The planetarium was completed in 2001 as part of Samford's Sciencenter

project and named for Christenberry by the Samford board of trustees earlier this year. Dr. Corts said he and the University have been looking forward to dedication day for a long time.

"This is a wonderful place that deserves to have its own name and recognition, and I am pleased that my dear friends are being honored in this great way," he said. "This man represents so much of what we prize and so much of what we seek for young people at Samford."

Christenberry has served as a trustee since 1978 and was chairman for four years. He and his wife, Sara, have been married for 54 years and are active members of Montgomery's First Baptist Church. A son, William, serves on Samford's board of overseers, and two grandchildren are current students.

The Christenberry Planetarium is the largest such teaching facility in Alabama and one of only six of its type in the United States, noted planetarium Director George E. Atchley. ■

Business School Starts Scholarship Fund to Honor Marlene Reed

The Samford University School of Business has established the Marlene Mints Reed Scholarship in honor of the former business professor and acting dean who retired earlier this year. Contributions to the scholarship are being accepted by the business school.

Dr. Reed joined the business school in 1981 and was named the Margaret Gage Bush University Professor in 2003, when she also was appointed acting dean. She was named the Alabama Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1994.

"There are rare occasions in the life of any institution when it can honor an individual with as much influence and impact, commitment to place and person, integrity, and professional excellence as Dr. Marlene Reed," said new School of Business Dean Beck A. Taylor.

"Knowing Dr. Reed, all will agree that there is no more befitting way to honor her than to honor the students whom she loved so much."

Reed is known for her writing of business case studies that found their way into textbooks and journals. She focused on case studies because they show students examples of the application of theory in real business situations, she said.

Reed and her husband, Bill, retired to her hometown of Crawford, Texas, in August. She continues to be active with the North American Case Research Association and is in line to serve as president of the organization in 2007.

Contributions may be sent to the Marlene Mints Reed Scholarship, School of Business, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. ■

Samford Recognizes Scholarship Donors

Helping students achieve academic dreams through scholarships was a common theme for Samford University's Scholarship Society luncheon Oct. 23 on campus.

The luncheon recognized 195 individuals and organizations that provided annual or endowed scholarships during the 2004–05 academic year. The luncheon also served as the official dedication for the new Wall of Honor for fully endowed scholarships of \$100,000 or more.

"This wall serves as a daily reminder to Samford students of the generosity of so many," said Michael D. Morgan, Samford's vice president for University Relations, moments before a ceremonial ribbon-cutting in the east lobby of the Ralph W. Beeson University Center.

"There are few feelings more satisfying than to talk to a student who you know is here because of what you and others have provided," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts, who was among those honored, along with his wife, Marla.

"I am grateful that [Samford] still serves a clientele that reaches out to all walks of life," Corts said. "For those of us who similarly had some help getting through school, we should have a sense of *obligese* to provide for those who come after."

Two current scholarship recipients spoke of their Samford experiences to the capacity crowd in the University's Flag Colonnade.

Angelique R. Turner, a junior biochemistry major, told of "wanting to become more than I was." The former valedictorian from Birmingham's inner-city Carver High School, noted that "it is individuals like me who give others hope."

"Life in the Samford bubble has not always been easy," Turner said. "I have had both bitter and sweet experiences.

"As a member of the Samford family, I believe we won't grow together until we learn to embrace our diversity."

Turner was quick, though, to express appreciation for those who contribute to Samford. "Should Samford

be disparaged because some lack the funds to attend here? Absolutely not. There are many who have sacrificed for those of us here."

Sam McBride, a sophomore sports medicine major, hopes to attend medical school, just as Turner does.

"First, I want to thank you for your generosity in making it possible for Samford to be excellent in academics," McBride said. "I also thank you for your motivation to give. I'm here because of your efforts, and that motivates me to want to succeed."

McBride also said that scholarship donors provide an example for current students and others. "I realize there is an example of academic excellence and of giving. I am looking forward to a life-time commitment to this institution and the day I can give back."

Samford Provost J. Bradley Creed noted that "many have walked through these doors because of someone who had the foresight to give. A scholarship is a gift that will last forever." ■



Admiring Staines Art Collection

Admiring a painting in the Robert Staines Art Collection are, from left, Joe and Theresa Wildmon of Birmingham, and Samford President Thomas Corts. The painting, *Untitled (Old House)*, by 20th-century American artist Mary Lewis is one of 189 pieces in the collection donated to Samford in 1998 by Staines. A portion of the collection was on display in the Samford Art Gallery throughout October. A native of Portsmouth, England, Staines emigrated to New York City and ultimately settled in Birmingham, becoming a successful merchant. He collected paintings and works of art over more than 40 years. Theresa Wildmon is his daughter, and Joe Wildmon, his son-in-law, is a 1962 Samford graduate. ■

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| Dec. 2 | Festival of Christmas Music featuring Samford choirs and orchestra, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., free | Jan. 2 | New Year's holiday (offices closed) | Feb. 2–24 | Photographs by Lisa Picket (Part II), Wright Center Art Gallery, Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free |
| Dec. 3–4, 9–11, 14 | The Alabama Ballet presents <i>The Nutcracker</i> , Wright Center Concert Hall (For ticket information, go to www.alabamaballet.org) | Jan. 3 | Jan Term classes begin | Feb. 4 | Alabama National Board-certified Teachers Network annual meeting, Brooks Hall, (205) 726-2564 |
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| Dec 8 | Bells of Buchanan concert, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, 7:30 p.m., free | Jan. 9–27 | Artists XII Exhibition, Wright Center Art Gallery, Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free | Feb. 9 | Samford Auxiliary meeting, featuring silver expert Doris Truax, Wright Center lobby, 10 a.m. |
| | Christmas around the World, Reid Chapel, 10 a.m., free | Jan. 12–15 | Faith in Action national student conference, sponsored by Samford in Mission, (205) 726-4203 | Feb. 9 | Guest artist recital: Suhrstedt Piano Duo, Recital Hall, 10 a.m., free |
| Dec. 9 | Fall semester classes end | Jan. 13 | Advanced Placement teacher training, 7 a.m.–1 p.m., hosted by Metro College (205) 726-2898 | Feb. 11 | Music scholarship auditions, (205) 726-2778 |
| Dec. 16 | Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing pinning ceremony, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, 1:30 p.m. | | NurCE test development workshop, 7 a.m.–5 p.m., hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, (205) 726-2626 | Feb. 13 | Alabama Association of Colleges and Research Libraries workshop, (205) 726-2161 |
| Dec. 17 | Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing nurse anesthetists hooding ceremony, A. Gerow Hodges Chapel, 7 a.m. | Jan. 16 | Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday (no classes; offices closed) | Feb. 16–18 | Step Sing, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7 p.m. (For ticket information, go to www.samfordtickets.com) |
| | School of Business hooding ceremony, Brock Forum, 7:30 a.m. | Jan. 19 | Jan Term classes end | Feb. 18 | Alabama statewide math contest, hosted by Samford's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, (205) 726-2449 |
| | Commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall, 10 a.m. | Jan. 25 | Spring semester classes begin | Feb. 21 | Faculty trumpet recital: Brad Sargent, Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free |
| Dec. 26–30 | Christmas holidays (offices closed) | Jan. 26 | University Convocation, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall | Feb. 23–26 | Samford Theatre presents <i>Inventing Van Gogh</i> , Harrison Theatre, (205) 726-2853 |
| | | Feb. 1 | Opening reception for Photographs by Lisa Picket (Part II), Wright Center Art Gallery, 3 p.m.–5 p.m. | Feb. 25 | A Cappella Choir concert, Baptist Temple, 10 a.m., Charleston, W.Va. |

- Feb. 27** Intelligent Design conference, (205) 726-2825
- March 1–4** Alabama All-State Choral Festival, hosted by Samford's music division, (205) 726-2778
- March 2–31** Graphic design students exhibit, Wright Center Art Gallery, Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m., free
- March 9–12** Samford Theatre Dance Concert, Harrison Theatre, 7:30 p.m., (205) 726-2853
- March 14** Concerto-Aria concert, Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- March 17** A Cappella Choir concert, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala., 7 p.m., free
- March 19** A Cappella Choir concert, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 10:30 a.m., free
- A Cappella Choir concert, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., evening service, free
- March 20–24** Spring break (no classes; offices open)
- March 27** Board of Ministerial Mentors spring meeting, 10 a.m., (205) 726-2807
- March 30** A Cappella Choir spring concert, Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m., free

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Information is compiled from the University calendar as of Oct. 25, 2005. Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please go to www.samford.edu for updated information. ■

2005–06 Women's Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 10** UAH (Exhibition)
Nov. 18 at Miami (Fla.)
Nov. 21 at Birmingham-Southern
- Nov. 25** FLORIDA ATLANTIC**
- Nov. 26** GEORGIA STATE**
- Dec. 2** TROY
- Dec. 8** JACKSONVILLE STATE*
- Dec. 18** SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*
- Dec. 20** MURRAY STATE*
- Dec. 28–29 at Tulane DoubleTree Classic
- Jan. 2 at Tennessee Tech*
- Jan. 5 at Tennessee–Martin*
- Jan. 7 at Jacksonville State*
- Jan. 12** TENNESSEE STATE*
- Jan. 14** TENNESSEE TECH*
- Jan. 19 at Morehead State*
- Jan. 21 at Eastern Kentucky*
- Jan. 26** TENNESSEE–MARTIN*
- Jan. 28** AUSTIN PEAY*
- Jan. 30 at Murray State*
- Feb. 2 at Tennessee State*
- Feb. 4** EASTERN ILLINOIS*
- Feb. 11 at Austin Peay*
- Feb. 16** MOREHEAD STATE*
- Feb. 18** EASTERN KENTUCKY*
- Feb. 23 at Southeast Missouri State*
- Feb. 25 at Eastern Illinois*

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2005–06 Men's Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 10** BERRY COLLEGE (Exhibition)
Nov. 15 vs. Sacramento State¹
Nov. 16 vs. Texas/Southern¹
Nov. 19 at Oklahoma
Nov. 21–22 at Guardians of the Game Classic
- Nov. 26** BRYAN COLLEGE
Nov. 28 at Southern Miss
Dec. 3 at South Alabama
- Dec. 8** JACKSONVILLE STATE*
- Dec. 19** SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*
- Dec. 21** MURRAY STATE*
- Dec. 29** CAMPBELLVILLE
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- Feb. 14** EASTERN KENTUCKY*
- Feb. 16** MOREHEAD STATE*
- Feb. 18 at Bracket Buster Challenge
- Feb. 23 at Southeast Missouri*
- Feb. 25 at Eastern Illinois*

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Samford history professor Jim Brown and his class enjoy a mild late-fall day outside the classroom before the onset of winter temperatures.