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Samford students and faculty traveled to Europe, Asia, Central America and South America during January Term. From the steamy jungles of the Amazon and poverty-stricken streets of Moulmein, Myanmar, to the hurly-burly pace of London and Rome, they learned the lessons of traveling in other cultures.

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One of Pat Sullivan's toughest battles took place in a hospital room, not on a football field. The new Samford coach fought cancer during 2004-05 and thought for a time he would lose the fight. Finally, his medical treatments prevailed. He learned one lesson well: "Every day is precious."

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Samford seniors who traveled to London for January Term 2007 gather in front of the Shakespeare Memorial in Stratford-upon-Avon. See Page 10.

‘Samford University has been very good to me’

Perhaps you’re reading this column on a leisurely spring afternoon, but the deadline for copy for this issue of *Seasons* landed just prior to Valentine’s Day, so—this time around—I have a love story to share with you.

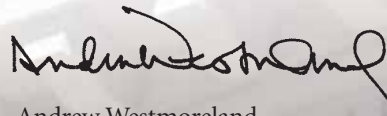
The lives of Gerow and Mary Louise Hodges have been intertwined with Samford since they met and fell in love as undergraduates. Mary Louise tells of their courtship at Howard College, the early years of their marriage, life in their beautiful home in Vestavia Hills, Ala., raising their family and thousands of Samford connections. Gerow served as one of the strongest of many strong Samford trustees, working to build a solid financial base for the university. In every way, Mary Louise also volunteered her time and efforts for the good of Samford.

One October day, now more than a year ago, an ambulance was called for Gerow to take him to Brookwood Hospital. At that time, he and Mary Louise were living in the retirement village located across Lakeshore Drive. His condition was critical. The medics loaded him on the stretcher, and Mary Louise made plans to follow behind in her vehicle. As the ambulance pulled beside the campus, one of the attendants said, “We’re passing by the gates of Samford University, Mr. Hodges. You’ve been very good to Samford.” After nodding his understanding, Gerow replied, “Samford University has been very good to me.” A few seconds later, after checking his vital signs, the medic realized that these were the last words that Gerow would speak.

“Samford University has been very good to me.”

In places around the globe, men and women today may say with gratitude that Samford has been very good to them. They have received, in many respects, an education for eternity. It is our duty and honor to extend that privilege to future generations.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland
President



SAMFORD report

Samford Starts Boren Courtyard

Samford University broke ground Feb. 14 for the Hazel P. Boren Courtyard and Gardens to be constructed this spring adjacent to the new Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall.

The project is a gift to Samford from Russell and Hazel Boren of Birmingham. It honors Mrs. Boren, a longtime member of the Samford University Auxiliary and its scholarship committee.

“Several years ago, Russell established a music scholarship to honor Hazel, and students already are benefiting from that generosity,” said Samford trustee Ronnie Watkins during groundbreaking ceremonies. “Today, Russell is honoring Hazel again, but all of us will benefit from this latest gift.

“The new Hazel P. Boren Courtyard and Gardens will enhance the beautiful new Jane Hollock Brock Hall and Samford’s fine arts complex, which surrounds us, as students, faculty and staff enjoy its ambience.”

Watkins added that, “Rather than just giving his wife a bouquet of flowers for Valentine’s Day, Russell has chosen to honor Hazel with an entire garden.”

Boren owns Boren Explosives, Dixie Drilling Company and Apache Construction Company of Birmingham. His businesses work with coal mining, rock quarry and construction companies, and have done extensive site preparation work for such Birmingham projects as the flyover entrance from I-459 to Riverchase Galleria, the new shopping mall between I-59 and Highway 11 in Trussville, Ala., the Birmingham horse track and many others.

In thanking Boren for his generosity, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said, “For a man in the explosives business, you certainly made a big boom today at Samford.”



Hazel and Russell Boren, left, join Samford President Andrew Westmoreland in the groundbreaking.

Boren said he and his wife had been impressed over the years with Samford students and supported scholarship programs in the Samford School of Performing Arts for a simple reason. “We like to give back, and this is a way to give back,” he said. He also praised the work of retired performing arts dean Milburn Price and current dean Joseph Hopkins.

The Borens are natives of Blount County. They met and married in Oneonta, Ala., after Boren earned his degree in civil engineering from Auburn University. They have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

Dean Hopkins said the new garden will represent “connecting space” between the new Brock Hall, Buchanan Hall music building and Wright Fine Arts Center. “It will be used for concerts and programs, and also will be a gathering spot for students,” he said. ■

Trustees Name Athletics/Events Facility for Hanna, Cortses

Samford University’s board of trustees has approved official names for the new athletics and special events facility scheduled to open in fall 2007.

The \$32 million building will be named Pete Hanna Center in honor of the Birmingham businessman and Samford trustee who provided a major gift for the project. Trustees earlier had approved the Hanna name for the building.

At Hanna’s request, the 5,000-seat arena in the new building will be named Thomas E. and Marla H. Cortses Arena in honor of Samford’s president emeritus and his wife. Cortses retired in May 2006.

The new 132,000-square foot building will house the arena, as well as a fitness/wellness center and offices, locker rooms and training facilities for the university’s athletics department. Arena seating can be expanded to 6,000 for commencement and other special events.

Michael D. Morgan, Samford vice president for university relations, noted that other naming opportunities still are available in the new building and will be part of a \$3 million campaign this year to complete funding for the facility.

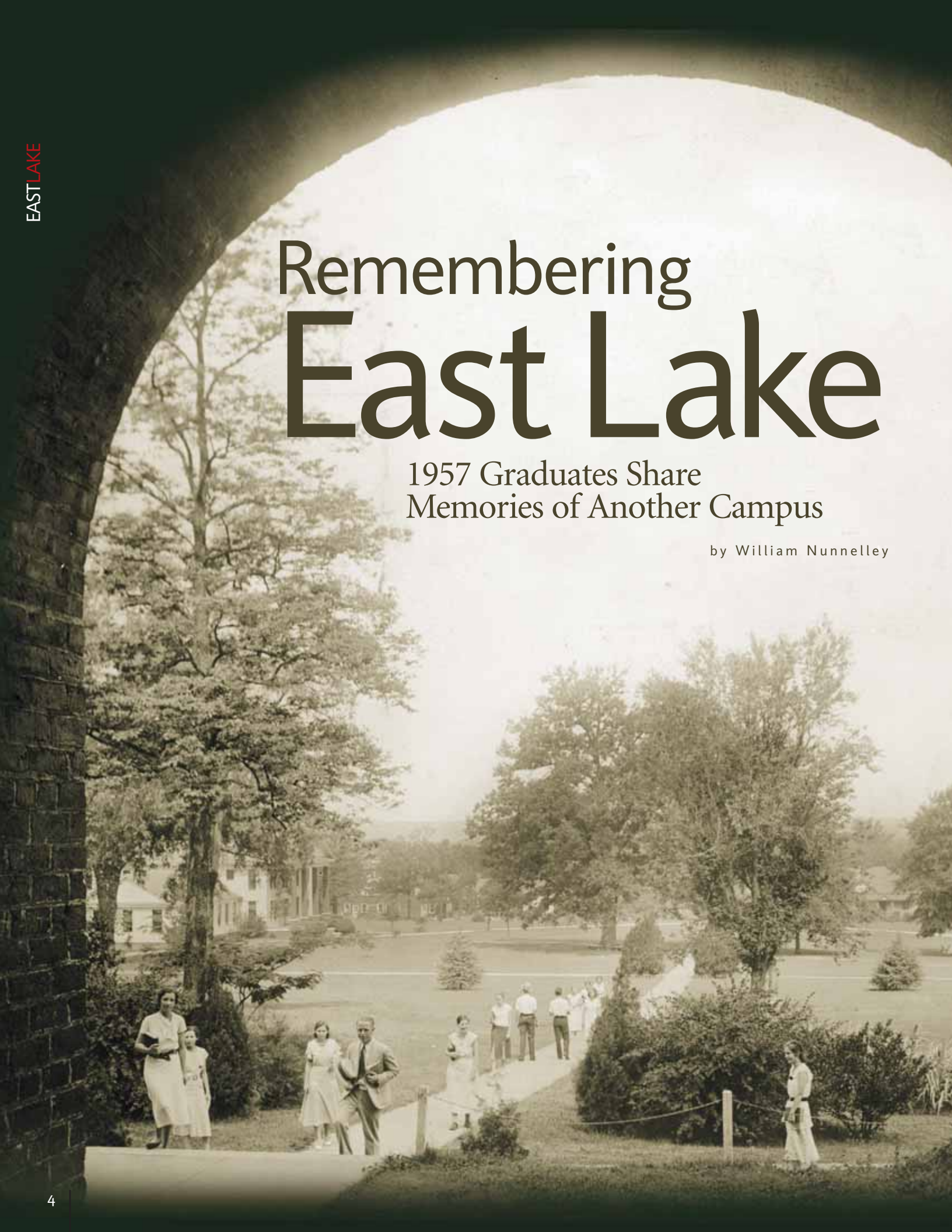
“We are so grateful for Mr. Hanna’s transformational leadership gift and the other gifts that are making possible this grand new facility,” Morgan said. “But, we still need about \$3 million to completely fund the project.”

Additional naming opportunities include the athletics center on the first floor, the fitness/wellness center, individual rooms, and a plaza linking Hanna Center with Bashinsky Fieldhouse, Seibert Stadium, Joe Lee Griffin Stadium and the Bulldog Spirit Plaza. ■

Remembering East Lake

1957 Graduates Share
Memories of Another Campus

by William Nunnelley



Fifty years ago this spring, Howard College in East Lake was preparing for a move. The college had begun a new campus in Shades Valley three years earlier, and relocation was scheduled for the summer of 1957.

East Lake had been Howard's home since 1887. But the school that would become Samford University had outgrown that location. It already had spilled over into the residential areas that hemmed it in, and been forced to purchase homes adjacent to the campus for classroom and residence hall space. The only way Howard could continue to grow was to relocate, a reality faced by President Harwell G. Davis in the early 1940s.

In 1947, Davis led a move to purchase land for a new campus in Shades Valley, and in 1952, the Alabama Baptist State Convention authorized the start of construction.

Howard's East Lake campus presented an attractive panorama of old brick buildings situated around a grassy quadrangle. The focal point of the campus green was massive, century-old Sherman Oak, with its park bench underneath for resting (and proposing).

The first building on the East Lake campus, Old Main, was built when Howard arrived from Marion, Ala. The college added other buildings along the way, and whitewashed the entire central campus for the school centennial celebration in 1941. But by the 1950s, the buildings were showing their age. With the prospect of a new campus looming in the near future, maintenance in East Lake was stopgap at best.

Howard laid the cornerstone for Samford Hall, the first new campus building, on April 29, 1955. Not long thereafter, members of the Class of 1957 learned they would be the last to finish in East Lake.

The Howard of '57 represented a different era. It enrolled fewer than 1,500 day students, and only about 600 lived in campus housing. A number of students owned cars (more men than women), but they frequently walked on outings to the nearby East Lake and College theatres, Andrews Barbecue and Ruhama Baptist Church. They rode the trolley downtown on dates, dining at Joy Young's or John's restaurants and taking in a movie at the Alabama Theatre; the 38 line stopped right in front of the campus on Second Avenue South.

Many students lived in rooming houses near the campus, and walked to and from class. Some lived at "Ma" Stevens' "Hash House," a boardinghouse next to the campus bookstore; others roomed elsewhere but ate there. Some local students rode the trolley to class each day.

These and other traditions would end with the move to Shades Valley, and as May of 1957 drew near, the students became more and more conscious of it.

Finally, on May 27, graduation arrived. The seniors lined up and marched in commencement at Ruhama. Dean Percy P. Burns, who had missed much of the semester recuperating from a heart attack, returned to present diplomas to 253 graduates. At one point, he mispronounced a name and then turned to the audience to say, "Uh-oh, I goofed." The audience laughed uproariously to hear the courtly dean use slang in so formal a setting, according to Rod Davis '58, a junior in attendance.

If some of the graduates were disappointed they would not benefit from the new campus, there was still "some sense of esprit that they were the ones finally shutting down the historic old wreck," recalled Davis, now an English professor at his alma mater.

The process of moving to Shades Valley began June 1, as the first of more than 80,000 library books was packed for the trip to the new campus. The transfer of books required about 100 trips.

Sadly, Burns—a member of the faculty for almost half a century and dean of the college since 1921—suffered another heart attack and died June 4, 1957.

Summer classes met in East Lake, ending August 9. By September 16, everything in East Lake—books, equipment, office files and supplies, furniture—had moved to Shades Valley. Left behind were Sherman Oak, a cluster of old brick buildings and a network of sidewalks traversing an empty campus.



EAST LAKE

Gene Roberts, left, and Charles Marcus work in a chemistry lab in 1957. Below, Civiorum—the organization for women who lived off-campus—won second place for its '57 homecoming car decoration.

Students and faculty carried their memories of East Lake with them, and alumni continue to do so today. *Seasons* will mark the 50th anniversary of Samford's move to Shades Valley with a series of stories in the next few issues. The series begins here with recollections of East Lake by several members of the Class of 1957.

Nelda Cross Hathcock

Nelda Cross Hathcock of Lynn Haven, Fla., remembers the sense of community on the East Lake campus.

"Everyone knew everyone," she said, "and Major Davis seemed to know every student by name. We all hoped that would continue on the new campus."

Hathcock was president of the Woman's Student Government Association. "We didn't have a lot of power," she said, "but one significant thing we did was Step Sing."

People seemed to be torn between leaving the old campus and moving to the new site, she said.

"We were happy about the new campus because the plaster was falling out of the ceiling in the classrooms in East Lake. But we hated to think about leaving Sherman Oak and the old campus," she said. "I wonder how many girls were proposed to under the branches of Sherman Oak?"

Hathcock remembers certain faculty members with great affection. She named Lizette Van Gelder and Myrtis Kurz in English, Al Yeomans in speech and drama, Hugh Bailey in history and Mabry Lunceford in religion.

"The plays were wonderful, especially considering our lack

of facilities," she said. "We had to stretch our resources. But we had some excellent productions of *Harvey*, *Sabrina Fair* with Bonnie Bolding and even *Death of a Salesman*."

Hathcock said dean of women Margaret Sizemore was "a power to be reckoned with."

"She decided that every girl that finished Howard would know how to conduct herself. We had classes on when to wear gloves and when not to. We had classes on etiquette. She wanted to make sure everyone knew these things."

Hathcock recalls seeing the new campus site at an event in the mid-1950s. "It was just bald, with one building [Samford Hall] partially built and no trees. As time for the move approached, people were wondering if the place would be ready."

Hathcock, an Andalusia, Ala., native, taught school in Geneva and Florala, Ala., and then spent 30 years teaching school in Nebraska, where she moved with her Air Force husband. They retired to Lynn Haven, near Panama City, Fla., and she visited Samford last year when she and her husband evacuated the Florida panhandle ahead of an approaching hurricane.

"It's a place of great beauty," she said, "a place to be proud of."

Bill Lankford

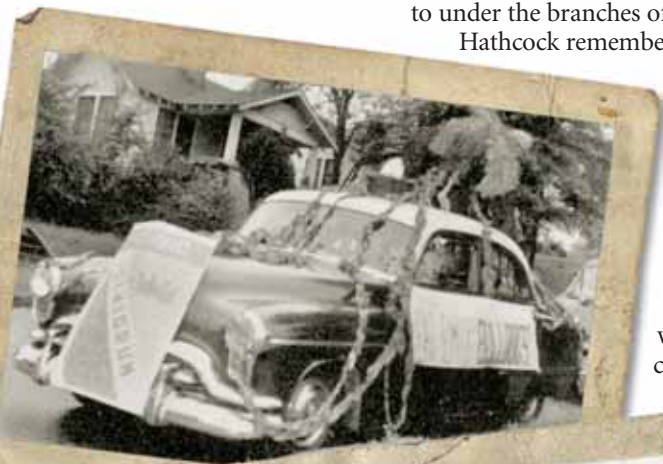
Bill Lankford set the Howard basketball season record for points and scoring average during his senior year of 1957. Using a deadly accurate jump shot, he poured in 631 points in 27 games to average 23.4 points a contest. He still holds the record for per-game average. But Lankford remembers the last home game of the season against Birmingham-Southern College for a different reason.

"The game was cancelled before halftime because of fighting," he recalled. Afterward, the old rivals played only one time—in a 1961 tournament game—over the next 20 years.

"On the brighter side, as spring moved in, the talk turned more to the new campus in Homewood," Lankford remembered. "As a senior, I was disappointed that the campus where I had spent four years would be abandoned. But after visiting the new campus for annual H-Day activities, it was easy to see why the move was being made."

Lankford, who enjoyed a highly successful coaching career in high school and at Jefferson State Junior College in Birmingham, lives today in Trussville, Ala. He enjoys visiting the Samford campus for an occasional basketball game. His daughter, Renee Pitts, is missions coordinator in Samford's university ministries department.

Cheerleaders in '57 included, from left, front, Jeanne Lamb, Judy Breckinridge, Roy Magnuson, Jerry Wildsmith and Joy Merrill; and back, Pat Dill, Pana Martin, Garner Bingham, Elizabeth Ritchey and Jean Wallace.





Students walk under the arch to Berry Field in this East Lake photo from an earlier vintage. Old Main is in the background. At right, students prepare for H-Day in '57, which featured the theme, "The Last Round-Up."

Joanne Brindley Harwell

Joanne Brindley Harwell remembers the East Lake campus with great affection despite being aware the buildings "were in terrible shape." A music major, she took classes in an old house much in need of repair.

"I never felt that we or the faculty were just waiting for better things—the new campus," she said. "There was a feeling of acceptance of the condition of things but a delight in the true Howard."

The ceilings were falling, particularly in Riley Hall, she recalled, and were being held in place by small board strips. One day, a glob of plaster fell on the head of religion professor James Chapman.

"He was the essence of gentility and at first didn't say anything while we students just sat in stunned silence," she said. "In a few minutes, he said, 'Clah-ss dismissed,' with that big AH in the word 'class.' Silently, we filed out of the room to the ground floor, where we burst into laughter at the priceless moment."

Harwell said the spirit of the East Lake campus was so inspiring that she grew to love the old buildings. "The students who came there did not come because of glorious buildings and dorms, but were caught up in learning, achieving,

becoming and caring for each other and faculty," she said.

Dean Burns delivered a speech to freshmen every year about "not being too tepid during the Howard years," she recalled. "That speech greatly impacted me. I decided I would throw myself into my college years so that I would have no regrets when they were over."

She went on to win the Hypatia Cup at graduation and to earn an advanced music degree at Southern Baptist Seminary, where she realized what a strong music education she had received at Howard under Professors George Koski, Newton Strandberg, Witold Turkiewicz and others, especially Eleanor Ousley.

"To have studied under Nora Ousley and to still be her friend today is one of the prize jewels of my life, and I have Howard to thank for that," she said. Harwell, who resides with husband Brantley '56 in Otto, N.C., has spent most of her career teaching music, either in schools or as a church choir director. She continues to do so today in Tallulah Falls, Ga.



Martha Hayes “Pug” Grimes

“Pug” Grimes of Dothan, Ala., thought Dr. Vernon Davison’s Old Testament exams “were horrid,” but “he was a great teacher who exemplified the spirit of Howard College,” she recalled. She also holds warm memories of Dr. Kurz, “my brilliant English teacher,” who forbade the use of the word “nice” in themes. “I thought that wasn’t very nice,” she said. Occasionally, during the study of Dante’s *Inferno*, Grimes recalled Kurz inquiring, “Where in Hell are we today?”

“Time has dimmed but not erased the inconveniences of waiting in line at Renfroe Hall for a shower, the telephone or to wash clothes in a dingy basement,” she said. “But we had fun. The friendships mattered more to me than the antiquated buildings or even more than a beautiful old oak tree.”

Grimes met her husband, Louie ’56, in Coach Jim Sharman’s tennis class during her first summer school session. In April, they will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

William “Bill” Baggett

“There was a feeling of family on campus,” said Bill Baggett of Alpharetta, Ga., the student body president in 1956–57. “When we needed counsel on academics or personal issues, we could always find a willing ear to listen.”

He cited such faculty members as Van Gelder, Lunceford, Sizemore, Burns, Ruric Wheeler, William Dale and John Fincher.

Students felt the housing was “substandard,” Baggett remembered, with men living in converted military barracks from World War II V-12 days and some women

residing in houses near the campus that Howard had bought. Some of the ’57 seniors were a little envious that they weren’t making the move to the new campus, he recalled.

“However, we were nurtured academically and spiritually on the old campus,” he said. “While we didn’t have the fabulous new plant, we had Old Main, Sherman Oak, Andrews Barbecue, the Hash House, and many great memories of a loving and supportive environment that prepared us for the future.”

LaNelle Moore Lester

LaNelle Moore Lester of Powder Springs, Ga., remembers well the life of a music major in East Lake. It was “living in Renfroe, traversing the quadrangle to the music classrooms, then to Old Main and the library, to Renfroe for lunch, to a private piano lesson with Betty Sue Shepherd, to a practice room, back to Renfroe for dinner, back to the practice rooms.”

She seemed always to be crisscrossing the campus under Sherman Oak.

“I always had an 8 a.m. class with Robert Dean,” she said. “Four years!”

Dean taught instrumental music and a variety of other courses, such as history and theory of music.

“What a wonderful spiritual, educational and practical preparation we received and enjoyed at Howard,” said Lester.

She thanked Alabama Baptists “for providing this haven of learning,” and her parents for sending her there. She recalled the anticipation of the move to the new Shades Valley campus, and “our hearts always centered on seeking God’s guidance as our years at Howard were drawing to a close.” ■

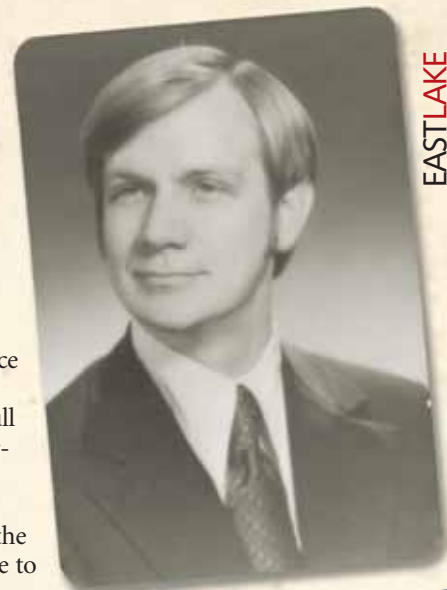
Alpha Delta Pi members show off their ’57 home-coming decoration.



Howard held some East Lake classes in nearby residences it had purchased, including these homes across Second Avenue South from the main campus.

Riding the Trolley to a World of Academia

by Mel Deason '57



Senior student Mel Deason, 1957

Our link to Howard College was the Tidewater streetcar. I don't know how it got that name; it was officially Route Number 38. The car circled East Lake, passed in front of Howard and stopped at the bottom of the campus. When you walked from the car to the curb, you found yourself at the central walkway that went to Sherman Oak and Old Main.

That streetcar was an essential link for me. I lived in Ensley, on the west side of Birmingham. I didn't own a reliable car, and there were few opportunities to carpool. For only pennies, I could ride the trolley. The Tidewater ran from downtown Ensley to East Lake, an hour transit one way. Needless to say, I did a lot of studying on that streetcar. Some of the preachers complained about getting up early on Sunday to go on H-Day preaching opportunities. I reminded them I had to get up an hour and a half earlier than they did just to get to campus.

Walking from the car stop to Old Main, Riley Hall, the library or wherever I needed to be, was like entering a different world—a good and challenging world. It was exhilarating. Climbing back aboard the trolley to go to an afternoon job was leaving that world. It was like stepping into college and then stepping back out each day. Of course, I carried part of it with me, such as books and homework.

For four years, my college experience began and ended on a curb at the bottom of the campus. The last class day I stepped onto campus, my mind was full of the future—graduation, plans to

go to seminary and courtship. But also, I was aware that I would be leaving this place of challenges, excitement, friendship and spiritual growth. The walk that day was full of melancholy, with a sense that an important part of my life was slipping away. To some, the campus was not impressive. We often joked about the awful condition of the buildings. I approved the impending move to Homewood. In 1955, I rejoiced while standing in the mud on the Homewood campus at the cornerstone laying for the administration building. But on this last day as I walked and looked around, I saw a beautiful world of academia. It was a place that had not only been a blessing to me, but to many generations before me. I was grateful to God for the opportunity to have been a part of it.

The streetcars left shortly after I did and were replaced with trolley buses. Even the streetcar tracks are gone. Except for a historical marker, one would never guess that a beautiful campus was ever there. But as long as some of us are around, Howard College in East Lake will live on. ■

A generation of commuting students rode electric streetcars like these to the Howard campus. Later, more modern trolleys came into use.



Courtesy Birmingham Public Library Archives.

Jan Term Around the World

Students Can't Ignore What Travel Lessons Teach

by Jean M. McLean

“**H**ow did you spend your Jan Term?” Samford students’ answers to that question are as varied as their interests.

January Term is traditionally an opportunity for experimentation, as students take month-long special-interest classes between semesters. Many opt to study abroad in one of Samford’s instructor-led programs. This year’s travel, from climbing Burma’s monkey-covered Buddhist shrines to navigating London’s Tube, again allowed students to gather once-in-a-lifetime memories, stretching them academically, socially, physically and spiritually. Whether seeking tree-sleeping snakes in a night Amazon expedition or eating octopus in Rome, each returned a changed individual, better able to answer God’s call on their lives.

Pausing above Peru’s 15th-century Incan ruin, Machu Picchu, are, from, left, biology professor Larry Davenport, and students Emily Cargile, Tyler Hartman and Jane Brock.





A scarlet macaw eyes Samford visitors.

“I firmly believe that a student cannot obtain a well-rounded education without studying abroad or experiencing another culture,” said junior Chris Carlson, who traveled with a class of 10 to Myanmar, Thailand and Singapore. Carlson also has studied for a semester in London as a Samford student and plans to spend next summer in Spain. “The opportunity to study abroad was highly influential in my decision to attend Samford.”

Numerous academic disciplines were offered during Jan Term 2007, from accounting to pharmacy. The opportunity to experience different cultures attracts students and satisfies academic requirements. Junior Annie Murphree said she enrolled in an economics course in Peru partly because she “had such a good experience with the study-abroad program in Spain two summers ago.” Senior D. J. Carter and junior Abie Firestone needed fine arts credits that a London course provided; they described their experiences as “incredible” and “amazing,” respectively.

As a bonus to enjoying a full schedule of art museums and theatre, Carter even came across the London premiere of the movie *Blood Diamond*, and met actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Connelly in the process.

Here is a sampling of January travel highlights.



A Yagua instructor teaches the finer points of aiming a blowgun to students, from left, Ben Jenkins, Andrew Ange, Andrew Shaffer, Tyler Hartman and Jane Brock.

Peru: Economics and Biology

Life in Peru seems deceptively simple. It is a country that offers not only jungles and misty Incan ruins to explore, but also a Third-World social and economic model to study. It's here that biologist Larry Davenport and economist Jeremy Thornton led separate trips to ask complex questions.

Thornton's seven-day Lima study merged economic theories with practice. When asked, “Why are people poor?” students returned home with few answers, appreciating the complexities of economic growth as never before. They assimilated Scripture with the realities of business start-ups in squatters' settlements. They studied the impact of proposed trade pacts and met those initiating creative ideas. They learned what relief work does more harm than good.

Thornton hopes some will apply their studies to social action, applying their skills to this interdisciplinary problem. Like physicians, they learned to move beyond their emotional empathy toward finding logic-based solutions that do more than alleviate symptoms.

“Dr. Thornton said that, in a way, he was doing us a great disservice . . . because we no longer could claim ignorance about the daily suffering of other people and poverty,” said Murphree.

“More courses should do such a disservice to students.”

Murphree said that she had felt “a sense of urgency to be able to understand and articulate a Christian response to poverty in the world.” Such a task is difficult, she said, but Thornton's class helped by showing how to merge academic study with Christian ethics.

Meanwhile, Davenport's students started their Amazon float at Iquitos, where all roads end. From piranha fishing to jungle hikes searching for birds, students learned how locals live off what the jungle provides and met those who reside in this remote region. Classes at the Amazon Center for Tropical Studies were followed by a second segment, visiting Peru's Highlands, where they dealt with cold and mist instead of steamy river environs.

“The majority of students come back realizing life can be quite simple,” said Davenport. Some are inspired to missions work, while others become devoted to helping the world's poor in other ways. The Amazon trip underscores the difference in lifestyles and “how much we Americans take for granted,” said sophomore Emily Cargile.

Whatever the destination or discipline, Samford's Peruvian studies are a life-changing experience.

Senior Grant Aucoin shows off a string of piranha caught by students in the Amazon.

Taking a break from their language classroom in Costa Rica are, from top, students Alyson Snow and Lindsay Harter, instructor Grace Quesada, and students Pamela Williams and Julia Smith. At right: Theatre chair Don Sandley explores a dungeon in England's Warwick Castle with students Isaac Baker, left, and Robbie Matteson.



Asia: A Judson-inspired Burmese Adventure

A leprosy hospital. Buddhist monks with begging bowls. Elephant camps. Pythons. Begging children.

Myanmar, still called Burma by democracy activists, is in many ways largely unchanged since Ann and Adoniram Judson pioneered missionary efforts in 1813. Dr. Rosemary Fisk, Samford associate dean of arts and sciences, and Bridget Rose, curator of Hodges Chapel, concentrated their students' January Asian tour in Burma, following a legacy of Christian missions in a country now difficult to enter for all but formal tour groups.

In addition to their study of Theravada Buddhism and the history of British colonialism, students took with them badly needed medical and sewing

supplies. Health profession majors saw where their future skills are desperately needed. A former Samford student now teaching English in Burma demonstrated opportunities for service there.

Carlson, who has traveled in Europe and done missions work in South America, said this trip "had the greatest impact on my life . . . We experienced a culture of compassion and poverty, faith and oppression." Traveling through Myanmar, Thailand and Singapore, "we were able to contrast a military dictatorship, a constitutional monarchy and the second freest market in the world. The differences were clearly apparent."

Those 10 life-changing days, which included worship at Judson Baptist Church, were followed by shorter tours in Thailand and Singapore, progressively returning students into the 21st century.

But it was the Burmese experience that was most riveting.

"They said, 'Don't forget us'—as if we could," reflected Fisk of their interaction with the Burmese faithful. She was more than pleased with what the students were able to experience and how it has already caused them to consider Asia as one career option.

"It's the best of what Jan Term should be," Fisk said.

Costa Rica: Family Unity and Language Study

In a dramatic departure from ordinary Costa Rican tourism, 25 students led by Samford world languages and cultures missions coordinator Linda Ables and former chair Myralyn Allgood were adopted by local families during Jan Term. They lived in small, basic houses, enjoying Costa Ricans' extraordinary hospitality. Some hosts even gave their only bedroom to their guests. For three weeks, these students eschewed U.S. materialism for something far more important: the value of family.



Visiting the Tower Bridge in London are, from left, business students Ben Branscomb, John Hall, Brydee Warner, Jason Farris, John Post, Cam Rogers, Paul McNeese (in cap), Taylor Hart and professor Bill Belski.



Fine arts class members, from left, Callie Aldridge, Laura Pearson, D. J. Carter, Maeci Martin and Taylor Wright enjoy a visit to London's Leicester Square. Right: Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament



Ed Ables, Linda's husband, accompanied the group, returning to Costa Rica for the first time since language study in 1969–70. The Ableses served as Southern Baptist missionaries in South America for 25 years. They now combine Linda's Samford work with ministry to Hispanics in north Alabama.

Peaceful and relatively prosperous, Costa Rica is the perfect setting for language immersion, Ables said. In addition to their cultural experiences, students received formal Costa Rican language instruction for almost six hours a day. On weekends, they explored the rain forests and beaches, observing monkeys, crocodiles and birds.

Some students returned newly interested in missions work. Others have redoubled their efforts to master Spanish. All have been touched, Ables said, by their immersion in the culture with their adopted families.

Italy: Traveling the Centuries

Another 25 students visited Rome in January, where their study of history, architecture and art was highlighted under St. Peter's Basilica, with its ongoing excavations in the cemetery where the disciple is thought to be buried. (*See separate story, page 14.*)

That experience seemed a center point of study spanning Roman paganism, early Christianity and modern-day Roman Catholicism. Dr. Shannon Flynt of Samford's classics department said students there gained a larger world view beyond their community, struck by both similarities and differences of life in both an ancient and modern European city.

From "adventurous eating" to navigating a traffic-snarled urban square, students—some of whom had never traveled outside the United States—gained new appreciation for life in an ancient capital. For many, it primed an

appreciation for cross-cultural study that will continue for many years to come.

London: The Samford Experience

From theatre to art, business to law, Samford students again enjoyed studies in London's language-friendly introduction to the world.

"London gives Samford students a chance to get out of the bubble and experience, and hopefully, engage another culture," said Dr. Mark Baggett, academic liaison to London programs. "It's a great departure point to the world."

Students are not the only ones who are inspired by the program. Instructors enjoy the one-to-one mentoring opportunities the London studies provide. "This is why I got into teaching," observed Dr. Bill Belski, business professor, of the idea-stretching experiences available to students.

Some were impressed by European life-work balance. Others, said theatre department chair Don Sandley, are surprised by British views of Americans. (They think us extraordinarily kind, Dr. Sandley said, though rather naïve.) Whatever the surprise, students are engaged by their encounters, from an English aversion to theatre violence to new friendships formed at pick-up soccer games.

"I think the students mature some," said Robin Snyder, interim art department chair. Many employ that newfound maturity after their studies by using London's budget-friendly flights to explore Europe or the United Kingdom before returning home.

No matter what the subject, study in London has become a Samford tradition—and one likely to last for a long time to come.

Mexico: A Christian physicist's perspective

Dr. Perry A. Tompkins, Samford physics department chair, wants to ignite more than a passion for science in his Christian students. He wants them also to consider how their faith offers unique vocational opportunities and responsibilities.

That's why Tompkins, backed by a Samford in Mission grant, took four physics students to Mexico's Autonomous University of Zacatecas, applying standard experiments to modern instrumentation techniques. For two weeks, students worked with their Mexican peers, using computers in an experimental setting.

The aim was more than academic or cultural. Tompkins' hopes were more than realized as students developed leadership skills, respect for their Mexican counterparts and realization of how doing something as simple as providing lunch could be a blessing. The ultimate aim? That these young scientists not only appreciate the United States' educationally rich resources, but decide to "answer God's call in a broader context than what they've anticipated," Tompkins said. "The whole purpose is a connection between God's call on their life and being a scientist."

Might one result be a missions platform for international scientists? One never knows. But this effort, which Tompkins hopes to repeat elsewhere, was a definite success, with students exploring both faith and vocation. ■

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ADVENTUROUS STUDENTS SEIZE THE DAY, ROMAN-STYLE

by Sean Flynt

January is one of the few months in which Samford students don't crowd the quad to study, lounge and play Frisbee. The weather is less than cooperative, for one thing. Also, some students study abroad during the academic term between fall and spring semesters. This year, as they do every Jan Term, Department of Classics faculty transported some of those students both geographically and chronologically. Professors Doug Clapp and Shannon Flynt spent two weeks in Italy helping 25 students understand the cultural influence of ancient Rome and the Italian Renaissance.

The students attended meetings in the fall before the trip, and completed essays, readings and research in preparation for the course. Once in Rome, they heard and presented lectures about all they were seeing, and walked miles each day through streets, museums and ruins, up and down Rome's famous hills, through thousands of years of human culture (in surprisingly mild weather, fortunately).

Even the group's lodgings spoke of Rome's past. The *Albergo del Sole*, thought to be the city's oldest hotel, is situated atop the ruins of the ancient Theater of Pompey and adjacent to the famous Campo de' Fiori. The students took their breakfast of cappuccino and fresh pastries at the café between the landmarks, practicing their Italian with staff who know Samford from years of acquaintance with its young ambassadors.

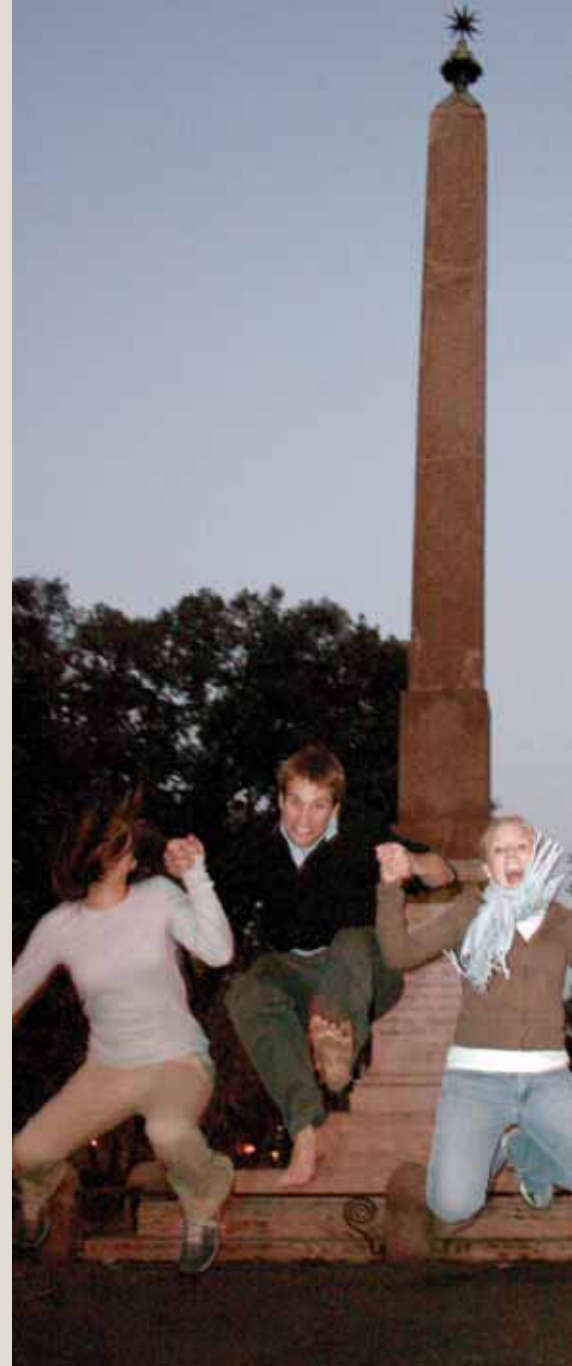
Of Obelisks and Tripe

This was Katherine Norton's second trip with the Department of Classics. "I traveled to Greece the previous January, studying Greek history, and felt like I could not pass up the chance to travel to Rome for Roman history," the senior classics major said. She wasn't disappointed. "I may get to return to Rome again some day, but not with these people," she said. "It was a great group and made for a fabulous experience."

Norton said the independent travel scheduled for the last days of the course was especially meaningful to her and the three other students with whom she traveled. "The four of us learned to rely upon each other, and to trust each other to such an extent that we now have a friendship and respect for each other that we did not necessarily have before our trip," she said.

Other popular course activities included a frantic evening "obelisk hunt" to find the massive trophies of Rome's conquest of Egypt, and a specially

[Sheri Thomas blends in during the Department of Classics Jan Term course in Italy.](#)



Students, from left, Sarah McMillon, John Lambuth, Kathryn Hern, Justin Burkhead and Candis Garner celebrate a find during the obelisk hunt.



Photo by Kara Graves

arranged tour of the ancient necropolis beneath St. Peter's Cathedral. The necropolis tour allowed students to walk the intact streets of the Roman cemetery and gaze into house-sized tombs almost as neat and undamaged as when they were built in the first centuries C.E.

Then there was the food—street food and upscale fare, as familiar as pizza and exotic as octopus. Nutella, the ubiquitous chocolate hazelnut spread, inspired poetry in one student. Another consumed not one bowl of tripe, which is more than polite, but two bowls—a feat suggesting perfect gastronomic assimilation.

Photo by Sarah McMillon

The entire group united around gelato, indulging in the rich Italian ice cream at least once per day. By long tradition, Giolitti's was the preferred gelateria.

"I have heard Doug Clapp rave over Giolitti's gelato since the beginning of my sophomore year when I became a classics major," Norton said before reciting Clapp's ritual first-night instructions. "You stand in front of the Pantheon, extend both arms straight out in front of you, drop the left one, follow your right arm past the McDonald's and take a right."

Homecoming

The students were free to explore Italy on their own in the last days of the course, and most went as far and as fast as they reasonably could go (farther and faster in some cases). Their relief to be "home" upon returning to Rome was an expression of their confidence and ease in the city, but at least one student claimed a more literal homecoming.

International relations major Sophia Martorana achieved two lifelong goals on the trip—attending Mass at the Vatican and visiting Palermo, Sicily, the city of her family's origin and home to a very special church. "I grew up hearing about the Chiesa della Martorana," she said. "I saw pictures, heard stories, but never fully had the opportunity to see it."

Clapp said such trips help students become more independent, both when they travel and when they return. "It's good to see students take charge of their travel experience—how to find food, how to spend time, which helps them take charge of their academic experience," he said.

Reassembled at the Albergo del Sole after their various excursions, the students sat down to a final banquet featuring tongue-in-cheek awards for dubious travel achievements. Then most rested for a few hours before a 4 a.m. trip to the airport through streets suddenly empty, wet and cold.



Photo by Sarah McMillon

The sun sets over Rome.

Roman Sunset

This year's Italy course cost each student approximately \$5,300, not including expenses for additional travel in the country. The students seemed to consider it a bargain, given two weeks of expert-guided travel and education in one of the cultural capitals of the western world. Although some students had little difficulty raising the cash, others struggled. Travel scholarships donated by alumni and other friends help defray costs for only one or two students for each of the Greece or Italy courses.

Clapp said offering the courses in January, when airfares and hotel prices are lowest, takes some of the edge off rising costs. He noted that airfare for the January 2007 trip was \$800 per person, while airfare in May of the same year would be \$1,200. Hotel rates also rise during the late spring and summer, when tourists pack every venue, obscuring art and architecture that can

be viewed at length and in detail in the less popular winter months.

The classics department plans to offer its Greece course in January 2008, but Shannon Flynt couldn't say if the department will offer the Italy course the following year.

"We can't say for sure, because we don't know if there will be a Jan Term 2009," said Flynt, referring to the possible elimination of Jan Term in favor of a May Term in academic restructuring currently under consideration. "I imagine that all our future trips will be affected by any changes to the academic calendar."

Whatever the future holds for Jan Term, Samford's quad was quiet in January 2007. The university had exported the action to the Circus Maximus, where a Samford Frisbee free-for-all wound down under a Roman sunset. ■

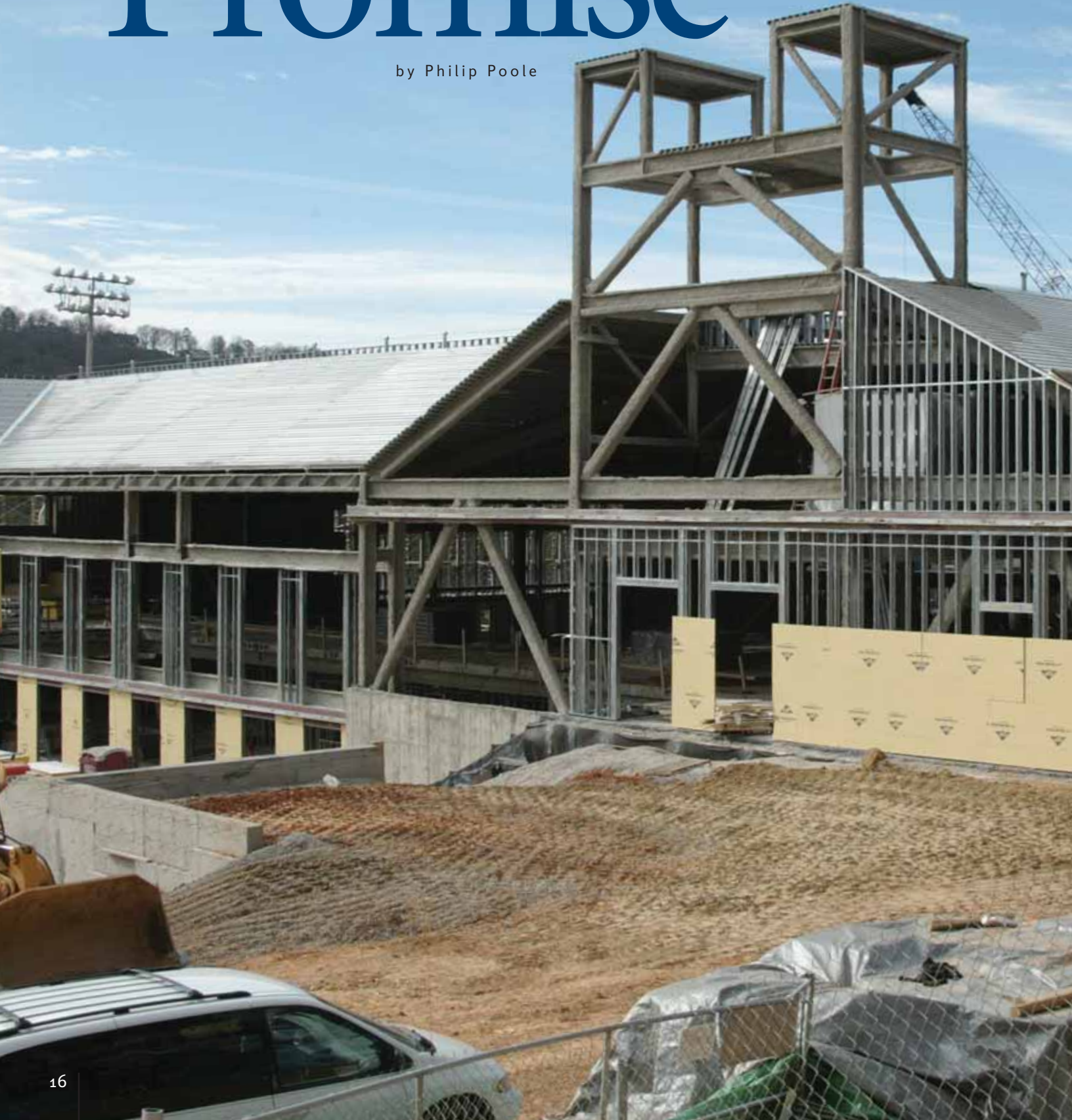
Photo by Kara Graves



Sheri Thomas examines the remains of a colossal statue.

Meeting the • Promise

by Philip Poole



Pete Hanna Center is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2007.

Progress Continues on More than \$200 Million in Additions, Scholarships

Jackhammers. Bulldozers. Dump trucks. Dust. Closed walkways, driveways and parking lots. Cranes. Detours. Construction workers. All have been standard operating procedure on the Samford University campus for three years as projects in “The Promise for All Generations” take shape. Approved by the board of trustees in 2003 and publicly launched in early 2004, the multiyear campus improvement plan has dramatically changed the Samford skyline as it nears completion.

New buildings are in use or under construction. A campus-wide upgrade of aging ventilation systems is nearing completion. Parking has been and is being added. Those are the visible projects.

Not as apparent is what the university has invested in scholarship and academic programs in the last four years.

The Promise is a list of sweeping initiatives led by then-President Thomas E. Corts as a framework for securing the physical and financial success of the university. In addition to physical facilities, the initiatives included increased endowment and enhanced academic

programs. These initiatives required more than \$200 million.

“What we hope to achieve cannot be accomplished in weeks or even a few years,” Corts said in announcing the initiatives at a university convocation in January 2004. “It has taken many generations for Samford to become a thriving, strong, private university. We cannot allow it to slip in our time.”

Even in the midst of a presidential transition, the Promise has achieved success unparalleled since the university moved its campus in the mid-1950s.

When Corts’ retirement was announced in April 2005, trustees approved ambitious plans for the next two years. Although the campaign has been very successful, additional funding is needed to complete some of the Promise-related projects, including a new arena and special events center currently under construction, according to Michael D. Morgan, Samford’s vice president for university relations.

“We are grateful for what has been achieved, but we cannot yet claim victory,” Morgan said. “Because some of the gifts have been designated for specific projects, we have not yet completed funding for all the projects, including Hanna Center.”

The successful fund-raising demonstrates the university’s historic and treasured stature with alumni and in the community, Morgan added.

Since becoming president in June 2006, Andrew Westmoreland has embraced the initiatives of the Promise and has made fund-raising a high priority for the university, with special emphasis on ensuring the funding for projects already underway.

“The university community has been blessed by the extraordinary generosity of many people in supporting these important initiatives,” said Westmoreland. “Many alumni and friends have demonstrated their commitment to Samford by making lifetime, transformational gifts and pledges.”





Samford opened its new tennis center in February.

Scholarships and Academic Programs

Since the 2003–04 academic year, Samford has funded \$41,176,199 in scholarships. As of Jan. 31, 2007, more than \$10 million has been raised from gifts to annual and endowed scholarships.

“Additional scholarship funding is critical to Samford’s future,” Morgan said. “To help make the experience of Christian higher education more accessible and to support deserving students, Samford must be able to provide scholarships that will compete with the rising costs of education.”

In addition to scholarships, Samford is committed to funding academic chairs and lectureships that will enhance the quality of teaching and learning. To date, about \$2 million has been pledged and given for these projects. Among these significant new efforts are the Ethel P. Malugen Chair of Law, *The Washington Post* Timothy Sumner Robinson Speakers Forum, the Marie NeSmith Fowler Lectures and the Funderburg Lectures.

Hanna Center

The largest project in the Promise is Pete Hanna Center, scheduled to open in fall 2007. The 132,000-square-foot facility will include a 5,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball that can be expanded to 6,000 seats for commencement and other special events. The facility also will include offices, locker rooms, training space and other facilities for the athletics department, and a fitness/wellness center for the university community.

Hanna Center is the largest single construction project in university history. The estimated cost is \$32 million.

The facility is named for Birmingham businessman Pete Hanna, who was a Samford student in the late



1950s and now serves on the university’s board of trustees.

Russell and Ingalls Halls

The first projects completed as part of the Promise were renovations to Russell and Ingalls Halls to house McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and the mathematics and computer science department. Renovations were completed in fall 2003 at a cost of about \$5 million.

Brock Hall

Jane Hollock Brock Hall opened in fall 2006 and provides more than 32,000-square feet of new space for the university’s growing instrumental music program. The centerpiece is a 300-seat, state-of-the-art recital hall. Completed at a cost of \$8.9 million, the building also includes studios, rehearsal halls and storage space.

A gift from Birmingham residents Harry and Jane Brock provided significant funding for the project. Harry Brock is retired chief executive officer of Compass Bank and a member of Samford’s board of trustees.

Additional gifts provided for the naming of the Jenna and Joseph Casese Rehearsal Suite, the Virginia and Enos Cuthrell Instrumental Teaching Center, and the Ruhama Baptist Church Legacy Fund Instrumental Practice Center.

Swearingen Hall

A generous contribution from Samford alumna Bonnie Bolding Swearingen made possible renovations to Samford theatre department facilities. Refurbishment of what is now named Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall was completed in fall 2006 at a cost of approximately \$1 million.

Refurbished facilities include the existing Harrison Theatre, classrooms, workshop spaces, dressing rooms and the former music recital hall, which was named Bolding Studio in honor of Swearingen’s family.

Samford Tennis Center

Construction of Hanna Center necessitated the relocation of Samford’s tennis courts. A new tennis center was completed on the west side of campus at a cost of \$3 million. It includes the Pat Murphy Courington Tennis Pavilion and the Darwin C. Hardison Courts. Also included in the project were parking, lighting and additional infrastructure improvements.

A gift from 1946 alumnus Courington made possible the indoor facility, which includes three courts, offices, locker rooms and storage. The six outdoor Hardison Courts, honoring a 1952 Samford alumnus, replace the previous Hardison Courts where the new arena is being constructed.

Parking

Parking is a primary project in the Promise, according to Don M. Mott, vice president for facilities. A new lot south of Seibert Stadium opened early in 2006 and provided 320 new spaces. Some spaces in this lot replaced a parking lot lost to construction of Hanna Center.

In January, work began on a 600-space, multilevel parking deck on the north side of campus across from Mamie Mell Smith and Lena Vail Davis residence halls. The new deck is expected to cost approximately \$10 million and should be completed by the fall 2007 semester.

Additional parking will be part of future campus expansion, as needed, Mott noted.

Additional Infrastructure

Three boiler plants were expanded or added to handle campus renovation and expansion. The university’s existing heating/ventilation/air-conditioning system is almost 50 years old and was in need of major overhaul, Mott said. Included was significant refurbishment in Memory Leake Robinson Hall, which houses Samford’s Cumberland School of Law.

Moody's Rates Samford Strong

As Samford University prepared to issue up to \$55 million in bonds for campus projects, Moody's Investor Services affirmed a strong credit rating for the university.

The first sale of bonds was in early February with a subsequent issue in late February. The bonds will be used to fund a variety of projects at Samford.

Credit ratings and research help potential investors analyze credit risks for securities, and Moody's is one of the largest and most respected services, according to Joseph W. Mathews, Samford's vice president for business affairs.

Moody's confirmed an A2 rating for Samford with a "stable outlook." According to Moody's.com, "issuers or issues rated 'A' present above-average creditworthiness related to other . . . tax-exempt issuers or issues."

In addition to the high credit rating, Samford received a rating of Aaa, the highest possible, for the purchase of bond insurance.

"The rating agency's confirmation of Samford's A2 underlying rating, the purchase of bond insurance at very attractive pricing and investors' positive reception to the [first] sale all are a compliment to the university's sound financial position, market position and leadership," Mathews said. ■

support needed to complete the necessary capital costs of \$85 million for phase one, the university's board of trustees approved plans for issuing tax-exempt bonds to cover remaining costs.

The university had been working on project financing options for several months, according to Joseph W. Mathews Jr., vice president for business affairs. By issuing the bonds at low interest rates, the university does not have to use undesignated endowment or cash reserves that will return substantially higher yields.

As part of the bond process, Moody's Investors Service confirmed the university's strong credit rating, Mathews noted. (See separate story, right.)

This is not the first time the university has used a bond issue for construction. Bonds were used to cover construction costs for the first residence halls on the current campus in the 1950s, the Leslie Stephen Wright Fine Arts Center in the early 1970s, and more recently, for the Sciencenter completed in 2001.

The Future

The Promise campaign should successfully meet goals later this year, Morgan said. The university is in the midst of a strategic planning process that will set the stage for future phases of expansion and fund-raising. These plans will be announced in 2008. ■

To follow the Promise, go to www.samford.edu/promise/ and www.samfordsports.com. To support the Promise, go to www.samford.edu and click on "Give to Samford."

Replacement of control systems continues across campus, with several buildings already complete. Energy-efficient lighting is being added in several buildings, Mott said.

The total cost of these new projects is about \$21 million.

A synthetic turf was installed at Seibert Stadium for the 2006 football season. Costing approximately \$1 million, the turf allowed teams to practice in the stadium. The former practice site was used for the new tennis center. The stadium project also included new fencing and landscaping.

In the last three years, the university also provided new and upgraded furnishings and minor renovations in several residence facilities.

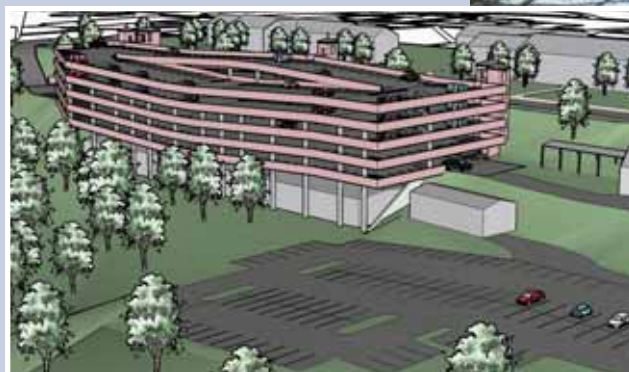
Project Funding

Through January, gifts and pledges to various projects included more than \$29.4 million for Hanna Center, about \$8.3 million for construction of Brock Hall, more than \$12 million for scholarships and other academic programs, about \$1 million for the new tennis center, and \$1 million for refurbishment of Swearingen Hall.

Some pledges are being paid in three- to five-year schedules, but fund-raising for the Promise will wind down in 2007, Morgan noted. A recent direct-mail campaign completed fund-raising related to Brock Hall. The university also is planning a fund-raising campaign in 2007 related to Hanna Center.

"We have a significant portion of the funding pledged or given, but we still need to raise an additional \$3 million for the facility. That will be the focus of our fund-raising initiatives for Hanna Center this year," Morgan said.

In addition to philanthropic



Construction of a new 600-car parking deck across from Vail and Smith halls will be completed in the fall 2007. Above: architectural rendering of the completed project.



CALENDAR OF events

For details or the complete Samford University calendar, go to www.samford.edu/calendar/html.

- April 3** **School of Business Dean's Leadership Series:** Andrew Westmoreland, 1 p.m., Brock Forum
- University Chorale** concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 4–30** **Annual Faculty Art Show,** 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Samford Art Gallery, (205) 726-2508
- April 5** **Holy Week Service** featuring Lowell Vann, professor of art, and the Bells of Buchanan, 10 a.m., Reid Chapel
- Samford International Club** sponsors a drum circle for Celebration of Cultures Week, 12–3 p.m., University Quadrangle
- Birmingham Art Music Alliance [BAMA]**—sponsored recital: Craig Hultgren and Kathryn Fouse, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 9** **Easter Monday** holiday, university closed
- April 10** **Beeson Divinity School**—sponsored worship service featuring Father Benefit Groeschel, CFR, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, 11 a.m., Hodges Chapel
- April 10–12** **Birmingham Chamber of Commerce** workshop, Flag Colonnade, hosted by Samford School of Business, (205) 726-2364
- April 12** **Session of the Alabama Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals,** 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- The Washington Post*
Timothy Sumner Robinson Speakers Forum: Len Downie, executive editor, *The Washington Post*, 7 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 13** **McWhorter School of Pharmacy Health Care Ethics and Law Institute,** 8 a.m., Brock Forum, (205) 726-2820
- Guest Artist Recital:** Thomas Rosenkranz, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 14** **Alabama Music Teachers Association** auditions (205) 726-2810
- April 17** **Faculty Recital:** Brad Sargent, trumpet; Ann Sargent, clarinet; Kathryn Fouse, piano; 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 17–19** **18th Annual Biblical Studies Lectures:** Darrell Bock, Dallas Theological Seminary, 11 a.m., Hodges Chapel, (205) 726-2991
- April 19** **Earth Day** at Samford
- Convocation** featuring singer/songwriter Derek Webb, 10 a.m., Reid Chapel
- School of Business Dean's Leadership Series:** Jane Siebels, CEO, Green Cay Asset Management, 1 p.m., Brock Forum
- April 19–22** **Samford Theatre** presents *Company*, Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartsticket.com, (205) 726-2853
- April 21** **Old Howard 100 Bike Ride,** www.samford.edu/groups/oldhoward100, (205) 726-2771
- Alabama Environmental Education Consortium** spring conference, keynote speaker: E. O. Wilson, cohosted by Samford's Vulcan Materials Center, (205) 726-4246
- Advancement Day,** Vulcan District of Boy Scouts
- April 21–22** **Alabama Ballet** presents *Stars & Stripes*, 8 p.m. Wright Center Concert Hall, www.alabamaballet.org
- April 24** **Birmingham Area Debate League,** 3:30–5 p.m., (205) 726-2695
- Percussion Ensemble** concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- April 25–28** **Spring Fling** sponsored by Student Activities Council
- April 26** **Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band** concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Perspectives on Latin America Colloquium:** Issues of Indigenous Peoples, sponsored by World Languages and Cultures Department, 7 p.m., Brock Forum, (205) 726-2747
- April 28** **The Howard Showcase,** sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma, 7:30 p.m., Reid Chapel
- May 2** **Samford Auxiliary Spring Luncheon, Speaker:** Dorothy Bush Koch, author of *My Father, My President*, 11:30 a.m., Cahaba Grand Conference Center, reservations required, (205) 726-2807

- May 3** School of Business Dean's Leadership Series: Tim Taylor, author, *Launch Fever*, 1 p.m., Brock Forum
- May 3–6** Samford Theatre Dance Showcase, Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com, (205) 726-2853
- May 5** Percussion Ensemble festival, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Jane Hollock Brock Hall, (205) 726-2488
- May 5** Law and Civic Education Project Citizen Showcase, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., Brooks Hall, (205) 726-2433
- May 5** Law and Civic School Violence Prevention Demonstration, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., (205) 726-2433
- May 5** Alabama Genealogical Society annual spring meeting, 9 a.m., Brock Forum, (205) 726-4103
- May 7–18** Graduating Senior Art Show, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Samford Art Gallery, (205) 726-2508
- May 8** Combined Choirs and Orchestra Spring concert, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- May 14** Spring Semester classes end
- May 16–22** Spring Semester final exams
- May 19** NurCE Continuing Education Program, hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, 7 a.m.–5 p.m., Center for the Healing Arts, (205) 726-2626
- May 19** Beeson Divinity School Extension Division Recognition Service, 10 a.m., Hodges Chapel, (205) 726-2338
- May 25** Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 1 p.m., Hodges Chapel, (205) 726-2707
- May 26** Commencement, 10 a.m., Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
- May 26** Baccalaureate, 5 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- May 26** AFROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 3 p.m., Reid Chapel, (205) 726-2859
- May 28** Memorial Day holiday, university closed
- June 2–9** Miss Alabama pageant, Wright Center Concert Hall, www.missalabama.com
- June 4** First Summer Term classes begin
- June 4–15** Orff Schulwerk Workshop, hosted by School of Performing Arts, (205) 726-2651
- June 7–8** New Student Orientation Session 1, (205) 726-2216
- June 9** Father/Son Basketball Camp, (205) 726-2920
- June 10–15** Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Annual Meeting, www.samford.edu/schools/ighr, (205) 726-2886
- June 10–22** Alabama Governor's School at Samford, www.samford.edu/ags, (205) 726-2033
- June 11–12** New Student Orientation Session 2, (205) 726-2216
- June 12–13** Howard College/Earl Gartman Reunion, (205) 726-2337
- June 16** Father/Daughter Basketball Camp, (205) 726-4072
- June 18–19** New Student Orientation Session 3, (205) 726-2216
- June 18–22** Adventures in Music Camp, (205) 726-2810
- June 21–22** New Student Orientation Session 4, (205) 726-2216
- June 23** NurCE Continuing Education Program, hosted by Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, 7 a.m.–5 p.m., Center for the Healing Arts, (205) 726-2626
- June 24–July 7** Samford Forensics Summer Institute, (205) 726-2049

For schedules and information on Samford athletics, go to www.samfordsports.com.

For a listing of Samford After Sundown classes, go to www.samford.edu/sundown.

Information was compiled from the university calendar as of Feb. 28, 2007. Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please go to www.samford.edu for updated information.



DUDES-A-PL

'Monsters' Take Step Sing



PLENTY Sweepstakes



ZETA TAU ALPHA



INDEPENDENT LADIES



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For the third consecutive year, an independent group took home top honors in Samford University's annual Step Sing Feb. 17. The 57th annual student-produced musical variety show played to three consecutive sellout performances.

Dudes-a-Plenty took the sweepstakes award for the second time in three years with their show, "Monsters." The group was first runner-up last year. As stated in their introduction, the group of men was organized several years ago "for the sole purpose of participating in Step Sing." Although some of the participants are members of Greek organizations on campus, most are independent.

Zeta Tau Alpha women's sorority took first runner-up honors after finishing as second runner-up a year ago. Last year's sweepstakes winner, Independent Ladies, took second runner-up.

Audience members voted on favorites the first two nights, with audience choice awards also announced on the final night. Dudes-a-Plenty took audience favorite awards for best overall and best music. Zeta Tau Alpha won the award for best choreography, while men's fraternity Sigma Chi won for best costumes.

Twelve groups participated in this year's Step Sing. The theme of the production was "Red Carpet."

Alpha Omicron Pi women's sorority was recognized for best philanthropic support. Following a decades-old Step Sing tradition, organizations raised funds and gathered supplies for a local charity as part of their Step Sing participation. This year's charity was Birmingham AIDS Outreach. ■

'Their needs are greater'

by Mary Wimberley



Graduate Helps Deaf Children Communicate

Suzanne Mattox '06 has known since childhood that she wanted to be a teacher. "I played 'school' with my baby sister," recalled Mattox, who would set up her little chalkboard stand in her bedroom.

Even before those early teaching moments, the future teacher also knew she was deaf. "I was diagnosed with profound deafness when I was 15 months old," said Mattox, who was born with profound bilateral sensorineural hearing loss.

In December, she became the first deaf student to complete Samford's teacher education program when she received her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, during commencement exercises. An interpreter for the deaf was nearby, as was true during all Mattox's classroom work, student teaching and extracurricular activities for four years.

Mattox, who reads lips, speaks and uses American Sign Language, is already fully immersed in her career as a teacher for the deaf at the Preschool for the Sensory Impaired in Mobile, Ala.

Although her off-campus classroom experiences showed her that she could be successful teaching hearing as well as deaf students, she is happy that she can pursue her desire to teach the deaf.

"I ended up enjoying teaching hearing kids at a variety of schools around Birmingham," said Mattox. "The students were patient with me and enjoyed having a deaf teacher in their classrooms for the first time."

A graduate of Shades Valley High School, she did her student teaching with hearing fourth graders at EPIC School in Birmingham and in a resource classroom with the deaf at Thompson Middle School in Alabaster, Ala.

"Many hearing kids came up to me and told me that I was an inspiration to them," she said. "Although I loved the regular classroom along with all the students who were very enthusiastic about learning sign language, I found myself wanting to be a teacher for the deaf because there are greater needs for them."

In her new classroom, she hopes to instill a passion for knowledge in her students.

"I don't want them to be labeled as 'impaired' because of their deafness," said Mattox. "They have the potential to learn anything just like their hearing peers."

Just weeks into her new job, she is grateful for her Samford training—and the class journals and notebooks she took with her to Mobile.

"Every time I face a situation at my work, I remember what my professors taught me," she said, describing how she was able to identify several symptoms of delayed development in a student.

Some of her new teaching colleagues are unfamiliar with that special need, she said. "They all ask me a lot about it since I still have a notebook on this issue." She frequently refers to written assignments she completed for

her professors. "They are still useful."

Another of her students who has spina bifida is learning to walk using braces. She learned about students with special needs in Professor David Finn's special education



courses. “I’m so thankful that Dr. Finn taught us so much about all kinds of special needs,” she said. “I didn’t realize how much I needed to know them until I showed up in my classroom.”

Her observations at a variety of Birmingham school settings not only showed Mattox how to create her own classroom structure and schedule, which she has found very useful, but also instilled a desire to show parents how to communicate better with their deaf children.

“Sadly, there are a very few parents who know how to communicate with their deaf children in today’s society,” she said. “I’m very blessed to have my parents [Laura and Jay Mattox], who know how to communicate with me through sign language even though I can read lips and speak well.”

Mattox always lived on campus with hearing roommates. “Most of them picked up sign language quickly,” she said of her residence hall mates. “We remain close friends.”

A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and several academic honor societies, she participated in University Ministries–sponsored summer mission trips to the Czech Republic in 2003 and Uruguay in 2004. Her community service has included tutoring, serving the homeless and assisting with a Hurricane Katrina clean-up trip to Mississippi. She studied at Samford’s London Study Centre twice, once for a semester in

2004 and again in January 2006. Two days after December commencement, Mattox left on a three-week mission trip to West Africa, where she spent her first Christmas away from family.

During her Samford years, a favorite activity was being a part of the LEAD program, an opportunity that came along with being a Presidential Scholar, a competitive scholarship awarded to select freshmen. “It taught me the value of leadership through many activities with other peers,” said Mattox, who maintained a 3.7 grade point average out of 4.0.

Mattox’s abilities and attitude impressed the Samford education faculty, including Dr. Carol Dean, chair of Samford’s teacher education program.

“For Suzanne to go into a regular classroom and teach so well is

remarkable,” said Dr. Dean. “It took a great deal of courage, determination and self-confidence.” She added that, because of Mattox’s winning personality, “You saw a lot more students learning sign language, because they wanted to be able to communicate with her.”

Mattox says nobody knows why she was born deaf. “My family and I believe that is a part of God’s plan. He made no mistake in making me deaf.” ■

Suzanne Mattox says her students at the Preschool for the Sensory Impaired in Mobile, Ala., “have the potential to learn anything just like their hearing peers.”



by Jean M. McLean

A surprising poet

Bryan Johnson named as Walt Whitman Award finalist



It was no surprise to the English faculty when one of its own received a prestigious honor earlier this year. They've long considered Dr. Bryan Johnson a talented poet headed for national acclaim.

However, others outside the creative writing realm might be surprised that this family man and students' favorite professor would be one of the 26 finalists from more than 1,000 entries in competition for the renowned Walt Whitman Award offered by the Academy of American Poets.

After all, Johnson doesn't fit any of the poet stereotypes. He actually shatters them. Dr. Nancy Whitt, department chair, laughed that most people imagine poets as ivory-tower muses or coffeehouse idlers clad in black. Instead, Johnson is known as an extraordinarily disciplined writer and teacher whose interests range from theatre to critical thinking.

"He's a renaissance man," said Whitt. "He's skilled in everything."

With his feet firmly planted in reality, Johnson crafted *See*, the richly concise title of the book that earned him his finalist place. The book is based on his interest and experience in film criticism. It is an extension of his academic study on how to view film in new ways.

Johnson's work, classified as ekphrastic poetry, is based on academic research rather than romantic thought. Although reminiscent of Emily Dickinson's form of philosophical verse, ekphrastic poetry has been revived and redesigned within the past 25 years. It is still not a dominant form of the art, but is gaining in popularity. In an ironic twist to the namesake award, ekphrastic expression is the opposite of Walt Whitman's lyrical,

Bryan Johnson's poetry is based on historical and philosophical thought.

personal tradition, but instead is fueled by historical and philosophical thought.

Perhaps the relatively new revival of this art form is the reason that Johnson never wrote poetry until he was in graduate school. He took a course in fiction writing at Mississippi State and was told by a professor that his prose was actually poetry. The professor encouraged him to explore the craft.

Johnson did, and wound up getting his Ph.D. in creative writing from the University of Denver, home of the oldest creative writing school in the nation. His works since have been published in the *Denver Quarterly*, *New American Writing*, *American Letters & Commentary*, *Western Humanities Review* and the *Paris Review*, among others.

The Walt Whitman finalist honor opens new possibilities for this professor-poet. If chosen as the winner in May, Johnson will enjoy a first-book publication by Louisiana State University, a cash prize and a one-month residency at Vermont Studio Center, the largest artists' and writers' residency program in the United States.

The Whitman award was established in 1975 to encourage the work of emerging American poets who have never had a book published. Publishing that first book, said Dr. Julie Gustafson, associate professor of English and a poet herself, is a large hurdle. Those who overcome that barrier typically find that other books are quickly accepted, with opportunities to do readings on a national scale.

Gustafson said that regardless of the final outcome, the national recognition from the nomination is an honor in itself.

"It's just a privilege to be working with Dr. Johnson," she said. She cited what she called his "unique situation," as he juggles his highly acclaimed teaching and sponsorships of the Film Club and English Honor Society with his artistic calling.

Both Gustafson and Whitt said the faculty is pleased that a colleague has received recognition in a realm that rarely receives its due public attention. "It's such a prestigious award," said Whitt. "It's an affirmation from the best of his peers."

Whitt said that affirmation follows the consistent compliments she reads as she reviews students' evaluations of Johnson's instruction. Students find their minds opening to new avenues of thought, and praise Johnson's ability to

explain both writing and film in ways they can understand. His insight is so valued that Whitt asks him to do the sonnet unit in her Shakespeare class.

"He really can do anything in literature," Whitt said.

Johnson said he wouldn't go that far. But he is gratified at the recognition his work has received and is now turning his attention to research on *The Archaeology of Knowledge* by Michel Foucault. He said that work will be a touchstone for his next book of poetry, which he expects to be finished in about three years.

In the meantime, he hopes more students will begin reading ekphrastic poetry, opening further study beyond

the personal poetry that has dominated since the 18th century.

Although his poetry is immersed in academic study, it also immerses Johnson into "an absolute spiritual space. It's a spiritual occurrence," he said, that rivets his focus quite absolutely.

Johnson's Samford colleagues and other poets also are finding their focus riveted on his work. They are expecting more surprises for and from this author, now enjoying his deserved national acclaim. ■

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A Sample of Johnson's Work

Lumière's Workers Leaving the Lumière Factory (1895)

Home is helped into view a cluster
of first reel iconographic
ships, much sunnier rays—
But the language of sequence tearing
exhausted facets on an earnest neck.
In the far window the season is harnessed
misgiving in dirty hands. Nature
caught in the act
of leaving, the wrinkle important
for the sake of movement.

It was excitement for slender gamble
and hooligan nostalgia, the old
nostalgia's railway station caught
in the act. The juggler's prospectus
to working out tensions. But the language of artless
sequence is silent for crape and ciphered
sacrifice however anguished the syllables dissemble.

Workers are leaving
the factories.

Workers are leaving the factories.

Incidental light is incidental.
Light on their breasts and large hats
for the shapes of central suffering.

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From Archivist to Activist

by Jack Brymer

Preserving Plantation Homes More than Financial Investment

Choosing history as a major came easy for Nancy Lipham when she enrolled at Samford in 1972. Her late parents enjoyed living in a rural setting and had settled in Calhoun County, Ala., between Oxford and DeArmanville, where Lipham grew up.

Plus, her mother loved old houses and antique furniture, which she restored. Often, mother and daughter would travel the countryside to view old homes and acquire antiques. “I think more than anyone else, my mother encouraged my love of the past and how the past shapes who we are,” Lipham said.

Certainly, the love of history has shaped Lipham’s life. She started out as an archivist but has become an activist in preserving history by purchasing and maintaining two formerly working plantation homes: Johnston House in Choccolocco, Ala., and Oak Island Plantation on Edisto Island in South Carolina.

“I loved the history department,” Lipham noted recently in an interview about her years at Samford. In fact, she worked in the department while doing class work for her degree, including a master’s; however, she never wrote her thesis. Her favorite area was late 19th-century intellectual history.

Seriously considering archival work as a profession, Lipham was working at the Samford Library Special Collection Department when she developed severe



Nancy Lipham '76 is devoted to preserving historical properties such as her Edisto Island, S.C., home.

allergies. A medical specialist advised her that it was dust and that she had to get away from it, which ended her archivist enthusiasm.

Fortunately, Lipham had been an outstanding student at Oxford High School. In addition to her interests in sports, politics and history, she scored high in mathematics and was salutatorian of her graduating class. Mathematics, in the form of financial management, became not only her vocation, but also the means whereby her love of history would be rekindled.

Shortly after graduating from Samford in 1976, Lipham learned that the financial giant, Merrill Lynch, was opening an office in Anniston, Ala., near her home. She applied and was hired, which was the beginning of a successful financial career. Currently, she is senior vice president—investments with

Wachovia Securities in Anniston.

“My financial career has been a great challenge and extremely rewarding,” she said. “It is a tremendous feeling to be a part of a client’s life.”

When asked if her love for history had abated in recent years, Lipham responded, “Heavens, no!” An avid sports enthusiast, she has traveled extensively to China, Russia, South America and Europe, particularly Scotland, where she always makes time to travel the countryside and visit historic venues.

In January 1999, Lipham said she needed a fresh start and a new challenge. That turned out to be the Johnston House, a former working plantation in Choccolocco, where she resides.

William Johnston, a native of Kentucky, built the house in late 1836. On January 17, 1823, he married 14-year-old Elizabeth Ann Terrell in





None of the furnishings in the house is original. But unlike many plantation homes, Oak Island remained in the same family until recently. Parker E. Connor, Jr., and his wife were the fifth and last generation of Seabrook descendants to live in the home. After a distinguished U.S. military career, Connor retired, moved into his ancestral home and restored it. “It is now owned by Nancy Lipham, who treats the property with the same respect one might expect were it still in family hands,” reports an updated version of *A Brief History of Edisto* (p. 41).

Guardianship, more than ownership, has become Lipham’s primary concern for plantation homes, particularly Oak Island. Faced with entrepreneurs who would turn the place into another Hilton Head resort for financial gain, Lipham finds herself in a struggle to preserve rather than defame the property. “I am now working to save a community of families who have lived there for generations, including descendants of the original slaves, not to make money,” said Lipham.

“Preserving the ecology and environment and fighting to keep property taxes to a minimum so that the people will not have to sell and move away is a continual struggle,” she said. “The wealth of Edisto Island is not in the property but in its history, its people. Once that is destroyed, it is gone forever.”

Acknowledging that owning and preserving these historical places are monumental challenges, Lipham said, “I have received such incredible blessings and a degree of happiness I didn’t know was possible.”

Still actively supporting her alma mater, Lipham is a member of the Heritage Society, a charter member of the Professional Advisors Council and a member of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.

“Samford has helped me become who I am,” she said. “My years there reinforced my love of the past and helped me develop personality traits that have allowed me to be successful in the financial planning field. Through this success, I have been able to indulge my passion for the past through owning two wonderful historic homes. I would never have believed I would be so blessed.” ■

Lawrence County, Tenn., before settling in what was then Benton County, Ala. This union produced eight children, all of whom are buried in the family cemetery behind the house.

Johnston was considered influential and highly regarded in Benton County. He was often asked to execute estates, appraise property destroyed by fire and witness legal documents. According to the Slave Schedule of 1850, the Johnston family owned 26 slaves.

The house was owned for many years by Oliver Cooper and then later by his children. Most of the land was sold, and the house was rented for many years. Then it stood empty for a lengthy period before Lipham purchased it.

“Buying and working on the Johnston House gave me enough confidence to purchase Oak Island Plantation,” she said.

As a frequent hunter at Groton Plantation near Estill, S.C., Lipham said she had fallen in love with the terrain and the historical charm of the state, as well as the Low Country of Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga.

“During every major change in my life, it seems I complicate the situation by purchasing an antebellum home,” she said, chuckling. “I had changed firms in

2001 and woke up in February 2002 deciding I would like an old beach house in South Carolina.”

Unhappy with the new homes she was being shown on Edisto Island, Lipham asked the real estate agent to show her something older, which resulted in a trip to Oak Island. “The first live oak tree I saw stole my heart,” she said. “Oak Island is not on the beach or a beach house, but it is incredibly special!”

Built in 1828, the home was a wedding gift to William E. Seabrooks from his father. In her memoirs written shortly after the Civil War, Martha Seabrook catalogued some of the grandeur of the place as recorded in the book, *A Brief History of Edisto*. “There were lawns encircling the house, out-buildings of every description, camellias of every known species, 1,500 varieties of roses, an aviary and a large fish pond, in the middle of which stood a latticed house covered with roses. Also, a rustic bridge crossed to the island.”

During the Civil War, Oak Island was occupied by Federal troops. The family had so little time to evacuate that all its furnishings, including art and books, were left behind. Nothing was ever recovered, and the fortune was either stolen or destroyed.

Samford coach Pat Sullivan won the 1971 Heisman Trophy as Auburn's quarterback.



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Already Making His Mark

Pat Sullivan has been on the biggest stage in his game. He stood at the New York Athletic Club in 1971 and accepted the Heisman Trophy as college football's best player.

He rewrote Auburn University's passing records as an All-America quarterback, winning the biggest of games and playing at his best when it mattered most.

He was a starting quarterback in National Football League [NFL] games.

He has been head coach for a major college bowl team.

Most of all, his leadership and grace under pressure set a standard for generations of players who came after him.

For more than 20 years, Sullivan has been teaching his game as a coach. Today, he still is teaching, but in a new setting. After seven seasons as offensive coordinator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham [UAB], Sullivan was named head coach at Samford in November 2006.

Sitting in his office with family pictures on the wall, Sullivan said he is content with the latest stop on his life's journey. The Samford community has embraced him, and he has embraced it.

"I've been to the biggest arenas, been on national TV, done those things," he said. "But when it's all said and done, what you get out of athletics are the relationships that last for a lifetime, and you get to see kids have success. That's what it's all about."

There was a time when Sullivan thought he would do that at the highest level. He turned a long-time loser into a winner as head coach at Texas Christian University [TCU]. He recruited players who went on to fame in the NFL. He

took TCU to a bowl game for the first time in decades. His name came up almost every time a job came open. But at a critical juncture in his career, things got bumpy. Eventually, he ended up back in his hometown as a highly respected and immensely popular assistant coach at UAB.

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Coach Pat Sullivan

As Samford began its search for a new football coach in late November, Sullivan's name surfaced as a candidate. Although there was speculation UAB soon would be looking for a head coach as well, Sullivan accepted Samford's offer to fill its vacancy. He was named the Bulldog coach on December 2.

Once he met Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and Athletics Director Bob Roller, Sullivan said he knew Samford was a place where he could do the job he loves. He and his wife, Jean, could be close to their three children and six grandchildren. A seventh grandchild is on the way.

"I'd like to be somewhere you have a chance, have a challenge," Sullivan said. "We certainly have that here. Being in

my hometown, being around my kids and my grandkids, is just a wonderful situation for Jean and me.

"I can't say enough good about Andy Westmoreland and Bob Roller, the kind of people they are and what they represent. It makes me excited to work with them at a place like Samford."

In September 2004, Sullivan faced a challenge far greater than trying to lead Samford to a place back among the elite in Division I-AA. He was fighting for his life.

Sullivan was playing with his grandchildren during a July 4th lake outing when he noticed a knot on the side of his neck. He thought he had swimmer's ear. When he got back to work, he went to see a UAB trainer, who was concerned and insisted Sullivan see a doctor.

A checkup showed that he had cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, in the jaw and lower part of his tongue. It was the apparent result of years of using smokeless tobacco.

By late February 2005, his condition was grave. The cancer was on its way to being eradicated, but the chemotherapy and radiation treatments had taken a terrible toll. He was hospitalized with pneumonia, unable to eat or even swallow. To save his life, doctors attempted to place a tube down his throat so that a feeding tube could be inserted into his stomach, but the process wasn't working.

Sullivan was tired—tired of being sick, tired of the poking and prodding, tired of it all.

"By this time, I was just burned," he said. "My whole neck was burned inside and out. I couldn't swallow; my neck was as red as any lipstick you've ever seen. I didn't have any hair and probably

weighed about 160 pounds. When I got pneumonia, they were basically keeping me alive through IV stuff. They had to get a tube down me to get some fluids and medicine in me.”

Every time they tried, Sullivan, lying on his back, reflexively spit the tube up.

“I was crying,” he said. “I’d lost a lot of weight. I’d had it.”

At that moment, he silently cried for help.

“I said, ‘Lord, I can’t handle this. You have to help me,’” Sullivan said.

“About that time, I heard a doctor say, ‘Turn him over on his side.’ As they started to flip me, the tube went down. I’m sure I wouldn’t have made it if I hadn’t gotten that tube down.”

From that moment, things started to get better. The pneumonia was cured. The man to whom his teammates had always looked for strength in the toughest of times had won again.

Sullivan says he’ll always be grateful for all those who offered support. But it was his family—Jean, his parents, daughters Kim and Kelly, and son Patrick—who stood strongest in the face of adversity and fear.

“Jean, my kids, and my mom and dad, they were all unbelievable,” Sullivan said. “I wouldn’t have made it without them.”

Today, the cancer is gone. Sullivan is healthy, happy and excited about the new adventure in his life. But he was forever changed by the experience.

“There’s no question,” Sullivan says. “What’s really important is your health, your family and your relationship with the Man above. When you look it in the eye, it hits you. Every day is precious.”

Sullivan still gets emotional as he recounts the people who stepped forward to offer help—doctors, friends, other coaches and former teammates.

Samford 2007 Football Schedule

Aug. 30	West Alabama
Sept. 8	at Georgia Tech
Sept. 13	Presbyterian
Sept. 22	Southeast Missouri (Family Weekend)
Sept. 29	at Eastern Kentucky
Oct. 6	open
Oct. 13	at Tennessee–Martin
Oct. 20	Austin Peay (HC)
Oct. 27	at Tennessee Tech
Nov. 3	Jacksonville State
Nov. 10	Tennessee State
Nov. 17	at Eastern Illinois

“It was overwhelming the people that called,” Sullivan said. “There’s no way even to start to name them all . . . The whole coaching fraternity would call. My [former] teammates were wonderful. I heard from kids who I didn’t know I’d gotten through to, kids whose lives I touched. I was on every prayer list from Miami to New York, from the East Coast to the West Coast.”

Sullivan was back on the field at UAB in 2005. Now, he’s moved on to meet another challenge.

Samford has a long history in football, going back to the days when it was known as Howard College. Sullivan’s father, Jerry, played there in the late 1940s. Pat Sullivan talks about attending practices and games as a toddler.

“I’ve had other opportunities, but I’m happy to be here,” Sullivan said. “I’d like to help them get back where they were at one time and play for a championship or two.”

Sullivan has instant credibility with players on his team and with recruits. It’s not every day a Heisman Trophy winner knocks on your door.

“You are always known for that,” Sullivan said, “but one of the words I like to use is ‘respect.’ People may know you or they may recognize your name, but you have to earn their respect.

“The reception we have gotten has been very flattering, from not only the people on campus but in the community, and more importantly, out recruiting. That’s the name of the game—getting players.”

Those efforts apparently were validated February 7 when Samford announced the signing of 22 recruits for 2007. It’s already being touted as one of the best recruiting classes in Samford history, maybe the best. That Sullivan and his staff could pull off that kind of effort in just two months was amazing, and it has people believing him when he says he expects to be competitive in the Ohio Valley Conference. It may not mean an immediate conference championship, but Sullivan does not dismiss that possibility in the future.

“In the past, folks might have said ‘let’s wait a year or two to see how things come together.’ We don’t have to do that,” Sullivan said. “We’ve signed good people who are also good players. Their enthusiasm will match what our current players have. I have never seen a group that is more eager to work and learn.”

Westmoreland and Roller did some recruiting of their own last November, and they certainly got their man.



Sullivan discusses his first recruiting class with sports media members.

“Pat Sullivan is an ideal choice to lead our football program,” Westmoreland said. “As I have come to know him, I have been impressed with his integrity, his competence, the breadth and depth of his relationships, his commitment to faith and family, and his deep concern for students.”

For Roller, it was the hire he most wanted to make.

“This hiring,” he said, “sends a statement about the future of our program.”

Other needs will follow. Sullivan and Roller already are talking to potential donors about the need to upgrade football facilities—locker rooms, meeting rooms, weight rooms and possibly even some stadium upgrades.

“We’re asking folks to give us the right working environment to help these kids meet our goals and to help us compete with other schools,” Sullivan explained.

If community enthusiasm is any indication, that support already is



Excited About His First Recruiting Class

Football Head Coach Pat Sullivan signed 20 freshmen and two transfers in his first class of recruits in February, and said he didn't know when he had been "more excited about a recruiting class."

At a Feb. 7 press conference to announce the signees, he said he expected the group to provide a solid future foundation for Samford football. "Obviously, we had specific needs that we wanted to address, one being linemen, and we were able to sign five offensive and five defensive linemen," he said. "That's where it all starts."

The coach also added some strong prospects at skill positions, including two transfers, quarterback Seth Harkness and running back Chris Evans from the University of Alabama at Birmingham [UAB].

Harkness passed for 2,826 yards and 34 touchdowns as a senior at Fayette County (Ala.) High School two years ago. Evans rushed for 2,683 yards and 42 touchdowns as a 2005 senior at Alexandria (Ala.) High School. Both were redshirted last fall at UAB.

In addition to the 10 linemen, Sullivan also signed four defensive backs, two linebackers, two wide receivers, a quarterback and a player classified as an "athlete" who could play wide receiver or defensive back.

The signees bring some gaudy high school statistics with them. Go to www.samfordsports.com for more information. ■

heading to Samford. Two early games on the '07 schedule should provide excellent opportunities for the community to demonstrate its support in the stands.

Samford opens August 30 against the University of West Alabama, coached by Sullivan's long-time friend, Bobby Wallace, himself a coaching legend in the state because of his success at the University of North Alabama. The following week, the team travels to Atlanta, Ga., to face Georgia Tech, led by former Samford coach Chan Gailey.

"I guess a lot of things have come into perspective," Sullivan said. "What I want to do is be somewhere I'm around people I enjoy seeing every morning. I want to look forward to getting up every morning. I want to coach football, which is what I enjoy doing, and I want to be close to my family."

Sullivan has found all that at Samford.

"Don't underestimate Samford," Sullivan said. "Every day, I learn

something else that excites me about being here.

"I don't have any intention of going anywhere else. You never say never, but I couldn't be more excited coming to work every day." ■

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See also "Pat Sullivan to Coach Samford Football," Seasons, Winter 2006.

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Carroll Helps Introduce Lamaze in Kenya

by Mary Wimberley

Jennifer Pigg Carroll '79 recalls being in the delivery room of the Nairobi Hospital in Kenya for the birth of her third daughter when the cries of a young African mother in a nearby labor room got her attention.

After offering instructions to “Breathe in, breathe out. Try to relax!” through the curtain between them, Carroll thought, “Someone needs to teach childbirth education classes in Nairobi.”

That was in 1992. Since then, Carroll has introduced Lamaze-certified childbirth education to many Kenyan families through programs she helped establish at two private hospitals in Nairobi. In 2003, she received the Lamaze International Award for her work.

She and her husband, Tim Carroll '81, have been missionaries with Africa Inland Mission [AIM], a nondenominational Christian missionary organization, since 1984. Their assignments have included music education, administration and pastoral care. He is currently AIM pastoral care coordinator for Kenya.

Now a trainer with the Lamaze Childbirth Education program at Duke University, she teaches courses privately and supports the training of others to be certified as childbirth educators.

“I work with a beautiful variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds,” said Carroll, who received her training at Wake Forest University Medical School Lamaze Program (now affiliated with Duke) while in the United States on home assignment.

“The birth of a baby is a holy experience and a miracle!” she said. “One of the greatest privileges I have is praying with couples for their babies.” Such an opportunity might come at the end of a Lamaze course, following delivery if she has served as a doula or later when providing lactation support, she said.

Her interest in childbirth education began with the Lamaze classes she and

her husband attended when she was pregnant with their first child in 1983.

Having the heart of an educator and an admitted “passion to see people empowered to accomplish their goals and dreams,” the Samford history and education major was gradually led into the profession as she experienced the Kenyan culture.

Traditionally, women in Kenya give birth at home. In Africa’s predominantly rural culture, a pregnant woman is supported by women in the community. Since medical care is often unaffordable or unavailable, many women in that setting rely on a traditional birth attendant for assistance in labor and birth at home.

In an urban setting such as Nairobi, with more than 2.5 million people, many women no longer have access to such traditional support structures.

After receiving certification from Lamaze International in 2000, Carroll began to offer Lamaze classes in her Nairobi home. When the number of couples wanting to attend outgrew her living room, she offered her volunteer services to lead a pilot Lamaze Certified Childbirth Education course at the Nairobi Hospital.

The first course included two African Kenyan couples, one Asian Kenyan couple and one European couple. “The diversity was delightful and fascinating,” recalled Carroll, whose classmates might

remember her as a varsity cheerleader and for her title role performance in a Samford OperaWorks production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. She and Tim are now the grandparents of a baby boy.

As interest at Nairobi Hospital increased, Carroll began a similar program at the city’s Aga Khan Hospital. At the time, most of Kenya’s OB/GYNs had never heard of Lamaze.

Support was earned and maintained by providing professional excellence and commitment to client care, and by demonstrating the value of Lamaze-certified childbirth education for both expectant parents and health-care providers, Carroll explained in an article she wrote for a 2004 issue of *The Journal of Perinatal Education*.

By 2001, no longer able keep up with the opportunities and demands of the growing programs at the two hospitals, Carroll arranged a two-week training seminar that brought two Lamaze International faculty members to help train Kenyan midwives to teach Lamaze classes.

Demand for childbirth education courses continues to increase at both hospitals.

“The concept of prepared childbirth has really taken off,” said Carroll, noting that multiple Kenyan-produced publications addressing pregnancy and childbirth are now marketed to expectant parents. “It still boggles my mind! God’s ways and plans are so amazing.” ■



Jennifer Pigg Carroll '79, center, visits with Lakhvir, left, and Marjit Singh and their son, Sahib, in Kenya. The Singhes took Carroll's Lamaze course.

Washington Post Executive Editor Leonard Downie To Speak at Second Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum

Leonard Downie, Jr., executive editor of *The Washington Post*, will speak at Samford on Thursday, April 12, as part of the second annual Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum. In addition to delivering a free public lecture at 7 p.m. in Brock Recital Hall, the noted newspaper executive will spend time in Samford journalism and mass communication classes that day.

The forum, held in cooperation with *The Post*, honors the memory of Robinson, the late *Post* reporter and Samford graduate who made his mark in journalism covering the Watergate scandal. As part of the forum, *The Post* hosts a Samford journalism student for a two-week internship in the summer.

Post syndicated columnist David Broder delivered the first Robinson forum lecture last April, and Samford journalism major Megan Voelkel received the first *Post* internship last June. Voelkel, a December graduate, will return to *The Post* for a full summer internship this year.

Downie joined *The Post* as a summer intern in 1964. He became a well-known local investigative reporter before moving into the editing ranks as assistant managing editor in 1974. Later, he was a London correspondent and a national editor before becoming managing editor in 1984. He was named executive editor in 1991.

Former Samford Crimson Editor Megan Voelkel '06 will return to *The Washington Post* newsroom with a full internship during the summer of 2007. Here, Voelkel works at *The Post* during June of 2006 after receiving the first two-week internship awarded as part of the Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum at Samford.

Downie coauthored with Robert G. Kaiser *The News About the News: American Journalism in Peril*, a 2002 book that won the Goldsmith Award from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2003. He also wrote three other books, *Justice Denied* (1971), *Mortgage on America* (1974) and *The New Muckrakers* (1976).

Robinson, a 1965 Samford graduate, covered the Civil Rights Movement for *The Birmingham Post-Herald* and United Press International before joining *The Post* in 1969. He covered Watergate in his role as U.S. District Court reporter. One year, he had more front-page stories than any other *Post* reporter.

Later, Robinson was editor of the *National Law Review*, America's largest-selling legal publication, and the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He also worked for Excite, Alta Vista, NNCi.com and Time Warner AOL.



Leonard Downie, Jr.

Robinson died in 2003 at age 58 from complications following cancer surgery. Later, his widow, Jan Andrew, worked with *Post* deputy managing editor Milton Coleman, Samford journalism professor David Shipley and Samford development officer Doug Wilson to initiate the forum.

Robinson's brother, Mike '61, and his wife, Carolyn Yeager Robinson '60, also supported the project, and the family established a scholarship in Robinson's honor in the Samford journalism department.

For information on the forum or to contribute to the scholarship, e-mail Doug Wilson at dwilson@samford.edu or call (205) 726-4266. ■

For more information on the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, go to www.samford.edu/schools/artsci/jmc.



Samford's Davis is Nation's Top Omicron Delta Kappa Adviser



Celebrating Dr. Rod Davis' selection as the nation's top ODK adviser are, from left, ODK circle president Mary Kathryn Covert, Davis, alumnus Eric Motley '96, ODK co-adviser Betsy Holloway and alumnus Mike Giles '05.

Samford English professor J. Roderick Davis has been named the nation's top Omicron Delta Kappa faculty adviser from among counterparts at 300 college circles nationwide.

Davis, retired dean of Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences, received the ODK Robert Bishop Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award during a student convocation Feb. 8. He has been an adviser to the Samford circle of the leadership honor society since 1997.

Davis' connection to the Samford circle began with his induction as a student member in 1956. The 1958 Samford graduate was dean of arts and sciences at Samford from 1990 to 2001.

Nominators cited his leadership in initiating a "50 Leaders of Influence" recognition ceremony for Samford alumni in 2001, in helping the circle develop a plan of action to increase diversity on campus, and in facilitating an ODK presence during Samford's presidential transition in 2006.

He also was commended for his help in the circle's commitment to promote

social justice and foster leadership in Alabama's Black Belt. The Samford circle has initiated unique education and service opportunities in Marion, Ala., including a leadership program for high school students.

"Dean Davis is the epitome of the Omicron Delta Kappa leader—from his commitment to excellence in leadership and scholarship to his commitment to service and relationships, he sets a model for both students and faculty," wrote a nominator in materials sent to judges.

Davis was presented the framed national adviser of the year certificate and accompanying \$500 cash award by Samford ODK co-adviser, business professor Betsy Holloway, and circle president Mary Kathryn Covert.

An Albertville, Ala., native, Davis holds a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature from Columbia University. He was on the faculty of City University of New York before returning to his undergraduate alma mater as arts and sciences dean in 1990. ■

Third Old Howard 100 Set for Saturday, April 21

Samford will sponsor its third annual Old Howard 100 bike ride in Perry and Hale counties Saturday, April 21.

The project raises funds for Sowing Seeds of Hope, which seeks to enhance the quality of life and work in Perry County. Samford was founded in Perry's county seat, Marion, Ala., in 1841.

More than 200 riders took part in the ride last spring, many attracted by the opportunity to cycle on scenic, low-traffic roads in Alabama's historic Black Belt. The youngest rider was 12 and the oldest more than 70, said Dr. Rosemary Fisk, Samford associate dean of arts and sciences and one of the project's organizers.

This year's event will be filmed as part of a documentary project on the Black Belt, Dr. Fisk noted.

For information, go to www.samford.edu/groups/oldhoward100. ■

Samford Alpha Delta Pi Chapter Cited for Excellence

Samford's chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority earned awards of excellence, the top honor, in eight categories at the ADPi district conference Feb. 2 in Peachtree City, Ga. The 140-member Samford chapter was rated against 51 college chapters from five Southeastern states.

Samford ADPi's were cited for excellence in total membership education, new member coordinator, scholarship, quota, recruitment, finance, Panhellenic communication and philanthropy. The chapter raised \$9,400 at a golf tournament last fall in support of the sorority's national philanthropy, Ronald McDonald House.

Amy Almand, a senior from Snellville, Ga., is Samford chapter president. ■

Samford Names Harry B. Brock III Vice President for Business Affairs



Harry Brock III

Harry B. “Buck” Brock III of Birmingham was elected vice president for business affairs at Samford University, effective March 8.

Brock, 51, was elected by the university’s trustee executive committee upon the recommendation of Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. He replaces Joseph W. “Bill” Mathews, Jr., who will retire June 1.

Brock had served as a Samford trustee since 1998 and most recently was chair of the trustees’ investments committee.

“Buck Brock brings to this position the right mix of business knowledge and administrative skills,” Westmoreland said. “His previous service as a trustee will enhance his ability to lead our administrative division.

“Under Buck’s leadership, the investment committee has worked with the business affairs staff to enhance the performance of our investments.”

Samford’s endowment was \$278 million in the recently reported audit.

Brock has been president of Express Oil Development Co. in Birmingham during recent years after a long career with Central Bancshares and Compass Bank. For several years, he was president of Central Bank in Huntsville and later Birmingham. He began a 17-year career with Compass as an intern while a

student at the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1977.

Brock led both the Huntsville and Birmingham banks through significant operating improvements and financial growth before leaving in September 1994 to pursue personal entrepreneurial interests. He has received several banking and community honors in both Huntsville and Birmingham, and remains an active community volunteer.

He and his wife, Nancy, are parents of two children, including a daughter, Jane, who is a Samford junior. The Brocks are members of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in suburban Birmingham.

Mathews will continue in an advisory capacity for legal issues beyond June 1, Westmoreland said. Mathews served as Samford’s legal counsel for a number of years before joining the administration as vice president in 2000.

“I want to affirm what Bill Mathews has done for Samford through the years,” Westmoreland said. “He has helped steer the university through some complex legal and business issues, and Samford is stronger because of his work.”

Westmoreland lauded Mathews’ commitment to the university beyond his role as vice president.

“Bill and Melinda Mathews support Samford at every level, whether at arts performances or athletics. Fortunately, we will continue to see and benefit from their involvement and commitment into the future,” Westmoreland said. ■

Covington Retires to Head Health Consulting Firm



Timothy Covington

Professor Tim R. Covington, a member of Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy faculty for 21 years, retired Feb. 15 to head his own health-benefit management consulting firm in Birmingham.

Covington served as Bruno Professor of Pharmacy from 1989 until 2006. He also was executive director of the pharmacy school’s Managed Care Institute from 1993 until

2006. He joined the faculty in 1986, serving as chair of the pharmacy practice department until 1991.

Covington said he was proud of the academic progress the pharmacy school made during his tenure. “I especially appreciate the opportunity to teach and influence the lives of more than 2,100 Samford pharmacy graduates,” he added, “as well as the chance to grow as a teacher, scholar and service provider.”

Covington holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Texas, and the Pharm.D. from the University of Michigan. ■

Chute Named Alumnus of Year

Anthony “Tony” Chute was named 2007 Alumnus of the Year by Samford’s Beeson Divinity School. A 1997 master of divinity graduate, Dr. Chute is assistant profes-



Anthony Chute

sor of church history at California Baptist University, Riverside, Calif.

He received the award during Beeson’s opening chapel program of the spring semester Jan. 30. A pastor as well as a scholar, Chute serves as pastor of preaching at First Baptist Church, Moreno Valley, Calif.

He also directs the formation, acquisitions and operations of the California Baptist Historical Records and Depository located at California Baptist.

Chute earned a Ph.D. in church history/historical theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 2002. A member of the California Baptist faculty since 2003, he is the author of *A Piety Above the Common Standard: Jesse Mercer and the Defense of Evangelistic Calvinism*, and several other books.

He and his wife, Connie, have two children. ■

Cumberland BLSA Wins Regional Honor

The Black Law Students Association [BLSA] at Samford’s Cumberland School of Law bested 42 chapters from law schools in nine states and Puerto Rico to take top honors in regional award competition.

The 39-member Cumberland chapter was named 2006–07 Chapter of the Year by the Southern Region of the Black Law Students Association [SRBLSA] at its convention in Miami, Fla., Jan. 20.

The chapter was cited for its community service, academic and social awareness, and involvement in a variety of local and international initiatives.

Projects have included an “Eat Well! Test Well!” nutrition program at a Birmingham school, involvement in a national death penalty moratorium initiative, World Aids Day awareness events and Save Darfur international emphasis. ■

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When (L) follows a name, it represents a law graduating class; (P) denotes pharmacy; and (D) represents divinity. A class year after one of these letters indicates a subsequent degree conferred in that year for the corresponding specialty.

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1948

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Mrs. Wynema J. Lowry

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Mrs. Clinton Wood

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Miss Sandra Elaine

Williamson

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Rev. Larry E. Armstrong

Dr. T. Brad Bishop (L71)

Mrs. Jean H. Brooks

Dr. Helen H. Brown

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Ms. Virginia Head Gross

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Mr. Joe W. McDade

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 Mr. Walter L. LaGroue
 Mrs. Eileen D. Olive
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 Dr. W. Judson Vaughn
 Dr. Jerry M. Windsor
- 1965**
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 Mr. James Calvin Clay (L)
 Mr. Stephen W. Clayton
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 Mr. Jack D. Stewart
 Mr. John M. Taylor (L)
 Mrs. Lee Ann L. Thompson
 Mrs. Jeanne M. Wear
 Hon. William A. Wilkes (L)
 Mrs. Lynn F. Wingfield
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 Mr. John T. Coleman
 Mr. William P. Crowther (P)
 Mr. Charles W. Dooley (L)
 Mr. James V. Gaines
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 Ms. Janice L. Folsom
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 Mr. Hugh L. Harrelson, Sr. (L)
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 Mr. Robert H. Brogden (L)
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 Mr. David M. Olive (L'75)
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 Mrs. Marione E. Nance
 Mrs. Gwendolyn G. Parson
 Mr. Franklin R. Plummer (L)
 Mr. Joe B. Powell (L)
 Mr. Joseph W. Propst II (L'79)
 Mr. John P. Scott, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Richard F. Welch (L)
- 1974**
 Mr. Ferrell S. Anders (L)
 Mrs. Suzan K. Armstrong
 Mr. James M. Bach (L)
 Mr. Joel M. Bailey
 Dr. Timothy P. Banks
 Mrs. Wanda Banks
 Mr. R. Michael Booker (L)
 Mrs. Sharon D. Bull
 Mr. Thomas A. Burch
 Mr. James M. Burton (L)
 Hon. John L. Carroll (L)
 Mr. Cecil M. Cheves (L)
 Mr. J. Carter Clary (L)
 Mr. Herbert G. Dixon (P)
 Mr. Robert H. Engram
 Mrs. Hattie C. Gunter
 Miss Deborah L. Hawkins
 Mr. Frank W. Hogan, Jr. (L)
 Mrs. Elizabeth B. Howard
 Mr. Miles M. Huffstutler (L)
 Mr. Lee B. Johnson (L)
 Mrs. Lenore N. Johnson
 Mr. J. Randall May (L)
 Hon. Charles N. McKnight (L)
 Mr. Eddie Miller
 Mrs. Gayle S. Miller
 Mr. Charles E. Perry (L)
 Mr. Scott T. Price (L)
 Mr. Marion A. Quina, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Gary J. Rickner (L)
 Ms. Kathryn E. Solomon
 Mr. Leon St John III (L)
 Mrs. Brenda F. Swann
 Mr. Borden E. Taylor, Jr. (L)
 Mrs. Carol E. Toner
 Mr. Raymond H. Uhrig (L'78)
 Mr. C. Lawrence Whatley
 Mr. J. Mark White (L)
 Mr. George W. Woodall (L)
- 1975**
 Mr. J. Ronald Boyd (L)
 Mrs. Shirley Faye Jarman
 Brymer
 Mrs. Juliet G. Calvin (L)

Mrs. Daranee T. Chairprakob
 Mr. Randall E. Chew (L)
 Mrs. Gwendalyn D. Childs
 Mr. Stafford B. Childs, Jr.
 Mrs. Fran Gresham Cogburn
 Mr. Stephen A. Crane (L)
 Mr. Robert K. Finnell (L)
 Mr. S. Wayne Fuller (L)
 Mr. Dennis E. Guidi (L)
 Mr. John W. Haley (L)
 Mrs. Marilyn M. Henry
 Dr. Jeremy K. Hon (P)
 Mr. Henry H. Hutchinson III (L)
 Mr. J. Walker Johnson
 Mrs. Cheryl P. Landreth
 Mrs. Patricia Morrison-Bolian
 Mrs. Marilyn Murphree (P)
 Mr. Steve Murphree (P)
 Mr. John E. Northcutt (L)
 Mr. W. C. Parnell (L)
 Mr. John M. Paty
 Mr. James T. Posey
 Ms. Elizabeth K. Reese
 Mr. George P. Seabourne (L)
 Mr. Stephen L. Segall (L)
 Dr. Billy J. Strickland
 Mr. Robert H. Stropp, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Charles W. Venable
 Mr. William C. Wallace (L)
 Mr. Charles S. Whisnant (L)
 Mr. Vernon H. White
 Mr. Mitchell D. Williams, Jr.
 Mrs. Karen H. York

1976

Mr. Bruce Bannister
 Mr. Garrett L. Briggs (L)
 Mr. Byron K. Buescher
 Mrs. Sharon C. Carter
 Dr. Jeffrey A. Clanton (P)
 Mrs. Pamela K. Clanton
 Hon. Max O. Cogburn, Jr. (L)
 Miss Rebecca E. Cosby
 Mr. Michael C. Dixon (L)
 Mr. Tommie L. Dunlap (P)
 Mrs. Jan M. Fusco
 Dr. Joseph C. Godfrey
 Mrs. Margaret D. Grosskopf
 Mrs. Marcia L. Hamby
 Dr. Warren H. Holley
 Mrs. Kathryn B. Jones
 Miss Kay E. Kinnard
 Mr. Raymond O. Manasco, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Thomas E. McLeod, Jr.
 Mr. William M. Midyette III (L)
 Mrs. Mary Ann B. Moon
 Hon. Paul O. Moyle (L)
 Mr. William R. Myers (L)
 Mr. Anthony R. Nelson
 Ms. Helen P. Nelson (L)
 Mr. Richard D. Odom (P)
 Mrs. Madelyn B. Olson
 Hon. J. Gary Pate (L)
 Mr. John M. Pruitt, Jr.
 Mr. Leonard M. Schwartz (L)
 Mr. Ira S. Silver (L)
 Mr. Dale L. Skelton
 Mrs. Dorothy G. Swindle
 Mr. James F. Walsh (L)
 Dr. James R. Wilson

Mr. Robert W. Witek (L)
 Mr. Larry York

1977

Mr. Alton R. Averette
 Ms. Sarah S. Barbour
 Mr. Donald H. Barton (L)
 Mr. Steve Benton (L)
 Mr. Unes J. Booth (L)
 Hon. Karon O. Bowdre (L'81)
 Mr. Ronald G. Bureson (P)
 Mr. L. Don Campbell, Jr. (L)
 Mr. J. Wayne Cropp (L)
 Ms. Cathy A. Elkins
 Mrs. Ann T. Field
 Dr. Rosemary M. Fisk
 Mr. John E. Fountain (L)
 Mrs. Joy C. Godfrey
 Mr. Stan Graves
 Mrs. Susan O. Hamilton (L)
 Mr. Stephen D. Heninger (L)
 Mr. G. D. Hudson, Jr. (L)
 Mrs. Jennifer F. Johnston
 Mr. Charles W. Lancaster
 Mrs. Robbie R. Lancaster
 Mr. John E. Lee
 Mr. Joe T. Malugen (L)
 Mr. Benjamin F. McElreath (L)
 Mr. Brian P. Mickles (L)
 Mr. Rickie D. Moon
 Mrs. Carol Sue Nelson (L)
 Mr. Douglas J. Pomatto (L)
 Mr. Edwin E. Pruett (P)
 Ms. Susan E. Reid (L)
 Hon. Dennis E. Reinaker (L)
 Ms. Randye W. Rosser (L)
 Mr. William H. Satterfield (L)
 Mr. Joe S. Schramm (L)
 Dr. Ira L. Sidwell
 Ms. Mary V. Thompson
 Mrs. Linda V. Williams
 Mr. Stanley N. Woodall
 Mr. W. Michael Young (L)

1978

Mrs. Jane E. Alberico
 Mr. K. Judson Boedecker (L)
 Mr. Nicholas O. Boulter III (L)
 Mrs. Dorothy G. Brice
 Mrs. Konie O. Bryant
 Mr. William E. Bryant
 Ms. Mary K. Chan (P)
 Mr. Stan Davis (L)
 Mrs. Betsy Fleenor
 Mr. Naunihal S. Gumer
 Ms. Gloria A. Hale
 Mr. Philip C. Henry (L)
 Mr. Charles M. Ingram (L)
 Mr. C. Gray Johnsey (L)
 Mr. Lewis H. King
 Mrs. Melinda M. Mathews (L)
 Mr. James H. McDonald, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Johnny W. McGlaughn (P)
 Mr. Harvey L. McWhorter, Jr.
 Mr. Robert E. Minor (L)
 Mr. James H. Moore III
 Mr. James N. Nolan (L)
 Mr. John F. Porter III (L)
 Mr. Cliff Powers (P)
 Mrs. Lisa L. Pruitt

Mr. Steven Ripstra (L)
 Ms. Belle H. Stoddard (L)
 Ms. Vera G. Struggs
 Ms. Florence E. Thompson
 Dr. David R. Wharton
 Mr. Michael K. Wisner (L)
 Mrs. Jane W. Young

1979

Mr. Dexter R. Alexander
 Mrs. Susan P. Altizer
 Mr. James H. Anderson (L)
 Mr. Joseph D. Barlar, Jr. (L)
 Mr. G. Lynn Boggs
 Mr. J. Birch Bowdre, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Joseph S. Bower (L)
 Mrs. Jennifer I. Carroll
 Mrs. Janice A. Carter
 Mr. James A. Clement
 Mrs. Mary J. Clement
 Mr. Forrest J. Cook, Jr.
 Ms. Nancy C. Cooper (P)
 Mr. Sam L. Frazier (L)
 Ms. Pranee Frederick
 Mr. Robert F. Green (L)
 Mrs. Sarah S. Howell
 Mr. John D. Kelner (L)
 Mr. Maston E. Martin, Jr. (L)
 Mrs. Barbara V. Money
 Mr. Thomas A. Moore (L)
 Mrs. Margaret G. Roland
 Mrs. Leta-Fern Stillwagon
 Mr. Donald A. Sullivan
 Mrs. Lori L. Sullivan
 Mrs. Cynthia R. Vines
 Mr. James P. Vlahakis
 Mrs. Eleanor B. Wells
 Mrs. Stephanie H. Wharton
 Mrs. Lucille G. Wisner
 Mrs. Kathryn M. Woodruff

1980

Mr. Anthony H. Abbott (L)
 Mrs. Lonette L. Berg (L'83)
 Mr. James D. Bonham (L)
 Mr. A. Lamar Davis
 Mr. R. Brooks Davis (L)
 Mrs. Susan P. Deal
 Dr. Leisa Watterson DeVenny
 Mr. Martin Moss Freeman (L)
 Mrs. Ann B. Getwan
 Ms. Tamara R. Goff (P)
 Mr. Thomas J. Hart
 Mr. Shepherd L. Howell (L)
 Mr. John O. Jernigan
 Mr. Anthony A. Joseph (L)
 Mrs. Rebecca K. Lander (P'94)
 Ms. G. Elaine Marshall
 Mr. Chetan P. Patel (P)
 Ms. Irene Pendleton
 Hon. C. Randy Pool (L)
 Rev. Mark C. Smith
 Hon. Amy C. Sutherland (L)
 Mrs. Deborah L. Talley
 Mr. Douglas N. Tanner, Jr.
 Mrs. Jeanette Tonn
 Mr. Mark R. Tucker
 Mr. Charles S. Wagner (L)
 Mrs. Leon Zalenski

1981

Mr. Ndubuisi E. Azubuiwe
 Mr. Walter W. Bates (L)
 Mrs. Cathy E. Brown
 Hon. John B. Bush (L)
 Mr. Mark B. Callahan (L)
 Mr. Timothy C. Carroll
 Mrs. Marian W. Carter
 Ms. Deborah K. Ebner (L)
 Mr. Frank Fleming (P)
 Mr. Mark Fuller
 Mr. David George
 Mr. Ronald T. Henry (L)
 Mrs. Carolyn P. Jett
 Mrs. Jane W. Killian (L)
 Mr. J. Gary Miller (L)
 Mr. Walton L. Pegues
 Mrs. Kristen S. Propst
 Mr. Kenneth M. Schuppert, Jr. (L)
 Mr. James E. Vann (L)
 Mrs. Kenneth Van Sise
 Mr. Harold William Wasden (L)
 Mr. W. Clark Watson (L)
 Mr. Emmett L. Wingfield IV

1982

Mr. K. Mathews Alford
 Mr. Roger L. Bates (L)
 Ms. Deborah K. Bentley (P)
 Mrs. Kelly L. Carlton
 Mr. John W. Ellett
 Mr. Marion R. Fuller
 Dr. Jacqueline L. Goldstein
 Mrs. Sandra K. Haley (L)
 Mr. Rand Key (L'85)
 Mrs. Le-Ann S. Little
 Mr. Brian D. Lockerbie (L)
 Mrs. Marva H. Morse
 Ms. Patricia Baldone Naro (P)
 Ms. Gloria K. Parvin
 Mr. Glenn T. Schneider
 Mrs. Angela W. Smith
 Mr. Richard E. Smith (L'85)
 Ms. Carol H. Stewart (L)
 Mr. Gregory J. Taylor
 Hon. Larry F. Warren (L)
 Mr. Glen D. Wieland (L)
 Mr. John M. Wilson

1983

Mr. John B. Barnett III (L)
 Dr. James R. Barnette
 Mrs. Tasha B. Bates (L)
 Mr. Ward T. Berg (L)
 Mr. Timothy K. Coalsion
 Mr. Richard T. Davis (L)
 Mrs. Allyson Y. George
 Mrs. Diane H. Jensen
 Mr. B. William Lawson (L)
 Mrs. Constance H. Macon
 Ms. Sarah L. Manning (L)
 Mrs. Kimberly H. Patrick
 Mrs. Laura H. Sadler (P)
 Mr. Henry D. Southerland, Jr.
 Mr. Kenneth E. White (L'86)
 Mr. Douglas E. Wilson
 Mr. James Wright
 Mr. Alex W. Zoghby (L)

1984

Mr. Joe T. Carter, Jr.
 Mrs. Kay M. Carter
 Mrs. Fran B. Cash
 Mr. Charles P. Cavender (L)
 Mrs. Julia T. Davis
 Mrs. Susan M. Davis
 Mr. Timothy C. Davis (L)
 Mr. David Kipley Dollar
 Mrs. Anne H. Gass
 Dr. Kenneth R. Greene
 Mrs. Susan C. Greene
 Ms. Susan W. Harrell (L)
 Mr. Barry K. Love
 Mrs. Debra Hoffman Love
 Mrs. Suzanne S. Martin
 Mr. Benjamin M. Mason (L)
 Mr. William R. McCall
 Ms. Marnetta S. McDaniel
 Ms. Cindy K. McMurtrey
 Mr. W. Mark Meadows
 Ms. Gina Micalizio (L)
 Mr. Robert J. Morse, Jr.
 Mrs. Sandra E. Musgrove
 Mr. Stevan E. Peckel (L)
 Ms. Donna J. Rogers
 Mr. Herbert B. Sparks, Jr. (L)
 Mr. James C. Turk, Jr. (L)
 Mr. John F. Wall III (L)
 Mr. Kendrick E. Webb

1985

Mrs. Cathy S. Beasley
 Ms. Jo Ann Blaylock
 Mr. John D. Carney
 Mrs. Kimberly H. Carney
 Mrs. Sharon Marshall Clifton
 Mr. L. Edward Davis, Jr. (P)
 Ms. M. Ellen Davis (L)
 Mr. John M. Floyd (L'88)
 Mrs. Marsha M. Floyd
 Ms. S. Elizabeth Futral
 Mr. Daniel M. Gass
 Mr. Jack J. Hall, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Thomas E. Imahiyerobo (P)
 Mr. Bain Jones, Jr. (L)
 Rev. Barrie M. Kirby
 Mr. Thomas S. Leebrick (L)
 Mr. William L. Lundy, Jr. (L)
 Mr. J. Frank Martin
 Hon. Linda L. Nobles (L)
 Ms. Sandra H. Peterson
 Mr. A. Gregory Poole (L)
 Mr. Tom J. Sanders
 Mr. J. Howard Sheffield (L)
 Mr. Daren L. Shippy (L)
 Mr. Alan M. Sowell (L)
 Mr. Craig L. Stringfield
 Mrs. Pamela H. Taylor
 Dr. Toby Ziglar
 Mrs. Laura B. Ziglar

1986

Mr. James G. Adams, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Richard C. Beason (P)
 Mr. Martin E. Bernstein (L)
 Ms. Beverly N. Brady (L)
 Mr. J. Mark Brown (D'97)
 Rev. Barney E. Champion III
 Mr. Terry A. Clark (L)

Mrs. Julie M. Clemens
 Mrs. Jennifer C. Fuller
 Mr. R. Marcus Givhan (L)
 Mrs. Sabrina W. Hayes (P)
 Mrs. Howard T. Hubbard
 Mrs. Jacquelyn I. Langhout
 Mr. W. Davis Malone III (L)
 Capt. Jerald R. McGowin
 Mr. S. Davidson McKnight III (L)
 Mr. Robert R. McNelis (L)
 Mr. Alan G. Medders
 Mr. P. Hudson Neal III
 Mrs. Leonard Nelson III
 Rev. Peggy Sanderford Ponder
 Mr. Jeffrey G. Rothwell (L)
 Rev. Leslie Spiller
 Mrs. Traci A. Spiller
 Dr. Robin Stone (P)

1987

Mrs. Treasia T. Bennett
 Mrs. Sheri B. Boston (P)
 Mrs. Cheryl Eileen Bryan
 Mr. Peter J. Clemens IV
 Mr. Mark Christopher Eagan (L)
 Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Fuller
 Dr. James D. Graham
 Mrs. Sarah J. Groves
 Mr. Scott B. Johnson (L'90)
 Ms. Sonja D. Kelley
 Mr. Theodore J. Leopold (L)
 Mr. David L. Lyon
 Ms. Pamela L. Mable
 Rev. David K. Mann
 Mrs. Lavonda V. Mann
 Mr. Alan B. Morris
 Mr. Jeffrey P. Price
 Mr. Brian A. Sharp
 Mrs. Lynn D. Sharp
 Dr. Shari L. Skinner (P)
 Mr. Leonard C. Tillman (L)
 Mrs. Mary Ann Tomlinson
 Mr. Stephen R. Williams (L)

1988

Mr. John M. Adair
 Mrs. Janet L. Adams (P)
 Dr. Gerald A. Anderson II
 Ms. Linda D. Connor (L)
 Mr. Fred B. Devitt III (L)
 Mrs. Felice Ann S. Goldstein (L)
 Dr. Gerri Brock Hendon
 Mr. Michael W. Lammons
 Mrs. Dana E. McKinney
 Mr. William B. Nickell III (L)
 Mr. Jack M. Nolen, Jr. (L)

1989

Ms. Lee A. Abney
 Mr. Paul E. Carter
 Mr. Randy L. Clowdus
 Mrs. Deane K. Corliss (L)
 Mrs. Alice M. Hagler
 Ms. Kathleen G. Henderson (L)
 Mr. Benjamin L. Locklar (L)
 Mrs. Mary T. Matthews
 Mr. Stephen W. Mazza
 Mr. Wilson Daniel Miles III (L)
 Mr. Paul J. Moseley

Mr. Gray Parker, Jr.
 Mr. Thomas K. Peaspanen, Jr.
 Mrs. Lissa R. Powell
 Mr. Timothy Sowell (P'93)
 Mrs. Pamela P. Swan (L)
 Mr. Douglas R. Turnure
 Mr. James T. Wallace

1990

Mrs. Rosemary B. Carnley
 Mrs. Marie-Louise B. Connery
 Mr. J. Samuel Fitch
 Mr. Robert S. Guyton (L)
 Mrs. Melissa R. Hicks
 Mrs. Cynthia W. Insko (D'94)
 Mr. Thomas C. Logan (L)
 Mr. Lee G. Manly
 Ms. Cara D. Melenyzer (L)
 Mr. J. David Parnell
 Mrs. Wendy A. Pierce (L)
 Dr. Kimberly M. Quiettt
 Mrs. Laurie B. Sharp (L'93)
 Mr. James M. Smith (L'98)
 Mr. James G. Snider, Jr.
 Mr. Jose A. Valencia
 Mrs. Rachel C. Wachter
 Mrs. Lorri Seibert Woodacre (L)
 Mrs. Gina L. Zylstra (L)

1991

Mrs. Linda S. Brown
 Mrs. Lisa R. Cooper
 Mrs. Leslie A. Coyne (L)
 Mr. Max G. Factor (L)
 Mr. Sean A. Flynt
 Mrs. Shannon R. Flynt
 Mr. Brent Glossinger
 Mr. Stephen H. Hagler (L)
 Mr. Todd Heifner
 Mrs. Lillian A. Hunsinger
 Ms. Sherry A. Ingram
 Mr. William S. Jett
 Mr. Marvin M. Julich, Jr.
 Ms. Gwenlynn Lanowy
 Mr. Ted G. Meadows (L)
 Mrs. Michele L. Morris (P) (P'95)
 Mr. Thomas P. Rohling
 Mrs. Gina S. Sanford
 Mrs. Marsha L. Semon (L)
 Mr. John T. Stemberger (L)
 Mrs. Janet E. Turnure
 Mr. Jeffrey K. Tyree (L)
 Mr. John M. Whitcomb
 Mr. Michael J. Zylstra (L)

1992

Mrs. Dana Funderburg Benton
 Dr. John C. Brewer
 Mr. Michael Minxiang Dai (L)
 Mr. Tim Donlon
 Mr. James C. Hamil
 Mrs. Kit Heifner
 Mr. Earl T. Holman (L)
 Mr. Patrick C. Howell
 Mrs. Marcia L. Hutto
 Mr. Lee A. Insko
 Ms. Carolyn R. Johnson (L'95)
 Mrs. Dea G. Mathews
 Mr. Nicholas G. Milano (L)

Dr. Jeffrey S. Quiettt
 Mrs. Christine F. Rohling
 Mrs. Jennifer J. Sands
 Ms. Anne R. Strickland (L)
 Dr. Paula A. Thompson (P) (P'93)

1993

Mr. Steven D. Altmann (L)
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 Mr. Donald B. Kirkpatrick II (L)
 Ms. Kimberly S. Lumpkin
 Mr. Martin A. Maners III (L)
 Mrs. Jodi P. McDuff
 Ms. Lisa A. McNeal
 Mr. Richard E. Mullen III
 Mrs. Deborah W. Newsom
 Mr. M. Andy Parrish
 Mr. Philip G. Piggott (L)
 Mr. Brian R. Randles
 Rev. April L. Robinson
 Dr. Charles D. Sands IV
 Mrs. Kimberly M. Sims
 Mr. Ian Thompson
 Mr. Ron Thompson (P)
 Mrs. Autumn B. Toussaint
 Mrs. Lyle G. Warshauer (L)
 Mr. David C. Young

1994

Mr. Reed R. Bates (L)
 Mr. Joseph K. Beach (L)
 Mr. Scott G. Carter (D'97)
 Mrs. Barbara H. Cartledge
 Mrs. Carolyn P. Cohen
 Capt. Walter F. Coppersmith III (L)
 Mr. David B. Fleming
 Mrs. Connie M. Hogewood
 Mr. J. Tod Hyche (L)
 Mrs. Rebecca M. Jacobs
 Mr. Tracy C. Jessup (D)
 Mrs. Frances M. Jones
 Mrs. Dana A. Langston
 Mrs. Susan B. Little
 Mrs. Georgia A. Ludlum (L)
 Mrs. Erin C. Lynch
 Mr. Eric F. Mason (D)
 Mr. Robert G. Methvin, Jr. (L)
 Mr. James Flynn Mazingo (L)
 Mr. Kevin C. Newsom
 Mr. Christopher C. Newton
 Mrs. Susan L. Newton
 Miss Kimberly A. Oelschlager
 Mr. David B. Parrish
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 Mr. Thomas M. Riley
 Mrs. Ruby C. Russell
 Mr. Robert E. Sharp
 Mrs. Selena Sheumaker
 Mrs. Kelly Parks Shiell
 Dr. William D. Shiell
 Dr. Bruce A. Waldrop (P)
 Mrs. Debra R. Whitcomb
 Mrs. Tasha Whitehead (P)

1995

Mr. Thomas G. Arlotto
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Dr. Jennifer W. Beall (P) (P'96)
 Dr. Kimberley W. Benner (P) (P'96)
 Mrs. Rebecca B. Davis (D'98)
 Mrs. Rebecca G. DePalma (L)
 Mrs. Brooke T. Fleming
 Mr. David M. Goldberg (L)
 Mrs. Janet T. Goodwin
 Mrs. Kathleen A. Hassel
 Dr. Heather B. Hogue (P) (P'96)
 Dr. Michael D. Hogue (P) (P'96)
 Mrs. Karen H. Hubbard
 Mrs. Monique Y. Johnson
 Mrs. Kristen C. Johnston
 Ms. Jessica L. Kelley
 Mrs. Maya Khater (P) (P'96)
 Mrs. Dena M. Malugen (L)
 Mrs. Adrienne R. Pitts (D'98)
 Mr. Michael J. Rune II (L)
 Mr. Thomas V. Scarritt
 Mr. Joseph P. Schilleci, Jr. (L'02)
 Mr. Stephen H. Smalley (L)
 Mr. Timothy J. Thornton
 Mr. Murray M. Wadsworth, Jr. (L)

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 Mrs. Martha R. Cook (L)
 Mr. James R. Davis
 Mr. Joel S. Dickens (L)
 Mr. Brian A. Dodd (L'99)
 Mrs. Carole M. Epstein
 Mrs. Anna M. Goodwin
 Mrs. Jennifer E. Hall
 Mrs. Tiffany A. Hill (P) (P'97)
 Mr. K. Michael Kopecky
 Dr. Robert D. Langston
 Ms. Julie Jenkins Logan (L)
 Mr. Stanley W. Logan (L)
 Mrs. Laura A. Ludwig
 Dr. C. Allen Murphy (P) (P'97)
 Mr. Shannon B. Palmer
 Mr. Brian C. Pitts (D'99)
 Mr. Scott P. Sheumaker
 Mrs. Ashley L. Thompson (P)
 Mrs. Lila C. Wright (P)

1997

Mrs. Gelaina B. Allen
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 Mrs. Gwen A. Dishman
 Mr. Nicholas F. Getwan
 Mrs. Kelli A. Hand
 Mr. Stephen C. Inman
 Dr. Cherie R. Johnson
 Mr. Latta C. Johnston III
 Mrs. Jena M. Layne
 Mr. Peter A. Ludwig
 Mrs. Misty Miller
 Mr. William R. O'Connor, Jr.
 Ms. Benita Paschel
 Mrs. Julie D. Pearce (L)
 Mr. Joshua L. Reidinger
 Dr. Julie L. Worthington

1998

Ms. Lana K. Alcorn (L)
 Mr. Robert M. Allen
 Mrs. Carmelita J. Bivens

Mrs. Stacey M. Bledsoe
 Mrs. Dawn M. Burgess
 Ms. Jennifer J. Coleman
 Ms. Catherine Heuer Coppedge (L)
 Mr. Mark S. Damron
 Mrs. Jann J. Fowler (L)
 Mr. J. Bryan Freud
 Mrs. B. Gayle Glenn
 Ms. Lana K. Greenfield (P)
 Mrs. Leann Hanks
 Ms. Christine R. Lewis
 Mrs. Darlene P. Mathis
 Mrs. Melinda C. McCullough
 Mr. Jeb F. Mitchell (P)
 Mr. Robert H. Muller-Moore
 Mr. Jeffrey R. Newman
 Mr. Juan Ortega (L)
 Mrs. Nanette B. Pettry
 Mrs. Ainsley K. Seeley
 Mrs. Sarah C. Sinyard

1999

Mr. R. Spencer Clift III (L)
 Mr. Scott G. Denaburg (P)
 Mr. Ronald E. Flick
 Mrs. Reble A. Foy
 Mr. Michael S. Glenn
 Mr. William Craig Hamilton (L)
 Mr. R. Tyler Hand (L'03)
 Mr. Paul C. Hoffman (L)
 Mr. Joel J. Landry
 Dr. Kristen E. Locke (P)
 Mr. Keith A. Miller
 Mrs. Mary T. Miller
 Mr. Jeffrey A. Misenheimer (L)
 Mr. Hugh O. Morris (L)
 Rev. Chris Price
 Mrs. Whitney K. Reidinger
 Mr. Robert Brian Tipton (L)
 Mr. Edward B. Vines
 Mr. David H. Walker
 Mr. John R. Wallis (L)
 Dr. Jothan F. White (D)

2000

Mrs. Janet G. Alexander
 Mrs. Christy L. Allen
 Dr. Geri W. Beers
 Mr. Aaron K. Bishop
 Ms. Mary C. Burrett
 Mr. Ryan J. Corrigan
 Mr. Matthew L. Ferguson (L)
 Ms. Melissa D. Griffis (L)
 Ms. L. Taylor Hanson
 Dr. Francoise H. Horn
 Mr. John A. Howard, Jr. (L)
 Mr. Robert Todd Huntley (L)
 Mrs. Jessica Roark Jackson (L)
 Mr. Samuel L. Jackson (L)
 Mr. Chad E. James
 Mr. Carl E. Miller IV
 Mr. Shahin Modjarrad (L'00)
 Mrs. Tabitha S. Moore
 Mrs. Kimberly K. Nichols
 Mr. James C. Pounds, Jr. (D)
 Mrs. Jayne R. Randolph
 Mrs. Jennifer L. Rivers
 Mr. Riley W. Roby (L)
 Mr. Robert L. Roller

Mrs. Bridget C. Rose (D)
Mr. John Bradford
Scarborough (L)
Mr. Dennis L. Self
Ms. Rebecca A. Thompson

2001

Mr. David P. Blevins
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Mr. Donald W. Crowson
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Mr. Nathan D. Edwards
Mr. Daniel L. Gilliam
Mrs. Lacey H. Gilliam
Mrs. Allison B. Hooks
Mr. Ryan H. Hooks
Mr. Derrick D. Jones
Mrs. Elaine Y. Moody
Mrs. Paula M. Polinski
Mr. Stephen Van Roberts (L)
Ms. Christina A. Rogers
Ms. Dianna E. Sanders
Dr. Eric R. Senn
Mrs. Karon S. Staples (L)
Ms. Melissa K. Ward

2002

Mrs. Lashondia P. Adams
Mrs. Susan P. Hamill (D)
Mr. Taylor L. Heard
Mrs. Joy M. Howard (L'02)
Ms. Whitney L. Miller
Ms. Courtney L. Oldfield
Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw (D)
Mrs. Audrey M. Oyama
Mr. Tyler W. Uzzell
Mr. Eric M. Wade (L)
Ms. Elizabeth B. Wilson

2003

Mr. Franklin D. Adams
Dr. Mary Sue Baldwin
Mr. Craig M. Daugherty
Mr. Conrad R. De Los Santos (L)
Mr. Jonathan D. Ellis
Mr. David B. Goodwin
Mrs. Charlene F. Gossett
Mr. David C. Hicks (L)
Mr. Aryvia P. Holmes
Mr. Steven C. Huret (L)
Mrs. Allison R. Lumbatis (L'06)
Mrs. Christy McInturff-Huret (L)

Mrs. Lindsey T. Miller
Mrs. Rachel M. Plucker
Mr. Eugene H. Stockstill (D)
Mrs. Julie A. Uzzell
Ms. Amanda G. Ward

2004

Mr. Dustin T. Allen
Ms. Amy L. Carrington
Mrs. Kimberly L. Catlin
Mr. Mark T. Catlin
Dr. Paul C. Deichmann (P)
Mrs. Judy Durham (D)
Mr. Philip J. Eggleston
Ms. Ashley L. Floyd
Dr. Clara Gerhardt
Dr. Cynthia A. Hardee (P)
Mr. Lee T. Jackson
Mr. Grant P. Lyons
Mrs. Hannah V. Lyons
Mr. Matthew R. Newton
Mrs. Celia S. Rudolph
Mr. Steven L. Strunk
Mrs. Tambi B. Swiney (D)
Mr. Louis E. Wilson (D)

2005

Mr. Adam R. Bridge
Mr. Reginald W. Calvert (D)
Mr. Marcus D. Davidson (D)
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Alumni and Parent Programs Taking Full Sail

by Emily Sparks

Three months on the job and David Goodwin already has jumped deep into the world of alumni and parent programs at Samford. With tasks such as redefining the role of the Samford Alumni Association, renovating the Web site and rearranging a calendar to engage alumni everywhere, Goodwin has in mind a working, unified and cooperative alumni and parent organization.

"I have spent most of the first few months meeting people and listening to their Samford stories," Goodwin said. "I have the great honor of designing programs for wonderful, fun people."

Goodwin is working to help connect the Alumni Association with the university by investigating outlets to help alumni as well as determining various ways they can help Samford.

He noted that, while many universities charge dues for belonging to an alumni association, Samford does not. Students immediately become part of the Samford Alumni Association upon graduation.

Through conversations and collaboration with alumni, Goodwin is working to develop programs that will involve alumni and their young children at local libraries. He also is developing a calendar of activities "from sporting events to social opportunities that will help our alumni, young and old, stay closely engaged with Samford," he said.

"The very first person I met with was a local attorney, Kitty Rogers Brown, of the Class of '01," said Goodwin. "She has some great ideas and great enthusiasm for what can be done with the alumni association to involve alumni in many ways, not just in asking them for contributions."

Goodwin said alumni such as Brown know that contributions are important and expect to be asked to give. "They also want to know that the university cares about them beyond

that," he said. "It does, and we want to send them that message."

Financial contributions are critical, but they are not Goodwin's main concern. He believes that alumni involvement and influence are a crucial component of the university. He also notes that alumni are more likely to contribute financially if they are involved with the university.

Through conversations with faculty, Goodwin has learned that small increases in funding will enhance programs at Samford greatly. For example, Dean Joseph Hopkins of the School of Performing Arts mentioned that a 10 percent increase in the budget would help provide an incredibly positive impact on that area.

Goodwin also is working with the Samford admission office to involve parents of students as volunteers in such activities as send-off parties for incoming freshmen. "Parents can help Samford in a number of ways, such as helping design outreach programs for recruiting students and in fund-raising efforts," he said.

"One of the clearest messages I am getting is that Samford alumni and parents want very much to be involved with the university," Goodwin said. "I'm here to help that happen." ■

David Goodwin '03 is working hard to connect alumni and parents with Samford.

For more information about the Samford Alumni Association, go to www.samford.edu/alumni

Alumni President Davidson Seeks To Build Samford 'Community'

by Mary Wimberley

Samford graduate Mark E. Davidson '92 wants other alumni to experience the same sense of community he feels as a graduate.

As newly installed president of the 28,000-member Samford Alumni Association, the Mobile, Ala., financial analyst is working to make it happen.

"I want people to appreciate the gift they were given at Samford, which may be different for different people," said Davidson. "For some, it's the friendships they made; for others, it is based on the education they received."

Davidson says he can relate on both counts.

"I had a fantastic experience at Samford with classes I enjoyed, professors who were challenging and interesting, and friendships and relationships I've retained through the years."

After earning his bachelor's degree in math with a business minor summa cum laude, he enrolled in the prestigious Krannert School of Management at Purdue University for graduate work.

"In the classroom at Purdue, I saw hand-selected, highly qualified individuals with good undergraduate education and work experience," he said. "I thought, 'I am as well prepared as anyone for this.'"

Davidson said he didn't feel the least bit intimidated by his accomplished classmates or the size of the 38,000-student Indiana school. He credits his Samford preparation for that.

With his Purdue master of science in management degree in hand and several years of experience as a business systems analyst in Columbus, Ga., Davidson landed in Savannah, Ga., as an investment officer in 1997.

"I didn't know anybody in Savannah," he recalled. Through word of mouth, he learned of several fraternity brothers who also had located in the coastal Georgia town.

"We had not seen each other in years, but they ended up being my closest friends in Savannah," he said of his Sigma Chi pals.

Once away from their alma mater, he noted, schoolmates who may not have been particularly close as



Mark Davidson '92

undergraduates realize how much they have in common from a values perspective and in other ways.

Through Samford Clubs around the country and abroad, he wants to help Samford alumni to feel connected wherever they locate.

Keeping ties with other Samford alumni can be helpful in many ways, he noted, whether for business networking purposes, or social and family support. He cited as an example a military

spouse who might want to connect with other Samford alumni who are military spouses, no matter their branch of service or where they might be stationed.

"That's what I'm talking about: community," said Davidson, who served the Alumni Association as 1992 class agent for six years before beginning a two-year term as vice president in 2004.

Davidson has lived in Mobile since 2003, when he and a business partner cofounded Cornerstone investment management and consulting firm in nearby Daphne, Ala. He earned Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 2000.

He and his wife, Lynn, a University of Georgia graduate with a master of business administration degree from Vanderbilt University, live in historic midtown Mobile with their son, Pape, 1. They are active members of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

Davidson, a 2006 graduate of Leadership Mobile, is also a member of the city's Downtown Rotary Club and other civic groups. ■

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- '50 Winston E. Chapman** of Center Point, Ala., is a trustee on the Alabama Baptist State Convention Board of Missions and a member of the Center Point City Council.
- '51 William E. Hull** is the author of a new book, *Strategic Preaching: The Role of the Pulpit in Pastoral Leadership* (Chalice Press). Former Samford provost and a 2005 Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Hull is research professor at Samford.
- '52 Bob and Judy Brown Barnes '56** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They live in Birmingham.
- '53 James Kenneth Sparkman** of Lexington, Tenn., retired in 1999 as director of missions, Gibson County (Tenn.) Baptist Association. He is pastor of Lick Creek Baptist Church, Linden, Tenn. He and his wife, Kathleen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July.
- '59 Frank C. Galloway** was appointed to the board of directors of the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority. He is a partner in the Birmingham office of Hand Arendall, LLC law firm, practicing in the areas of real estate, commercial loans and municipal law.
- '61 Major Tom Cannon** of Ladson, S.C., retired in 2004 after 40 years in public education in Georgia and South Carolina. He was an administrator and guidance counselor, and an English and special education teacher.
- '62 Elaine Brooks Alberson** of Butler, Ala., recently retired as a county extension coordinator, Alabama Cooperative Extension System. She was named 2006 Citizen of the Year for Choctaw County.
- Sharon C. Heddle** retired in December as an ELA teacher at Ellore Middle School, Ellore, S.C. She taught for 24 years, and was 2005 Teacher of the Year for the school and Orangeburg County school district.
- '64 Wayne Atcheson** is director of the Billy Graham Library, which will open in late spring 2007 in Charlotte, N.C. The \$27-million facility occupies 40,000 square feet near the headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. It is comprised of 10 galleries, a bookstore and café. Graham's papers from his Montreat, N.C., home will be stored there.
- '65 Mona Hurlbert Fisher** received the 2006 Golden Eagle journalism award from the State of Alabama and the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in recognition of her service to the senior citizens of the state. She is writer, columnist and marketing representative with *Senior Living* newspaper, which circulates in central and north Alabama.
- Ronald J. Heddle** retired in July as director of missions, Orangeburg Calhoun Baptist Association, Orangeburg, S.C. He is interim pastor at Cameron Baptist Church, Cameron, S.C.
- '72 Melissa Gilbreath Cartee** is vice president of member services and community development for Cullman Electric Cooperative, Cullman, Ala.

Dr. Martha Myers '67 Inducted into Alabama Women's Hall of Fame



Martha Myers

The life and work of the late Samford alumna **Dr. Martha Myers '67** was celebrated when the former Southern Baptist medical missionary was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame on March 1, 2007.

Dr. Myers served 24 years as a physician at Jibla Baptist Hospital in Jibla, Yemen, where she and two coworkers were shot and killed by a Muslim extremist on Dec. 30, 2002.

Myers was introduced to her life's work after her junior year in medical school at the University of Alabama, when she spent two months at the Jibla hospital as part of a mission program sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention.

During her furloughs to the U.S., she spoke about the mission work in Yemen, and collected medical and humanitarian supplies

for the Yemeni people. Shortly before her death, she emptied her personal savings account to pay for a kidney transplant for one of her patients.

Myers was born in Birmingham, where her father, **Dr. Ira Myers '45**, a retired Alabama Health Department officer, was a student at Howard College. She is buried in Jibla on the grounds of the hospital she served.

As a Samford student, she was a member of the A Cappella Choir and editor of the literary magazine.

In 2004, the Martha Myers Memorial Scholarship was established at Samford to be awarded to premedical students who express a calling to medical missions.

The Alabama Women's Hall of Fame is housed at Judson College in Marion, Ala. Each year, it honors women from or closely identified with Alabama who made significant contributions through their personal or professional lives on a state, national or international level. Inductees must have been deceased for at least two years. ■

- '74 Michael J. and Sharon T. Mitchell** live in Fort Payne, Ala., where he is manager of Cedar Bluff Oil Co. and is pastor of Gault Avenue Baptist Church. She is secretary of the oil company. Their daughter, Laura Beth Gable, attends Samford.
- '75 James Thomas Posey** is senior pastor of Coldwater Baptist Church, Concord, N.C. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.
- '77 Gary W. Barkley** was inaugurated president of Seinan Gakuin University in Japan in December. A former Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, he has been on the Seinan Gakuin faculty since 1987, most recently as dean of religious affairs. He and his wife, Carolyn, have a son, Matthew, and two daughters, Ashley and Emily.
- '78 Gregory Crane, M.M. '83**, is worship pastor at First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., where **Walter Draughn '77**, is senior pastor. He and his wife, **Melanie Brock Crane '80**, have two sons.
- '81 Dennis Culbreth** is president of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. He is senior pastor of River Oak Church, Chesapeake, Va.

Carol D. Spears is a missionary surgeon with World Gospel Missions at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, Africa. She trains Kenyan medical students, interns and residents in a surgery residency training program.

'84 **Joyce Thompson Heames, M.B.A. '88**, recently earned a Ph.D. in management at the University of Mississippi. She is assistant professor in the management and industrial relations department, College of Business and Economics, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.

Jerry Charles Smith is vice president, Revenue Cycle, in the newly formed St. Vincent's Health System, Birmingham.

Joyce Baker Zeiler of Ozark, Ark., is pharmacy director at Vista Health Fort Smith, Barling, Ark.

'85 **Elizabeth Futral** led a star-studded cast in New York Metropolitan Opera's production of *The First Emperor* Dec. 21–Jan. 25. Futral, a soprano and 2002 Samford Alumna of the Year, shared the stage with Plácido Domingo and Paul Groves.

William Rice was elected president of the Florida Baptist Convention. He is senior pastor of his home church, Calvary Baptist, in Clearwater, Fla. He and his wife, **Cheryl Baker Rice '87**, have a daughter, Amanda, a Samford freshman.

'88 **Nathan E. Varner** of Birmingham is senior interior designer with KPS Group, Inc., an architecture, interior design, planning and landscape architecture firm.

'89 **Alice Myers Hagler** and **Stephen Hagler, J.D. '91**, live in Augusta, Ga., with their seven children, Amelia, 13, Stephen, 10, Jay, 7, Roger, 5, Barrett, 4, Susie, 2, and Amy, born in November. Alice is a preschool teacher. Stephen is an attorney in private practice.

'90 **Jeff Bone** works with the strategic gifts team at Prison Fellowship ministry as director of advancement for the mountain region. He will study for a year with Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson and others on such topics as politics, education, mass media and the arts, bioethics, business, and marriage and family. He and his wife, **Leta Sue Trinkle Bone '85**, live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

David Christopher Ellison works with Boise Rescue Mission in Caldwell, Idaho. He and his wife, Christi, have three children.

New Florida Governor Crist, Cumberland Grad, Seeks End to Touch-Screen Voting

When **Charlie Crist, J.D. '81**, was inaugurated Florida's 44th governor Jan. 2, he became the fifth Cumberland School of Law graduate to hold the top elected office in the sunshine state.

The former Florida attorney general was in his new post less than a month before endorsing a change that he hopes will end six troublesome years of touch-screen voting in the state.

Crist wants every county to switch to paper ballots by 2008, and has asked the Florida legislature to spend more than \$30 million to replace touch screens with an optical scan system that will create a paper record of every ballot. The touch-screen technology was implemented following the 2000 presidential race when a recount dispute focusing on Florida's "hanging chads" and inscrutable ballots was resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I think it's important to make sure people have confidence in our voting system," Crist was quoted as saying. "If there's a need for a recount, I think it's important that we have something to recount."

Crist, a Republican, was elected Florida attorney general in 2002. He previously served as state education commissioner, and director of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. He served in the state senate for six years in the 1990s.

He has described his goal as governor as "achieving social justice for the people of our state, regardless of their station in life."

Crist attended Wake Forest University before earning a bachelor's degree in

government at Florida State University. At Cumberland, he was president of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, a Student Bar Association representative, vice president of the Florida SBA and a member of the International Law Society.



Charlie Crist

Retired Cumberland professor Carolyn Featheringill recalls having Crist in her decedent's, estates and trusts class his senior year.

"He was very engaged and bright, and always had a lot of questions. Charlie was interested in politics even then," she remembers, adding that his inquisitive nature may help him be a good watchdog for what transpires in state government.

In 2004, while Florida attorney general, he was named Cumberland's Alumnus of the Year. He has spoken at his law alma mater on several occasions, most recently at Commencement in May.

Crist's four Cumberland-trained predecessors in the Florida governor's office and their terms are: **Sidney Catts, L.L.B. 1882** (1917–21), **Park Trammell, L.L.B. 1899** (1913–17), **Fuller Warren, L.L.B. 1928** (1949–53), and **LeRoy Collins, L.L.B. 1931** (1955–61). All four graduated when the school was located in Lebanon, Tenn. ■

Marsha Watts Foreman lives in Birmingham with her husband, Brian, and their three adopted children, Sandra, 2, Anthony, 1, and David, 1. She is a Mary Kay beauty consultant.

Shannon Whitney Hendrix and her husband, Chris, a former Samford student, live in Plymouth, Mich., with their four children, Wes, 12, Whitney, 11, Beth, 9, and Bowman, 7. She is preschool producer at NorthRidge Church, where she develops curriculum and large-group programming. She also writes comical sketches for the puppet team and family worship experience. Chris is a technical stock analyst.

'91 **Thomas Briscoe** and his wife, Minde, live in Birmingham. They have a son, William Roller, 2.

Ralton McCarley of Muscle Shoals, Ala., earned a doctor of ministry degree in

evangelism and church growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

'92 **Scott D. Cole** received the Jack Davis Professional Achievement Award from the University of Alabama's College of Human Environmental Sciences. He is founder and principal of Cole Financial Planning, and is associate pastor of Fellowship of the Valley, a church he cofounded in Hoover, Ala.

Tony Hale stars alongside comic Will Farrell in the recently released movie *Stranger Than Fiction*. He lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Amy Fowler Murphy received an education specialist degree in chemistry education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and her national board certification in chemistry education. She

works at Spain Park High School, Hoover, Ala. She and her husband, Eric, live in Leeds, Ala.

Renee Turner Peacock and John Peacock, M.B.A. '00, live in Birmingham with their three children, Zane, 3, and twins Audrey and Thad, born in July.

'94 **Laura Scott Haley** is an accounting manager with Baptist Health Care, Pensacola, Fla. She has two children, James Christian and Kathryn Marguerite Rose.

John S. Johnson is a partner in the Birmingham office of Hand Arendall, LLC law firm. He focuses on general civil litigation with emphasis on commercial litigation, life, health and disability insurance litigation, and labor and employment law. He and his wife, **Jenny Barnes Johnson '94**, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala., with their children, Jake, 3, and Lily, 1.

Doug Wood is minister of music and education at Bay Springs Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. He and his wife, Miranda, have two sons, Luke Andrew, 2, and Samuel Avery, born in July.

'95 **Brook and Robbie Gibbons '97, M.S.E. '03**, live in Birmingham with their four children, William, 10, Hannah Brook, 6, Anna Grace, 4, and Rigdon, 2.

Patrick Howell is a partner in Taylor and Carls law firm, Maitland, Fla.

'96 **Eric Motley** is managing director of the Henry Crown Fellowship Program and vice president of special initiatives at the Aspen Institute. The fellowship program is designed to develop a new generation of community-spirited leaders. In his vice president's role, Dr. Motley will guide the development of several new leadership programs at the institute. Most recently with the U.S. Department of State's Office for International Visitors, the former Samford student government president will continue to live in Washington, D.C.

Ashley Lynne Thompson and her husband, Glen, recently bought Metropolis Drugs, Metropolis, Ill.

Jeffrey E. Thompson is merchandiser with Kroger's Mid-Atlantic Pharmaceutical Division. He and his wife, **Amy Witt Thompson '96**, and children live in Roanoke, Va.

'97 **Carrie Chilcott Abraham** and her family live in Clarksville, Tenn. She and her husband, Chris, have two daughters, Taylor Margaret, 1, and Emily Marzhan, who was born in April and adopted from Kazakhstan in November. Carrie sells Creative Memories supplies.

David Bledsoe of Birmingham completed graduate certification in nonprofit management at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Michelle Henderson is a general services case aide with Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Cullman, Ala. She and her son, Nicholas, live in Hanceville, Ala.

Michael Mann earned a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and is pastor of Hinckley First United Methodist Church, Hinckley, Ill.

Bill and Heather Hendricks Vinson live in Raleigh, N.C., where he is a project manager at Motricity, and she teaches secondary government and economics in Wake County Schools. She achieved national board certification. They have a son, Bennett Davis, born in June.

Julie Lynn Worthington is a research associate at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

John T. Lanier, J.D. '00, is a shareholder at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., Birmingham. He practices in the firm's general corporate and health-care practice groups.

'98 **Christine R. Lewis** works in bilingualism research at the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.

Todd Michael Veleber, M.Div. '03, and his wife, **Brooke Veleber '03**, live in Tallahassee, Fla., with their sons, Brock, 7, and Jake, 1. He is pastor to students at Wildwood Church. She is a labor and delivery nurse at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Amanda Davis Vice, Pharm.D., is a staff pharmacist at Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Gadsden, Ala. She and her husband, Jay, have a son, Samuel James, born in December.

'99 **Rebecca Gail Centeno** and her husband, Justin, live in Miami, Fla. They have a son, Preston William, 2.

Sarah Thomason Kingery married Jonathan Creal in April. She is an occupational therapist for Wellstar Health System and Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga. They live in Cartersville, Ga.

Newsom Selected for 'Fab 50' by *The American Lawyer*



Kevin Newsom

Alabama solicitor general **Kevin Newsom '94** is one of the "Fab 50" cited by *The American Lawyer* magazine as one of the nation's most outstanding litigators under the age of 45.

At 34, Newsom was the third-youngest attorney to be honored in the listing, and one of only two from the South.

The magazine's January cover story, "Litigation's Rising Stars," spotlights 50 leading attorneys practicing in a variety of fields.

As solicitor general, Newsom directs and coordinates the state's appellate litigation in the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the Alabama Supreme Court. He was named to the post in 2003.

"I am simultaneously proud of and humbled by this honor," Newsom said of his "Fab 50" designation. "I absolutely love what I do, and to be recognized for doing it well is very gratifying."

Newsom's profile in the article notes that he "writes briefs with a novelist's sense of language" and that his fellow Supreme Court clerks "voted him the lawyer they'd hire if they needed an advocate."

The summa cum laude Samford graduate is a 1997 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was articles editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter and was with a Washington, D.C., law firm before returning to his native Alabama.

Newsom recently was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, a distinct professional honor accorded to a select number of judges, lawyers and law teachers. He was sponsored by Souter and 11th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Bill Pryor, who was Alabama attorney general when Newsom assumed his current post.

A history and political science major at Samford, Newsom serves on the Howard College of Arts and Sciences advisory board.

He is married to **Deborah Wilgus Newsom '93**. They live in Montgomery, Ala., with their two sons, Marshall James, 4, and Chapman Bethea, 1. ■

Jared Michael Shull and his wife, Mohana, live in Homewood with their son, Nathan, born in November.

Edward B. Vines is an attorney in Bessemer, Ala. He and his wife, Lisa, and their two children, Noelle and Faith, live in Hoover, Ala.

Joshua Nathaniel Wade married Stacy Cleaver in March. They live in Hoover, Ala.

'00 **Kristi Michele Crowe** received a Ph.D. in food and nutrition sciences with a specialization in agricultural chemistry from the University of Maine in May. She is a food scientist at *Southern Living* magazine in Birmingham.

Leigh Taylor Hanson is an attorney in the Brunswick, Ga., law firm of Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C., practicing in the areas of litigation and real estate development. She clerked for the Hon. C. Ashley Royal in the U.S. Court for the Middle District of Georgia. She lives in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Jonathan Michael Hooks, J.D. '03, is an attorney with the Montgomery, Ala., law firm of Wilkerson & Bryan, P.C. He and his wife, Holly, have a son, Jonathan Michael, Jr., born in November.

Elizabeth Roland is a development director with Columbia Independent School, Columbia, Mo.

'01 **Jason Michael Haveman** married Lola Pennington in April in their hometown of Bellingham, Wash. **Lucas Dorion '01** officiated. Haveman holds a master of aquaculture degree from Auburn University. He is a special education assistant in the Ashland School District, Ashland, Ore.

Lauren Peirce married Miguel Carcas in November. They live in Miami, Fla. She earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Miami and will begin a medical residency in June.

Jeremy Shane Perkins received a Ph.D. in physics from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. A physicist with Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, he works at the Whipple Observatory on the VERITAS [Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System] project near Tucson, Ariz. He lives in Sahuarita, Ariz.

Christina Rogers is an attorney in the Pittsburgh, Penn., law firm of Zimmer Kunz, PLLC.

'02 **Lesley Anne Baker Sewell** and her husband, Curtis, are training as missionaries with New Tribes Mission to work with unreached people groups in East Asia. They live in Orange Park, Fla. with their son, Josiah, 2.

'03 **Cheryl Janes** earned an M.B.A. degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in December. She is branch specialist with America's First Federal Credit Union, Birmingham.

David Ryan Oakley is president of The Oakley Group, Inc., a commercial real estate investment company, and Select My Space, Inc., a professional residential leasing company in Birmingham.

Kathryn Elizabeth Nowiczewski, M.S.E.M. '05, is the environmental and regulatory analyst in Denver, Colo., for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

Robert Wylie Richardson, J.D., is a partner in a new law practice, Crump, Richardson and Young, PLLC, in Cleveland, Tenn. He and his wife, Lindsay, live in Athens, Tenn.

'04 **Julia Walker** and **Jonathan Tyler Slack '05** married in July. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Andrea Faye Golden White earned a master's in health-care administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She and her husband, Hale, live in Thompson's Station, Tenn.

'05 **Maureen Olivia Simpson**, staff writer with *The Island Packet* in Hilton Head, S.C., received first place in the 2006 McClatchy Company President's Award national competition. Her award-winning feature story dealt with the toll Alzheimer's disease brings on caretakers.

'06 **Bethany Rushing** is stewardship coordinator at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. ■

births

'89 **Alice** and **Stephen Hagler, J.D. '91**, of Augusta, Ga., a daughter, Amy Catherine, born Nov. 6, 2006.

'91 **Gary** and **Michele Bender Bullock '92** of Birmingham, the adoption of a son, Manuel "Manny" Augustine, from Guatemala, born March 2, 2006.

'92 **Traci Lynne** and **John Brewer** of Guntersville, Ala., a daughter, Molly Ruth, born Jan. 4, 2006.

Alexis and **William Brian Kennedy** of Crowley, Texas, a son, Declan Conway, born Dec. 29, 2006.

Renee Turner Peacock and **John Peacock, M.B.A. '00**, of Birmingham, twins, Audrey and Thad, born July 1, 2006.

'93 **Michael** and **Melissa Kay Waldron McMahan** of Decatur, Ala., a daughter, Madeline, born Oct. 12, 2006.

Brenton and **Rachel French Sadauskas** of Arlington, Va., a daughter, Ella Claire, born Dec. 5, 2006.

Gannon and **Katheryn Sparks Weaver '94** of Memphis, Tenn., a son, Charleston Joseph Lane, born March 10, 2006.

'94 **Amanda** and **Jim Camp, J.D. '97**, of Carrollton, Ga., a son, Jackson Tyler, born Oct. 18, 2006.

Miranda and **Doug Wood** of Dothan, Ala., a son, Samuel Avery, born July 12, 2006.

'95 **Erik** and **Fachia Files** of Muscle Shoals, Ala., a son, Christian Cruz, born Sept. 22, 2006.

Dan and **Kim Hankins Sparks** of Gadsden, Ala., a son, Matthew Gardner, born Dec. 1, 2006.

Barry and **Lauren Kathleen Colley Studdard** of Alabaster, Ala., a daughter, Emma Kathleen, born May 11, 2005.

'96 **Shawn Pearson** and **Ashley Goodwin-Pearson** of Trussville, Ala., a son, Noah Goodwin, born Nov. 7, 2006.

Dean and **Bethany Hazzard Morris** of Sharpsburg, Ga., a daughter, Casey Jo, born April 10, 2006.

'97 **Paul** and **Brandy Lynne Eckert Bollen** of Jacksonville, Fla., a daughter, Brenna Evelyn, born Nov. 15, 2006.

Seth and **Shannon Rountree Gibree** of Cumming, Ga., a son, Cole James, born Oct. 2, 2006.

Rosemary and **Daryl Healea** of Boston, Mass., a son, Aiden Roy, born Aug. 29, 2006.

Brian and **Adrienne Dawn Allen Irons** of Harvest, Ala., a daughter, Lauren Addison, born Nov. 7, 2006.

Aimee Shackelton Nobs and **Derek Robert Nobs** '98 of Suwanee, Ga., a daughter, Sydney Grace, born Oct. 10, 2006.

Joshua and **Whitney King Reidinger** '99 of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a daughter, Camille Haynes, born Nov. 1, 2006.

Bill and **Heather Hendricks Vinson** of Raleigh, N.C., a son, Bennett Davis, born June 9, 2006.

'98 **Chris** and **Kate Tinney Albright** of Birmingham, a son, John Griffin, born Dec. 27, 2006.

Chris and **John Asbeck** of Birmingham, a son, Joshua David, born Oct. 30, 2006.

Allen and **Kristen Lindstrom Murphree** of Birmingham, a son, Andrew, born Aug. 3, 2006.

Alan and **Staci Schoenfeld Simpson** of Alabaster, Ala., a daughter, Alaina Leigh, born Sept. 7, 2006.

Jay and **Amanda Davis Vice, Pharm.D.**, of Rainbow City, Ala., a son, Samuel James, born Dec. 4, 2006.

'99 **Drew** and **Rebecca Lane Hanson** of Birmingham, a son, James Andrew, born July 19, 2005.

Justin and **Meredith Williams Salmon** of Spring Hill, Tenn., a daughter, Laura Elaine, born Aug. 23, 2006.

Mohana and **Jared Michael Shull** of Homewood, a son, Nathan, born Nov. 10, 2006.

Jeremy and **Kathryn Anne Huckabee Youngblood** of Cleveland, Ga., a daughter, Avery Kathryn, born Nov. 9, 2006.

'00 **Audrey Christine Hester Brooks** and **Chris Brooks, M.Div.** '04, of Spartanburg, S.C., a daughter, Addie Gail, born July 17, 2006.

Chris and **Lindsey Hightower Hanes** of Ocala, Fla., a daughter, Caroline Joy, born Dec. 23, 2006.

Holly and **Jonathan Michael Hooks, J.D.** '03, of Montgomery, Ala., a son, Jonathan Michael, Jr., born Nov. 9, 2006.

Matt and **Christy Carter Kearce** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a son, Carter James, born Nov. 21, 2005.

Marianne Donovan Pohl and **Michael Justin Pohl** '01 of Bentonville, Ark., a daughter, Kaitlyn Avery, born July 25, 2006.

Todd and **Jennifer Jones Rivers** of Winston-Salem, N.C., a daughter, Isabel Margaret, born Oct. 19, 2006.

'01 **Kelly** and **David Paul Blevins** of Clarksville, Tenn., a daughter, Chloe Grace, born Nov. 15, 2006.

'02 **Leah Goldberg Ward, Pharm.D.**, and **Michael Ward, Pharm.D.** '03, of Jacksonville, Fla., a son, Hayden Michael, born Oct. 25, 2006.

Wayne Sutton and **Lindsay Kay Schoenfeld Wells** of Chelsea, Ala., a son, William Sutton, born Sept. 5, 2006.

'03 **Kevin** and **Deanna Resmondo Conner** of Birmingham, a son, Jacob Dylan, born Aug. 26, 2006.

Earnest and **Janice Fuller Johnson** of Birmingham, a son, Earnest Emmanuel, born March 23, 2006.

Larry and **Kasie Moser Secret** of Louisville, Ky., a daughter, Mackenzie Leigh, born Dec. 27, 2006.

Greg and **Laura Wilson Sharpe** of Niamey, Niger (West Africa), a son, Noah Wilson, born Aug. 9, 2006. ■

inmemoriam

'35 **Eunice Elaine Long Davis**, age 95, of Gadsden, Ala., died Nov. 28, 2006. She did graduate study at the Carver School of Missions, Union Seminary in New York City and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She and her husband, Oscar, served churches in Kentucky and Alabama. She taught at Gadsden's Emma Samson High School.

Marshall Fred Phillips, age 93, of Birmingham died Jan. 4, 2007. He served with the Merchant Marines in New Guinea and Europe during World War II. Dr. Phillips was a high school teacher, coach and principal, and assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools. At Samford, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Trident honor society, and was student body president. He received Samford's school of education Outstanding Administrator award in 1980.

'40 **Alice Waters Thornton Hanson**, age 88, of Dalton, Ga., died Nov. 22, 2006.

'41 **Marjorie Hunter Martin Friday**, age 96, of Birmingham died Dec. 5, 2006. She taught elementary school for 35 years.

Helen Roberts Gore, age 88, of Gadsden, Ala., died Oct. 31, 2006. She and her husband served churches in north and central Alabama.

'42 **Elva Sterling Lynn McClure**, age 86, of Huntersville, N.C., died Nov. 14, 2006, of cancer. A graduate of Birmingham Baptist School of Nursing, she was a nurse in Birmingham for many years.

'43 **Phoebe Irene Pierce Lynch**, age 85, of Tullahoma, Tenn., died Nov. 13, 2006. She taught English and was a librarian in Memphis schools.

'44 **Wendell Givens**, age 84, of Birmingham, died Dec. 9, 2006, of kidney cancer. He worked at the Birmingham *Age-Herald* while attending Howard College, and then worked at *The Birmingham News* for 45

years. The former *Crimson* editor was Samford's 1967 Alumnus of the Year. He wrote several sports books.

Mary Dunlap Plunkett Rowe, age 87, of Hanceville, Ala., died Nov. 25, 2006. She was an English and social studies teacher.

'47 **Vester Neal Agee, Sr., J.D.**, age 84, of Lebanon, Tenn., died Nov. 20, 2006. A World War II veteran, he served in the 20th Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. He practiced law for 56 years.

Abe "Lige" Epsman, age 84, of Birmingham died Dec. 4, 2006. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. A merchant for more than 40 years, he was active in sports at Howard College and with the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Veloreese A. Harper, of Macon, Ga., died Nov. 15, 2006. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Association of University Women.

Robert Ewell Lee, J.D., age 84, of Lebanon, Tenn., died Dec. 13, 2006. An attorney, he was a World War II veteran who served in both the U.S. Army and the

U.S. Navy. He was an assistant U.S. Attorney, Middle District of Tennessee, and a 32nd-degree Mason.

'49 **C. C. Bennett**, age 90, of Atlanta, Ga., died Nov. 11, 2006. He was a pastor in Alabama.

Kenneth C. Perolio, age 80, of Birmingham, died Jan. 23, 2007. He owned Ken Perolio Real Estate and Insurance Company in Homewood. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

'50 **Jerry Joseph Sullivan, Sr.**, age 79, of Shelby, Ala., died Jan. 28, 2007. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and played football at Howard College. He retired from Alabama Gas Corporation with 40 years of service. He was the father of Samford's head football coach Pat Sullivan.

'52 **William Snell, M.A.** '67, age 86, of Cleveland, Tenn., died Jan. 14, 2007. He taught history at Lee University for 29 years, receiving the school's excellence in teaching and scholarship awards. Dr. Snell wrote several books on Tennessee history.

'53 **Barbara Averett Nelms**, age 78, of Birmingham died Nov. 15, 2006. She retired from Midfield schools. She taught conversational English to international medical students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Baptist Student Center.

'55 **Richard Emory "Dick" Barrett**, age 76, of Panama City, Fla., died Jan. 8, 2007. He was a minister of music and music evangelist who sang for Gideons International conventions and Southern Baptist Convention meetings. He was an auxiliary officer and chaplain for the Bay County (Fla.) Sheriff's office.

Donald Ward Cole, age 75 of Oneonta, Ala., died Nov. 23, 2006. He was pharmacist at Miller Drug Company for 52 years.

Ray Neil Riddle, age 73, of Birmingham died Nov. 5, 2006. He was a pharmacist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

'56 **Eula Mitchell Freeman**, age 92, of Birmingham died Nov. 14, 2006. She taught school for 38 years in Walker County, Alabama.

'57 **John Edward Frank Baker**, age 81, of Leeds, Ala., died Jan. 17, 2007. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

'58 **Trenyon H. Gamble**, age 86, of Leeds, Ala., died Dec. 7, 2006. He entered World War II from the Naval V-12 program at Howard College. He also served in the Korean War and retired as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve. He owned

and operated a real estate and development company for more than 30 years.

Clyde M. King, Jr., age 86, of Panama City, Fla., died Oct. 12, 2006. He piloted a B-17 bomber during World War II and a B-29 bomber in the Korean War. He earned a general education diploma at age 37 before earning his pharmacy degree from Samford. He operated King's Discount Drug for 40 years.

'59 **Marvin Eugene Breeding**, age 72, of Decatur, Ala., died Dec. 31, 2006. He played with the Baltimore Orioles and was a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers team that won the 1963 World Series. He was inducted into the Samford Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006. After retiring from baseball, he was a manufacturer's representative and business owner.

Sydney Marilyn Harrell Lolley, age 68, of Asheville, N.C., died Nov. 30, 2006, of Parkinson's disease. She taught for 30 years and was an avid genealogist. She was a member of Delta Gamma Kappa education society.

Jack Porter Merrill, age 69, of Charlotte, N.C., died Nov. 27, 2006, of acute myelogenous leukemia. He was employed with DuPont, worked in retail and as a manufacturer's representative, and with the tax office of Mecklenburg County.

'62 **Charles E. Woods**, age 71, of Birmingham died Dec. 8, 2006, of cancer. He served in the U.S. Army and was a State Farm insurance agent for almost 35 years.

'65 **Gail Knight Anderson**, age 64, of Morris, Ala., died Nov. 14, 2006, of cancer. She taught business education and music in schools, and also taught piano, guitar and voice in her private studio.

Alfred A. Hurst, Jr., age 78, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Nov. 25, 2006. He was co-owner of Harbin Pharmacy.

Marylu McWilliams Owen, age 80, of Birmingham died Nov. 20, 2006. She taught at Shades Mountain Elementary School.

'66 **Herbert Paul Chancellor**, age 67, of Cullowhee, N.C., died Nov. 26, 2006. He was a pharmacist.

'67 **Elsie Margaret Anderegg**, age 90, of Birmingham and later of Bellevue, Wash., died Dec. 3, 2006. As chief of the administrative division of the Birmingham Ordinance District, she was the only woman in the U.S. with the title. She later helped implement the Head Start program in Jefferson County and worked with the Birmingham Center for Vocational Rehabilitation.

Wayne Cofield, age 62, of Huntsville, Ala., died Nov. 3, 2006. A pharmacist for 36 years, he owned Medical Arts Pharmacy.

Beverly Ann Parker Scarbrough, age 62, of Albertville, Ala., died Jan. 13, 2007. She was a 4-H Club agent in Jackson County, Ala., and a math and English teacher at North Alabama Skills Center in Albertville and Rainsville. She participated in mission trips to Montana and Romania, and was a mentor in the Christian Women's Job Corps.

'70 **Benjamin Lawson Hill III, J.D.**, age 64, of Jasper, Tenn., died Dec. 5, 2006. He was an attorney, city judge and juvenile court judge. Also a farmer, he raised cattle and trained standard-bred horses.

'71 **John Mason Smtih** of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Feb. 16, 2005. He was a retired business owner.

'75 **William Ryan DeGraffenried, Jr., J.D.**, age 56, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Dec. 7, 2006. He was an Alabama state senator who served as president pro tem from 1987 to 1994. He was an attorney and contract lobbyist.

'77 **James Walker Peters**, age 54, of Birmingham died Dec. 5, 2006. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Belknap during the Vietnam era. He taught English and Spanish at Boaz High School.

Peggy J. Kern Truchon, age 59, of Homewood, died Jan. 1 2007. She was a nurse at University of Alabama at Birmingham and Baptist Montclair hospitals for 30 years.

'95 **James Edward Davidson, M.S.E.M.**, age 58, of Shelby, Ala., died Jan. 3, 2007. He worked for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for 22 years.

'96 **Anna Kristin Grods J.D.**, age 37, of Bedminster, N.J., died Nov. 7, 2006. She was an immigration attorney and a marathon runner.

'97 **Don Parrish M.Div.**, age 53, of Harpersville, Ala., died Dec. 30, 2006. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Harpersville, and a chaplain with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. He earned his master's degree after receiving a liver transplant.

'05 **Sarah Clement**, age 24, of Birmingham died Dec. 29, 2006. She was a member of the Samford varsity track team and captain of the 2004-05 women's varsity basketball team. A premedicine major at Samford, she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, several academic honor societies and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. ■

Gulina Leads OVC Scoring, Bulldogs Reach Semifinal Round

Randall Gulina played one of his best games in his last outing as a Samford Bulldog, and the performance enabled him to lead the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring. The 6-1 senior guard scored 21 points against Austin Peay in the OVC tournament semifinals, giving him 579 points and an 18.1 average for the season.

It was the highest point total for a Samford player in 23 years and the highest average in 11 seasons.

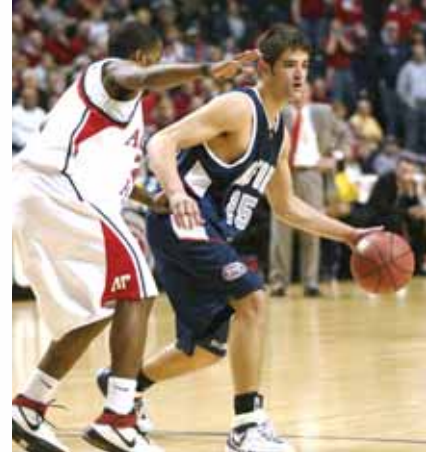
Gulina hit seven of 10 field goal attempts and five of six free throws, playing 37 minutes with no turnovers. That final game performance in a 65-55 loss enabled him to edge

out Tennessee Tech's Belton Rivers for the scoring title. Rivers scored 13 in his last game, also in the semifinals, and finished with a 17.8 average.

Gulina ended his four-year career with 1,245 points, 13th on Samford's all-time scoring list. He emerged as the Bulldogs' offensive leader this season after averaging 10.4 and 12.6 points a game as a sophomore and junior.

The scrappy shooter from Baton Rouge, La., scored in a variety of ways, mixing in 3-point baskets with aggressive, driving lay-ups. He was adept at taking the ball inside for short hook shots, and at drawing fouls. His 79.9 free throw percentage led the team.

Randall Gulina's total of 579 points was the highest in 23 years for a Bulldog.



Jerry Smith finished his Samford career with a record 433 assists.

"Randall always plays hard," said Head Coach Jimmy Tillette. "He's the toughest kid I've ever coached. He played the last part of the season with a hurt knee, but still went hard."

Gulina's efforts earned him All-OVC first-team honors. He also made the All-OVC Tournament team after his performances against Murray State (20 points) in the first round and Austin Peay.

Gulina teamed with fellow senior Jerry Smith to give the Bulldogs a strong backcourt. Smith averaged 10.3 points a game and established a career record for assists with 433, breaking Al Walter's 32-year old record of 423 during 1972-75. Smith is the only Bulldog ever to amass a career combination of 900 points, 500 rebounds and 400 assists. He led the OVC in minutes played this season, averaging 37 a game.

Samford finished with a 16-16 record, leading the conference in defense (allowing opponents only 60.4 points a game) and free-throw percentage (72.6). Starters Travis Peterson (11.3 points a game) and Joe Ross Merritt (8.8) will return next season, along with part-time starter Curtis West (6.0) and several bench players.

"We really competed hard, and our players gave everything they had," Tillette said after the season-ending loss to Austin Peay. His words probably characterized the season as a whole. ■

Munday Leads Women to 18-13 Season

Led by All-Ohio Valley Conference first-team selection Alex Munday and a trio of seniors, the Samford women's basketball team posted an 18-13 record this season, the third highest win total in the program's history.

The seniors—Veronica Pike, Chelsee Insell and Tish Pilkerton—have the most wins of any senior class with 62 in the last four years.

"I am very pleased with our team," Head Coach Mike Morris said of the Bulldogs. "This has been a tough year in a lot of ways. I am as proud of this team as any I have ever been associated with."

Samford won seven of its last eight games to make it to the OVC semifinals for the second consecutive year before losing to eventual champion Southeast Missouri, 57-51. The Redhawks also won the OVC regular season title.

Munday led the Bulldogs in scoring for the third time in four years to become Samford's all-time career leader with 1,309 points. The 6-0 junior from Knoxville, Tenn., averaged 14.0 points a game this year after scoring 14.2 as a freshman in 2003-04 and 14.7 last year. She has another year of eligibility

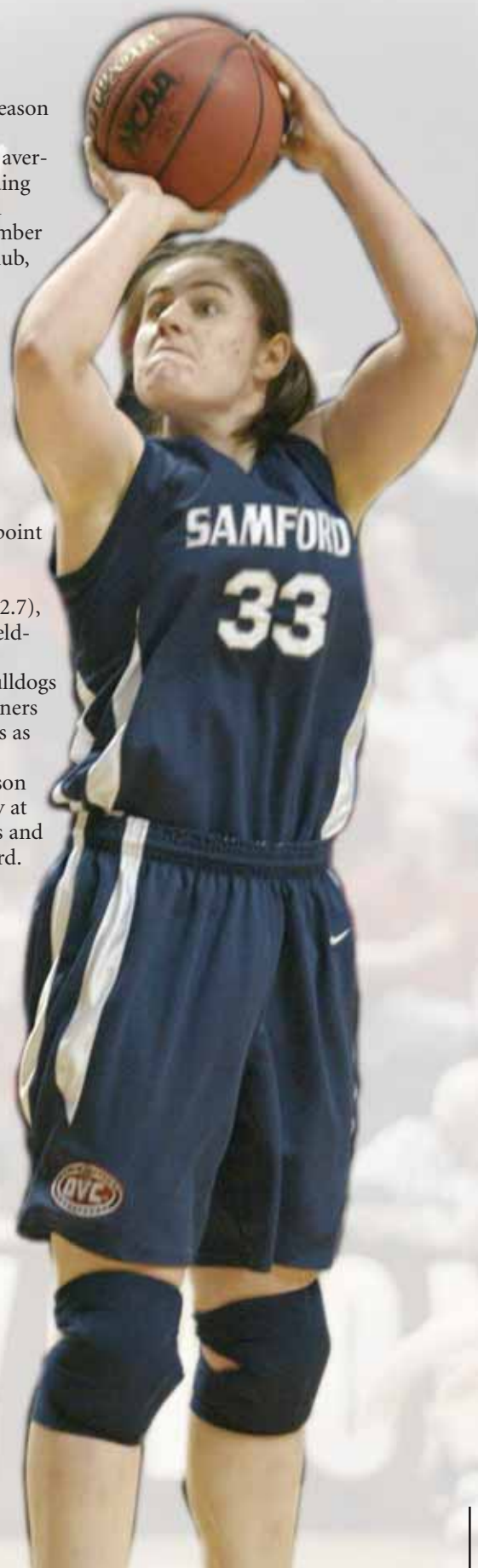
because she missed the 2004-05 season as a medical redshirt.

Pike enjoyed her best season, averaging 11.0 points a game and leading the team in rebounding with a 5.1 mark. Insell became the third member of Samford's 1,000-career point club, finishing with 1,008. She also finished as the career leader in 3-point goals (202). Pilkerton played in 30 games, starting 15, and was one of the first substitutes off the bench in the others.

Samford led the OVC in three statistical categories and finished second in three others. The Bulldogs were first in defense (allowing 56.9 points a game), 3-point goals (6.68 a game) and 3-point defense (28.5 percent). They were second in field-goal percentage (42.7), free-throw percentage (74) and field-goal defense (39.5 percent).

Morris has established the Bulldogs as one of the more consistent winners in the OVC during his five seasons as head coach. He looks forward to building another winner next season around returning starters Munday at forward, and Taryn Towns and Megan Wilderotter at guard. Other key returnees will include guards Monica Maxwell and Karmen Smith. ■

Alex Munday (33) ranks first in career points (1,309) at Samford with a season to play. Left: Veronica Pike drives against Southeast Missouri in the OVC Tournament.



OVC Coaches

Make Bulldogs the Favorite

Coach Casey Dunn's baseball team has established itself as an Ohio Valley Conference power in a relatively short amount of time. The Bulldogs won a conference-record 21 games to claim the OVC regular season title last spring. It was only Dunn's second season as coach and Samford's third year in the league.

Now, the Bulldogs head into the 2007 campaign as the favorites to win the OVC championship. League coaches picked Samford in their January preseason poll. Dunn thinks his team will handle the high expectations well.

"We are fortunate to have players that came from successful high school and junior college programs, so they have been in this atmosphere before," he said. "There is a lot left for us to accomplish, because we did not win our conference tournament last year. I expect this team to be very goal-driven to reach the NCAA tournament."

The Bulldogs also look good on paper. They returned six of eight position players and the top four pitchers from last year's team, which recorded a Samford record 34 wins overall against 25 losses.

Returnees include second baseman Parker Gargis, who hit .396 and drove in 55 runs, and left-handed pitcher Josh Ehmke, who led the conference with an 11-2 record and 132 strikeouts. Both were first-team All-OVC selections, along with fellow returnees Michael Marseco (.294) at shortstop and reliever Joseph Edens (11 saves) in the bullpen.

Also returning are second-team All-Conference designated hitter Garrett Rice (.292) and right-handed pitcher David Knapp (7-4), who made the conference All-Freshman team. First baseman Louis Rojas (.309), outfielders John Morgan (.306) and Bear Burnett (.296), and catcher Luke Peavy (.292) are the other starting position players returning.

Dunn rates pitchers Trent Hill and Daniel Payne, and third baseman Marcus Rodriguez as the top newcomers.

Samford opens 2007 conference play Saturday, March 24, against Murray State. The Bulldogs warmed up by playing 22 pre-conference games against such strong opponents as Alabama, Auburn, Mississippi State, Purdue and Memphis.

Samford's goals are twofold: to repeat as regular season champions, and to win the OVC postseason tournament, allowing them to go to the NCAA tournament. ■

Josh Ehmke

Fisher, Finnegan, Gailey

Join Bowdens in Spreading Samford's Name



Cortland Finnegan

Samford's name keeps popping up on the national football scene, thanks to several former players and coaches whose reputations are ascending.

For years, graduate and former coach **Bobby Bowden '53** was the principal football emissary of Samford's good name. The longtime Florida State University coach is college football's winningest headman with 366 victories, 112 defeats and four ties in 41 years of coaching. That includes the 31-6 record he achieved in his first four-year coaching job at then-Howard College during 1959-62, but not the 22-11 record he brought with him to Howard from South Georgia Junior College.

Now, Bowden is getting help spreading Samford's name from **Jimbo Fisher**, the rising coaching star who recently joined Bowden as offensive coordinator at FSU; **Cortland Finnegan**, who recently completed an impressive first year in the National Football League [NFL] with the Tennessee Titans; **Chan Gailey**, Georgia Tech's head coach; and **Terry Bowden**, Bobby's son who coached Samford to two national playoff berths in the early 1990s and is now a nationally known commentator.

Fisher was the national player of the year at Samford in 1987, when the school still played Division III football. In his only season as a Bulldog, he passed for a national record of 34 touchdowns and led the team to a 9-1 record. He came to Samford from Salem (W.Va.) College with Coach Terry Bowden. He later joined Bowden's Samford coaching staff. When Bowden was named head coach at Auburn in 1993, Fisher went with him as an assistant.

For the past five years, Fisher has worked as the highly successful offensive coordinator at Louisiana State University, where he helped Coach Nick Saban, now at Alabama, win the national championship in 2003. Fisher's name keeps cropping up for quality coaching jobs, and many view him as a cinch eventually to get a head coaching job at a I-A school.

Finnegan lettered four seasons as a defensive back at Samford, 2002-05,

leading the team in tackles and kick returns every year and earning Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2004. Last year, he became the first Bulldog to be drafted by an NFL team since Gary Fleming in 1969 and helped Tennessee turn its season around last fall. The youthful Titans lost their first five games but came back to finish 8-8, almost making the playoffs.

Finnegan's brightest moment occurred in a late-season game against Jacksonville when he recovered a fumble and returned it 92 yards for a touchdown that clinched a victory over the Jaguars.

Gailey, a former NFL assistant, coached the 1993 Samford season after Terry Bowden went to Auburn. He then returned to the NFL as an assistant at Pittsburgh. Later, he was head coach at Dallas two years and offensive coordinator at Miami before returning to college ranks as head coach at Georgia Tech.

Gailey has led Tech's program back to a position of strength in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Yellow Jackets were the ACC West Division champions last season, posting a 9-5 overall record. Gailey's 37-27 mark at Tech includes five consecutive winning seasons and five straight bowl games. He is 61-37 as a college coach and 91-58-1 overall.

Terry Bowden is Samford's winningest coach with a 45-23-1 record. He led the Bulldogs from Division III nonscholarship ranks to Division I-AA, now called the Championship Division, in the late 1980s. His 1991 team posted the best record in school history, 12-2, and made it to the semifinals of the 1-AA national playoffs. Bowden later coached Auburn to a 47-17-1 record before resigning in mid-1998.

He has been a commentator for ABC television and currently serves as a sports analyst for several outlets, and writes a college football column for Yahoo.com.

All these football luminaries have one thing in common. They played for or coached the Samford Bulldogs. ■

Retired Teacher's Love of Education and Church Leads to \$663,487 Bequest for Religion Department

Blanche Louise Abrams taught business courses in several Birmingham public schools for 40 years. She was dedicated to teaching, and was known by her students as a difficult but effective teacher.

"You didn't necessarily like her while you were in class, but you would come back years later and thank her for teaching you so well," said her great niece, Cheryl Matthews of Birmingham.

As a child of the Great Depression, Abrams worked her way through college. "She scrimped and saved, and did without things to get her college degree," said Matthews. "She placed great value in education."

Abrams was also a faithful member of Ensley Baptist Church, along with her husband, Relius. She tithed consistently, and made gifts to the church such as a new organ. She was a member for more than 80 years.

Abrams taught bookkeeping, shorthand and typing at Ensley and West End high schools. She held a master's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama, and in addition to teaching students well, she also managed her money well.

She and her husband acquired rental property in Ensley, and over the years, she saved every dollar she could. She invested in stock, and moved her savings around to get the best bank rates available.

"She was very frugal, like many who experienced the Great Depression," recalled her niece, Charlotte Cowart of Huntsville, Ala.

Relius Abrams worked for a steel company. Along the way, he developed a keen interest in reading about religion and in supporting the Samford religion department.

"He didn't go to Samford, but he just knew Samford could help people," said Cowart.

Blanche Abrams shared his interest. After Relius' death in the 1970s, she made gifts to the Samford religion department in his memory.



Blanche Abrams

Abrams died in June 2005 at the age of 93. Because of her interest in education and religion, she left the majority of her estate to the Samford religion department. The gift of \$663,487 will be used for scholarships, books and faculty assistance for research and writing projects. A viewing and listening room in the Samford library will be named in her honor.

"The Abrams gift will be a major boost to the department of religion, encouraging students through the Abrams scholarship, through the purchase of library books and in enabling faculty members to travel to pursue their research and writing projects," said Dr. Kenneth B. Roxburgh, religion department chair.

Abrams had no children. "She considered her students as her children," said Cowart. "She worked them hard because she wanted to help them learn."

Now, through her estate gift to Samford, she will continue to help students through the years. ■

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Samford Director of Gift and Estate Planning Stan Davis is available to visit with you about how to make your will accurately reflect your desires. Call him at (205) 726-2807 or toll-free at 1-877-782-5867, or go to www.sugift.org. ■

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