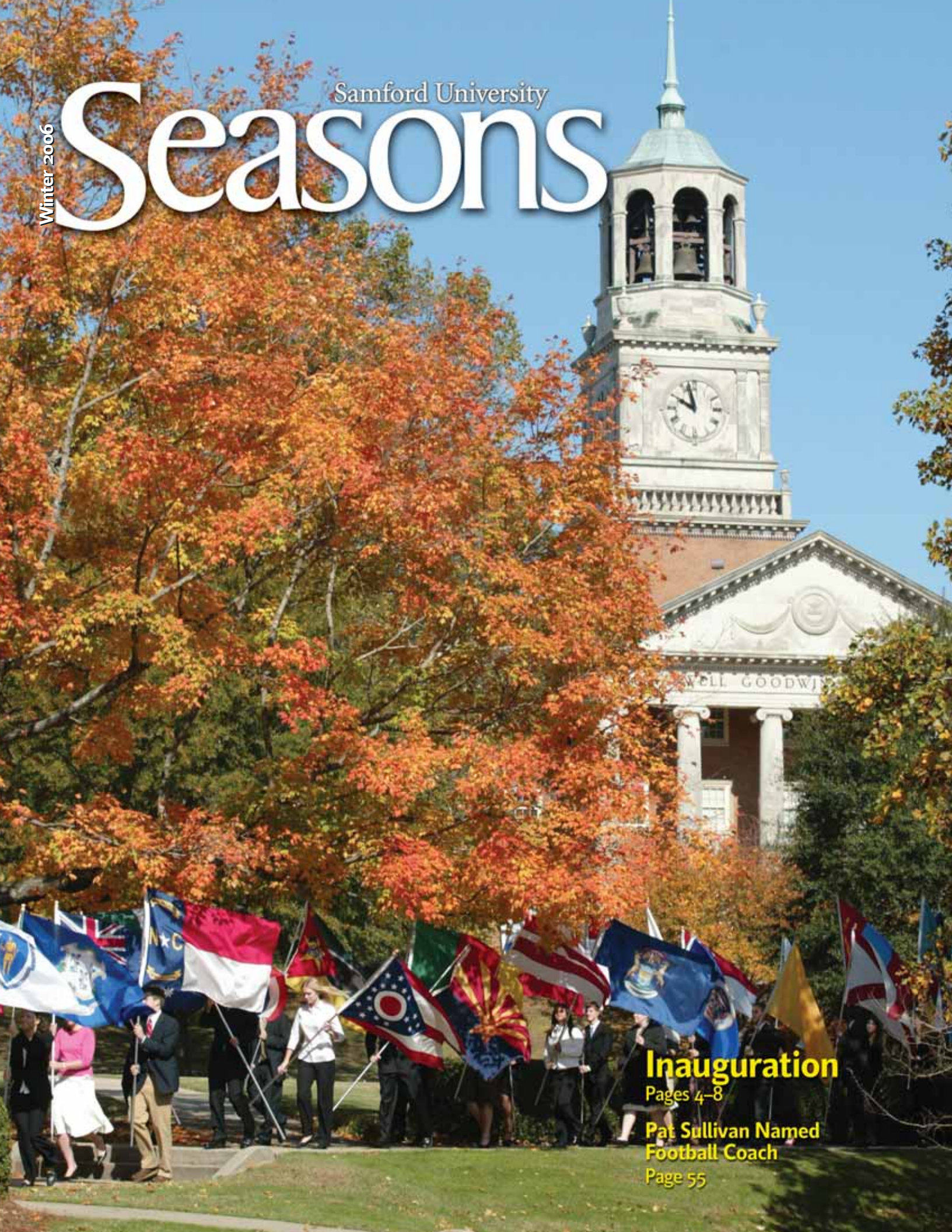


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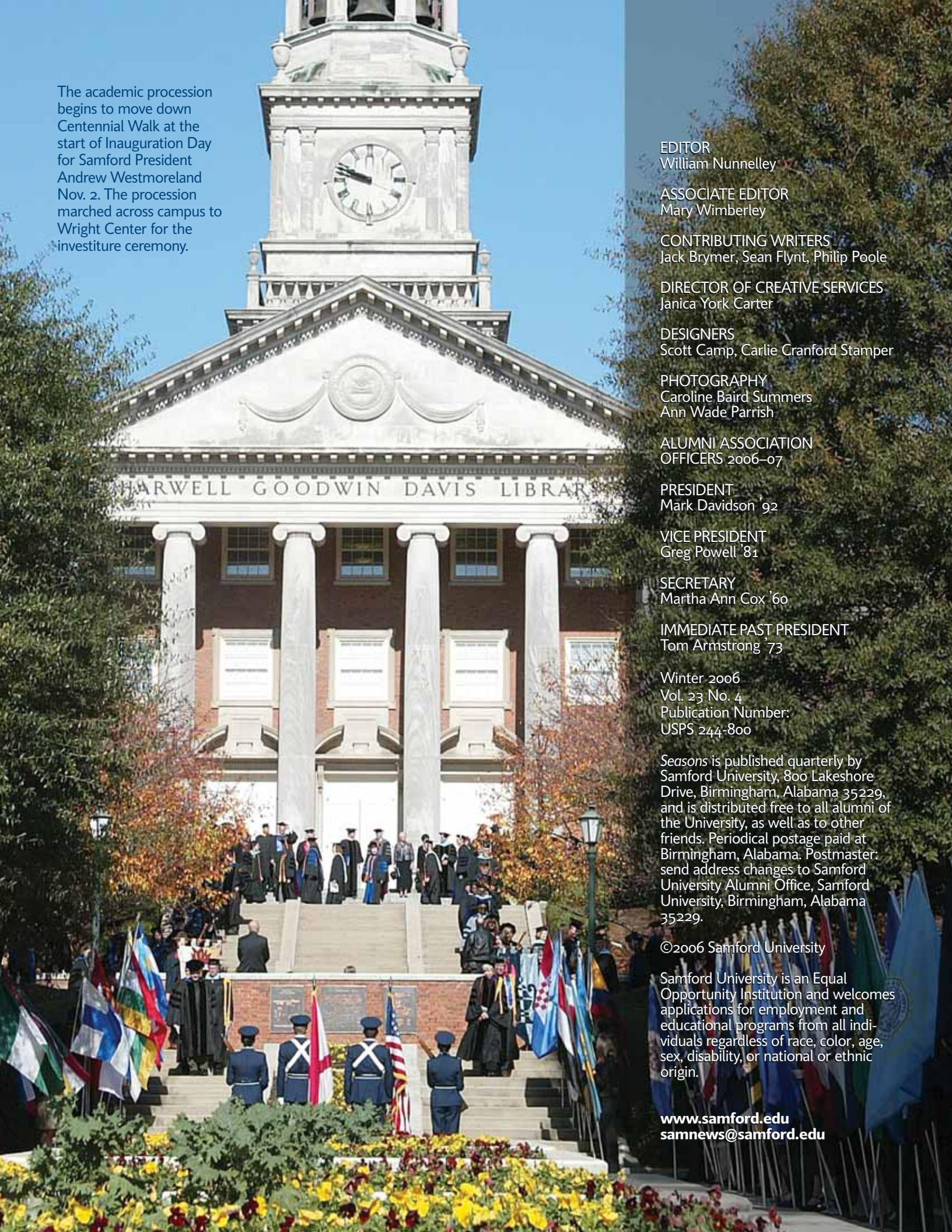
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The Loblolly Factor in a Samford Education

How about a riddle for the Samford family? What is the connection between loblolly pine trees and regime stability in Latin America?

Give up? I thought so.

These are just two of the research topics examined this past summer by undergraduates in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences. A few weeks ago, it was my honor to sit down for lunch with Dean David Chapman and five of the students who are involved in this intensive program of undergraduate research, sponsored through Howard College. In association with faculty mentors, the students are developing their research skills through meaningful activities in their disciplines. In several cases, their work will be published. From our luncheon conversation, I can testify to the fact that they are passionate in their support of this program.

Generations of Samford students have appreciated the quality of their educational experience. As we look toward the future, anticipating the ways in which we may continue to build on this strong foundation of teaching, I believe that we must sustain a climate for student research. It will be another value-added component of a Samford education. I applaud our students—and our faculty—for their efforts.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland
President



SAMFORD report

Health-care Interpreter Program Wins National Award

SAMFORDREPORT

Jenkins, Gregory Get \$219,825 Grant from National Science Foundation for Spectrometer

Two Samford professors were awarded a grant of \$219,825 from the National Science Foundation [NSF] to purchase chemical instrumentation that will further their research programs.

Biology professor Ron Jenkins and chemistry associate professor Brian Gregory will use the grant to acquire a liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer [LC-MS] for Samford. The spectrometer is used to separate the components of complex mixtures in solution and to identify molecular components by their masses.

The grant was awarded through NSF's Major Research Instrumentation program, which helps researchers acquire high-quality equipment to pursue research.

Drs. Jenkins and Gregory will use the spectrometer in their research, which also will provide Samford biology and chemistry students hands-on experience with state-of-the-art chemical instrumentation. The spectrometer will be used to identify and quantify various chemical systems, including those of environmental interest.



Chemistry professor Brian Gregory and student Joy Roberson conduct research.

"This instrument is the most sensitive and most accurate way to measure herbicides, pesticides or most all pharmaceuticals either in the environment or in the blood of a patient," Jenkins said.

Jenkins will continue his studies of endocrine disruptors in effluent discharged by paper mills into streams. He already has discovered that such effluent is producing masculine characteristics in female mosquitofish and other wildlife.

Gregory will use the mass spectrometer to measure the relative proportions of different types of alkanethiols that absorb, or stick, to metal surfaces during the formation of single molecular layers on metals such as gold.

"Single molecular layers of this type are finding use in corrosion prevention and wear protection of metal surfaces, and in microlithographic applications in the semiconductor industry," said Gregory.

Jenkins is associate director of the Vulcan Materials Center for Environmental Stewardship and Education at Samford. He served as principal investigator for the grant proposal, and Gregory served as coprincipal investigator. ■

Biology professor Ron Jenkins and student John Carson work on summer research project.

Samford's Health-care Interpreter Training [HIT] certificate program, which trains individuals who are bilingual in English and Spanish to become qualified interpreters in a medical setting, has received a 2006 Distinguished Non-Credit Program Award from the Association of Continuing Higher Education [ACHE]. The national award was presented to Samford Metro Programs Executive Director Cindy Kirk at the recent ACHE meeting in Los Angeles, Calif.

The HIT program was one of two ACHE national award winners in non-credit education this year. Last spring, ACHE cited the program as the Distinguished Non-Credit Program in the Southeast.

Samford introduced the certificate program in the fall of 2004, and the first 21 students completed the program in the spring of 2005. The program includes both traditional classroom activities and field experience, and brings together several campus departments and community organizations serving Birmingham's Latino population.

"These interpreters are now better equipped to bridge the communication divide between health-care providers and limited-English-proficient patients," said Dr. Kirk.

A second HIT course began in September and will conclude in April 2007. HIT classes meet on Tuesday evenings and alternating Saturdays.

The ACHE award came as Samford prepared to celebrate Nontraditional Student Week in mid-November. The university's Metro Programs, of which Samford After Sundown is a part, are designed to serve the unique needs of such students, who are older than the typical 18–22 year-old residential undergraduates, and may have work and family obligations that require evening study schedules.

For information, go to www.samford.edu/schools/metro or call the Samford After Sundown office at (205) 726-2898. ■



Inauguration of a President

by William Nunnelley

Westmoreland Stresses Building on Strengths, Meeting Student Needs, Keeping Faith with Baptists



On a crisp, sunny fall day made for an academic procession across campus, Samford inaugurated Dr. Andrew Westmoreland as its 18th president Nov. 2. Robed delegates from 75 other universities, colleges, educational institutions and denominational entities marched down Centennial Walk and around to Wright Center with Westmoreland, President Emeritus Thomas Corts, Samford faculty, trustees and others. A brisk wind whipped gonfalons representing Samford's eight schools and 117 flags borne by students as part of the parade. The flags were from states and nations represented in Samford's student and alumni bodies.

Following stirring music by the University Chorale and University Brass, and welcomes to Westmoreland by representatives of various Samford constituencies, the new president was sworn in by board of trustees Chairman William J. Stevens. Westmoreland was joined on stage by his wife, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, and 16-year old-daughter, Riley, for the swearing in. Afterward, he hugged his wife and daughter as an audience of more than 1,500 applauded.



Samford performing arts dean Joseph Hopkins, at podium, leads hymn singing at the Nov. 2 inauguration of President Andrew Westmoreland.

In his inaugural remarks, the new president shared his vision for Samford and affirmed that he would do his best to lead the Baptist school with “a commitment to that excellence that honors God.” He stressed that Samford should build on its strengths through strategic planning and increasing its endowment, and should constantly be mindful of the needs of students. He added that the university should keep “good faith” with the depth and breadth of its Baptist constituency by always subscribing to the eternal truths of the Bible.

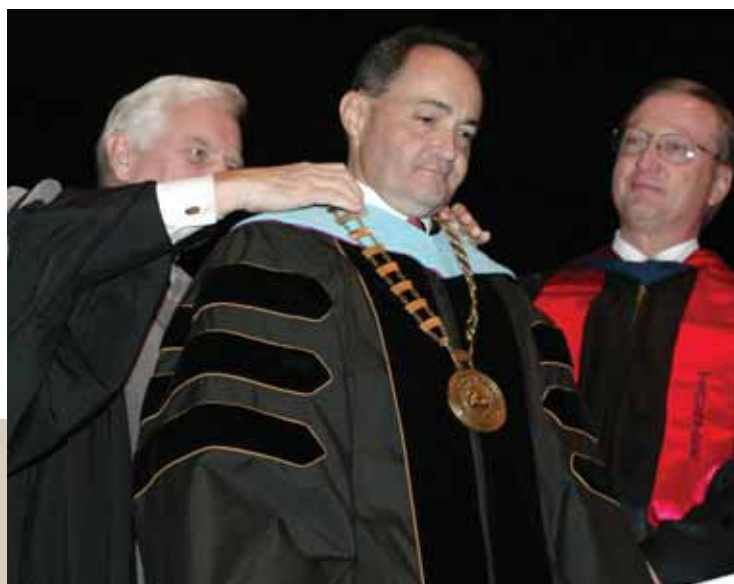
“I believe our Christianity is no excuse for a lack of scholarship,” he said. “Instead, our faith should move us to the highest standards for excellence. And in that search for excellence, we do not fear the discovery of any truth, because all truth is God’s truth.”

Regarding endowment, he said, “Probably not in the immediate future, but on the horizon, we ought to be looking toward an endowment for this institution that will exceed one billion dollars. I cannot imagine a vision for Samford’s future that would neglect the importance of getting this done.” Samford’s current endowment is about \$298 million.

Westmoreland noted that Samford’s diverse institutional profile “is not easily adapted to a standard rubric.” He referred to an academic program that combines liberal arts and various graduate and professional offerings; a teaching-centered approach with growing interest in research; and a student body from 49 states and 27 nations.

“My vision for our future is that we ought to embrace this somewhat peculiar arrangement, that we ought to celebrate the opportunities these programs afford us, and that—in every case—we ought to make them as strong and challenging and as deep as we can—at all levels of the university.”

President Andrew Westmoreland receives the presidential medallion from President Emeritus Thomas Corts as board of trustees Chairman William Stevens looks on.



Delegates in attendance

The following delegates were in attendance for the inauguration of Andrew Westmoreland.

William G. Ross
Harvard University (1636)

Anthony R. Smith
College of William and Mary (1693)

Robert E. Battle
Yale University (1701)

Robert A. Levin
University of Pennsylvania (1740)

Nan Morrison
College of Charleston (1770)

V. Markham Lester
Phi Beta Kappa (1776)

Barbara Hunter Moore
University of Georgia (1785)

Joe O. Lewis
Georgetown College (1787)

Kathryn Roe Eldridge
Centre College (1819)

John Birch Bowdre, Jr.
Furman University (1826)

Gregory F. Lucey, S. J.
Spring Hill College (1830)

Ryan Roeniqk
University of Richmond (1830)

Tom Martz
University of Alabama (1831)

Richard V. Swindle, Sr.
Mercer University (1833)

Jon E. Lewis
Tulane University (1834)

David E. Potts
Judson College (1838)

William Houston Belski
University of Notre Dame (1842)

M. Christopher White
Chowan University (1848)

Martie McEnerney
Huntingdon College (1854)

Neal R. Berte
Birmingham-Southern College (1856)

G. David Pollick
Birmingham-Southern College (1856)

Ben I. Jackson, Jr.
The University of The South (1857)

Robert Riggs
Purdue University (1869)

Marcus L. Hickson
Southern Illinois University (1869)

Gerald L. Schapmann
University of Nebraska–Lincoln (1869)

Adam D. Robertson
Lyon College (1872)

Virginia T. Robertson
Lyon College (1872)

Bettye Rogers Coward
Blue Mountain College (1873)

Floyd Roebuck
Shorter College (1873)

William James Dorroh, Jr.
Vanderbilt University (1873)

John R. Mayfield
The Johns Hopkins University (1876)

Ronald N. Hunsinger
Mississippi State University (1878)

Helen Ann Miller
South Dakota State University (1881)

William A. Meehan
Jacksonville State University (1883)

Renee Flynt
Mississippi University for Women (1884)

Michael Jeffrey Klein
Temple University (1884)

Stephen Brossette
Georgia Institute of Technology (1885)

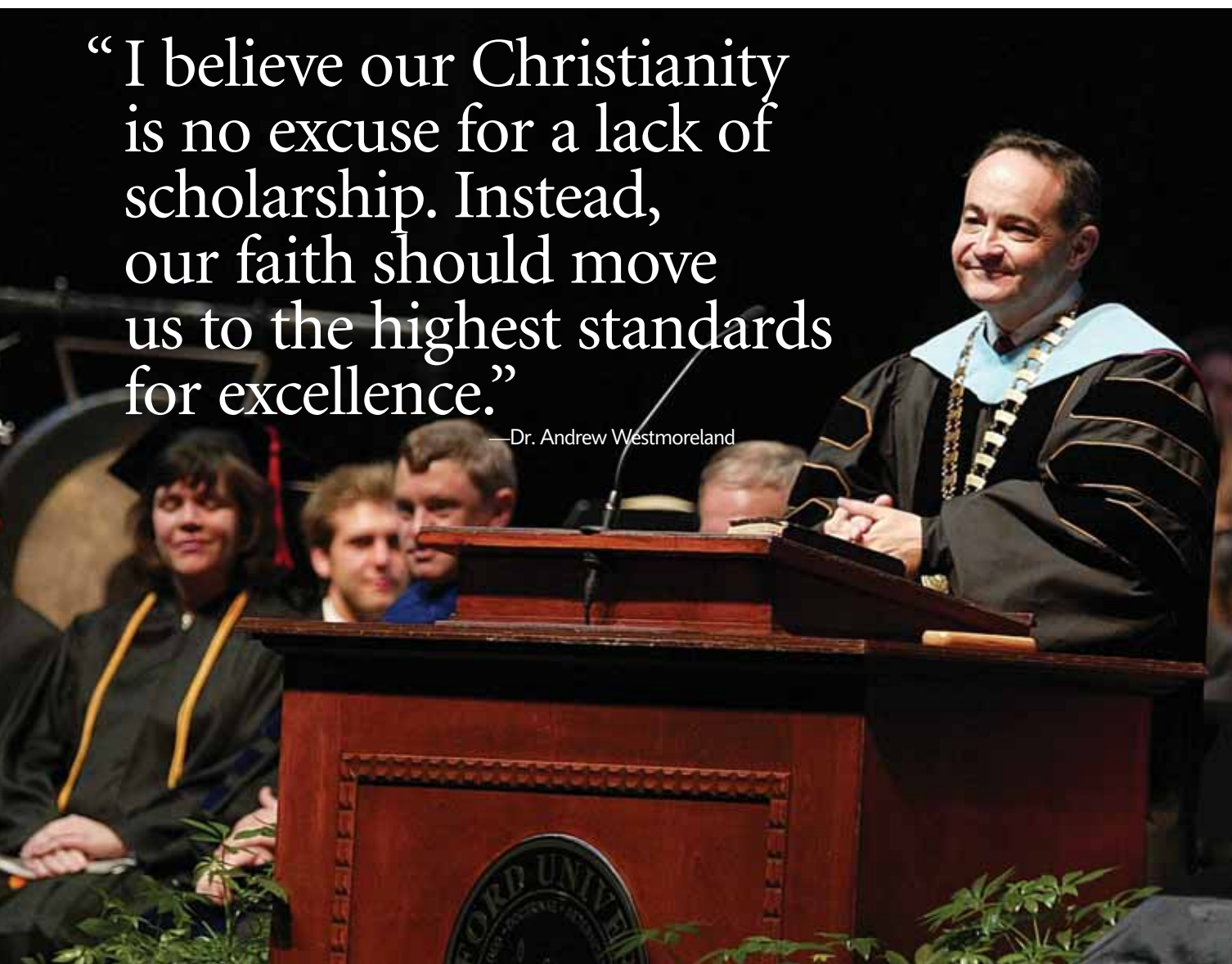
Mary Valenta
Pfeiffer University (1885)

Albert Lupenski
St. Edward’s University (1885)

Jayne M. Ness
University of St. Thomas (Minn.) (1885)

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—Dr. Andrew Westmoreland



Keldon Henley
Ouachita Baptist University (1886)

Sondra E. Massengale
Winthrop University (1886)

Carolyn Satterfield
Converse College (1889)

Robert C. Fisher
Belmont University (1890)

Robert E. Houston
Henderson State University (1890)

Nicole Siegfried
Oklahoma State University (1890)

Kathryn Fouse
University of North Texas (1890)

Geraldine Pearce Dunham
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (1891)

Hyrum Tatton
The University of Montana (1893)

T. Selwyn Ellis
Louisiana Tech University (1894)

Philip C. Williams
University of Montevallo (1896)

Alva G. Parks
Dallas Baptist University (1898)

Roger E. Jones
Appalachian State University (1899)

Kyle Poole
Trevecca Nazarene University (1901)

Isaac M. T. Mwase
Gardner-Webb University (1905)

George T. French, Jr.
Miles College (1905)

Tommy King
William Carey University (1906)

Robert S. Johnson
University of West Georgia (1907)

Ellen Cooksey
James Madison University (1908)

Brian R. Toone
University of California (1908)

Jeanne Stone
University of Mary Washington (1908)

Betsy Bugg Holloway
Omicron Delta Kappa Society (1914)

Elizabeth Gomez
Bluefield College (1922)

Donnie Fox
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (1926)

Charles M. Jager
LeTourneau University (1946)

Bob Agee
International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities (1952)

Mark Foley
University of Mobile (1961)

Rob Cornwell
Missouri Baptist University (1964)

Jane Goodson
Auburn University Montgomery (1967)

Rex A. Turner, Jr.
Regions University (1967)

Carolyn G. Bishop
Consortium for Global Education (1987)

Sue McFadden
Alabama Baptist Education Commission

B. C. McGohon
Alabama Baptist Education Commission

F. Max Croft
Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions

Roger D. Willmore
Alabama Baptist State Convention

To view photo album of the inauguration, go to www.samford.edu/photoalbum

Quoting former president Harwell Davis as saying “it is largely the student body that makes the spirit of an institution,” Westmoreland said, “That spirit soars at Samford.”

His vision for student life, he said, “is that we would preserve, nurture and build a community in which relationships are cherished, ideas are encountered and debated, athletic competition promotes student development, citizens are prepared for engagement, men and women are strengthened in their values, faith becomes real and life meets meaning.”

He reminded his audience that students “are our great prize.” He added, “we ought to look at the ways in which our physical campus either inhibits or promotes the kind of community that we aspire to build [and] seek to limit the inhibiting factors and expand the opportunities.”

He paid homage to the past, noting that it was almost 165 years ago, on Nov. 15, 1841, that Baptists gathered in Talladega, Ala., to authorize a plan leading to the establishment of Howard College, Samford’s predecessor institution. “A proud heritage calls us to a bright future,” he said,

noting that he would “be a friend to Alabama Baptists and believers throughout the world as we aim to be Christ-centered.”

“Great tasks, requiring great commitment, lie ahead of us,” Westmoreland said. “We may be encouraged in the knowledge that our predecessors faced even greater tasks, and that their efforts met with success.”

Inauguration guests joined the Westmorelands on the campus lawn for an informal reception after the program.

Inauguration Day culminated with an inaugural ball, hosted by the Student Government Association. Seibert Hall was transformed from an athletics facility into a room with a futuristic appearance, complete with seating areas, special lighting, food stations, a very popular chocolate fountain prepared by Samford’s Campus Dining and two band stages. President and Mrs. Westmoreland entered the hall to the strains of “Stars Fell on Alabama,” and the cheers of about 2,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and other friends of the university. ■

President Andrew Westmoreland greets visitors before and after the inauguration ceremony.



Samford Presidents Through the Years

- Samuel Sterling Sherman (1842–1852)
- Henry Talbird (1853–1863)
- Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry (1865–1868)
- Samuel R. Freeman (1869–1871)
- J. T. Murfee (1871–1887)
- Benjamin Franklin Riley (1888–1893)
- Arthur Watkins McGaha (1893–1896)
- A. D. Smith (1896–1897)
- Frank M. Roof (1897–1902)
- Andrew Phillip Montague (1902–1912)
- James Madison Shelburne (1912–1917)
- Charles B. Williams (1919–1921)
- John C. Dawson (1921–1931)
- Thomas V. Neal (1932–1939)
- Harwell G. Davis (1939–1958)
- Leslie Stephen Wright (1958–1983)
- Thomas Edward Corts (1983–2006)
- Andrew Westmoreland (2006–)



BONNIE BOLDING SWEARINGEN HALL

Prepared for a Full Life

Bonnie Bolding Swearingen's name has been up in lights, listed among Wall Street brokers and Chicago's 10 most outstanding citizens, and on elite invitation lists for international social events. Now, her name graces a Samford building that houses an academic program near to her heart:

theatre.

by Mary Wimberley

Bonnie Bolding Swearingen visits the Samford building bearing her name.

Hollywood was the first career stop for 1955 Samford graduate and Alabama native Bonnie Bolding, who felt “destined to act” from first grade. She went on to become a successful stockbroker and marry an oil executive who introduced her to the world, but she credits her alma mater as fundamental to her early success.

“My training at Howard College prepared me to work on stage. The acting and voice lessons I learned from Al Yeomans prepared me well,” she said of courses taught by her college speech professor.

Swearingen was on campus in October for the dedication of Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall. The facility, which includes the north wing of Samford’s fine arts complex, houses Ben F. Harrison Theatre, Bolding Studio—a tribute to her parents—the Samford Art Gallery, and offices and classrooms for the theatre and art departments. Her generosity provided for refurbishing the area now bearing her name. A highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of a portrait of the benefactor, wearing an elegant emerald green ball gown.

An education major who never taught after student teaching, Swearingen frequently starred in Masquers productions with Harold Hunt ’56, who later served many years as theatre department head. Off-stage, she was influenced by faculty and administrators such as Dean of Women Margaret Sizemore, Dean Percy P. Burns and President Harwell G. Davis.

“They were all there for me. They made my life full and wanted me to have it all,” she said, remembering how Sizemore helped her find a way to join a sorority, even though her family didn’t have the extra money.

“She wanted me to have the sorority experience,” said the evangelist preacher’s daughter, who pledged Phi Mu.

A Decatur (Ala.) High School graduate, she enrolled at Samford on a scholarship she received as first runner-up in the Miss Alabama pageant. Involved in many campus activities, she was drum major and cheerleader, a Miss Entre Nous beauty pageant winner and a member of the Homecoming Court. She twice won the theatre department’s outstanding actress award. Swearingen got her start in Hollywood as a

“And then one day the girl grew up
And went beyond the walls of the grounds
And found the world”

Bonnie Bolding (right) as “Sabrina Fair” at Howard College



Bonnie Swearingen greets former classmate Harold Hunt, left, at the dedication program for Swearingen Hall. Also attending are friends Pusha Coltea and her son, Julian, below.



recipient of a Miss Alabama pageant scholarship to Pasadena Playhouse.

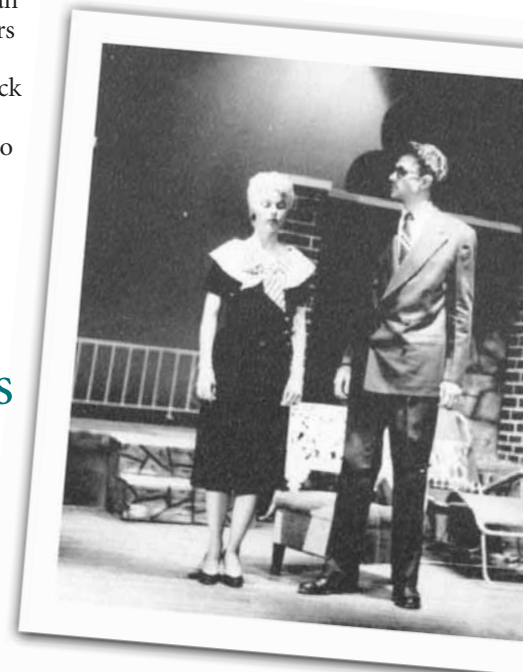
Her early career included a supporting role in the first Eddie Fisher-Debbie Reynolds movie, *Bundle of Joy*, which airs frequently on cable during the Christmas holidays. She had featured roles in seven other movies and in such television series as *Cheyenne*, *Have Gun Will Travel* and *Gunsmoke*.

Her favorite acting experience was with Charles Boyer in an Alcoa Presents TV film, *Even a Thief Can Dream*.

“It was my first starring role, and the one I am most proud of. Charles Boyer was special. He was a perfect gentleman, and generous,” she said, recalling his advice to not powder her own nose or comb her own hair. “He said, ‘Miss Bolding, there are people whose work it is to do that.’”

When she married in the 1960s, she left Hollywood for south Texas. “I never looked back,” she said of her decision to leave her promising film career. After a divorce, she landed in New York, where she took courses on Wall Street at a time, she notes, when less than one-tenth of one percent of stockbrokers were women.

She easily passed the New York Stock Exchange test and became a successful broker, specializing in oil stocks. She also identified and seized on a new and largely untapped niche: that of helping women to open accounts. “I set about





educating them to not just rely on their husbands,” said Swearingen, who worked with the prestigious Shearson, Hammill & Company brokerage firm.

During this time, she met and married South Carolina native John Swearingen, board chairman and chief executive officer of Standard Oil (Indiana), headquartered in Chicago, Ill.

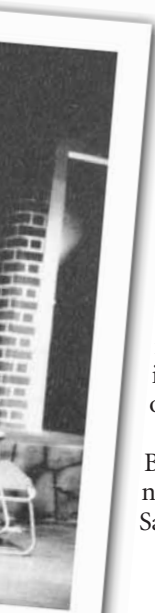
“He introduced me to the world,” she said of her now-retired husband, whose position thrust them into international business, political and social circles.

She became prominent in Chicago life, serving as a trustee of the city’s Lyric Opera Ballet and several charities. A longtime worker with the Boys Club in Chicago, she was the first woman appointed to the organization’s national board. In 1976, she was appointed by Mayor Richard Daley to be cochairman of the city’s bicentennial committee.

Now, the Swearingens split the year between their homes in Chicago and California, where she enjoys tending her rose garden. These days, she declines involvement in most charity and civic causes, although she is a member of the Samford University Board of Overseers.

As often as possible, she returns to Birmingham, where she has family, including niece Mia Brown, a junior theatre major at Samford. ■

Above: Bonnie Swearingen responds to tributes following the unveiling of her portrait, right, during the Swearingen Hall dedication program. The portrait hangs in the foyer of the building. At right: Swearingen greets old friend Rod Mitchell of Houston, Texas, top, and poses with her sisters, Margie Bolding and Jane Llewellyn, below.



Jane and Harry Brock, Jr., enjoy the dedication of the new recital hall.



Samford Dedicates its 'Acoustical Gem,' Jane Hollock Brock Hall

From a dramatic entrance by School of Performing Arts Dean Joe Hopkins singing "Figaro's Song" from *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* to a resounding conclusion by the A Cappella Choir, Samford christened its grand new Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall October 3.

The venue that *Birmingham News* music critic Michael Huebner called "an acoustical gem" later in October resounded with instrumental and vocal performances of classical and popular music by performing arts school faculty.

After the choir's performance of Roger Wagner's "Alleluia: We Sing Our Praises to the Lord" and the spiritual "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord," Samford President Andrew Westmoreland concluded the program, citing a biblical passage from Nehemiah that details a dedication ceremony for the rebuilding of the wall at Jerusalem.

"On this day," he said, "the sound of our rejoicing in the gift and the building and the completion and the use of Jane Hollock Brock Hall has been heard from Homewood to Jerusalem."

Samford formally dedicated the almost \$9 million facility before the recital that highlighted members of the performing arts program that will call the building home.

"Every now and then, it may happen that you have an opportunity to be a part of something

really special," said Jane Brock. "This evening, this building, is for me, that very special something."

At the ceremony, Dr. Westmoreland said that such occasions, "when we celebrate developments that will change lives," are points of inspiration for a campus community. "The work that will be done in this building will change lives, and it will certainly enrich the life of this institution and those that we serve," he said.

Brock Hall houses a 300-seat recital hall, a rehearsal suite for Samford orchestral and band programs, and an instrumental teaching center. The recital hall is its centerpiece.

Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts expressed appreciation for Mrs. Brock and her husband, Harry B. Brock, Jr. "They are wonderful friends of Samford," Dr. Corts said of the Brocks, adding that the building "is a marvelous gift from a loving husband to a patient wife."

Harry Brock acknowledged that few people have the opportunity "to honor someone they've loved for 57 years and with whom they have had such a wonderful time."

"It took Tom Corts five minutes to sell me on the idea" of naming the building for his wife, said Brock, cofounder of Compass Bank and its chief executive officer for 27 years. He has served as a member of Samford's board of trustees for more



Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, left, and President Emeritus Thomas Corts share dedication remarks for Jane Hollock Brock Hall, above. Outdoor enthusiast Jane Brock's portrait in hunter's garb hangs in the building foyer.

than four decades and was chairman from 1985 to 1989.

"There's a desire in our hearts to be a part of something that will make a difference," said Brock. "This place, Samford, makes a difference. That's why the Brock family supports it."

The ceremony included the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. Brock that will hang in the elegantly appointed lobby outside the recital hall. The portrait depicting Mrs. Brock wearing hunter's camouflage in a woody setting reflects her lifelong enthusiasm for the outdoors. A national championship turkey hunter, she served 12 years on the Alabama Governor's Advisory

Board for Conservation and Natural Resources.

Calling the facility a "magnificent place to perform," Hopkins, who became performing arts dean in July, acknowledged the efforts of his predecessor, Dr. Milburn Price, in making the building a reality.

"Tonight's celebration marks the culmination of a long project," said Price, recalling that he made his first modest proposal for the building to Corts about 10 years ago. During the past decade, the dream grew and grew, resulting in a facility to embrace an expanding program, reflected Price.

The dedicatory recital was attended by invited guests and many Samford music students, for whom the event was a taste of future learning and performance opportunities. Andrew Scollard, a sophomore church music major from Hoover, Ala., appreciated the acoustic perfection of the recital hall, in which adjustable tiles in the walls create tunable space for individual needs of instrumental and vocal performers. "The sound is really, really good. It is just a beautiful room," said Scollard, a classical guitarist who looks forward to attending more events in the facility, and someday, performing there himself. ■

To view photo album of the Brock Hall Dedication, go to www.samford.edu/photoalbum.



Memories Abound at Homecoming

by Mary Wimberley

Hundreds of alumni, ranging from members of 1940s wartime classes to the most recent Class of 2006, enjoyed a homecoming weekend filled with nostalgia and fun.

Even youthful future alumni who haven't yet hit grade school were charmed with hot-air balloon rides, parade candy and a chance to hear a popular writer of children's books read to them.

It was the first Samford homecoming for President Andrew Westmoreland and his family, who led the parade as grand marshals in a cheery red Volkswagen convertible on a sunny fall day Oct. 21.

Alumni later lined up to welcome the Westmorelands under a tent on the campus quadrangle, the rendezvous for class reunions and affinity groups.

Daniel '97 and Sarah Brown Metcalfe '96 drove with their four children from Athens, Ala., where he is pastor of worship and children at Emmanuel Baptist Church. As former Samford band members, they made a point to attend the band alumni reunion and tour the rehearsal space in the new Jane Hollock Brock Hall.

Ed Cherry '83 of Alabaster, Ala., toured the hall in a red T-shirt especially made for the alumni band that played alongside current band members during the football game. The new hall is impressive, he said. "It will help recruiting to be able to show students something like that," said Cherry, who works in the Samford library.

Recent band alumnus Adam Dauro '06, now in law school, was pleased at the turnout of fellow trumpet players for the alumni band. The horn section was in good company later in the day

Homecoming scenes, from left: Homecoming Queen Christina Knox and Honor Escort D. J. Carter enjoy the moment; alumni and others gather for the homecoming banquet; Miss Alabama Melinda Toole '06 visits with Spike the Bulldog and Miss Samford Charissa Cowart '06; and Samford band members add to the festivities.





when President Westmoreland, a former high school bandsman, joined them in the stands with his own trumpet.

The tent hosting classes from the decade of the 1960s was a stopping point for Barton and Rebekah Everage Starr '66, who were at their first homecoming in many years. Being on campus brought warm memories for the longtime Southern Baptist missionaries, who returned to the United States in June after 25 years in Hong Kong.

“We met the first week of school, and later got engaged in front of Cumberland law building,” recalled Starr, now dean of arts and sciences at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida.

Memories of campus romance also came easily for Bob and Jodi Drysdale Newton '73 of Homewood, who met as Samford students. Bob posed for a group photo with other members of the 1971 football team that won the NCAA championship in their division when they defeated Ohio Wesleyan in the Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Phenix City, Ala.

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland, a former high school bandsman, joins the trumpet section of the Samford Band during the homecoming football game, left. In other photos, from top left: Youthful visitors enjoying homecoming include, from left, Abigail Ezell, Aubrey Kirkland, Evelyn Ezell and Anna Kirkland; celebrants fill Hodges Chapel for Evensong; and Samford running back Justin Ray (2) gains ground against Tennessee–Martin.





“It was a good bunch of guys and good bunch of coaches,” recalled Bob, the longtime successful coach at Homewood High School. Jodi is superintendent of Homewood schools.

“A highlight of the season was beating Jacksonville State here,” said the former Bulldog offensive tackle, noting that the team’s only loss was to Livingston (now University of West Alabama), which went on to win the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics [NAIA] national title that year.

John Ferry ’71 also reminisced about the bowl game, for which he sold radio advertising and called the play-by-play. The journalism major, now a sports writer for *The Huntsville Times*, has spent his career in radio, TV and newspapers.

Youngsters with alumni parents or grandparents in tow huddled at the feet of poet Charles Ghigna as he read from his works during the popular Live at the Library event. All generations delighted at his inside story on how young readers helped pick the title for his book, *Oh My, Pumpkin Pie*.

Early in the day, graduates from classes of 1956 and prior met for the annual Golden Bulldog brunch. Frank Donaldson ’47 and Ruth Harris Peet ’42 won the Lockmiller awards as the oldest male and female alumni at the event. Donaldson, a former U.S. attorney for the northern district of Alabama, is retired from the Cumberland School of Law faculty. Peet recently moved back to her hometown of Scottsboro, Ala., after many years away. The only woman in her class at Bowman Gray Medical School, she was a family physician in Peru and New Mexico before retiring.

Golden anniversary class agent Walt Barnes ’56 of Birmingham welcomed the brunch crowd, pointing out that “the value of our diplomas has risen greatly since our graduation.”

Tom King and his wife, Jackie, enjoyed several events surrounding his 50th class reunion, including a Saturday evening dinner. King, who retired in 1999 after 40 years on the speech faculty at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., was a member of Samford speech professor Al Yeoman’s first debate team. He also designed the



lighting for campus productions starring alumna Bonnie Bolding Swearingen, whose acting career advanced to Hollywood movies and television.

Jim Bell ’71 and his wife, Rhonda, found a campus map handy as they enjoyed homecoming for the first time in 35 years. “Most of this was not here when I graduated,” said Jim, pointing to new or redone buildings, including his former dorm, Crawford Johnson Hall, now the site of Beeson Divinity School. “When I lived there, it wasn’t real divine,” he quipped. Although it was his first trip back to campus since graduation, Bell said he keeps up with Samford news through *Seasons*.

Students and faculty celebrated with special events on campus for several days before the weekend of alumni activities.

Hundreds gathered Thursday, Oct. 19, to hear immigration expert Juan Hernandez deliver

Balloon rides and fireworks fill the skies over Samford.



this year's J. Roderick Davis lecture (see story, page 22). Hernandez, founder of the Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies, was the first U.S.-born member of the president's cabinet in Mexico.

In conjunction with the McWhorter School of Pharmacy Advisory Board meeting Friday morning, Oct. 20, a dedication ceremony was held for the Joseph O. Dean Executive Seminar Room. The space now named for the recently retired pharmacy dean and 1962 Samford pharmacy graduate is used for meetings and seminars.

Advisory board member and former Alumnus of the Year Francois J. Coutu '81 of Quebec, Canada, spoke of his longtime admiration and appreciation for Dean, who assisted him in his earliest days as a Samford student.

The weekend began and ended with alumni, students and family members filling Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel for a traditional choral evensong service on Friday and worship service on Sunday morning.

The evensong service was also part of the fortnight celebration of Westmoreland's inauguration as Samford's 18th president. During the homily, alumnus and retired Samford religion professor Sigurd Bryan '46 compared the challenges that God gave to Moses, Joshua, Gideon and Jeremiah with those given to the new president, noting that God reassured each that he would be with them.

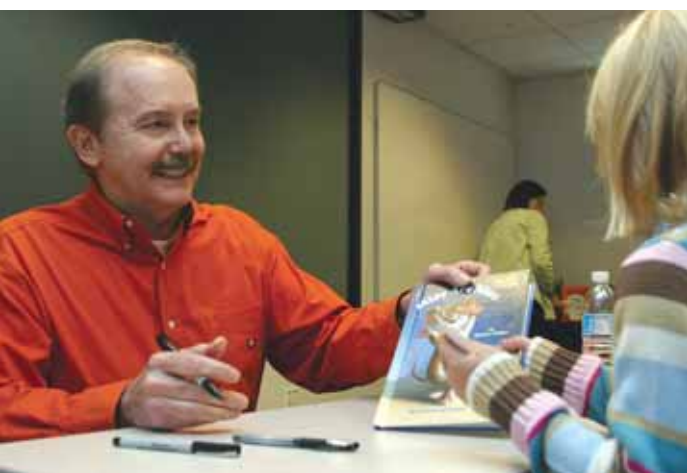
"Dr. Westmoreland, when you were told that you would be president, you may have felt as they did when God called them to giant-sized tasks," said Dr. Bryan. "You can be assured that the God who was with Moses, Joshua, Gideon and Jeremiah will also be with you."

Frank Lewis '81, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., preached the worship service Sunday, Oct. 22. Noting how classmates, professors and experiences helped launch him on his life's journey, Lewis offered advice to consider before setting out on any trip.

"Know who you're following. Follow Jesus," he said. He urged his audience to pack carefully. "It is easy to take too much. Leave bitterness, anger, frustration and resentment behind. Know who you are, and be the best you can be for those journeys." ■

To view photo album of homecoming, go to www.samford.edu/photoalbum.

Clockwise, from top left: Class of 1956 members, from left, Corry Hutchens, A. C. Hutchens and Bill Mathis look over the '56 *Entre Nous* at the Golden Anniversary Reunion; the Samford Gospel Choir performs; Zeta Tau Alpha displays its homecoming float; and children's writer Charles Ghigna autographs a book for a young fan during Live at the Library.



by Mary Wimberley

Samford's Broad Approach Prepared Cash for Pharmacy Management Success

William E. "Bill" Cash, Jr., started his prepharmacy academic training at another Alabama school, but switched to Samford after a year.

"The Christian environment at Samford was an attraction for me," said the 1969 pharmacy graduate. "Samford fit my personality and interests better."

His decision to transfer was a good move, Cash believes. He credits his total Samford experience, including the business and accounting courses he enjoyed as prerequisites for pharmacy school, with giving him a solid academic background and preparing him for his chosen field of pharmacy management.

In October, Cash was named a 2006 Alumnus of the Year in acknowledgment of his successful career and his loyalty to Samford. In particular, he was cited for his support of the university's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, which he serves as a guest lecturer and advisory board member.

The alumnus award was his second notable distinction this year. Earlier, Cash was named Entrepreneur of the Year by *Birmingham Business Journal*.

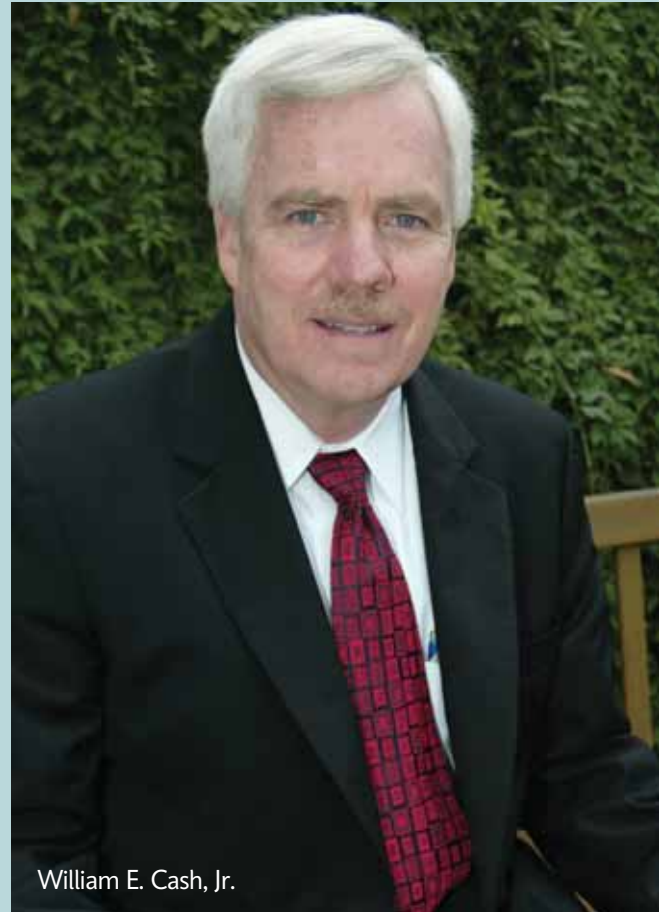
He is founder, chairman and CEO of Principle Pharmacy Group, Inc., which has grown into the fourth largest pharmacy management firm in the United States since its start in 2001.

Cash has been president of three other companies, taking on the title of CEO for the first time in 1978, when he founded a developed a small hospital pharmacy management company. The business, Pharmacy Resources Corporation, merged with a similar corporation and has become the third largest in the country.

He focused on the field of pharmacy management early in his career. "I did my internship in an HCA hospital in Tennessee and never was attracted to the retail side of pharmacy," he acknowledged. "The multihospital practice was attractive to me and laid the groundwork for the companies I started later.

"Samford prepares individuals in their chosen major as well as in many other ways," he said. "The pharmacy course work was technical, but the broad-based education Samford provided served me well."

He believes Samford's teaching leads to the ability to communicate and think, which are valuable skills all Samford graduates receive. He cited as examples the current pharmacy students he met at a recent pharmacy advisory board meeting.



William E. Cash, Jr.

"I am impressed with the kind of students who come through these doors. They can communicate well and hold themselves up," he said.

He has pleasant memories of his own college years. "I had many friends both inside and outside the school of pharmacy. Dr. [Tea Sam] Roe was one of my professors. He made you take the business of pharmacy seriously," he said of the veteran pharmacy professor who continues to teach.

Cash and his wife, Kathy, moved to Birmingham in 1999 after living in Atlanta, Ga., for 25 years. Both are originally from Gadsden, Ala., where they attended elementary and high school. They are parents of a son, Matthew, a 1996 Samford graduate who lives in Alpharetta, Ga., and a daughter, Melissa.

Cash enjoys running, which he did competitively for many years in 10-Ks, marathons and triathlons. Now his daily runs, he says, are mainly for the health benefits they provide. ■

Courington Has Been Sold on Samford for a Long Time

Pat M. Courington, Sr.'s first visit to what is now one of the nation's most beautiful campuses happened long before it was a college site.

"One day, while I was a student, Major Davis brought me on a ride to Lakeshore Drive and asked me what I thought about moving the campus to the location," Courington said, describing a mid-1940s drive with Howard College President Harwell G. Davis.

"I said, 'Wonderful,'" recalled the longtime publisher from Albertville, Ala., who was honored as a 2006 Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his career achievements, loyalty and strong work ethic.

In 1947, the school's trustees purchased the 225-acre tract that is now home to Samford University's Georgian-Colonial campus.

"I have always loved Samford, or Hard College," admits the 1946 graduate, referencing the affectionate pronunciation favored by Howard students of his era.

His appreciation for the school and the education he received is evidenced by his consistent financial support of the school. Records show that he has been a faithful giver to his alma mater for an impressive 37 consecutive years, a rare if not singular distinction.

Courington grew up in Walker County, the son of a coal miner. Determined not to have a career in the coal mines, he energetically sought other types of jobs—finding them was no small task during the Depression.

He enrolled at Samford on a football scholarship in the late 1930s, working all the while. The history major completed most of his course work by 1940, when he was called to Army Reserve duty just before World War II. After military service, he returned to complete his senior year and graduate with the Class of 1946.

Courington then began a successful career in the media business, founding radio stations WAVU in Albertville, Ala., WCRI in Scottsboro, Ala., and WCRL in Oneonta, Ala. He was an original stockholder of *The Sand Mountain Reporter* and Sand Mountain Publishing Company, Inc. He retired in 1983.

His Alumnus of the Year honor isn't his only recognition from Samford this year. In September, the Samford board of trustees voted to name the school's new tennis center in his honor. The indoor tennis facility, which houses three courts and spectator seating in addition to offices and locker rooms, will be known as the Pat M. Courington Tennis Pavilion. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2006.

Courington is the father of two grown children, Pat M. Courington, Jr., a broadcast executive in Albertville, Ala., and Chella Courington, Ph.D., a college English teacher in Santa Barbara, Calif. ■



Pat M. Courington, Sr.

by Mary Wimberley

Cox Is Busy in Retirement, but Saturdays Are her Own

Martha Ann Cox was called many things during her 38-year career at Samford, including trouble-shooter because of her talent for solving problems, or at least for developing a plan.

"I was also a troublemaker," admitted Cox. "But more importantly, I've been called a friend."

Cox was cited for all her roles and her dedication as a decades-long advocate for Samford when she was named a 2006 Alumna of the Year during homecoming activity.

"For me to be the receiver is a different role for me, but it is one I do not take lightly," said Cox upon receiving the award. "I appreciate all of those who have been a part of my life."

The 1960 graduate has been a part of Samford since her freshman year, which was the school's last year on the East Lake campus. After moving to the Homewood campus as a sophomore, she almost never left until retirement in 2004.

In the early 1960s, she earned a master's in counseling at the University of Alabama, taught fifth grade in her native Talladega County and was guidance director for nursing students at Baptist Medical Centers.

From 1966 until 2004, she served Samford as director of women's programs, associate to the dean of students, vice president and dean of students, dean of academic services and associate dean for Extra Learning Experiences. Her last post was director of Quality Quest with primary responsibilities coordinating people and projects, a major part of which involved various aspects of the Sciencenter construction.

Cox believes she can claim several campus records.

"I've attended more Step Sing performances than anyone else," maintains Cox, referencing her steady attendance at the musical show that students put on three nights each year.

"I also hold the record for the number of meals eaten in the cafeteria," said Cox, citing her appearances at breakfast daily and at lunch most days for 38 years.

While at Samford, she was active in community causes, such as local and state boards for Cerebral Palsy, Easter Seals and Camp ASCCA for



Martha Ann Cox

people with disabilities. Since retiring, she has continued a busy schedule of volunteer work in her hometown of Talladega, Ala.

Weekdays, she tends her duties as Kiwanis Club secretary, hospital advisory board member and twice-weekly volunteer at an equestrian center, where she assists youngsters with multiple disabilities in hippotherapy.

She also continues to chair the Miss Alabama Scholarship Committee, of which she has been a member since 1989. She will travel to Las Vegas, Nev., in January to attend this year's Miss America pageant in support of Miss Alabama 2006 Melinda Toole, who won the title as Miss Samford.

On Sundays, Cox teaches a women's Sunday School class at Talladega's First Baptist Church, where she also serves on stewardship and nominating committees.

Saturdays, however, are her own. "A great thing about retirement is being able to do the things you want to do when you want to do them," said Cox, who during her career spent Saturdays doing chores and errands.

"When I retired, I decided that Saturdays would be the day I didn't do anything," said Cox.

She happily reports that, after a short time getting used to the concept, she has adjusted well. ■

Former MK Crider Advises Billion-Dollar Transactions

“You must be seeing two of me, because I’m beside myself,” Todd Crider quipped as he accepted a 2006 Alumnus of the Year award at the homecoming banquet. “This is a tremendous honor. I thought I was too young for such an award.”

Classmates from the Class of 1987 will be relieved to know his characteristic humor is still intact, even after 15 years in the serious business of corporate law.

Crider, who also called the award “very humbling,” is a partner in the corporate department of the New York firm of Simpson Thacher, where he advises clients in international corporate finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and project finance.

After graduating magna cum laude from Samford, where he was student government president his senior year, Crider earned a master’s degree from the University of Paris–Sorbonne, and a law degree from Columbia University School of Law.

He credits his Samford professors with engineering his Rotary scholarship that landed him at the Sorbonne for graduate work. “The care they displayed is exemplary,” he said, noting that history professor Jim Brown also taught him about friendships.

“The professors took an interest in us as individuals,” recalled Crider, the son of alumni Bob ’68 and Barbara Whatley Crider ’62, longtime Southern Baptist missionaries who now live in Brent, Ala. His mother recently retired from Samford’s world languages and cultures department. His siblings, twin Stephanie Crider Turman ’89 and younger brother Tim Crider ’98, are also Samford graduates.

“As a missionary kid going to school overseas, you come back trying to find a sense of belonging,” said Crider, who grew up mostly in Spain. “Elsewhere, I would not have found the moral core I found here at Samford.”

Crider lives with his wife, Rebecca, also a Columbia law graduate, and three children—Charlotte, Caroline and Christian—in Manhattan.

“Living in New York, I see that people have a different view of the South, and about Southern Baptists and Bible Belt Christians. I wish I could transport them to this place so they could see the values lived out as I did.

“Samford does a remarkable job of communicating care for people and making that relevant in an evolving world,” said Crider, who travels constantly.

Fluent in Spanish and French, and proficient in Portuguese, he concentrates on transactions in Spain and Latin America. He has participated in major corporate finance transactions in Europe and Latin America, representing Telefonica Moviles in its Euro 3.3 billion initial public offering, the largest in Spanish history. He also represented the company in the \$1.8 billion acquisition of Motorola’s mobile telephone companies in Mexico. His investment banking clients include Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Smith Barney and Santander Securities. He has represented GE Capital in hydroelectric projects in Central America.

He is an active member of the New York City Bar Association, which he serves as committee chairman for the Cyrus R. Vance Center of International Justice Initiatives. In that role, he is a recognized leader in efforts to put international law in the service of global justice. ■



Todd Crider

Noted U.S.-Mexico relations expert Juan Hernandez came to Samford in October at a time of widespread public interest in immigration issues, and found an unusually large and appreciative audience in Wright Center.

Hernandez, a featured speaker in Samford's J. Roderick Davis Lecture Series, is a citizen of both the United States and Mexico. His mother emigrated from Texas to Mexico as a student, against the wishes of her parents. When she began dating his Mexican father, both sets of Hernandez's grandparents objected. "They all get divorced," his Mexican grandparents said of Americans, "all of them!" Such fears and prejudices subsided as the families merged.

Hernandez and his siblings provided a bridge between cultures, and he continued in that role as an adult. He served as the director of the Mexican government's Office for Mexicans Abroad and as founding director of Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies at the University of Texas, Dallas. He now is director of HispanA—The Organization for

Hispanic Advancement. Moving freely between Mexican and American cultures gave him a unique perspective on the American immigration debate.

Fear and Politics

Hernandez observed that some U.S. midterm election strategies seemed calculated to play to anti-immigrant fears, and that some media pundits have described a growing culture war between Americans and immigrants. Hernandez said there is no such war and no overwhelming American opposition to thoughtful immigration reform. He cited research indicating that up to 76 percent of Americans would support immigration reform that prevents immigrants from taking jobs citizens want, and requires immigrants to pay taxes, pay into the Social Security program, learn English and pay fines for entering the country without legal documentation.

Hernandez said legislation proposed in the U.S. Senate in 2006 reflected the values revealed by his research, but the more strident and politically endangered Republican House instead



'Be there,' To Understand, Appreciate Immigrants, Says Hernandez

by Sean Flynt

focused on erecting walls to physically prevent undocumented immigrants from entering the country. Voters had their say in November, dispatching the most stridently anti-immigration candidates and leading conservative New York Times columnist David Brooks to acknowledge that, “immigration has been a complete bust as an issue for the G.O.P. restrictionists.” It seems that Americans simply aren’t as threatened by immigration as cynics might expect or hope.

Buying Power

Whatever the government may do, it seems that business leaders are gradually noticing the \$44 million Hispanic market in America. Hernandez described the surprise of a beer company executive upon learning that a television program about the late Latina singer Selena had a larger audience than the Super Bowl. “You mean Hispanics?” the executive asked. “No sir, *eyeballs*,” Hernandez responded.

Hernandez said Hispanic immigrants not only are increasingly valued for their buying power, but are increasingly necessary for the health of the economy as well. He cited a U.S. Senate finding that the economy requires 400,000 immigrants each year, but the U.S. government issues only 60,000 visas each year. It’s no coincidence, Hernandez said, that approximately 350,000 undocumented immigrants come to the United States each year. They find the work they seek because the work is here for them to find, and while they work, they spend money and pay taxes in support of government services that may not even directly benefit them.

Divided Loyalties

Hernandez acknowledged that some Americans fear that immigrants may have divided loyalties, living and working in the United States but supporting family in their home countries. That fear may have been magnified by the spectacle of thousands of Hispanics demonstrating in U.S. cities in spring 2006. Mexican flags could be seen among the American flags. Notwithstanding the popularity of St. Patrick’s Day and Columbus Day—celebrations of once-demonized immigrant cultures—Hernandez encouraged Hispanic demonstrators to carry only the Stars and Stripes to demonstrate their willingness to embrace their adopted country. Critics might observe that superficial demonstrations of national loyalty aren’t worth much, but Hernandez noted that U.S. Army PFC Analaura Esparza Gutierrez, a Mexican immigrant, was one of the first female U.S. soldiers to die in the Iraq war. In fact, the growing list of U.S. war casualties is filled with Hispanic names.



Be There

In addition to their fear of divided loyalties, some Americans believe that the values of Hispanic immigrants are incompatible with traditional American values. Hernandez observed that not only are immigrants not undermining American culture, but in some cases, they are restoring to America the family-oriented values many conservatives say have been on the wane in this country in recent decades. Hispanic immigrants seem well-attuned to the values of American Christianity, but when Hernandez asked the stars among American pastors about their views on immigration reform, he was surprised by a common response. “Juan,” they said, “nobody has contacted me. No one has asked me to participate.” Like the beer company executive, evangelicals may now be awakening to the potential of the Hispanic community in America.

Hernandez reminded his audience that many white Christians in the 1950s and 1960s failed to speak out on behalf of black citizens struggling to be recognized as fully human and fully American. He said American Christians have another chance to live their beliefs in service to a demonized minority population. They should “be there” in the Hispanic immigrant community, he said, to evangelize, listen and serve with thought to Matthew 25:35, “I was a stranger, and you took me in.” ■

Juan Hernandez is interviewed by a reporter from a Spanish-language radio station in Birmingham during his Samford visit.

Let the Sunshine In

Forum Explores Open Government

by Sean Flynt

Before Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts settled into retirement, he agreed to serve as interim chancellor of Alabama's troubled public two-year college system—becoming higher education's answer to Elliot Ness, shedding light on pervasive corruption of the system. Citizens were able to follow the resulting intrigue thanks to aggressive investigative news reporting based in part on public records. Criminal charges already have been filed, and law enforcement investigations continue. As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis wrote, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants."

By coincidence, as the higher education scandal deepened in late October, Samford's Cumberland School of Law and School of Business collaborated to present the forum "Changing Open Government Laws in Alabama," focusing on the right of citizens to witness the work of their government. The forum included legislators, archivists, journalists and attorneys whose work is affected by open records and meetings laws.

It seems only logical that citizens should exercise oversight of public acts, but not everyone embraces open government. Law enforcement officials might be reluctant to report crime rates. Superintendents might be embarrassed by school evaluations. University officials might not want sunshine to fall on the politics and economics of their deliberations. Legislators might not want to reveal the influence of lobbyists.

State Representative Blaine Galliher acknowledged the appeal of such secrecy. "Many times, we in the public arena do not want to become public property," he said. But, he added, citizens pay for government and must have access to information in order to have a role in the process of governance. Moreover, he said, public scrutiny is simply part of public service.



The Open Meetings Act

Public scrutiny of state government was increased with the passage of Alabama's Open Meetings Act [OMA] in March 2005. The law closed a number of legal loopholes long used to subvert public participation in government. It applies to both committees and subcommittees, outlaws secret balloting, requires parliamentary procedures and establishes enforcement procedures, all of which help keep public officials working in the light. The law also decriminalizes violations, making violators subject to civil suit, giving the public greater means of redress for violations.

The OMA, welcome as it is, faces legal tests. Panelist Dennis Bailey, an attorney who helped write the OMA, noted that the law so far has not attracted litigation. He said that is likely to change, because the popular perception is that the law has actually increased secrecy, possibly because it has shed light on the process of executive session, the legal means by which officials can meet in private.

The OMA increased the number of legal justifications for executive session and contains confusing language about the practice. For example, the law does not require the keeping of minutes for boards in executive session, but places on the boards the burden of proof when the legality of their executive session is challenged. Without minutes of the executive session, boards have no way to prove that a session was legal.

Perhaps the OMA's greatest flaw is its failure to prevent so-called "serial meetings," which allow officials to legally conduct public business in private simply by meeting informally in groups smaller than those required for a quorum. Panelists noted that the practice of serial meetings defies the commonsense understanding of the term "meeting" and is likely to be challenged in court and outlawed, as it has been in other states.

In spite of its flaws, the OMA's reform of the state's antiquated and ineffective open meetings law inspired reform of the current open records system, established in the same era as the old open meetings law and just as badly outdated. Drafters of the current law in the 1920s had nothing to say about e-mail correspondence and other digital documents, for example. The current system is further burdened by hundreds of different records request forms, wildly varying fees (\$25 per page in one

community) and impossibly high hurdles erected by legislators for the express purpose of impeding public oversight.

Members of the Alabama Open Records Study Task Force, commissioned by joint resolution of the Alabama legislature in 2005, accepted the challenge to clean up the 80 year-old mess and propose new legislation. The group, which includes several of the Samford event's panelists, expects its recommendations to be considered by the state legislature during its 2007 session. Among its many challenges, the legislature must determine who will have custody of public records.

“Citizens pay for government and must have access to information in order to have a role in the process of governance.”

State Representative Blaine Galliher

Who Is Going To Be Sued?

Panelist Felicia Mason, executive director of the Alabama Press Association, noted that there currently is no recourse short of court action when a public records request is denied. The history of court challenges to the current open records law thus constitutes a who's who of state newspapers. That raises the question of "Who is going to be sued?" under the proposed new law, as panelist Scott Morris of the Alabama Public Service Commission put it.

Morris noted that state public officials under oath enjoy immunity from lawsuits concerning their good-faith official actions. Public employees—including those likely to be identified as public records custodians—have no such protection. Morris said a new open records law should either place key records decision-making responsibilities at the level of public officials or extend legal protection to the employees who must otherwise have custody of public records.

Morris said the legislature also will need to help determine appropriate fees for records requests—not to discourage

requests, but to offset what might be significant state expenses. Although many records are online, and Morris's office isn't often overwhelmed by requests, he noted that complying with a request for a large number of documents could be costly in terms of materials and staff time.

Even matters as seemingly simple as records request forms are controversial. State Representative Cam Ward said the question, "Why do you want this information?" is "one of the most repulsive things" one can find on a public records request form. He said a new proposed form would eliminate the question and be optional in any case, offered simply to protect the requester by creating a record of the request. Resolving this and other issues will require a delicate balancing act, with public access on one side and responsible control of public records on the other.

Unnecessary Disputes

Mason, of the Alabama Press Association, described a problem the legislature may not be able to solve by itself. She said many citizens simply don't understand what records are open to the public. Representative Ward agreed. "There is an inherent lack of trust of government among constituents," he said. He acknowledged that the mistrust sometimes is well-founded, but he said disputes sometimes result from misunderstanding of how to gain access to public records. The lack of a clear process helps create such misunderstanding, he added.

With the legislature expected to take up open records reform in 2007, when can Alabama's citizens expect clarification of the public records process? Morris observed that the open meetings law—less far-reaching than the proposed open records reform—required from four to six months from signing to implementation. That isn't the whole story, because it seems clear that the legislature can go only so far in opening government. The courts will be called upon to resolve some details as citizens continue to bring sunshine to the halls of government. ■

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Education and Professional Studies, Samford's Second-Largest School, Offers Variety of Programs



Welcome to the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. The school contains four distinct departments, including teacher education undergraduate and graduate programs, exercise science and sports medicine, family studies, and interior design. Combined with the paralegal and Metro programs, the total enrollment of more than 800 makes the school the second-largest on campus.

The undergraduate Teacher Education Program, named by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the four most outstanding programs in teacher preparation in the country,

maintains a high-quality program in the areas of early childhood, elementary and special education. In addition, preparation is offered in secondary programs in mathematics, language arts, social sciences and history. The graduate program, which focuses on meeting the leadership needs of K–12 schools, has grown from 37 to 180 students in the past few years. Much of this growth can be attributed to increased enrollment in Instructional Leadership Programs. Graduates of these programs are serving our community in many leadership roles, including superintendents, principals and teachers.

The Department of Exercise Science and Sports Medicine [ESSM] also is growing steadily. The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics recently joined ESSM to strengthen both areas in preparing students to fight against childhood obesity, and to effectively deal with health issues of adolescents and adults. ESSM offers six majors, including exercise science, sports medicine, athletic training, fitness and health promotion, physical education, and nutrition and dietetics. Graduates in these two programs often are employed before graduation.

Metro Programs joined the education and professional studies school in

June 2006. These programs cater to adult learners, providing them an opportunity to earn the bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies with a nontraditional format. Family studies and interior design offer expertise to students interested in these varied fields.

While providing such diverse areas of study, the faculty of education and professional studies have joined forces in amazing ways. Our story focuses on collaboration and recognizing that differences can be our most powerful attribute. Developing an identity for the school brings the departments together. Our commonalities emphasize learning for all students and preparing them for success in their respective disciplines while equipping students with lifelong learning skills upon graduation.

Join us in discovering the uniqueness of the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. I like to think that our benefactor, Orlean Bullard Beeson, for whom our school is named, would be very pleased with the work we are doing.

Jeanie A. Box

Jeanie A. Box, Dean
Orlean Bullard Beeson School of
Education and Professional Studies

ITSA Provides Assistance to Educators

The Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies at Samford provides research and service to educators through the Institute for Teaching and Student Achievement [ITSA].

The mission of ITSA is to dramatically improve the quality of teaching and learning for all students through strategic partnerships that implement research-based strategies in K–16 learning environments. The institute engages in activities throughout the United States to improve teaching quality and student achievement.

ITSA programs are administered by Deborah Childs-Bowen, director, and Angelo D. Cope, professional development coordinator/research associate.

Over the past four years, ITSA has managed funds exceeding \$1 million. Funds for ITSA projects come from

local, state and federal agencies as well as major foundations.

Among projects supported by ITSA was a collaboration with the New Teacher Center at the University of California, Santa Cruz, to provide recruitment, induction and retention activities to local education agency partners, including Birmingham City Schools and Fairfield City Schools. The project was sponsored in part by grants from the BellSouth Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation.

The institute also works with Samford's Howard College of Arts and



Dr. Childs-Bowen

Sciences, and Jefferson County Schools to provide the Mastery of Science Education through Leadership [MSEL] Project. MSEL offers professional development activities to enhance the practice and knowledge of teachers in science content education. The MSEL project contains a significant component focusing on the development and support of teacher leaders and school administrators. ITSA also has a working model for affecting adult learning, instruction and school leadership.

The MSEL project is funded in part through a grant from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

"ITSA possesses an exemplary track record of providing leadership and professional development activities in several school districts locally and across the nation," noted Samford education Dean Jeanie A. Box. ■

Samford Education Graduate Programs Tailor Curricula to Systems They Serve

The graduate programs of the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies are a vital and growing component of the school, providing students with the latest research and proven strategies in teaching and leadership.

One reason for the program's success is Samford's practice of developing partnerships with local school districts that provide teachers the opportunity to earn graduate degrees specifically tailored to the needs of the school system they serve.

A recent example is a partnership with Jefferson County Schools to identify and recruit teachers in the system who demonstrate leadership potential. The program was funded by a grant from the Southern Regional Education Board [SREB] and the State Department of Education [SDE].

Teachers selected in this program join a cohort of their peers in a curriculum that was designed collaboratively by Samford and their school system. The curriculum meets the required content of state and national accreditation standards, and includes extensive internships specifically targeted at traditionally underserved populations.

"This curriculum has the unique attribute of being both an academically rigorous study program and an intensive hands-on experience," said graduate programs director Maurice Persall. "Combining the resources, expertise and commitment of those involved creates a rich experience for everyone."

Dr. Julie Hannah, director of professional learning at Jefferson County Schools, serves on the redesign team that developed the curriculum, internships and assessment model for the program. As part of this team, she is involved with the application and selection process, as well as the instruction of content and supervision of experiences.

A graduate of Samford's doctor of education program, she is a former



Dr. Julie Hannah, director of professional learning at Jefferson County Schools, helps Samford shape graduate programs.

teacher, principal and State Department of Education principal coach. She also teaches a course in the graduate program and serves the program in an advisory role.

"Samford has been a major part of my life for the past 30 years," said Hannah. "The Samford philosophy of continuous learning and tapping into the strengths of individuals has been a cornerstone for every endeavor I have had the privilege of being a part of—from teaching, to leading at the school level, to development work at the SDE, to my current position at Jefferson County.

"This partnership, with the purpose of growing effective school leaders who embrace that same Samford philosophy, is an investment in the future of our schools," said Hannah. "We are so proud to partner with Samford."

Hannah was a cheerleader as a Samford undergraduate in 1979 and '80. Now, she is cheering the contributions of Samford's graduate program in education. ■

Graduate Degrees offered:

- Educational Leadership Programs
- Certificate in Educational Administration
- Master of Science in Educational Administration
- Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration
- Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership
- Early Childhood/Elementary Education Programs
- Fifth-Year Nontraditional Graduate Program
- Master of Science in Education
- Educational Specialist Degree in Education
- Master of Science in Gifted Education

Newsletter cover, page 27: Student teacher Miki White works with first-grader Anna Phillips and her classmates at Vestavia East Elementary School.



A World of Teaching

Samford Students Focus on Making a Difference

by William Nunnelley

Samford graduate Taylor Ross works with her first-grade class at Brighton Elementary School.

The teacher education program of Samford's Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies reaches out to help its neighbors, whether they are in the local community or on the other side of the globe.

From Brighton and East Lake in the Birmingham area to Marion in Perry County to Beirut and Amman in the Middle East, education school faculty and students involve themselves in teaching missions.

"We are simply trying to make a difference in our community and the world by helping teachers become better teachers and students become better learners," said Dr. Carol D. Dean, chair of the teacher education department.

Dean joined several colleagues in developing a partnership with Beirut Baptist School in Lebanon and Amman Baptist School in Jordan. The group conducted workshops that focused on

excellent practices in pedagogy and administration.

"Teachers in the Middle East have degrees in content areas, but no training in teaching strategies to help make the content relevant to students," said Dean.

During the first trip in 2004, four Samford faculty conducted a weeklong program in optimizing student achievement. The group taught 133 faculty members and administrators from schools in Beirut and Amman. During the following two years, Samford faculty traveled to Amman four times to work with teachers and administrators.

Education school faculty participating in the Middle East project included Drs. Dean, John Harris, Michele Haralson, David Finn, Mandy Hilsmier and Maurice Persall, along with education and professional studies Dean Jeanie Box, former Dean Ruth Ash, doctoral student Perry Phillips and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, former education

dean at Ouachita Baptist University and wife of the Samford president.

Finn and Samford student Laura Wilson, then president of the Student Government Association, spent nine days in Liberia, West Africa, providing teacher education training for approximately 80 teachers in 2003. Some were from the Marla Corts School, a new school funded largely by Samford President Emeritus and Mrs. Thomas Corts.

Dean traveled to Mount Meru University near Arusha, Tanzania, in 2005, conducting workshops over eight days for 20 teachers. The same year, also in Africa, Samford graduates Erin Dawson and Alisha Damron spent six months teaching at an orphanage outside Kampala, Uganda.

"Numerous other students have spent a year or more using their teaching skills to teach English in a variety of countries, such as China and Mexico," Dean added.

Samford alumna Betsy Rogers, right, and Margie Curry, principal at Brighton Elementary, lead a teacher improvement session.

Closer to home, students in the fifth-year nontraditional graduate program worked with students at East Lake Methodist Church, providing review lessons for two weeks before the start of a new school year. The goals were to help the young East Lake students, and provide the Samford graduate students with opportunities to write and implement lesson plans.

East Lake provided much more for Samford graduate student Nancy Reynolds, who felt the experience helped reveal her “reason for being,” she said. Reynolds said she believed “unequivocally” that all children could learn, but she was saddened by the fact that all had not been provided “the foundations to be where they need to be as determined by state and national standards.” She plans to work to better that situation.

The teacher education department is collaborating with Samford communication arts faculty to involve 80 Samford freshmen in a service-learning program tutoring young East Lake children. A Samford student will help from one to three East Lake children to work on homework, play games, read and develop relationships.

In addition to helping children, the goal of the program is to assist Samford students in “determining their vocational calling and to see if a career in education



is of interest to them,” said Dean.

Hilsmier and Dr. David Little have taken the lead in guiding the East Lake program.

Samford education majors have been involved in working with students in Perry County—one of Alabama’s poorest counties—for several years. The Perry programs, led by Atkinson, Little, Finn, Dean and Myrtis Johnson, have helped students broaden their perspective, said Dean, “so that they feel a responsibility and have the skills to help students in a variety of settings.”

Dr. Betsy Rogers, one of the education school’s most distinguished graduates, felt a similar responsibility after her year as 2003 National Teacher of the Year. As a result, she took a job at Brighton Elementary, which had been

the lowest performing school in Jefferson County. With Rogers’ help, Samford set up a partnership with Brighton that has provided Samford undergraduates with valuable student teaching opportunities. Since the arrival of Rogers and the beginning of the partnership, Brighton has met 100 percent of its Adequate Yearly Progress goals.

In addition to placing two students at Brighton each spring, the school also has hired two Samford graduates for teaching positions. Faculty primarily involved in the Brighton program are Hilsmier, Atkinson and Johnson.

Partnerships have helped in other ways. For the past three years, the teacher education department has paired with Miles College to plan and implement a Young Authors Conference for more than 200 fifth grade students in Fairfield City Schools. The conference is held each spring at Samford as the culmination of a yearlong emphasis on writing skills.

“Teachers and administrators in Fairfield have been especially supportive of the Samford-Miles program because all fifth graders are involved, and readings and activities are planned around Fairfield’s curriculum,” said Dean.

Haralson directs the Fairfield program. Also involved are Atkinson, Little, Johnson and Karen Birkenfield.

In a variety of settings, Samford education students are focusing on making a difference in the world of teaching. ■

Samford students Katy Anderson, left, and Laura Cobb, right, help Fairfield Elementary School fifth graders prepare for the Young Authors Conference held annually at Samford.



ESSM Models Health Care's Future

by Jean M. McLean

On any given Wednesday afternoon, Samford students can be found addressing an epidemic in Alabama's Black Belt.

Wednesdays are when some of Samford's exercise science and sports medicine students accompany Dr. Chuck Sands, department chair, to Perry County. There, where Samford had its beginnings, they live out the department's mission to



Dr. Chuck Sands emphasizes the value of community service as an integral part of Samford's exercise science and sports medicine program.

Christian service. Led by Sands, they conduct health screenings and weight management clinics for some of the state's poorest and most underserved. The epidemic, Sands explains, is obesity, which threatens the poor even more than other populations.

Wednesdays are not the only days students practice what they're studying in the department's multiple disciplines—athletic training, physical education, exercise science (prephysical therapy), fitness and health promotion, nutrition/dietetics, and sports medicine. They regularly work alongside faculty in summer swim programs, physiological lab testing, Birmingham-area obesity clinics and preschoolers' motor development classes.

The live laboratory experiences are more than academic exercises. They also serve as real community health services and as mentoring models for students as they watch faculty members demonstrate both technical skills and Christian compassion.

Sands said these experiences also develop the department's core values of collaboration, quality, integrity, compassion and commitment.

These clinics represent health care's future. The dual challenge of aging Baby Boomers and pandemic obesity will require a collaborative team of professionals—from dietitians to physical therapists, physicians to athletic trainers—to

prevent and treat health concerns. It will be a new pattern for a new generation.

"They will transform medical care in the 21st century," Sands predicted.

Some will apply what they've learned in Samford's very competitive program while pursuing medical degrees. Others will train high school, college or professional athletes. Still others will work in newly emerging health centers that combine exercise, medical testing, nutrition counseling and treatment.

"All will touch the continuum of health," Sands said. He believes these graduates will participate in a new system in which multiple specialties collaborate to prevent illness in a whole-person approach that includes treatment, diet and exercise.

What makes Samford's program unique is its emphasis on Christian service. "I tell prospective students when they come in that we're serious about our mission statement," said Sands, referring to the school's commitment to scholarship, service and teaching.

Whether working in Alabama or in China, where Sands leads a childhood obesity research project, graduates use physical ministry to develop relationships leading to spiritual growth. That physical-spiritual emphasis, combined with technical excellence, positions Samford grads to be leaders in health care's next generation. ■

High Percentage of ESSM Graduates Accepted for Graduate Programs

Spring 2006 Graduates

- 14/14 (100% accepted) students applied/accepted to graduate schools in physical therapy, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and education
- 17 graduates (Three did not apply to graduate school and are employed in the field.)

Spring 2005 Graduates

- 15/18 (83.3%) students applied/accepted to graduate schools in physical therapy, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, education and public health
- 21 graduates (Three did not apply to graduate school and are employed in the field.)

Spring 2004 Graduates

- 9/10 (90%) students applied/accepted to graduate schools in physical therapy, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, education and public health
- 13 graduates (Three did not apply to graduate school and are employed in the field.)

Nutrition and Dietetics [NTDT] Majors

Before this year, NTDT majors were reported separately. Now that this group has joined ESSM, future numbers will reflect all majors combined.

2006

- 4/4 (100% accepted) students applied/accepted to dietetics internships

- 1/1 (100% accepted) student applied/accepted to physician assistant school
- 9 graduates (Four graduates are employed outside dietetics.)

2005

- 7/7 (100% accepted) students applied/accepted to dietetics internships
- 11 graduates (Four graduates are employed outside dietetics.)

2004

- 4/4 (100% accepted) students applied/accepted to dietetics internships
- 1/1 (100% accepted) student applied/accepted to physician assistant school
- 6 graduates (One graduate is employed outside dietetics.) ■

Students Use Talents to Provide Clinic Facelift

by Mary Wimberley

The interior design program's goal to train designers to combine aesthetic values with practical needs and realities is sometimes realized in unexpected ways.

A current project with M-POWER Ministries is a win-win situation for Samford students as well as staff and community patrons of the faith-based social service agency located in the Avondale area of Birmingham.

M-POWER's literacy training and after-school programs, and the only free medical clinic in metro Birmingham, are housed in a 1960s-era former church education building.

When executive director and Samford alumnus Ryan Hankins, M.Div. '03, asked for interior design assistance for the clinic, Samford students and faculty were glad to help.

Students in a design concepts class addressed physical layout, circulation, lighting and overall aesthetics of a 60' x 8' corridor-like space used as a waiting room for four exam rooms. The waiting room holds from 20 to 50 people.

The 24-member class divided into four teams that will each present a proposal to the M-POWER staff.

"Student and faculty volunteers



Executive Director of M-POWER Ryan Hankins, center, looks over designs with, from left, Megan Brantley, Lauren Bidez, Allie Duncan and Maggie Brown.

intend to assist in the physical labor and fund-raising through donation of materials to assist in making the proposal a reality," said department chair Jeannie Krumdieck.

The experience is good for several reasons, said instructor Ken Brazil. "Design is easy if you have an unlimited budget. It is a different story when there is zero money for a project. This project

will give the students the experience of dealing with a real client and making a real presentation," he said.

Samford's interior design program is accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research [FIDER], now known as the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. ■

Family Studies Challenges Students to Perform Research

by Mary Wimberley

When family studies majors Jennie Boone and LaBrena Friend tackled the research project for their senior thesis, they didn't figure on winning a national award for their efforts. A year later, however, the work they began as juniors in the spring of 2004 paid off with a first-place award in a national research competition sponsored by the National Council on Family Relations.

Their project, "Adolescents' Sexual Attitude, Knowledge and Behavior, and the Effectiveness of Sexual Education Programs," was a cut above most such efforts from the start, said their faculty adviser, Dr. Jonathan Davis.

"Most students do fairly simple survey research projects involving one-time data collection and analysis," said Davis. "Jennie and LaBrena's project was ambitious because they wanted to collaborate with LaBrena's internship site to evaluate a real-life educational program."

After selecting their topic, the pair did a thorough literature review on the effectiveness of sex education programs in high school. They then collected information before and after a one-day sex education program presented at Homewood High School by Sex and Family Education [SAFE], the nonprofit agency where Friend held an internship. They surveyed students again a few months after the program to gauge lasting effects of the presentation.

Their research was complex, said Davis, because it involved three waves of data collected over time.

"It also was unusual because it was applied research," said Davis. "It addressed a real-life problem in an education program and involved collaboration with an agency independent of Samford. The students' quality of writing, the unusual complexity of their project, and the excellence and thoroughness of their project were particular strengths."

All those factors combined to impress the judges in the NCFR competition, which was open to students enrolled in family studies programs at colleges throughout the nation. Friend and Boone, who both graduated in May 2005, received a cash prize and an invitation to the NCFR national meeting.

The Samford family studies department's research curriculum that required their work is unusual in itself, said Davis.

"It challenges all majors to complete research as undergraduates," he said of the curriculum that was pioneered at Samford in 1998 by former department chair Dan Sandifer-Stech. Dr. Clara Gerhardt serves as department chair.

Friend is pursuing a master's in social work at Alabama A & M University in her hometown of Huntsville, Ala. Boone, originally from Weaverville, N.C., lives in Marietta, Ga., and teaches in Cobb County schools. ■

Samford, State Farm and the Merrimans Make Great Team

by Jean M. McLean

It's the time of day when most employees are going home to cook supper and maybe watch a little television. After all, it's the middle of the week, and the next day's work will come early.

But for Laura and Derek Merriman, leaving the Birmingham State Farm office two nights a week doesn't signal the start of a leisurely evening at home. Instead, they assume their alter-identities: Samford students working toward their bachelor's degrees.

Both have worked for State Farm for about five years. Laura, 26, is pursuing her degree in human resource management. Derek, 28, is on the administrative/community services track. Both know a degree is important to career advancement and for the future of their two-year-old daughter, Abby.

That's why they are so committed to Samford's Metro Programs, an evening adult studies alternative especially designed for those already in the business world. Dr. Cindy Kirk, executive director of the program, says the average Metro student is 33 years old and a midlevel manager in banking, utilities or insurance.

"Otherwise, they're a very diverse group," said Kirk, adding that both their



Photo by Paul Franklin

Derek, Laura and Abby Merriman

diversity and community connections are assets for Samford. Kirk cites the Merrimans as examples of what adult students can do when they combine their determination to excel with an employer who is willing to offer tuition assistance.

Kirk also cited the work of three sisters—Monica Gillam, Sharon Gadie

and Teresa Hicks—in the adult studies program. Gillam and Gadie work for BellSouth and attend Samford now. Hicks, a Metro graduate who works for State Farm, encouraged her sisters to enroll in the program.

"I think it has been a big asset on my job," said Hicks. "My options are not limited, like they were prior to getting my degree."

Kirk said State Farm is one of Samford's key corporate partners in Metro Programs. Jimmy Freeman, human resources representative in the Birmingham State Farm office, said the firm is pleased when students decide to use the company's tuition aid program at Samford.

"It is especially encouraging when we learn that our associates are gaining an education from a well-known educational institution with a long-standing reputation for excellence such as Samford University," Freeman said. He said the company benefits from student/employee participation in Metro Programs because customers are served by an "increasingly knowledgeable workforce." ■

Attorney Harold Williams Has Seen the Paralegal Field Come of Age

Over the years, paralegals have served to lighten the load of attorneys, helping to solve problems and handling complex though repetitious work with minimal direction. It is a process that Harold Williams has observed firsthand.



Harold Williams

Williams is in his 55th year as a member of the Birmingham law firm, Balch & Bingham. He joined the firm—then known as Logan Martin—fresh out of Columbia University Law School in 1952.

"The firm had no paralegals in 1953," Williams recalled. "Their need was somewhat filled by veteran secretaries who had long years of experience. These were few in number and much in demand."

Today, paralegals have become a valuable resource for lawyers, he added,

"because of prior training in the field and the crucial purposes they serve." They also produce an important benefit for clients—lower fees—by economizing the time lawyers spend in legal work.

Samford offers a paralegal studies program through the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. Enrollees take a 10-course sequence to complete the program, but also must hold or be enrolled in a bachelor degree program or higher.

"Samford's is the oldest paralegal program in Alabama," noted Director Les S. Ennis, "and it was the first to achieve American Bar Association approval in the state."

Williams has served on Samford's Paralegal Advisory Board for many years. "The program's competency can be judged by the law community's demand for its graduates," he said. ■



Nutrition professor Pat Terry is the author of a new book, Made for Paradise, on healthy eating, physical activity and rest.



As Alabama's largest privately funded university, Samford is renowned for the educational quality of its 23 graduate and undergraduate degree programs in more than 100 academic fields of study. Samford students are nurtured to develop personal integrity in the classroom and in life, and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To make the distinctive Samford experience available to deserving students, Samford annually awards more than \$12 million in scholarship assistance. An investment in the Samford Scholarship Society is an investment in the future of our communities and the future of the church. You can participate several ways in creating a better future for a deserving student at Samford through the Scholarship Society.

Annual Academic Scholarship Funds

Annual scholarships are awarded on a direct basis. One hundred percent of contributions are awarded to deserving students within the terms of the established scholarship. Annual scholarships are as follows:

- **Scholarship Society Contributor**—Annual gifts of less than \$1,000 are combined with other gifts and awarded annually to worthy students with demonstrated financial need. Contributors are recognized in the annual President's Report.
- **Scholarship Society Member**—Contributors of annual gifts designated to scholarships of at least \$1,000 received within an academic year (June 1 through May 31) are recognized as Samford Scholarship Society Members. Contributors are recognized in the annual President's Report and invited to the Scholarship Society Luncheon.
- **Named Annual Scholarship Fund**—Requires a signed commitment to contribute at least \$2,500 annually for four years for a total of \$10,000. Contributors are recognized in the annual President's Report and the university catalog, and are among the honored guests at the Scholarship Society Luncheon.
- **Named Presidential Scholarship Fund**—Requires a signed commitment to contribute at least \$6,000 annually for four years for a total of \$24,000. Contributors are recognized in the annual President's Report and the university catalog, and are among the honored guests at the Scholarship Society Luncheon.
- **Named Scholar**—Requires a signed commitment to contribute at least \$15,000 annually for four years for a total of \$60,000. Contributors are recognized in the annual President's Report and the university catalog, and are among the honored guests at the Scholarship Society Luncheon.



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After 62 Years

Teenage Lab Instructor Still Close to Samford

by Jack Brymer

Who was the youngest person ever to teach a course at Samford University? Records are hazy on such subjects, but it may have been a young man who started to then-Howard College in the summer of 1944.

Sixteen-year-old Howard Clark enrolled at Howard while finishing his last high school courses at Ramsay High School in Birmingham. He took a chemistry course at Howard and made an A+. He also worked in the chemistry stockroom. That fall, he found himself instructing a chemistry lab.

It happened this way. World War II and the V-12 U.S. Navy program at Howard combined to produce an enrollment increase in chemistry courses, but a shortage of teaching assistants and staff.

As the fall semester approached, chemistry professors John Xan and Harold Wilcox—mindful of young Clark's stellar performance in summer school—summoned him to their office. The primary subject of the discussion, Clark recalled, was the need for another teaching assistant for the freshman lab.

"When I volunteered for the position, Dr. Xan wondered aloud if I were mature enough for this responsibility," Clark said. "I assured him that I was, and I was hired."

That started a sequence in which the 16-year-old teaching assistant would take a course one semester and instruct the lab in that course the following semester.

"This was actually a wonderful experience," Clark said. "I got to know the older TAs [teaching assistants], Bob Smith and Charles Litsey, and a young instructor, Nelly Friel, now Nelly Friel Franklin, all of whom helped me cope."

Clark credits his success to his high school chemistry teacher, Albert S. Benham. "Mr. Benham had the greatest set of laboratory demonstrations of any teacher that I have ever known," he said.

His experiences at Ramsay and Howard set Clark on a path of excellence that followed him throughout his career. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in chemistry, and eventually taught and conducted research at Duke University for almost three decades. He and his wife, the former Julia Evans, still live near the Duke campus in Durham, N.C., and although he retired in 1997, he maintains an office and goes to the campus almost every day.

At Howard, in addition to his work and studies, Clark was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Trident, Chi



Far left: Howard Clark visits Samford in 2001, when he was an Alumnus of the Year. Left: A youthful Clark as he appeared in the 1947 annual *Entre Nous*.

Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega and the Senate. He was voted “most intelligent boy” in the Class of 1947 Student Who’s Who.

He and Julia married later that year, and he went to Notre Dame University as a graduate student, earning his master’s in 1949. Then he enrolled in the Ph.D. program in chemistry at the University of Maryland.

Again, war—this time the Korean War—conscripted the fledgling researcher and provided the incentive of another paid position doing contract work at the university. He worked on the synthesis of new high explosives for the U.S. Navy. It was not until after he accepted the job that he learned of the salary and that the job would be working on explosives.

“We had two daughters while I was at the university, and money was again short, so I started my own company—the Polynitro Chemical Company—to make intermediates for the Navy’s research program,” he said. “I was very lucky and survived, not knowing how ignorant I was of the risks I was taking.”

After receiving the Ph.D. degree in 1954, Clark sold his interest in Polynitro Chemical Co. and took a job in the corporate world with the Chemstrand Corporation in Decatur, Ala. The Clarks had a third child, a son, in Decatur. When Chemstrand moved its research operations to North Carolina, Clark left and worked with a small company in Florida for a year before joining the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina.

Later, he spent a year at Clemson University, and in 1968, received an appointment to a new program in biomedical engineering at Duke. He worked on polymeric materials for medical applications. This became the first accredited department of biomedical engineering in the country.

At Duke, he successfully combined teaching and research as professor of biomedical and biochemical engineering. He holds seven patents in scientific fields and is considered a pioneer in the research that led to the development of a stent that allows targeted drug delivery to a specific tissue in the body. The stent is used frequently following angioplasty surgery to hold open an artery while it heals. Today, he said, his major scientific interest is in the molecular basis of biological evolution.

“During my entire career, I have had the opportunity to work with great people who were smart, enthusiastic, dedicated and honest scientists who were supportive of my ideas

and efforts,” he said. “When I became able, I wanted to help pass on some of the joy of science, which for me began in Birmingham with A. S. Benham and Harold E. Wilcox.”

Over the years, Clark has supported the chemistry program at Samford. He organized alumni of the science programs to establish the Harold E. Wilcox Scholarship in 1998 and later funded the first Samford University Research Scholarship in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, providing money for a collaboration between the biology and computer science departments to pilot a bioinformatics program. He was named one of Samford’s alumni of the year in 2001. He also serves on the arts and sciences advisory board.

“Although Howard Clark went on to a distinguished career at Duke University, he has never forgotten his roots in Birmingham,” said Samford arts and sciences Dean David Chapman recently. “He has been a wonderful friend to the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, challenging us to deliver strong undergraduate research experiences and to explore new directions in the sciences.

“Clark is not simply a graduate of Howard College; he is a model of the love of learning that we hope to instill in all our students,” said Chapman. ■

Howard Clark, left, Roy Swatzell and Dean David Chapman concentrate during the 2006 fall meeting of the arts and sciences advisory board.



Hoyt Harwell

Jack Harwell



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The Harwells Were Communicators All

by Jack Brymer

There was never any question about where the Harwell siblings—Hoyt, Jack, Frank and Eleanor Anne—would attend college. Nor were their major fields of study a question of conjecture. They would follow in the footsteps of their Baptist preacher father, Rev. H. H. Harwell of Mobile, Ala., and attend their state's Baptist college. A tuition discount for the children of Baptist preachers helped make that decision.

They would study two fields in which their father had an interest, journalism and music, because the siblings had developed interests in those areas as well.

Dr. Harwell, a Mercer University graduate, served as pastor of three Mobile and southwest Alabama churches for 37 years: West End (now Government Street) Baptist, 20 years; First Baptist Church of Leroy, 12 years; and Whistler Baptist, five years.

He was widely known in the area for his coverage of the Mobile Baptist Association, and of Alabama Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention meetings for *The Mobile Press-Register*. Although he never held the official title, he was generally considered the newspaper's religion editor.

Harwell also had a music background, having taught the subject at two colleges.

The three Harwell boys decided to study journalism, and found their life's work there. Eleanor Anne majored in music, and served as minister of music at churches in three states and as associate director of the music department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Frank also was talented in music, and served several churches as music director.

Hoyt, the oldest child, worked as a copy boy at the Mobile paper while in high school.

"The editors occasionally let me try my hand at doing small stories, and perhaps it was just the familiar case of printer's ink getting in my veins," he said.

Hoyt enrolled at then-Howard College in 1949. He dropped out after his sophomore year for financial reasons, and worked a year at the Mobile paper. This time, he did considerable writing in addition to copy boy duty. By the time he returned to Howard in 1952, he said, "I was sold on journalism."

Hoyt made the only "A" in Professor Jack Robinson's feature writing course because he sold an article. It was the only way a student could earn an "A."

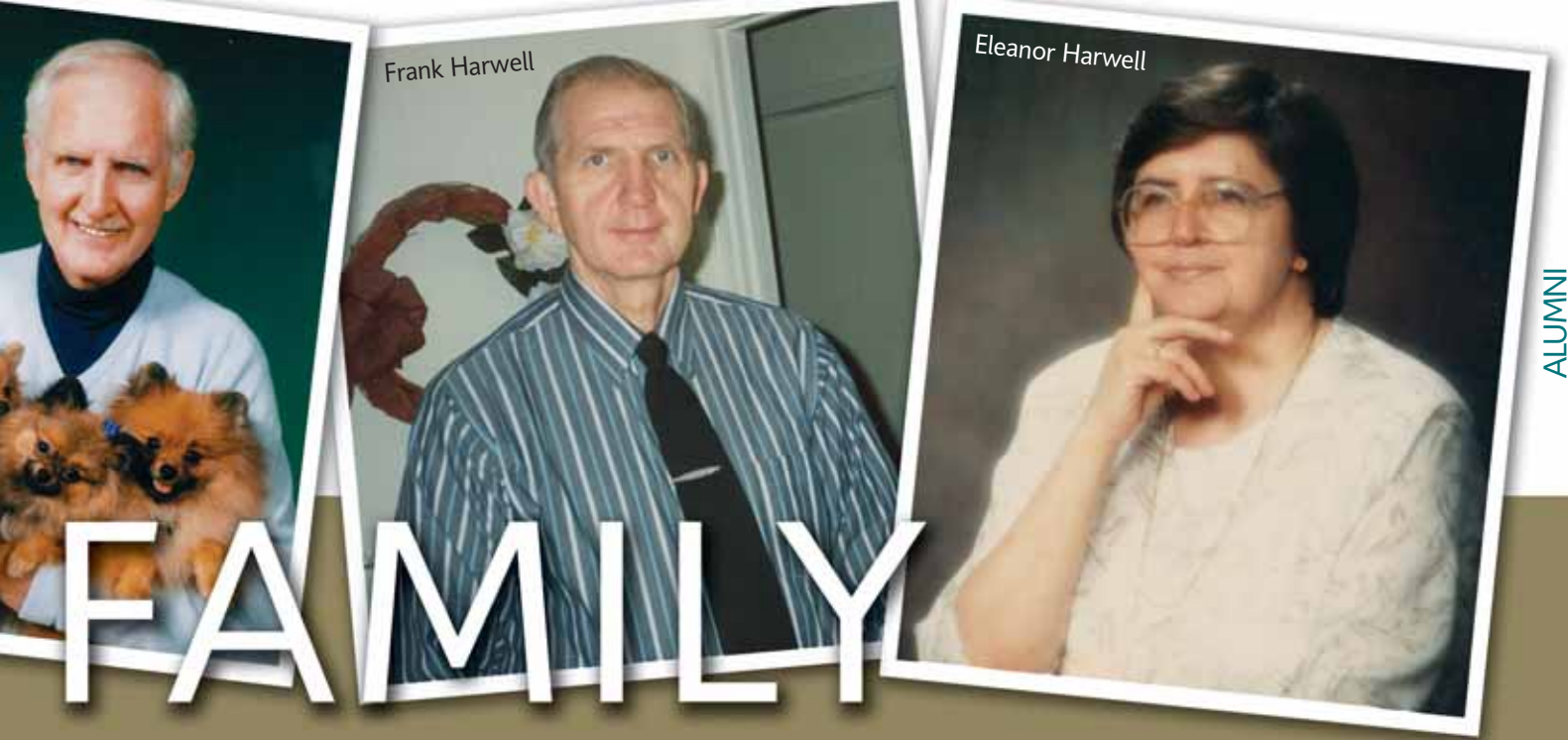
"I sold a feature to *Grit* [a rural-oriented paper], got the 'A' and made \$15 to boot," he recalled. "No one else in the class even tried. Some of the other students sort of resented it, but I reminded them the teacher made it pretty clear, and I believed him."

Harwell edited the *Howard Crimson* for \$20 a week as a senior. One of his staff members was his younger brother, Jack, who wrote sports. Hoyt also was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa and Trident that year.

Hoyt worked nights for the Associated Press [AP] in Birmingham as a "sort of glorified copy boy" during college, also doing a little writing. Following his graduation in 1953, AP hired him full-time and sent him to Mobile. Later, he transferred to Atlanta, Ga., and in 1966, back to Birmingham. He was promoted to Alabama correspondent, and served in the post for 27 years.

Hoyt retired in 1993 after 40 years with AP. During his storied career, he covered such events as the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing and the riot-torn 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, Ill. He interviewed such famous people as Dr. Wernher Von Braun, George Wallace, Bear Bryant and Shug Jordan. He covered such offbeat Alabama stories as the Rattlesnake Rodeo at Opp, the Coon Dog Cemetery near Florence and the Possum Man at Clanton.

Hoyt has continued to write in retirement, primarily for fun, he said. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have



Frank Harwell

Eleanor Harwell

FAMILY

three adult children and seven grandchildren. They are longtime members of Shades Crest Baptist Church in Birmingham, where he has served as a deacon and taught a couples Sunday school class for 25 years.

Jack, like Hoyt, was active on campus, playing baseball, basketball and football and serving as Student Government Association president in 1952–53. An ODK member, he also held down part-time jobs at the “Hash House,” a boardinghouse next to campus, as well as at the campus bookstore and in the school public relations office, where he wrote sports. At Samford, he met and married Blanche Beard, a 1955 graduate. They had twin sons, Ronnie and Donnie. Donnie and Blanche have since passed away.

After graduation in '53, Jack served two years with the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort McPherson in Atlanta. There, he caught the attention of John Hurt, editor of *The Christian Index*, the nation’s oldest religious newspaper. Hurt hired Jack a year later, in 1957, as associate editor of the paper, which served Georgia Baptists. After nine years in that slot, he was named editor, holding the post until 1987. Later, after retiring from *The Christian Index*, he served 10 years as editor of *Baptists Today*.

Additionally, Harwell was president of Baptist Press Association and a trustee of the American Bible Society, the Georgia Council of Moral and Civic Concerns and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, replacing then-governor of Georgia Jimmy Carter.

The author of four books, Harwell was granted an honorary doctorate by Mercer University. He lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., and is married to the former Teliea Touchton Hampton, an ordained Baptist minister since 1983. They have three grandchildren.

Frank, the youngest brother, followed Hoyt and Jack into journalism. He wrote for the *Crimson* and won the Best Writer award, but his primary journalistic

activity during college was working for *The Birmingham Post-Herald*. He was a police and general assignment reporter from his freshman until his senior year, when he became church page editor.

“This job paid most of my college and living expenses,” Frank recalled.

Frank was also active on campus, serving as president of the Press Club, and holding membership in ODK, Pi Delta Phi French honor society, and clerking in the library for 45 cents an hour. He won the French Government Award for excellence in the language.

“I wish I could speak it today,” he said recently.

Frank worked at the *Gadsden Times* after graduation in 1962, but left to become editor of the *South Alabamian* in Jackson, Ala., where he served for 11 years. Then he was editor of the *Washington County News* in Chatom, Ala., for 22 years before retiring. He still writes part-time for these papers and the *Call News* at Citronelle, Ala.

Frank continues his work in church music, serving currently as pianist at Spring Hill Baptist Church near Chatom, Ala., where he lives. He also has been organist, pianist or music director of several churches in Clarke and Washington counties. He and his wife, Dianne, have four sons and four grandchildren.

Eleanor Anne, a 1961 graduate, made her mark in music. She was talented in voice, piano, organ and other instruments. She served as minister of music at Baptist churches in Bradenton, Fla.; Calhoun, Rome, McDonough and College Park, Ga.; and Fairhope, Ala.; and at Presbyterian churches in Fairhope and LaGrange, Ga. She was serving as associate director of the music department for the Arkansas Baptist Convention at the time of her death in August of 2001.

The Harwells were communicators all, be it through song or the written word, and they continue to be so today. ■

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Mrs. Christine F. Rohling
Mrs. Jennifer J. Sands
Mr. Dean E. Smedley (D'02)
Ms. Anne R. Strickland (L)
Dr. Paula A. Thompson (P) (P'93)

1993

Mrs. Paige M. Bates
Dr. John Calvin Bennett, D.M.D.
Mrs. Cheryl S. Cecil
Rev. Eddie G. Gibson (D)
Dr. Rhonda A. Harden (P) (P'01)
Mrs. Julie K. Hughes
Mr. Paul C. Hughes
Mrs. Julie J. McDonald
Ms. Lisa A. McNeal
Mrs. Caroline W. Millette
Mr. M. Andy Parrish
Rev. April L. Robinson
Dr. Charles D. Sands IV
Mrs. Kimberly M. Sims
Mr. Ian Thompson
Mr. Ron Thompson (P)

1994

Mr. Scott G. Carter (D'97)
Mrs. Barbara H. Cartledge
Mrs. Carolyn P. Cohen
Mr. Christian H. Corts
Rev. James R. Driggers
Mr. Bryan S. Fister
Mr. Timothy A. Hawk
Mrs. Connie M. Hogewood
Mr. Carl P. Lewis (P)
Mrs. Kimberly F. Lewis (P)
Mrs. Susan B. Little
Mr. Mickey D. Moore
Mrs. Bettye Neuhaus
Miss Michelle D. Pender
Mr. Michael W. Preuitt (P)
Mrs. Ruby C. Russell
Mr. Robert E. Sharp
Mr. William T. Spivey II
Dr. Bruce A. Waldrop (P)
Mrs. Debra R. Whitcomb

1995

Dr. Kimberley W. Benner (P) (P'96)
Mrs. Fachia P. Files (P)
Mrs. Brook D. Gibbons
Mrs. Janet T. Goodwin
Mr. James R. Gordon, Jr.
Dr. Heather B. Hogue (P) (P'96)
Dr. Michael D. Hogue (P) (P'96)
Mrs. Karen H. Hubbard
Mr. Greg J. Huffstetler
Mr. J. David Hunke
Dr. Christopher N. Kaibarare (D) (D'98)
Mrs. Alice M. Laurendine
Mrs. Adrienne R. Pitts (D'98)
Mrs. Patty C. Roberts
Mr. Daniel E. Smith III
Mr. Russell H. Smith
Mr. Richard D. Walsh
Ms. Kristin L. Wilfong

1996

Mrs. Gloria F. Burrell
Mr. Lee T. Clanton (L)
Mrs. Jennifer F. Deke
Mrs. Cynthia H. Doggett (P)
Miss Patrice R. Donnelly
Mrs. Jennifer P. Fister
Mrs. Jennifer E. Hall
Mr. James T. Holloway
Miss M. Ruth Hudson
Mr. George F. Maynard IV
Mrs. Ann E. Moore
Mr. Brian C. Pitts (D'99)
Mr. Marty Ray
Major Steven L. Simpson (D)
Mrs. Victoria D. Sullivan
Mr. R. Cameron Ward (L)

1997

Ms. Sabrina C. Boglin
Mrs. Pamela H. Carr
Mrs. Audrey S. Cowart
Mr. Robert R. Gibbons
Mr. Charles H. Lewis, Jr.
Mr. Michael D. Mann
Mr. Gregory A. Mausz, Jr.
Mrs. Lucy J. McBride
Mrs. Dorcas W. Ndei
Mrs. Angela S. Ray
Mr. Lee C. Thompson
Mr. Roger D. Tuder
Mr. John Donovan Whibbs (L)
Ms. Suzanne N. Whibbs (L)
Mr. Doug Wise, Jr.
Dr. Julie L. Worthington

1998

Mr. Jonathan C. Acuff
Mrs. Jennifer N. Boyett (P)
Mr. John C. Boyett (P)
Mr. Jacob A. Brown (L)
Mrs. Amy O. Bryant
Mrs. Dawn M. Burgess
Ms. Jennifer J. Coleman
Mr. William T. Crider
Mrs. Rebecca E. Edwards
Mr. Christopher E. George

Mrs. Karla F. Guinter (P)
Mr. Scott M. Guinter
Dr. Elizabeth B. Holloway
Ms. Tracie B. Lee (L)
Mrs. Darlene P. Mathis
Mrs. Sheri M. Paul (P)
Mr. Christopher C. Robbins
Mrs. Erin F. Robbins
Mr. Mark T. Schumacher
Mr. Stephen H. Shaw (L)
Ms. Barbara S. Tanner
Mr. Keane A. Tarbell

1999

Mrs. Jennifer C. Acuff
Mrs. Katy R. Byram
Mrs. Rebecca G. Centeno
Mrs. Jennifer H. Crider
Ms. Trish Erhardt
Mrs. Reble A. Foy
Mr. Jeffrey E. Inghram
Mr. Joel J. Landry
Mr. David L. Lovering
Mrs. Melanie F. Lynch
Dr. Louis L. Martin IV
Mrs. Mary T. Miller
Mr. Jonathan L. Parks (D'04)
Mrs. Tanya L. Parks
Mrs. Carey A. Reynolds
Mr. Chad E. Stewart (L)

2000

Mrs. Janet G. Alexander
Mrs. Christy L. Allen
Dr. Geri W. Beers
Ms. Candace F. Bird
Mr. Adam S. Blair
Mr. Aaron Bryant
Ms. Mary C. Burrett
Mrs. Lori M. Dooley
Ms. Maurine G. Gauthier
Mr. Chad E. James
Mrs. Sallie M. Lee
Mr. Robert R. Maddox (L)
Rev. Alistair McPherson (D)
Ms. Elaine Y. Metzger (P)
Mr. Carl E. Miller IV
Mrs. Tabitha S. Moore
Mr. James C. Pounds, Jr. (D)
Mr. Robert L. Roller
Mrs. Bridget C. Rose (D)
Mr. Dennis L. Self
Dr. Kent F. Williams (P)

2001

Ms. Kia C. Ashley
Mr. Ronald L. Burgess III
Mr. Donald W. Crowson
Dr. Jeremy N. Dabbs
Mrs. Amelia K. Davis
Mr. Jeffery E. Davis
Mrs. Corri A. Edwards
Mr. Nathan D. Edwards
Mr. Adam S. Gober (L'03)
Mrs. Stephanie L. Graves
Mrs. Rebecca B. Grubb
Mr. Derrick D. Jones
Dr. Gerald V. Knight (P)
Mrs. Elaine Y. Moody
Mr. Kevin L. Ouldhouse

Mrs. Paula M. Polinski
Mrs. Whitney G. Rich
Ms. Dianna E. Sanders
Mrs. Melissa G. Sentell
Dr. Matthew Shook
Ms. Melissa K. Ward
Mr. E. B. Harrison Willis (L)

2002

Mr. William C. Akin
Ms. Caroline S. Almand
Ms. Elyse M. Barrow (L)
Mr. Hugh W. Barrow (L'02)
Mrs. Melissa E. Bracewell (P)
Ms. Jennifer J. David
Dr. Charlotte M. Draper
Ms. Keita M. Gore
Mr. Jason M. Grubb
Ms. Amy E. Harold
Mr. Eric S. Knight
Mr. Joshua M. Lynch
Mr. Lee R. Miller
Mrs. Christina C. Murphree
Mr. John L. Murphree
Dr. Patricia A. Outlaw (D)
Mrs. Audrey M. Oyama
Mrs. Elisa S. Rives (L)
Mr. Luke F. Schrimsher
Mr. Robert B. Watson

2003

Mr. Donald E. Anderson, Jr. (P)
Dr. Mary Sue Baldwin
Mrs. Shelly A. Bradley
Mr. Craig M. Daugherty
Ms. Kathryn L. Dietrich (L'06)
Mr. Cory W. Goode (D)

Mr. Aryvia P. Holmes
Mr. Bradley J. Landry
Mrs. Rebecca E. Landry
Mrs. Allison R. Lumbatis (L'06)
Mr. Wesley A. Mitchell
Mrs. Linda H. Moon (D)
Mrs. Barbara N. Smith
Ms. Kristin M. Timm

2004

Mr. Dustin T. Allen
Mrs. Pamela J. Al-Sulaibe
Mr. Kevin W. Barberio
Mr. Joe L. Denson
Ms. Ashley L. Floyd
Mrs. Marisa N. Frizell
Dr. Clara Gerhardt
Ms. Celeste C. Grenier (L)
Ms. Jessica N. Hardy
Lt. Samuel P. Jones, Jr.
Ms. Kathleen T. Lamb
Mr. Grant P. Lyons
Mrs. Hannah V. Lyons
Mr. Paul N. McDaniel
Mr. Jeffrey T. McKenzie (D)
Mr. Andrew F. McRae
Mrs. Valerie C. Mitchell
Mrs. Nancy O. Nunnelley
Mr. Chris Sims
Mr. Jeffrey S. Stephens
Mr. Daniel A. Stephenson
Mrs. Tambi B. Swiney (D)
Mrs. Andrea G. White

2005

Ms. Bobbi J. Barr
Mr. James E. Black

Ms. Raney L. Bullock
Mrs. Lyndsay F. Crews
Mr. Scott R. Crews
Ms. Sarah V. Davis
Mrs. Patricia C. Harris
Mr. Durant K. Harvin III (D)
Ms. Connie S. Hataway
Mrs. Linda D. Hatchett
Mr. Stephen Hill, Jr.
Ms. Lee A. Ketcham (D)
Ms. Cheryl G. Knight
Ms. Julie C. Martin
Ms. Courtney R. McCoy
Mrs. Meredith W. Nelson (P)
Ms. Laura S. Onstott
Mr. Charles D. Raddinn
Ms. Jaimi A. Reisz (L)
Ms. Alison E. Skinner
Mrs. Angela D. Soltau
Mr. Jeffery C. Townsley
Mr. Joseph M. Underwood (L)
Mrs. Jennifer B. Watson
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Zissette

2006

Mr. Judson B. Allen (L)
Mrs. Emily B. Ashford (L)
Mr. Noel Barnes (L)
Mr. David E. Black (L)
Mr. Gordon H. Boutwell (L)
Mr. David H. Breland (L)
Mrs. Amanda L. Brown (P)
Mrs. Emily W. Bynum (L)
Mr. Joseph C. Campbell (L)
Mr. Samuel L. Carrington (L)
Ms. Allison B. Cleary (L)
Mr. David H. Cooper, Jr. (L)
Mr. Todd H. Cox (L)
Ms. Stephanie M. Crenshaw (L)
Mr. Jason D. Crowder (L)
Mr. Douglas W. Dahl II (L)
Mrs. Lindsey T. Druhan (L)
Ms. Octavia E. Elder
Ms. Devan K. Everidge
Ms. Heather A. Flanagan (L)
Mr. Matthew B. Flanagan (L)
Mrs. Naomi J. Gaither
Mr. Jeffrey B. Garlington (L)
Ms. Elizabeth J. Garrett (L)
Mr. Robert B. Goss (L)
Ms. Casey C. Graves (L)
Mr. Clinton D. Graves (L)
Mr. Paul H. Greenwood (L)
Mr. Steven L. Hall (L'06)
Mr. Aaron L. Harris (L)
Mr. Robert H. Harris (L)
Mr. Matthew R. Harrison
Mrs. Dara A. Harvey (L)
Ms. Kayann E. Hayden (L)
Ms. Lindsay P. Hembree (L)
Mr. Luke A. Henderson (L)
Ms. Sarah Hess (L)
Ms. Lucy A. Hester (L)
Mr. Joseph L. Hubbard (L)
Mr. Stephen R. Hunt, Jr. (L)
Mr. Matthew D. Jacks
Mr. Corey W. Jenkins (L)
Mr. D. Bruce Johnson
Mr. Derek K. Johnson (L)
Mr. Townes B. Johnson III (L'06)
Mr. Brent N. Jones (L)
Mr. Dustin J. Kittle (L)
Mr. Wesley J. Knight (L)

Mr. Sam G. Ladd (L)
Ms. Lauren M. Levy (L)
Mr. Patrick L. Lowther (L)
Mr. Tracy A. Marion (L)
Mrs. Nancy R. Meadors (P)
Mr. Sasha R. Moore (L)
Ms. Katherine L. Morris (L)
Ms. Amorice K. Nall
Ms. Susan S. Nettles (L)
Ms. Cheryl H. Oswald (L)
Mr. Randall C. Parian (L)
Ms. Tullie C. Patterson (L)
Mr. Adam R. Pease (L)
Mr. Beau G. Peterson (L)
Ms. Susan R. Poe (P)
Mr. Terry H. Poor
Ms. Mary E. Powell
Mr. Taylor C. Powell (L)
Mr. Brett J. Quigley (L)
Mr. Ahnri L. Riddick-Seals (L)
Ms. Kelli F. Robinson (L)
Ms. Melody C. Rodgers (L)
Mr. John E. Rollins (L)
Mr. David F. Santos (L)
Mr. Michael T. Scivley (L)
Ms. Telicia C. Shaeffer
Ms. Christy Sherbrook (L)
Mr. Michael A. Sierra (L)
Ms. Amanda R. Slevinski (L'06)
Ms. Lindsay M. Snellgrove (L)
Mr. Steven B. Suchomski (L)
Mr. William L. Tally (L)
Mr. Coker O. Watson
Mr. Andy J. Williams (L)
Ms. Laura E. Williams
Ms. Hollie E. Worley (L)
Ms. Hilary B. Yother (L) ■



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- '32 Marna Harrison Barefield Green** celebrated her 96th birthday in September in Houston, Texas, where she lives independently in an apartment with kitchen. She earned a nursing diploma at Birmingham Baptist Hospital, which became Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.
- '44 Cecil Culverhouse** of Fulton, Mo., was named an honorary professor in August by the Academy and Theological School of the Hungarian Reformed Church at Sarospatak, Hungary, on the 475th anniversary of the school's founding.
- '55 Joan Lawrence Porter** of Cullman, Ala., is a retired teacher.
- '58 Janice Putman Gillespie** of Birmingham was elected chair of the Alabama Council of Hospital Auxiliaries, which she has served in various posts. She is a volunteer at Medical Center East, where she is president of the auxiliary and editor of the *The Auxiliary Vision*. She retired from Birmingham public schools.
- '59 Frank C. Galloway, Jr.**, was appointed to the Judicial Liaison Committee of the Alabama State Bar for 2006–07. A partner in the Birmingham office of Hand Arendall law firm, where he specializes in real estate and commercial lending, he is included in the 2007 Best Lawyers in America list for real estate law.
- '60 Richard Gilliam** was recognized recently when the Montevallo High School football field was named in his honor. He was cited by the Montevallo City Council for his leadership and use of "Christian love and discipline" during his tenure as coach at the school from 1973 to 1987. He and his wife, **Ola Faye Pierce Gilliam '63**, live in Clanton, Ala. She was honored in October upon her retirement after 41 years as church pianist at Calera Baptist Church.
- '61 Robert E. Hamric, D.M.D.**, is CEO and administrator for Alabama Family Dentistry, LLC, in Birmingham.
- '63 Michael R. Bradley, Ph.D.**, of Tullahoma, Tenn., is the author of a book, *Nathan Bedford Forrest's Escort and Staff* (Pelican Publishing Company).
- '68 Jerome and Frances Rollins King** live in Lanett, Ala. He is director of missions for East Liberty Baptist Association. She is public information coordinator for Chambers County Schools. Their three children and their spouses are also Samford grads: **Amy King Black '93** and **Bryan Franklin Black '91**, **Heather King Swanner '96** and **Dr. Jason Clint Swanner '94**, and **Dr. Christopher Andrew King '98** and **Daley Wooldridge King '99**.
- James P. Owen, Jr.**, of Atlanta, Ga., and Fairhope, Ala., is president and COO of JGA-Beacon Corp., an Atlanta-based wholesale distributor of roofing and related building materials with locations in the Southeast.
- '73 Katrina G. Garrett** retired after 32 years with the State of Alabama, and is manager of Artistic Expressions, a pottery studio in Prattville, Ala.
- Cecil H. "Topper" Reid, Jr.**, is director of church development at Myrick Gurosky & Associates, Hoover, Ala.
- '76 Richard H. Brown** retired in September after 30 years in the Air Force Reserve. Colonel Brown was a charter member of Samford's Air Force ROTC program. He led reserve military intelligence units in Alabama and Washington, D.C. In his last assignment, he was Reserve Air Attaché to India. As a civilian, he is director of Systems Integration Directorate at U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Huntsville, Ala.
- '80 Panda Prickett Krouse** teaches nonverbal communication to autistic children at Valley Ranch Elementary in Coppel, Texas, where she was chosen 2005–06 Teacher of the Year. She lives in Lewisville, Texas.
- '81 Jan Denise Pelham McFall** of Bloomington, Minn., earned a master's in English as a second language [ESL] at Hamline University. She also earned an additional license in ESL and completed course work for a teaching English as a foreign language [TEFL] certificate. She teaches academic reading and writing at Minneapolis Community and Technical College, an urban community school.
- Penny Wilhite Urbanek** works in the compliance department at ProEquities, Inc. She and her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Caroline, age 8, live in Birmingham.
- '82 Cindy Cornette** of Hixson, Tenn., is a senior financial adviser with Ameriprise Financial planning services company. She recently was appointed to the chairman's advisory council based on her performance and client service, and was invited to the annual conference held in September in Venice, Italy. Her office is in Chattanooga, Tenn.
- '83 Fred Hughes** is owner of an Allstate Insurance Agency in Vestavia Hills, Ala.
- '86 Tara Lee Dunn Sa'id** is a trial and appellate attorney for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Fla. She handles statewide appeals for Florida.
- Allison Allgood Shaw** is media specialist at Chelsea Park Elementary in Chelsea, Ala. She earned a master's in library and information science from the University of Alabama.
- '87 Paul Culp** and **Ginger Wells Culp '88** live in Tempe, Ariz., and are on the staff of an International Baccalaureate school in Phoenix. They spent 2003–05 at Oxford University, where he earned an honors degree in theology with an Islam subspecialty. They most recently lived in Ramallah, Palestine, where he taught at Birzeit University and she taught kindergarten.
- '88 April Harris Hay** is a nurse in the newborn intensive care unit/well baby nursery at St. Francis Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. She was named the hospital's 2005–06 Employee of the Year and was among the top 100 nurses in Shelby/Fayette counties.
- Darla Kay Roberts Moore** and **James B. Moore '90, M.S.E. '93**, live in Kapolei, Hawaii, where he is a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander stationed at Pacific Fleet Command in Pearl Harbor. They have two teenage daughters, Arlin and Mary Kathleen.

'89 **Lissa Burleson, M.S.E. '92**, married Jay Powell in September in Reid Chapel. She is director of financial aid at Samford.

'91 **John Philip Gray, M.B.A.**, associate professor of legal studies and criminal justice at Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala., received the 2005–06 distinguished teaching award at the school's summer commencement.

Justin Rudd received a community service award in Long Beach, Calif., for his work with youth, animal and environmental projects. His efforts have resulted in Long Beach being named a top-10 dog-friendly city in the United States. Founder of a nonprofit community action team, he also teaches beach boot camp classes and coaches pageant contestants on interview skills.

'92 **Derek K. Hogan** received a Ph.D. in biblical studies from Baylor University in August. He is theological reference librarian and assistant professor of New Testament at Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C.

Patrick C. Howell is a partner in the Maitland, Fla., law firm of Taylor & Carls, practicing in the area of community association law. He lives in the Orwin Manor area of Orlando, Fla. His son, Holden, is in second grade.

Kimberly Morris Quiett earned a doctorate in nursing science from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. She lives in Spanish Fort, Ala.

'93 **Christy Crow Bennich** and her husband, Dan, live in Hartselle, Ala., with their children, Emma Claire, 5, and Owen Davis, born in February. She teaches third grade at Crestline Elementary School.

Terri Hasdorff is chief of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office, Washington, D.C. She holds a degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jeff and Allison Goen Lee '97 opened a SportClips franchise in Waco, Texas. He is vice president of human resources, and she is a physical therapist. They have a son, Jonathan, 3.

Shawn and Tricia Greene Lovejoy planted Mountain Lake Church in Cumming, Ga., in 2000. The church now has five worship services and about 2,000 in attendance. They have three children, Hannah, 7, Madison, 3, and Paul, 2.

Lana Metcalf Race and her husband, Lloyd Nelson, live in Helena, Ala., with their two sons, Griffen Nelson, 4, and Graham Dowling, 1.

Marni Smith Ulch and her husband, Kevin, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala., with their two sons, Drew and Jamie. She paints commissioned artwork and has an interior design business, Art House Design.

'94 **Shawn Hall** is senior pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Parkersburg, W.Va.

Eric F. Mason, M.Div., is one of five national recipients of the 2007 Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar Award, which honors early career scholars in biblical studies. He was selected for his paper, "Melchizedek in Hebrews and the Dead Sea Scrolls." He earned a Ph.D. in New Testament at the University of Notre Dame and teaches at Judson College, Elgin Ill. He and his wife, Jackie, and their daughter Anastasia, 5, live in Algonquin, Ill.

'96 **Alina Coppens Aneja** earned an M.B.A. from Rollins College while working as a pharmaceutical sales representative with a Johnson & Johnson operating company. She and her husband, Aman, live in Longwood, Fla.

Allen Harris, M.Div. '00, is director of e-learning for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. He and his wife, Maryalice, live near Brentwood, Tenn.

William R. Ivey is a senior copywriter with Brains on Fire advertising agency in Greenville, S.C.

Lisa Ann Kruse Kennedy, O.D., is an optometrist in Birmingham. She and her husband, Jason, have a son, Jonah Andrew, 3, and a daughter, Walden Abigail, born in July.

Robert Sands, J.D. '01, is senior counsel for logistics at Wal-Mart, Bentonville, Ark.

Steven H. Simpson, M.Div., of Lawton, Okla., was selected by the U.S. Army to pursue a master's in community counseling at Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga. He is completing an internship at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lisa Howard Williams, M.D., is chief resident in dermatology, University of Washington School of Medicine. She and her husband, Ashley, live in Seattle, Wash.

'97 **Kevin Dwayne Blackwell** of McCalla, Ala., is pastor of Valley Creek Baptist Church and is pursuing a doctorate at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Lorrie, have three daughters.

'98 **Stacy Patterson Bueno** lives in Reston, Va., with her husband, Edgar, and their two sons, Zachary Clay, 3, and Samuel Luke, born in July.

William Burgess is head speed and strength coach for the Qatar National men's basketball team, which competes internationally and played in the 2006 World Championships in Japan. He and his wife, Paige, live in Doha, Qatar, with their daughter, Idelle Elizabeth, 2.

Samuel Charles Corbin is manager of the color imaging division of Imaging Technologies Services, Inc., in Birmingham.

Tim Crider is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, assigned to the USS Lincoln. He and his wife, **Jennifer Harvey Crider '99**, live in Marysville, Wash. They have a son, Jackson, 1.

Vanessa Lea Freeman is associate director of development with the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, Charlottesville, Va. Her primary focus is foundations and corporations.

Darren Jackson, J.D., was elected Lafayette County judge in Florida. He and his wife, **Heather Hansen Jackson '96**, live in Mayo, Fla., with their three children, Grace, 6, Audrey, 4, and Chandler Bishop, born in April.

Ainsley Kauffmann Seeley, assistant principal at Sebastian Elementary, Sebastian, Fla., was elected 2006 Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for district teacher. She and her husband, Scott, live in Vero Beach, Fla.

'99 **Tonya Hall Clark, Pharm.D.**, is pharmacy manager at a Wal-Mart in Mobile, Ala. She and her husband, Terrence, have two children, Gabrielle Elizabeth, 3, and Noah McCray, born on Valentine's Day.

Jason Seale is a student at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. He and his wife, Allison, have a son, Conner, 1.

Sarah Rutherford Smiley is the author of *Going Overboard: the Misadventures of a Military Wife* (New American Library). She and her husband, Dustin, and sons, Ford and Owen, live in Pensacola, Fla.

'00 **Jennifer Smallwood Moyer** is a regional controller for The Brickman Group. She and her husband, Caleb, live near Houston, Texas, with their son, Sutton Luke, born in September.

Benjamin Thomas Parmer is an administrator with Multiplying Teams International, Birmingham.

LaShanna Price won the best overall female actor award and several other honors at the Millie Lewis Models and Talent Convention in Orlando, Fla., in July. She is founder of Wordz & Rhythmx performing arts agency in Birmingham.

Michael Scott Williams is an associate at Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, LLP law firm in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a graduate of University of Cincinnati College of Law. He and his wife, Linh, have a son, Mason, 1.

'01 **Derek Conrad Brown** was selected for the 2006–07 Class of Leadership Calhoun County. He is an owner of WideNet Consulting, LLL, a Web site company based in Anniston, Ala. The company received a 2006 Award of Excellence in Small Business from the local chamber of commerce.

Bethany Foote LaVecchia is a library assistant in the children's department of the Hoover Public Library. She and her husband, David, live in Trussville, Ala., with their son, Hayden Loyd, 1.

Lauren Jean Spannagel earned a master's in physical therapy from Georgia State University. She is a physical therapist at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, Kennesaw, Ga.

Lyndsay Walker married Christopher Slaten in June. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she is boarding admission assistant at McCallie School.

'02 **Michael Catoe** is a loan processor at Samford and a freelance musician. He and his wife, Raygen, have a daughter, Bonnie Covenant, born in October.

Ben Conforti earned a master's in psychology from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Brett Amos Fuller is music associate at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas.

Katherine Grace May is financial center sales manager with First Commercial Bank, Huntsville, Ala.

Brian Smith married Valerie Abney in March. They live in Pasadena, Calif. He is enrolled in a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, where he recently earned a master's in the field.

Pamela White Wells earned a degree from Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in May. She and her husband, Kyle, live in Durham, England.

'03 **Sam Davidson** of Nashville, Tenn., launched www.coolpeoplecare.org, a Web site that motivates people to create positive change in their local communities. He is executive director of CoolPeopleCare, Inc.

Katherine Marie Higgins of Collierville, Tenn., recently completed a three-year term with the International Mission Board in Thailand.

Janice Fuller Johnson coauthored her first book, *Self-Esteem & Empowerment for Women*.

Brad Rowe is an associate in the Birmingham office of Hand Arendall law firm. His specialty is business litigation.

Julia Elizabeth Schenk of Clayton, Mo., married Jerrod Groce in June. She is a second grade teacher at Kirk of the Hills Day School and is pursuing a master's in gifted education.

Charlie Swain is student minister at Thorington Road Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Edward James Waldron of Hoover, Ala., earned a master's in history from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is employed with AmSouth Bank.

'04 **Amanda Drissell Baca** and her husband, David, are in Kampala, Uganda, for a year. She teaches fifth grade at Heritage International School.

Karen Hieb Duvall is a medical student at Georgia Campus–Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Suwanee, Ga. She and her husband, Jonathan, live in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Samuel Jones of Pensacola, Fla., and **Lauren Elizabeth Nuss** married in October.

Tundra Latrice Pippins is a realtor with Realty South in Vestavia Hills.

'05 **Constance Lauren Baughman** is a student in the physician assistant program at University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala. Her senior psychology research project, "Cognitive Load and Level of Processing," was published by the American Psychological Association and was presented at the annual convention in August.

Marvin Lionel Leathers and **Sally Caine Harris** '06 married in July and live in Pittsburgh, Pa. He received a fellowship in neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh.

Scott Thomas Watson is a first-year student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Mobile, Ala.

'06 **Maree Rose Atchison** married Russell Jones in June. She teaches drama, civics and English at Kingwood Christian School in Alabaster, Ala. She recently performed as a professional actor with South City Theatre and CenterStage Productions.

Austin Clark Bourgeois is a first-year student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Mobile, Ala.

Talia Jene Judge is a first-year student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Mobile, Ala.

Camden Keef Medlin is a first-year student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, Mobile, Ala.

Meredith Lynne Williams is a first-year student at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, W.Va. ■

Samford Grad David Goodwin Named Director of Alumni and Parent Programs

Samford alumnus David Goodwin of Birmingham was named director of alumni and parent programs at Samford University. The 2003 graduate joined the staff Nov. 17.

Goodwin will provide leadership for programs related to the Samford Alumni Association and Samford Parents Association, working to build networks and ongoing relationships with those key constituencies.

“David’s strong experience in recruiting and motivating volunteers will help Samford in his new role,” said Michael D. Morgan, Samford vice president for university relations. “Volunteers are the lifeblood of both the Samford Alumni Association and Samford Parents Association, and with David’s help, these organizations will continue the growth and impact they have experienced in recent years.”



David Goodwin

Goodwin has been coordinator of volunteer services for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham. Earlier, he worked for the Birmingham YMCA and in the service industry.

Goodwin represents the growing constituency group of nontraditional students within Samford’s alumni base, Morgan said. Goodwin completed his degree while working full-time.

“I am thrilled to join Samford as director of alumni and parent programs,” Goodwin said. “My family has a wonderful history with the university, and in many ways, I grew up on campus. I hope I will be able to share the excitement from campus with alumni, parents and friends around the globe. I look forward to the challenges and great fun ahead.”

Goodwin’s wife, Janet, is student employment coordinator at Samford. ■

births

'89 Ronn and Jill Atkins Hollis '94 of Brentwood, Tenn., a son, Wilson Andrew, born July 26, 2006.

'91 Michael and Kathyjo Spivey Gordon, M.B.A. '93, of Gray, Ga., a son, Kyle Stephen, born Sept. 27, 2006.

'92 Steve and Eve DeLane Pennington Henry of Lawrenceville, Ga., twin son and daughter, River Steven and Bethany Brooke, born Aug. 23, 2006.

'93 Dan and Christy Crow Bennich of Hartselle, Ala., a son, Owen Davis, born Feb. 16, 2006.

Mike and **Heather Carlson Metcalf** of Birmingham, a daughter, Adleigh Carlson, born Aug. 6, 2006.

Lloyd and **Lana Metcalf Race** of Helena, Ala., a son, Graham Dowling, born May 1, 2005.

'94 Stannon and Jennifer Thorn Banks of Birmingham, a son, Samuel Kole, born Aug. 8, 2006.

John and Jenny Barnes Johnson of Vestavia Hills, Ala., a daughter, Lily Mae Lois, born April 23, 2005.

Tara and **Brian A. Moore** of Birmingham, a son, Xander, born July 20, 2006.

Will and **Marsha Jones Oliver** of Savannah, Ga., a daughter, Mary Kendrick, born Sept. 14, 2005.

'95 Erik and Fachia Penn Files of Muscle Shoals, Ala., a son, Christian Cruz, born Sept. 26, 2006.

Rand and Denise Spackey Jenkins of Mansfield, Texas, a son, Evan Zachary, born Aug. 7, 2006.

Jason and **Lisa Kruse Kennedy** of Birmingham, a daughter, Walden Abigail, born July 31, 2006.

Jason and Kelly Snow Preston '96 of Newnan, Ga., a daughter, Shelby Marie, born Oct. 20, 2006.

'96 Dana and Michael Brad Heifner of Little Rock, Ark., a son, Samsom Cash, born Aug. 25, 2006.

Heather Hansen Jackson and Darren Jackson, J.D. '98, of Mayo, Fla., a son, Chandler Bishop, born April 6, 2006.

'97 Jeffery and Lynn Sillavan Anderson of Cochran, Ga., a son, David Arthur, born June 15, 2006.

Jason and **Jennifer Franklin Arrington** of Franklin, Tenn., twin sons, Travis William and Taylor Boone, born Aug. 12, 2005.

Richard and **Janet Harper Kornegay** of Oxford, Fla., a daughter, Meagan Ashley, born April 11, 2005.

Matt and **Amy Kogler Langelier** of Grand Rapids, Mich., a daughter, Naomi Elizabeth, born Aug. 24, 2006.

David and **Lucy McBride** of Mableton, Ga., a son, John Archer, born Nov. 2, 2005.

Lee and **Julie Davis Pearce, J.D.**, of Birmingham, a son, James Bennett, born July 3, 2006.

'98 Lori and **Chadwick Hayes** of Jasper, Ala., a son, Clark Alexander, born Aug. 27, 2006.

Eric and **Terra Sparks Hussar** of Mount Joy, Pa., a son, Alexander Sparks, born July 8, 2006.

Edgar and **Stacy Patterson Bueno** of Reston, Va., a son, Samuel Luke, born July 7, 2006.

Darren, J.D., and **Heather Hansen Jackson '96** of Mayo, Fla., a son, Chandler Bishop, born April 6, 2006.

'99 Matt and **Lauren Tew Busbee** of Cordova, Tenn., twin son and daughter, Walker Goodloe and Kathryn Lloyd, born June 28, 2006.

Terrence and **Tonya Lee Hall Clark, Pharm.D.**, of Daphne, Ala., a son, Noah, born Feb. 14, 2006.

Jacqueline and **Tyler Edward Johnson** of Marietta, Ga., a daughter, Ellison Reese, born June 2, 2006.

Ben and **Andi Wood McClurkin** of Dothan, Ala., a son, David William, born Sept. 22, 2006.

Jonathan and **Tanya Lepper Parks '04** of Kenbridge, Va., a daughter, Kaitlyn Leah, born April 16, 2006.

Sara and **Ryan Thomas Potter** of Fishers, Ind., a daughter, Ava Ryann, born March 24, 2006.

Allison and **Jason Seale** of Hoover, Ala., a son, Conner, born Sept. 13, 2005.

'00 Penny and **Scott Brewer, J.D.**, of Munford, Ala., a daughter, Lindsey Madison, born June 8, 2006.

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

Bryant and **Lori McMullian Dooley** of Kimberly, Ala., a daughter, Savannah Grace, born Aug. 30, 2006.

Patrick and **Shannon Welch Jordan** of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Brooke Corley, born June 27, 2006.

Caleb and **Jennifer Smallwood Moyer** of Houston, Texas, a son, Sutton Luke, born Sept. 13, 2006.

Scott and **Jessica Griffin Warren** of Franklin, Tenn., a son, Tyler Christopher, born April 20, 2006.

Lori and **Kent Williams** of Elizabethtown, Ky., a daughter, Emery Kate, born Aug. 16, 2006.

'01 Kim and **Darrell Slayton Fitts** of Pelham, Ala., a son, Daniel Slayton, born Aug. 23, 2006.

Ryan and **Allison Leigh Brown Hooks** of Smyrna, Ga., a daughter, Lillian Leigh, born Oct. 4, 2006.

David and **Bethany Foote LaVecchia** of Birmingham, a son, Hayden, born Aug. 7, 2005.

Brant and **Anne Rae Barnett Malone** of Birmingham, a son, Jones Samuel, born July 13, 2006.

Mark and **Katy Siler McKinney** of Knoxville, Tenn., a son, James Andrew, born March 30, 2005, and daughter, Mary Helen, born Aug. 3, 2006.

Melanie and **Thomas Mercer** of Bakersfield, Calif., a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, born March 24, 2006.

Andrew and **Misty Gardner Waldrop** of Eva, Ala., a son, Graham Daniel, born Aug. 2, 2006.

'02 Raygen and **Michael Catoe** of Birmingham, a daughter, Bonnie Covenant, born Oct. 12, 2006.

Chad and **Pam Webster Gray** of Fairhope, Ala., a son, Joshua Caleb, born March 19, 2006.

Travis and **Alison Huckle Hendley** of Snellville, Ga., a daughter, Lillian Montez, born Sept. 13, 2006.

'03 Jonathan and **Catherine Cilker Dodd** of Omaha, Neb., a daughter, Charlotte Grace, born July 5, 2006.

Daniel and **Kristen Lingle Evans '04** of Birmingham, a son, Andrew Lee, born July 12, 2006. ■

inmemoriam

'30 **Osie Hosch Aldridge**, age 98, of Petal, Miss., died Sept. 22, 2006. She attended Birmingham Baptist Hospital School of Nursing (now Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing). She was a registered nurse in Hattiesburg, Miss.

'37 **Martha Josephine Bass Floyd**, age 91, of Birmingham, died Sept. 24, 2006. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and remained active in the chapter for many years.

'38 **Herschel Harold Day**, age 93, of Wilton, Ala., died Sept. 12, 2006. He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, and a chaplain in World War II and the Korean War. He was an educator in Alabama public schools.

Edward Lane Nichols, Jr., of Birmingham died Aug. 14, 2006. He retired from Acipco after 42 years of service. A musician, he hosted one of the first local television programs, and played with his own orchestra and local bands for many years.

'40 **Robert L. McGraw**, age 90, of Birmingham, died Aug. 9, 2006. He played wingback on the Howard football team. He served with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific, where he lost an eye to a sniper. He retired from U.S. Steel after 42 years as a metallurgist. He was a volunteer youth sports coach, and organizer of Little League and Dixie Youth baseball.

R. Franklin Parker of Montgomery, Ala., died Sept. 4, 2006. He was an officer aboard a Navy minesweeper in the Pacific during World War II. He founded Courtesy Ford Sales, Inc., in Montgomery and other corporations. He was a member of the Samford board of trustees during 1986-98.

- '41 **Eugene Frederick Fisher J.D.**, age 89, of Memphis, Tenn., died Oct. 4, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in personnel management. He was a longtime associate of American General Insurance Co.
- '43 **Dudley Watkins** of Birmingham died July 6, 2006. He was a retired banker, realtor, broker and appraiser.
- '45 **Charles T. Litsey**, age 81, of Columbus, Ohio, died Sept. 24, 2006. He was an analytical chemist at Battelle Memorial Institute.
- Margaret Morton Vines**, age 81, of Newton, Ala., died Sept. 10, 2006. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She taught children's choirs and Sunday school in Birmingham, Mobile, Ala., Newton, Ala., and Decatur, Ga.
- '47 **Robert J. Burns**, age 78, of Tarrant, Ala., died Aug. 19, 2006. He was mayor of Tarrant for 12 years, and operated pharmacies in Tarrant and Pinson. A member of community boards and pharmacy associations, he was a former vice chairman of the Samford pharmacy school advisory board.
- '49 **Joseph Douglas Dougherty**, age 84, of LaGrange, Ga., died Sept. 15, 2006. He was retired owner of Dougherty Roofing Company, a U.S. Navy veteran and an avid golfer.
- George Yeargan Williams**, age 80, of Gadsden, Ala., died Oct. 11, 2006. He earned his bachelor's degree after serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was pastor of churches in Kentucky and Alabama, and was director of missions for Etowah Baptist Association for 26 years. Samford awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1982.
- '54 **Edmund Stone Stallworth**, age 88, of Gulf Shores, Ala., died Sept. 20, 2006. He was a pastor of Baptist churches in the former Panama Canal Zone and of mission churches in the Republic of Panama. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.
- '55 **Hamilton D. Childree**, age 86, of Atlanta, Ga., died Aug. 15, 2006. As an officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he participated in the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. He served with the Alabama Air National Guard during the Korean War. He was a certified public accountant with the Internal Revenue Service, retiring as assistant regional director of appeals for the Southeast. He was a public accountant and tax consultant until retiring again at age 82.
- Emmett George Harrison**, age 88, of Birmingham died Sept. 5, 2006. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired after 37 years with the U.S. Postal Service and founded Harrison Builders. He took mission trips with his church, making his final trip to Brazil at age 75.
- '56 **Richard J. Foster, Sr.**, of Orlando, Fla., died Dec. 12, 2005. He was a retired accountant and comptroller.
- '57 **Geraldine Sparkman Nutt** of Montgomery, Ala., died Oct. 29, 2005. She was a retired music teacher.
- '59 **James Preston Mixon**, age 82, of Birmingham died Aug. 24, 2006. He served in World War II as a tail gunner, flying missions from England. He was pastor of churches in Kentucky and Alabama.
- '63 **Tommy R. McDougal**, age 64, of Montgomery, Ala., died Aug. 19, 2006. He was a hospital administrator in Alabama, South Carolina and Ohio, and practiced pharmacy for many years. He was a volunteer with Boy Scouts of America, American Cancer Society and American Red Cross.
- '66 **George (Pete) Haswell**, age 65, of Seabrook, Texas, died July 24, 2006. He was a systems engineer and in computer sales with IBM, and later started a computer software company in Houston, Texas. At Samford, he was president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.
- '67 **Martha Rose Chandler**, age 61, of Birmingham, died June 17, 2006, of cancer. Activities director at First Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove for 35 years, she retired after a career in the Bessemer and Vestavia Hills school systems.
- '70 **Shirley F. Maxwell**, age 81, of Lawrenceville, Ga., died Aug. 28, 2006. She was an environmental chemist in the Land Protection Branch of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. She was a docent at Atlanta's Fernbank Museum and a participant in classes at Mercer University's Senior University.
- '81 **Dan Hensley**, age 54, of Jasper, Ala., died Oct. 17, 2006. He was a district manager with Penn Tank Lines. He coached youth football teams, and was active with the Alabama Oilmen's Association and Petroleum & Convenience Marketing Association Educational Foundation.
- '82 **Vincent Taylor Cheatham, J.D.**, age 50, of Cullman, Ala., died Sept. 22, 2006, of cancer. He was president of Family Medical Services, Inc., and executive director of AlaMed. He served on the Wallace State Community College Future Foundation Board.
- '87 **Reginald Billups**, age 47, of Birmingham, died Aug. 18, 2006. He was associate pastor of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, and a member of Birmingham boards of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Sickle Cell Foundation.
- Evelyn Perian Morton Dyar**, age 40, of Greenville, S.C., died Sept. 13, 2006. She taught at Siloam Christian School in Easley, S.C.
- '91 **Troy Wayne Hupp**, age 37, of Suffolk, Va., died Oct. 17, 2006. He was a self-employed computer analyst.
- '96 **Linda Ann Nicholson**, age 59, of Homewood, died Aug. 10, 2006. She retired from BellSouth with 30 years of service the same year she earned her Samford business degree. An avid tennis fan, player and instructor, she was treasurer of the James Lewis Tennis Scholarship Foundation.
- '05 **Shane Hulsey M.S.E.M.**, age 33, of Birmingham, died Oct. 20, 2006, in a kayak accident. He was education director for the Cahaba River Society and leader of the CLEAN field education program. He was a raft guide, sea and whitewater kayak instructor, and swift-water rescue instructor.

Retired Faculty

Longtime Samford home economics department head **Dorothy Ozier Funderburke Eddins**, age 84, of Moody, Ala., died Sept. 27, 2006. She was department head for 28 years. She was a member of Kappa Omicron Phi, Kappa Delta Pi and the American Home Economics Association. She was preschool director at First Baptist Church of Irondale. ■

Lives of Samford Grads Wells, Gibson Intertwined Through MISSION FIELD SERVICE

by Jack Brymer



VICE



Photo by Jack Brymer

A half century ago, Samford alumni Frank Wells '55 and Jo Ann Fossett Wells '56—they were married the week after her graduation—felt called to the foreign mission field. A short time later, they made public that commitment during a Missionary Day program at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where they were students.

Following graduation from seminary in 1959, he accepted a pastorate in Selma, Ala., until their missionary appointment in 1961 to Indonesia as student evangelists for two terms. During that time, their third and fourth daughters were born, Edie and Jaletta. Edie is a fine arts teacher in Fort Worth, Texas, and Jaletta a psychologist and pastor's wife in Dallas, Texas. Born in the states, their two eldest daughters are Cyndi '76, now deceased, and Lisa, of Birmingham.

Following her parents' example, Edie served as a missionary journeyman in the West Africa country of Liberia in 1988–89. She worked in the Baptist publishing house in Monrovia, where she met and became a close friend of Charlesetta Gibson. Charlesetta's husband, Eddie, was associate pastor at Providence Baptist Church there. During this time, the Gibson's first child, a daughter, was born, and they named her Edie after their newfound friend.

After completing her missionary term in 1989, Edie Wells moved to Birmingham, where she worked as a graphic artist for Woman's Missionary Union. Later, she enrolled and earned the master of religious education degree in arts and missions from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Recently, and a continent away, the two Edies were reunited. Edie Gibson was crowned Homecoming Queen at Clay-Chalkville High School near Birmingham, where she is president of both the senior class and local chapter of the National Honor Society. Her escort was her namesake, Edie Wells.

Sixteen years ago, as a one-year-old, Gibson was carried in the arms of her parents as they escaped by foot from Liberia during a bloody revolution. Wells found them in Ivory Coast and set into motion a process for getting them to Birmingham.

Samford's Cumberland School of Law assisted in the immigration process, and Beeson Divinity School provided a scholarship for Eddie to continue his studies for the ministry. Friends of the Wellses in Dothan, Ala., helped raise funds for the Gibsons' transportation, and The Church at

Brook Hills in Birmingham helped them secure a house.

The Gibsons arrived in Birmingham in January 1991. Eddie enrolled in Beeson and completed the master of divinity degree in 1993. Their son, Elijah, was born while they were in Birmingham.

The family returned to Liberia April 12, 1995. On the same date one year later, civil war broke out, and the Gibsons found themselves refugees again. Eddie escaped to Ivory Coast and his family to Senegal.

Once again with the help of the Wellses, the families were reunited in Birmingham. Eddie started a church at Fairview, near Ensley, and later was called as associate pastor at Sardis Baptist Church in west Birmingham, where he continues to serve.

"Both Eddie and Charlesetta have worked hard to support their family and their ministry since their return to the States," Frank Wells said. "They are the fruit of Baptist missions of former years."

Still driven by a desire to return to their homeland, the Gibsons established the Eddie Gibson International Ministry [EGIM] in 2001 with the encouragement of several members of the staff at Samford and friends such as the Wellses, and Bill and Delanna O'Brien. Delanna, now retired, was serving at the time as executive director of Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham. The O'Briens were missionaries to Indonesia for more than 20 years. The ministry's Web site is <http://egim.org/>.

A major component of EGIM is education. Eddie has constructed a primary school in Liberia that is named for Marla Haas Corts, wife of Samford President Emeritus Thomas E. Corts.

"Dr. and Mrs. Wells have helped us focus on ministry and get our lives back on track," said Gibson. "They are heavily involved in our ministry, providing consultation, writing for our newsletter and serving on our board."

"One of the few advantages of growing old that I have found is the joy of seeing some of the fruit of your labors reaped in the lives of others, particularly your children," said Wells. "Our Edie loves Africa and the African people so much that we call her our 'American African,' and somewhere along the way, the Gibson children named me Papa Bear. I am honored to be a part of their family."

Eddie Gibson may follow the tradition of her family and friends. She said she feels called to missions and wants to become a dentist. ■

The Reverend Eddie Gibson, left, and his wife, Charlesetta, wore their African garb to a recent gathering with old friends Jo Ann and Frank Wells.

Pete Hanna Arena Progressing



Construction is progressing toward a late 2007 completion date for Samford's Pete Hanna Arena on the west side of campus. The \$32 million multiple-purpose facility will house a 5,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball, a sports fitness center for all students, and weight rooms, meeting rooms, offices, athletic training facilities and locker rooms for athletics. The arena will be able to accommodate 6,000 for convocations and other special events.

Two Chosen for Prague Event

A Samford University senior and a recent graduate were chosen to participate in one of the theatre design community's most important international events.

Laura Cassidy Ratzlaff '06, a May graduate, and Cari Catherine Short, a senior, were selected from hundreds of entrants to show their work at the 2007 Prague Quadrennial [PQ].

The works will be part of the U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology's PQ USA national exhibit, which includes work from professional and student designers deemed to represent the concept of "New Voices, New Visions: Out of the Box."

The PQ will be held in June in Prague, Czech Republic.

Selections were based on the work of theatre artists who have redefined the art, and pushed it to its limits through unique visions and impeccable techniques, said the institute.

Ratzlaff, one of 14 professional sound designers chosen for the national exhibit, will present the original sound design she created for Samford Theatre's 2005 production of *Shadowlands*. A Samford senior theatre major when she worked on the project, she now teaches English at Kingswood Christian Academy in Alabaster, Ala.

Short, a Samford senior theatre major from Nashville, Tenn., will present the scene design she created for *Shadowlands* in the student exhibit. ■

Gillespie Wins National Recognition from NATA



Chris Gillespie was selected as one of the nation's most outstanding athletic trainers by the National Athletic Trainers' Association [NATA]. Gillespie, director of athletic

training education at Samford, received the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award at NATA's 57th annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in June.

The award recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the athletic training profession. Recipients must have held the Certified Athletic Trainer [ATC] credential for at least 20 years, and have been recognized for service to the profession at local, state, national and/or international levels. Gillespie was one of 17 nationwide recipients in 2006.

Gillespie began working at Samford in 1984 and was the first certified athletic trainer in the history of the school. With his guidance, Samford became the first Alabama university and first private school in the Southeast to implement an athletic training education program in 1988. More than 100 students have graduated this program under his direction.

NATA represents 30,000 members of the athletic training profession through education and research. ■

Samford Music Fraternity Receives National Award

The Samford chapter of Delta Omicron international music fraternity received an Award of Excellence from its national board of directors.

Six chapters nationwide were selected for the annual recognition. The designation is based on outstanding work in chapter efficiency, campus/community service, music, music service, scholarship and publicity.

The Samford chapter was cited for work with children at Kids in Divine Service Christian Music Center in Birmingham, and participation in other community events. It was chosen to perform the National Anthem at the Atlanta Braves baseball game Sept. 10.

Emily Parker, a senior music major from Huntsville, Ala., is Samford chapter president. ■

Minister, Laypersons of Year Honored

Samford University honored a minister and two church laypersons for their outstanding dedication and faithful service during a special ceremony Oct. 9.

Dr. Terry Cutrer, senior pastor of Moffett Road Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., was named 2006 Alabama Baptist Minister of the Year.

Roy Anderson, a member of South Roebuck Baptist Church, Birmingham, and Ralph Derryberry, a member of First Baptist Church, Selma, Ala., were named cointerwinners of the 2006 Alabama Baptist Layperson of the Year award.

The three were recognized at a luncheon held during the fall meeting of the Samford Board of Ministerial Mentors. Board Chair James Walters, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mobile, read citations highlighting the work of each honoree. Samford President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland presented each with an engraved plaque.



Terry Cutrer

Cutrer has been pastor of the Mobile church since 2000. He was cited for his leadership efforts that have resulted in revitalized worship services, energized ministries for all age groups, and several new initiatives for children's ministries. A missions emphasis has sponsored trips to Guatemala, Mexico, and five states. During 2005-06, the church saw 39 baptisms and a total of 92 additions to the congregation.

Two new church starts, Sunrise Baptist Church and Forest Hill Baptist Church, have opened their doors under the leadership of the Moffett Road congregation.

Cutrer and his wife, Dale, have three children.



Roy Anderson

Anderson, a retired pharmaceutical sales representative, has been a member of the South Roebuck church since 1956. He has been church training director, Sunday school teacher and Royal Ambassador basketball team coach. He is a former Samford basketball player who graduated in 1951.

A church trustee and lifetime deacon, Anderson is remembered by a former Sunday school class member as "always there for us, amazingly consistent over so many years." Anderson and his wife, Ann, have three daughters.



Ralph Derryberry

Derryberry, a retired cotton industry executive, has been a member of the Selma church since 1939. A longtime deacon, he is now deacon emeritus. He has been a Sunday school teacher in the youth and adult divisions for 45 years, and a facilitator of discipleship training material for 43 classes.

He is a founding committee member of Selma Christian Ministries, which serves and evangelizes the community near the former Craig Air Force Base. Derryberry and his wife, Eleanor, have three sons.

Nominations for the Samford awards were solicited from Alabama Baptists statewide. The Layperson of the Year award was given for the first time this year. ■

C. S. Lewis Biographer Alan Jacobs Receives Annual Pollock Award



C. S. Lewis biographer Alan Jacobs, left, the 2006 John Pollock Award winner, chats with Beeson Divinity School Dean Timothy George.

C. S. Lewis biographer Alan Jacobs received the 2006 John Pollock Award for Christian Biography from Samford University this fall.

The award, presented annually by Samford's Beeson Divinity School, recognizes Jacobs' book, *The Narnian: The Life and Imagination of C. S. Lewis*, as the most distinguished Christian biography of the past year.

Jacobs, professor of English at Wheaton College in Illinois, is also the author of *Shaming the Devil: Essays in Truth-telling*, *A Theology of Reading: the Hermeneutics of Love*, *A Visit to Vanity Fair and Other Moral Essays*, *Bad to the Bone: A Cultural History of Original Sin*, and the forthcoming *Life Genres: Persons in Narrative Theology*.

An Alabama native who grew up in Birmingham, Jacobs is a 1980 graduate of the University of Alabama. He holds the Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

The Pollock Award is named for the British author of more than 30 books on religion, the majority of them biographies of Christian leaders. Beeson Divinity School established the award in 2001. ■

Samford Elects New Trustees

Three new members were elected to the Samford University Board of Trustees, effective Dec. 1.

They are former Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer of Birmingham; Joseph C. Godfrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove, Ala.; and Pete M. Hanna, owner, president and chief executive officer, Hanna Steel Corp., Birmingham.

Trustees reelected to additional four-year terms expiring in 2010 include David Belcher, president, Royal Automotive, Inc., Birmingham; John E. Bell, Jr., CEO, Oil Equipment Company,

Inc., Birmingham; Harry B. Brock III, president, Express Oil Development Co., Birmingham; Michael P. Dunn, managing director, Merchant Capital, LLC, Montgomery, Ala.; C. Thomas Houser, chief operating officer, BAE Systems Analytical Solutions, Inc., Huntsville, Ala.; Charles W. Lancaster, president, Lancaster Management, Inc., Gadsden, Ala.; and Barbara D. Thorne, a retired teacher from Jasper, Ala.

Samford trustees are elected by the board and affirmed by the Alabama Baptist State Convention. ■

Soccer Wins Fourth OVC Regular Season Title

SPORTS

Sharon Young



Paced by Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Year Sharon Young and Freshman of the Year Amber Cress, the Samford women's soccer team won its fourth consecutive regular season title this fall.

Coach Todd Yelton's team raced through the regular season unbeaten, winning six games and tying three in the OVC. In the conference tournament, the Bulldogs dropped a hard-fought 3-2 decision in double overtime to Southeast Missouri to finish the season 11-4-3.

Yelton's Samford teams are 61-26-14 over the past five years.

"It's quite an accomplishment to make it through this conference without a loss," Yelton said after the regular season run. "It's a very difficult stretch, because we were the preseason favorite and had a target on our back."

Young was the third consecutive Samford player to earn OVC Player of the Year honors. She, Cress and Heather Birdsell also were named first-team All-OVC performers, and Rebecca Bohler was named second-team All-Conference.

Cress led Samford in goals scored with five, and Young anchored a Samford defense that allowed just 0.73 goals a game and recorded nine shutouts. Cress also joined fellow freshman Paige Lanter on the OVC All-Newcomer Team.

Young, a senior, set a record by playing in her 80th career game. She and fellow seniors Sara Geiger, Shay Helmbock, Kim Matthews, Rebecca Mock and Allison Stone concluded their careers as Samford's all-time winningest class.

"The toughest part is saying goodbye to six seniors," Yelton said. "They all have had so much to do with the growth of this program. They are fantastic players. They are wonderful people and they won four consecutive OVC regular-season championships." ■



From left, Rebecca Mock, Sara Geiger, Natalie Fleming and Rachel Titus celebrate Samford's fourth OVC title.



Pat Sullivan, Former Auburn Heisman Winner, To Coach Samford Football

New Samford University Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan, center, chats with Athletics Director Bob Roller, left, and President Andrew Westmoreland before the Dec. 1 press conference announcing his appointment.

Pat Sullivan, who won a Heisman Trophy as Auburn University's quarterback in 1971 and was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year at Texas Christian University in 1994, is the new Samford head football coach.

Sullivan was introduced by Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and Athletics Director Bob Roller at a Dec. 1 press conference attended by several hundred Samford supporters and Sullivan friends.

"I can't tell you the excitement I have for this opportunity to come to Samford," Sullivan said. "It is great to be a head coach again. I told my wife, Jean, this morning that I would probably get emotional because I'm so happy."

Sullivan thanked Dr. Westmoreland and Roller for the opportunity and said he looked forward to working in the community on Samford's behalf. He said he based his coaching philosophy on two things: "Love and discipline." He stressed the importance of student athletes earning their degrees.

"Pat Sullivan is an ideal choice to lead Samford's football program," said Westmoreland. "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. We welcome Pat to the Samford family, and we look forward to many exciting years for Samford football."

The new Samford coach has been an

assistant at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for the past eight years, serving as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for seven years and assistant head coach the past season. Sullivan replaced Bill Gray, who was relieved of duties after Samford's 3-8 season this fall.

Sullivan was the quarterback coach for his alma mater, Auburn, during the 1980s and '90s, helping Coach Pat Dye's team win three Southeastern Conference titles during six years on the staff. Auburn went 52-16 during that period.

He was named head coach at TCU in 1992 and led the Horned Frogs to their first back-to-back winning seasons in 42 years with records of 7-5 in 1994 and 6-5 in 1995. TCU earned a berth in the Independence Bowl, the school's first bowl bid in 10 years, and Sullivan was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in '94.

He also earned the Top Newcomer Award from *American Football Quarterly* in 1995 after taking the program from a 2-8-1 record in 1992 to the two consecutive winning seasons in 1994 and 1995. Sullivan's overall record at TCU was 24-42-1, but Roller noted that he took over the program at a low point and got the team to a bowl game.

"We know what he can do," said Roller.

While at UAB, Sullivan recruited and coached Darrell Hackney, the leading passer in UAB history and third-leading passer in Conference USA history.

Roller said he was excited about Sullivan's decision to come to Samford.

"It has been a wonderful experience getting to know Pat during this process and I am as enthused as ever about the potential for Samford football under his leadership," Roller said. "This hiring sends a statement about the future for our program, and we welcome Pat and Jean to the Samford family."

Sullivan, a 1972 graduate of Auburn, was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Tigers (1969-71). In addition to winning the Heisman Trophy, he was named an All-American and the SEC Player of the Year in 1970 and 1971. He led Auburn to three postseason bowl appearances, and was named the MVP of the 1970 Gator Bowl and 1971 Sugar Bowl.

Following his senior season, Sullivan was named the MVP of the 1972 Senior Bowl. Sullivan played professional football for five seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers.

Sullivan is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Sullivan has previous Samford ties. His father, Jerry, played football at then-Howard College in 1949 and 1950.

Sullivan and his wife, Jean, have three children, daughter Kim, and twins Kelly and Patrick. The couple also has six grandchildren, Alex, Jay, Mallory, Joseph, Taylor and Lucy. ■

New IRA Law Makes Giving Easier

for Samford's Best-Selling Author

Dr. Ruric Wheeler shows off the latest edition of his long-running textbook, *Modern Mathematics*.

Over the years, Ruric Wheeler probably has been Samford's best-selling author. The former math professor and administrator wrote a textbook in 1966, and amazingly, the book is still in print, currently in its 12th edition.

When *Modern Mathematics* first appeared, it was adopted by a number of large universities around the nation, including six schools in California, five in New York and four in Texas. "A California textbook salesman kidded me that it was because the book had a typesetting error, saying I was from Stanford, not Samford," Dr. Wheeler joked.

Wheeler joined Samford in 1953 and served as math department head, arts and sciences dean, and vice president for academic affairs (the position now called provost) over the years. He was named university professor upon his retirement from the vice presidency. Along the way, he wrote other textbooks, but none was as long lasting as *Modern Mathematics*.

Two years ago, Wheeler's publisher contacted him with a plan to develop the 12th edition as two separate books to satisfy different markets.

Or, as Wheeler put it, "Could an 81-year old, with failing eyes, do his part to meet all the deadlines?"

By then, Wheeler had written and published a novel, *All Because of Polly*, and had enjoyed book-signings from Missouri to Florida. He would need to terminate, or at least postpone, all such

events. "Reluctantly, I agreed to do so," he said.

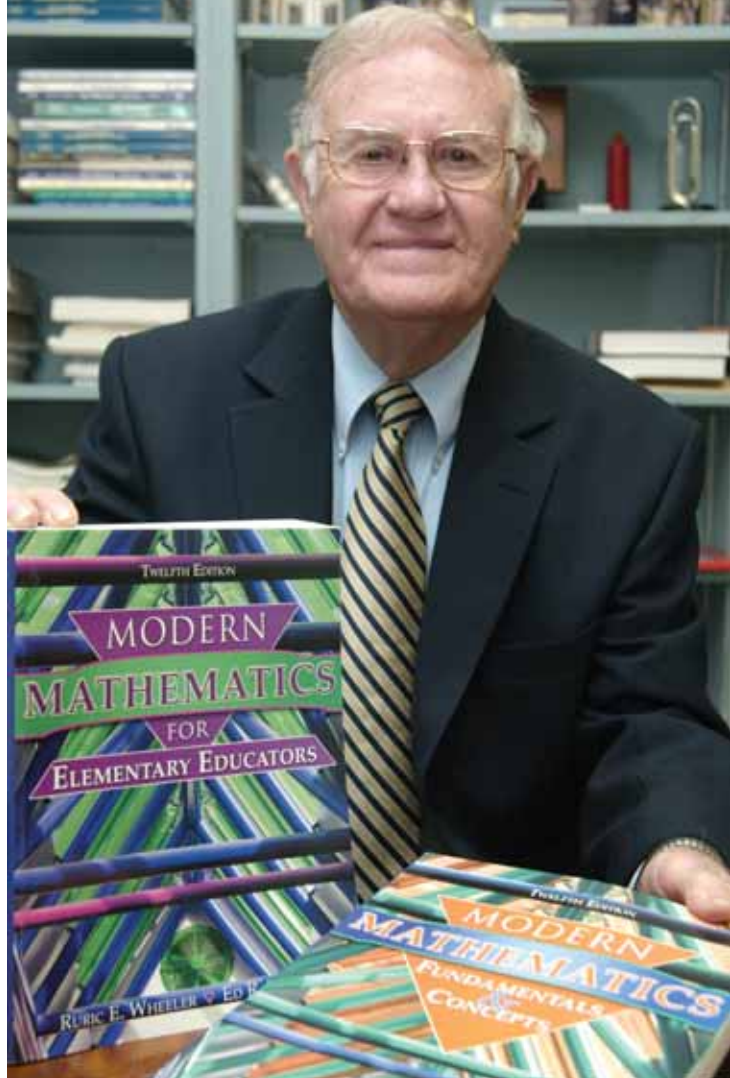
The two new math books are out now, as are teacher's manuals and test banks for the volumes that Wheeler developed last year. His son, Dr. Ed Wheeler '69, dean of arts and sciences at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., served as coauthor.

Wheeler not only was a successful teacher, textbook writer and university administrator, but also a wise investor throughout his career.

"Since I consider Samford University as a great Christian university, it has been my goal each year to make a gift to the university from my book royalties," he said. "However, this year I am using the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This act applies to those of us who are at least 70 1/2 years of age and who are required to take distributions from their traditional IRAs.

"Many years ago, Samford changed retirement plans, and we were allowed to transfer the small cash value of the old plan to an IRA," Wheeler explained. "So my gift to Samford this year will be from this IRA required distribution."

The Pension Protection Act, passed in August by Congress, makes it possible to transfer gifts up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Samford without being taxed on the money. The law will remain in effect only through 2007, however. Because



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As the end of the year approaches, Wheeler will do the math on the size of his gift and make a donation to Samford. When it comes to doing the math, nobody does it better than Samford's best-selling author of *Modern Mathematics*. ■

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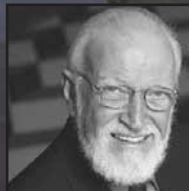
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Dec. 23–Jan. 1	Christmas/New Year holidays; university closed	Jan. 26	Spring semester new student orientation	Feb. 20	Faculty recital: Joseph Hopkins, baritone, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
Jan. 3	Jan Term classes begin	Jan. 26–27	Southeast Journalism Conference, hosted by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, (205) 726-2465	Feb. 20–22	William E. Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, (205) 726-2338 or www.beesondivinity.com
Jan. 6	Law and Civic School Violence Prevention Workshop, hosted by Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., (205) 726-2433	Jan. 29	Spring semester classes begin	Feb. 22	Cumberland School of Law Alumni Luncheon, 11 a.m., Flag Colonnade, (205) 726-2433
Jan 8, 22, 29	Wayne Flynt/Kate Campbell Lecture/Concert Series, sponsored by Samford After Sundown, 6 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, (205) 726-2898	Jan. 30	Spring semester Opening Convocation, 10 a.m., Wright Center	Feb. 23–25	Alabama Ballet presents <i>Swan Lake</i> , Wright Center Concert Hall, (205) 975-2787
Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; university offices closed		Birmingham Area Debate League, hosted by Samford forensics program, 3:30 p.m., Brooks Hall, (205) 726-2695	Feb. 24	Alabama Music Teachers Association auditions, hosted by School of Performing Arts (205) 726-2810
Jan. 18	Law and Civic Play by the Rules Training, hosted by Cumberland School of Law, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., (205) 726-4171	Feb. 3	Law and Civic Play by the Rules Training, hosted by Cumberland School of Law, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., (205) 726-4171	Feb. 27	Birmingham Area Debate League, hosted by Samford forensics program, 3:30 p.m., Brooks Hall, (205) 726-2695
	McWhorter School of Pharmacy night at Samford basketball games, 5 p.m., (205) 726-2982	Feb. 6	Faculty recital: Kathryn Fouse, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall	Feb. 28–March 2	All-State Choral Festival, hosted by School of Performing Arts
Jan. 20	Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing day at Samford basketball games, 5 p.m., (205) 726-2047	Feb. 8	Samford University Auxiliary meeting, Speaker: Dr. William E. Hull, 10 a.m., Harrison Theatre, (205) 726-2807	March 1–4	Samford Theatre presents <i>Noises Off</i> , Harrison Theatre, www.samfordtickets.com or (205) 726-2853
Jan. 24	Jan Term classes end	Feb. 13	Faculty recital: Jay Evans, trombone, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall	March 3	Law and Civic School Violence Prevention Workshop, 8 a.m., (205) 726-2433
Jan. 24–Feb. 25	Artists XII Group Show, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, (205) 726-2840 for hours and information	Feb. 15–17	Step Sing, 7 p.m., Wright Center, www.samfordtickets.com	March 5–29	Photo exhibition by Lisa Pickett, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, (205) 726-2840
Jan. 25	Jan Term final exams			March 6	Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
				March 8	Samford Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m., Brock Hall
				March 10	Day of Percussion, hosted by Division of Music, Brock Hall, (205) 726-2488

- March 12** Samford Board of Ministerial Mentors spring meeting, 10 a.m., 101N Divinity Hall, (205) 726-4200
- March 13** Concerto-Aria Concert, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
- March 19–23** Spring Break; no classes, university offices open
- March 27** Birmingham Area Debate League, hosted by Samford forensics program, 3:30 p.m., Brooks Hall, (205) 726-2695
- March 30** A Cappella Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Reid Chapel
- Alabama State Geography Bee, Brock Forum
- March 31** Science Olympiad, hosted by Howard College of Arts and Sciences
- Alabama Kidney Foundation Walk-a-Thon, Seibert Stadium

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All alumni are encouraged to participate in the nominating process. Nominations can be submitted online at www.samford.edu/alumni. Nominations also can be e-mailed to alumni@samford.edu or mailed with appropriate supporting information to Alumni of the Year, c/o University Relations, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

Deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2007. ■



Samford students Michael Franklin and Jonathan Haas work on siding for a Habitat for Humanity house in Birmingham. Samford students, faculty and staff regularly participate in the program. The current house is scheduled for completion in December of 2006.