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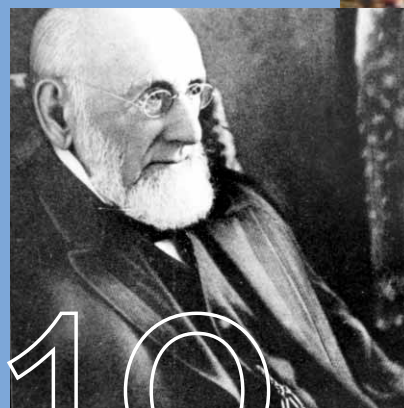
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Parents, family members and friends gather for Samford commencement at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena May 21. See page 14.

In Praise of Alabama Baptists

It is far easier to be a university than to be a Christian university. Seeking consistency in honoring Jesus Christ and His teachings, as a corporate community of about 5,000 persons, is a difficult task, more often claimed than achieved. Christian, of course, means “Christ-like” and, as a modifier for the word “university,” it demands far more than an institution’s having been founded by church folks, or merely enjoying financial support from a denomination, or simply requiring students to take religion courses or attend chapel. Believing that God is ultimate truth and authenticity, if an institution claimed to be a “Christian university,” but was shabby, slothful or neglectful about being either Christian or truly a university (with its academic, residential, social and civic emphases), it would be a sham and a fraud.

Constancy in its commitment is the key to Samford’s uniqueness; it is also the most difficult element of our mission. Without it, our task would be simple. With that commitment, our task is complex.

First, not everyone in the Samford community is a saint. Students and faculty join our community with varying degrees of Christian experience, with different spiritual temperatures and metabolism, and with vulnerability to varying weaknesses and distractions. We do not require a profession of faith in Christ or a spiritual autobiography for student admission. There is no spiritual X-ray, religious MRI or Christian CAT-scan that can detect a student’s compatibility with Samford’s Christian character.

Too, the expectations of Samford are as varied as they are high. Pastors, laypersons, parents, students, alumni, prospective employers, donors, graduate

school deans—each has a different set of priorities to be reflected in Samford graduates. And their expectations fluctuate. I recall a pastor who once urged me to ensure that Samford dealt harshly with students who violated campus rules. “When I was in school, you broke the rules, you were sent home,” he told me. Only a year later, he frantically phoned me to urge a Christ-like spirit of forgiveness, telling me his son had been involved in a serious discipline matter on campus, and would I please, please not suspend him?

Finally, we know that “true religion and undefiled” is an affirmation of the heart. We do not command, cajole or fast-talk individuals into serious Christian commitment. Therefore, we must respect the humanity and free will of others, both those who agree with us and those who do not. But we should not miss a chance to model sincere Christian devotion, to live by Christ-like morality and ethics, and to encourage young people towards Christian living.

Such convictions have led Baptist people to make a very tangible investment in this university by their annual contribution to the operating budget, this year about \$110 million. Samford hopes to receive about \$5 million from the churches of our state through the Cooperative Program of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a subsidy that supports every single student. I have always appreciated the world vision of Baptists. Alabama Baptists especially have been generous givers, sharing Christ with the world and seeking to help humanity deal with hunger, illness, ignorance, disease and tragedy, here and around the world.

The elected officers and executives of our convention, whom I have had the

pleasure to work with since 1983, have all been persons of integrity and sincere interest in their support of Samford. Over the years, Dr. George Bagley, Dr. A. Earl Potts, Dr. Troy Morrison and Dr. Rick Lance have been special friends. We have benefited from their statesmanship and irenic spirit.

I hope Alabama Baptists take pride in Samford and continue to help it prosper in the future. Other Baptist state conventions are embroiled in contentious disagreements, some in ongoing battles, not at all consistent with following our Lord. I am deeply grateful for a state in which Baptists are not always in agreement, but they agree on life’s most basic issue, which makes us brothers and sisters.

Like so many others, through our church and by direct gifts my wife and I have a great deal invested in Samford. We are counting on the trustees and Alabama Baptists to keep Samford focused on its difficult, but worthy, mission of distinctively Christian education.

When we made the decision to come to Samford in 1983, we knew it was one of the most important Christian universities. A friend told me that, if I remained at Samford until retirement, it would use up the best years of my life.

How blessed I am!



Thomas E. Corts
President

Correction: In the Spring '05 issue of *Seasons*, Haroldine Johnson Ross '63 was reported to have died in July 2002. She actually died in July 2000. She and Robert W. Ross '64 were married 36 years. Robert W. Ross married Catherine Davis of Scottsboro in 2001, and they are engaged in pulpit supply and mission trip ministry.

Music Building Construction Underway

Site work began in June for Samford's new music building. Gary C. Wyatt, Inc., of Birmingham has been awarded construction contracts, and the building should be ready for use by the fall 2006, according to Don M. Mott, Samford vice president for facilities.

The \$8.2 million building was designed by Davis Architects, Inc., of Birmingham and will complement the University's award-winning Georgian-Colonial campus. Both the Wyatt and Davis firms have done other design and construction projects for Samford.

The 32,000-square-foot building will be part of a performing arts complex that includes Buchanan Hall, the current music building, and the Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center. The centerpiece of the new building will be a 300-seat, state-of-the-art recital hall. Other planned facilities include rehearsal halls, studios, practice areas and instrument storage; faculty offices and teaching studios; and recording facilities.

"It is a great testament to our music faculty and to Birmingham as a serious music venue that our instrumental music program has flourished," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "We have delighted in the surge of interest

and participation in instrumental music, and will be able to provide top facilities.

"The need for this facility has been acute for several years, and we made the decision to begin construction now, with the good hope and faith that Samford's generous friends and alumni will help us complete the funding soon," Dr. Corts added.

The music building is one of several projects included in Samford's multiyear campus improvement plan, "The Promise for All Generations." More than \$53 million in construction projects are planned during the next year, Corts said. ■

Contractor Gary Wyatt, left, discusses site with President Thomas Corts.



RCC Honors Seasons, Samford Graphics

Samford University's communications office recently won four awards in the annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Awards competition sponsored by the Religion Communicators Council [RCC].

Samford received awards of merit for *Seasons*, the University's news magazine edited by William Nunnelley; a direct-mail campaign brochure designed by Scott Camp, senior graphic designer, and Sheri Hamiter, annual giving officer; the 2004-05 admission viewbook, designed by Camp and written by Sean Flynt, electronic news editor; and a new logo for WVSU-FM, designed by Carlie Stamper, graphic designer.

RCC is an international, ecumenical organization of more than 750 communications professionals.

Additionally, Mary Wimberley, news and feature writer, recently won a writing award from the Alabama Media Professionals [AMP] organization for a story on the University's Global Center. AMP is the state affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. ■

Looking for a Quick Read? Avoid Alabama's Constitution

After 12 hours of reading May 9, Samford University volunteers got through barely a third of the 1901 Alabama constitution, which many say is too long and too old. Readers got to page 217 of a 589-page bound copy of the document, published by Samford in 2000.

"We read up to the 198th amendment," said student Alisha Damron, who organized the event. The constitution has more than 740 amendments.

From 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Samford students, faculty and staff took turns reading aloud from the 310,300-word document while seated comfortably in an easy chair in front of Davis Library.

The event drew attention and conversation, which is what the organizers wanted. Signatures of 181 Alabama residents were added to a petition in support of constitutional reform.

"Students were definitely responsive to the demonstration," said Damron, a senior from Springdale, Ark., and a member of the Samford chapter of Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform.

The 20 readers included 11 students, seven professors, a retired staff member and Samford President Thomas E. Corts, a leader in state constitutional reform efforts. ■

Phi Kappa Phi Awards Rachel Lim

Samford University student Rachel E. Lim of Memphis, Tenn., received a Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship for 2005-06 to pursue a Ph.D. in music theory. The \$5,000 fellowship is one of 60 awarded in the nation by the national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in all fields of higher education.

Lim, a music education major in the School of Performing Arts, earned her bachelor of music degree in May. A flutist and pianist, she was a member of the Samford Orchestra, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, University Chorale, A Cappella Choir and Bells of Buchanan handbell choir. She was also a dean's list student and president of the Delta Omicron music fraternity. ■

“vita contemplativa”

Corts To Retire in May of '06, but
Watch the Dirt Fly Before Then

by William Nunnolley

Don't expect Thomas Corts' last year on the job to be a wind-down experience. If anything, the Samford president will be busier than ever as he approaches his planned retirement next year.

Corts announced April 14 that he would retire at the end of the current academic year in May of 2006. At the same time, Samford University Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Stevens '70 announced \$50-\$60 million in campus improvements that Corts will help guide, as long as he's on the job.

Included were a \$25 million arena/fitness center, the second phase of restructuring for Beeson University Center, refurbishing of Seibert Hall, construction of a new parking lot and parking deck next to the Wright Center, and renovation of the campus heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (*see page 6*). And that's in addition to the \$7 million recital hall announced earlier.

"They have piled work on me as though I were a 25-year-old just starting out," Corts said with a smile, making his retirement announcement to faculty, students and friends in Reid Chapel following a board meeting earlier in the day.

Corts noted that he will have completed 23 years as president by May of '06. He said it would be "time for fresh vision and new energy" in the president's office.

There has been no shortage of these qualities during the Corts era, said Board Chairman Stevens. "Samford is a finer university than it was in 1983, when Corts arrived," he said. "Dr. and Mrs. Corts would be the first to say this has been a team effort, but Samford has made a giant leap forward in the past 20 years—proportionally, it may have made as great progress as any university in America."



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Brewer, Grooms Cochair Samford Presidential Search Committee

Former Alabama Governor and retired law professor Albert Brewer and attorney and trustee H. Hobart Grooms, Jr., of Birmingham were named to serve as cochairs of the Samford University Presidential Search Committee that will identify candidates to succeed retiring President Thomas E. Corts.

The 18-member committee is comprised of trustees, faculty members, alumni and one former trustee. The members, in addition to the cochairs, are:

Sarah C. Latham, director, institutional research, who will serve as secretary of the search committee, Samford.

Mary Lynne Capilouto '73, dean emeritus, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, Birmingham.

Charles T. Carter '56, trustee; retired pastor, Shades Mountain Baptist Church; James H. Chapman Fellow of Pastoral Ministry, Samford.

S. Earl Dove, trustee; president, the Earl Dove Company, Dothan, Ala.

John W. Duren '63, chairman, Samford University Board of Overseers; president, Duren Associates, Inc., Savannah, Ga.

Rosemary M. Fisk '77, associate dean, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford.

Robert Holmes, Jr., trustee; senior vice president, Ethics and Business Practices, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham.

Richard D. Horsley, former trustee; vice chairman and chief operating officer, Regions Financial Corporation, Birmingham.

W. Mike Howell, professor, biology, Samford.

Eric L. Motley '96, special assistant to the president, Washington, D.C.

John C. Pittman '44, trustee; associate, Pittman Financial Partners, Birmingham.

Charles D. Sands IV '93, assistant professor and chair, exercise science and sports medicine, Samford.

W. Clark Watson '81, Cumberland School of Law; attorney and partner, Balch & Bingham, LLP, Birmingham.

Jay L. Wolf, Jr., trustee; senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Montgomery.

William J. Stevens '70 (ex officio), chairman, Samford University Board of Trustees; president and chief executive officer, Motion Industries, Birmingham.

C. Thomas Houser (ex officio), vice chairman, Samford University Board of Trustees; chief operating officer, BAE Systems, Analytical Solutions, Huntsville, Ala. ■

Stevens cited such highlights as the purchase of the London Study Centre, astounding growth in the endowment (from \$8 million to \$258 million), national recognition in publications, construction of more than 30 new buildings, increases in on-campus and overall enrollment, and progress in many other areas.

Corts personally has signed and presented more than 17,000 Samford diplomas to students during his years as president.

"I consider myself a very blessed man," Corts said, "because I have been privileged to do what I wanted to do, and what I felt was the work given me to do, and I have enjoyed it! I have loved the students. This is a great faculty, in terms of professional skill and in terms of personality. This institution has a great constituency in the people of Birmingham and of Alabama, and especially in Alabama Baptists."

As much as he has enjoyed his work, Corts said he looks forward to a life of contemplation, or in his words, the "vita contemplativa," in retirement. "I'd like to think I have earned a big, long sigh!"

But before then, he said, "the board has cooked up some terrific new plans," and Corts will continue to place his imprint on the University. During the next year, he said, "I intend to get a lot accomplished."

His tenure has been marked by distinctive touches, from the addition of the London Study Centre during his first year to the establishment of the first divinity school (Beeson) on a Southern Baptist campus (1988) to such intriguing architectural designs as Hodges Chapel, Beeson Healing Arts Center and Beeson Law Library.

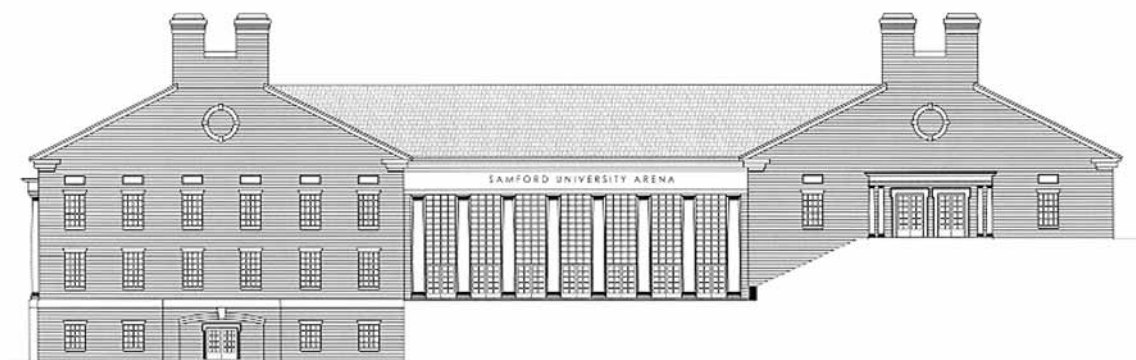
Corts told his April 14 audience that someone viewing slides of upcoming construction said, "The Corts legacy will be that he left the campus in a mess—literally, a mess of construction!"

The construction already has started (*see What's Happening This Summer, page 7*), and more dirt will fly this fall as ground is broken for the arena.

Corts won't have time in his last year to wind down to a leisurely pace. That "vita contemplativa" that he mentioned in his retirement announcement will just have to wait. ■

Samford President Thomas Corts announces his retirement date as wife Marla, granddaughter Grace Fuller, son Chris, and daughters Jennifer Fuller and Rachel Wachter look on. Lower left: Corts and Grace Fuller enjoy a moment after the announcement.





A Leap of Faith

New \$25 Million Arena/Fitness Center Tops List of \$50 Million-plus in Board-approved Improvements

The new \$25 million arena/fitness center Samford announced April 14 will provide a new home for the basketball and volleyball teams, add offices and other facilities for the athletics department, and free up a revitalized Seibert Hall for greater student use.

The multipurpose facility also will enable Samford to bring commencement back to the campus after more than 15 years at the Birmingham-Jefferson

Convention Complex Arena. That fact alone brought a sizable cheer from the several hundred people assembled in Reid Chapel to hear the announcement.

“Those of you graduating in May 2007 and beyond should be able to celebrate graduation with your friends and families right here on this campus we all love and appreciate,” said Samford board of trustees chairman Bill Stevens.

The arena will seat 5,000 for basketball and volleyball and 6,000 with chairs on the floor for events such as commencement. The three-story structure will be located west of Bashinsky Fieldhouse and north of Joe Lee Griffin Stadium on the site of the present tennis center and adjacent parking area. The 136,000-square foot facility will have weight rooms, meeting rooms, offices, athletic training facilities and locker rooms for athletics.

“Combined with Seibert Gymnasium and Bashinsky Fieldhouse, Samford will provide tremendous women’s



What's Happening This Summer

Samford began work this summer on four major projects that are part of the Samford Promise multiyear campus improvement plan begun in 2004. The Samford University Board of Trustees approved these and other construction projects during its spring meeting April 14.

The improvements scheduled for the summer of 2005 include:

- A synthetic playing surface for Seibert Stadium. Sporturf of Dalton, Ga., was selected to install the turf that will enable Samford's football team to use the stadium for its entire practice schedule as well as games. Completion of the \$1 million project is scheduled before Aug. 1.

"This turf system was selected after much research by Football Coach Bill Gray and our administration because it will allow the greatest safety and durability for our student-athletes," said Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller. "It will provide a beautiful, year-round look to highlight our athletics complex. Our team will be excited to return this fall to break in this new turf."

The turf installation will free up Samford's existing football practice field to become the site of a new tennis center, and the relocation of the tennis center, in turn, will provide some of the space needed for the new \$25 million arena/fitness center announced in April.

- A new surface parking lot for 320 cars. Construction of a functional and attractive parking lot south of Seibert Stadium will be completed during the early fall semester at a cost of \$1 million.

- Installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system for Robinson Hall. The home of Cumberland School of Law—which opened in 1962 and was expanded during the late 1970s—will receive an efficient new HVAC system at a cost of \$3.2 million. The massive undertaking required law offices and classrooms to be relocated for the summer to Brooks and Russell halls, and the Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library. The project is set for completion no later than Aug. 15.

- Construction of a new heating plant. The first of three new heating plants to be installed in various quadrants of the campus, this project coincides with the improvements to Robinson Hall and is necessary for the proper functioning of the campus-wide HVAC system. Total cost of the three plants will be \$10 million. ■

and men's intercollegiate opportunities, while supporting our vigorous intramural program and allowing more student free play," said Stevens.

"At the same time, the fitness center will afford every Samford student even better facilities than they would have in the average commercial health club. Thus, during their years on campus, students can develop lifetime fitness habits that should set them on a course of fitness for life."

Stevens announced that Steven F. Seibert of Daytona Beach, Fla., and his sister, Wendy Seibert Walker of Ormond Beach, Fla., were making a \$500,000 commitment to revitalize Seibert Gym, named for their grandfather, F. Page Seibert.

"Mr. F. Page Seibert provided funds at a critical time in the early 1960s to finance great improvement in our athletics facilities," said Stevens. "Tonight, I am pleased to say that the Seibert family tradition continues."

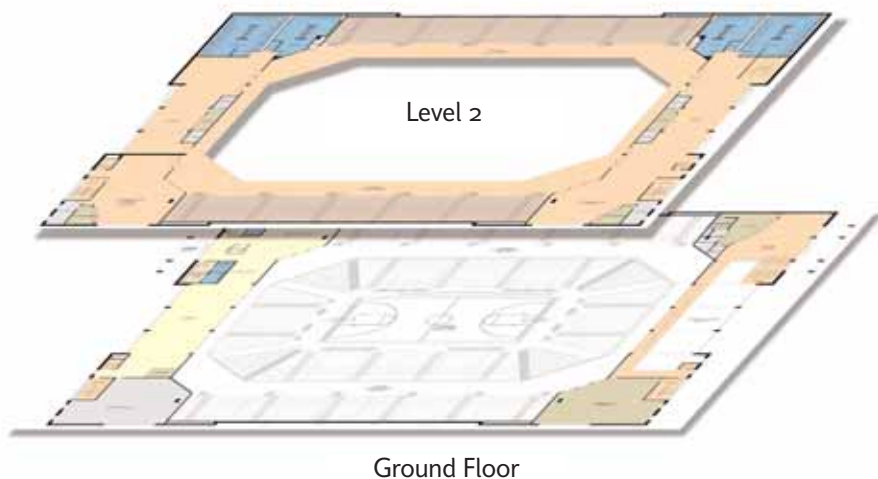
Stevens shared the platform with President Thomas E. Corts, who announced his retirement date of 2006, and Presidential Search Committee cochairs Albert P. Brewer and H. Hobart Grooms (see pages 4 and 5). The information session for Samford faculty, staff, students and friends followed a joint meeting of the boards of trustees and overseers.

"I want to tell you that this afternoon, the Samford board of trustees took some very bold initiatives," Stevens said. "Not since the campus was moved from East Lake to Homewood in the mid-1950s has our board made this kind of courageous commitment to the future. Or, perhaps I should call it a leap of faith."

Stevens referred to \$50-\$60 million worth of improvements to the campus approved by the board. In addition the arena/fitness center and refurbishing of Seibert Hall, the list included:

- A second phase of restructuring Ralph W. Beeson University Center
- Building a four-story parking deck adjacent to the Wright Center, and adding 320 new parking spaces south of Seibert Stadium
- Resurfacing Seibert Field with synthetic turf, so that the football team can practice there as well as play games
- Building a new tennis center on the former football practice field, to free up space for the new arena
- Renovation of Samford heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to make the campus more energy efficient

Construction already has begun on some projects (see separate story). Ground will be broken for the arena/fitness center this fall. ■



Old Howard 100 Draws Cyclists to Black Belt

by Mary Wimberley

Cyclists throughout Alabama and several other states converged on Marion April 9 for the first Old Howard 100 Bike Ride to benefit the Sowing Seeds of Hope initiative in Perry County and to celebrate Samford's heritage in the county, where the school was founded as Howard College in 1841.

As Bill Mathews pedaled his 1880s-style "highwheeler" bicycle in front of historic Marion Military Institute Chapel in April, he might have resembled a Howard College student on his way to class before the school moved to Birmingham. But the Samford vice president for business affairs was actually serving as the unofficial pace bike for the first few hundred feet of the Old Howard 100 Bike Ride.

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The 144 participating cyclists, representing various ages and degrees of biking

experience, left the Marion Military Institute [MMI] parade grounds on routes ranging from 30 to 100 miles through the scenic back roads of Perry and Hale counties.

"I was surprised at the people who showed up to participate in the ride," said David W. Chapman, dean of Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences, the event sponsor. "We had experienced cyclists and people who had never ridden in a planned bike ride before."

Bridget Rose, curator of Samford's Beeson Divinity Chapel, and Rosemary Fisk, associate dean of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, organized the ride.

Veteran rider Rosie Armstrong of Birmingham complimented Samford's effort as she stopped for refreshment at the Holmstead Hollow Support and Gear [SAG] stop, her last respite before the final leg of her 70-mile ride.

"The SAG stops are great, the scenery beautiful and the route wonderful," she said. "I've heard no complaints, and I've been on rides where you heard nothing but complaints."

The five SAG stops, which offered refreshment and a bit of local hospitality from area residents, were staffed by Samford faculty and students. Other Samford volunteers stayed busy in Marion.

"One of our goals was to involve as many Samford students as possible," said Chapman, who counted more than 120 students working either the bike ride, a Fun Fest at MMI for area youngsters or a health fair in Marion. "I think they all came away with a deeper appreciation of

Samford's history and a greater understanding of the challenges facing residents of the Black Belt," said Chapman.

For several years, Samford has sought to assist the area that nurtured the school during its early days. Students and faculty members regularly visit Perry County to serve as volunteer tutors, health-care workers and community boosters. During the bike ride, students from Samford's exercise science and sports medicine department and McWhorter School of Pharmacy assisted with a health fair at the Perry County Public Health Department. They conducted assessments on body mass index, body fat, flexibility and strength tests. The bike ride raised \$2,000 for Sowing Seeds of Hope.

Down the street at a former National Guard Armory building, more exercise science students did general cleaning and repaired exercise equipment. "It feels good to know you're helping a community that needs help, that we're helping somebody's life be better," said Jeff Bennett, a fitness and health promotion major from Alabaster, Ala., as he and psychology major Scott Pryjmak of Huntsville, Ala., worked to repair an elliptical exercise machine. A few hours later, they welcomed community residents to the freshened space, and demonstrated the safe and proper way to use the equipment.



Samford Vice President Bill Mathews tries out his highwheeler.



Riders set out from Marion, Ala., on the Old Howard 100. *Left (from left):* Katie Stone, Elizabeth Broome and Meredith Macon enjoy the ODK Fun Fest.

On the MMI campus, the Samford Student Government Association and the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society held the third annual Fun Fest for Perry County kids. According to Samford ODK President Maureen Simpson of Spartanburg, S.C., the group enjoys its continuing relationship with the people of Marion.

"It's a fun way to bring out the kids and their parents," said Simpson. Samford student actors performed a bit of Shakespeare and a staged combat demonstration. A musical combo entertained as children and adults munched on hamburgers and hot dogs. Judging from the squeals of delight as dozens of youngsters made their way through the inflatable rides, the Fun Fest was a big hit.

Several dozen Samford representatives and area residents also helped dedicate a restored historical marker in

Greensboro, Ala., at the site of the 1823 founding of the Alabama Baptist Convention. Tired but happy bike riders returned to the MMI campus over the course of the afternoon. Riders included several father-son duos, such as Shelton Beaird, age 65, of Arab, Ala., and his son, John, age 27, who lives in Heiberger in rural Perry County. They rode 66 miles, a record distance for each, in about five hours. Like many other riders, they learned new things about Samford's Perry County heritage.

"I knew that the school was named Howard College before it was Samford, but I didn't know much more about the history," said the elder Beaird.

James McGuirk, a third-year student at Samford's Cumberland School of Law, especially enjoyed the rural setting of the route, which was carefully designed by Fisk to avoid busy roads.

"I liked the low traffic. There were some isolated areas where you really didn't have to worry about vehicles," said McGuirk, who is originally from New

Jersey. His wife, Jenny McGuirk, a staff member in Samford's Beeson Divinity School, was on the bike ride committee.

John Gemmill of Birmingham thought the bagpipe music he heard as he rode through Greensboro was a "nice touch." It was provided by Samford sophomore Steven Giles of Gilbertown, Ala., who played at the historical marker dedication ceremony and also performed as riders passed a busy intersection in Greensboro. "I've never been serenaded by bagpipe music along a route before," Gemmill said.

Gemmill's wife, Jill, had fun combining the physical activity of the ride with a more relaxed pursuit: shopping. Having not ridden in a while, she was coaxed into the 30-mile route by John, a 100-mile rider, with the idea that she could browse Marion's quaint gift and antiques shops while he completed his longer route. At day's end, she recounted with satisfaction that she would return home with newly acquired jewelry, fresh baked goods she had bought from a local Mennonite woman, and a few sore muscles.

"What more could you want?" she asked happily. ■

Words from Sherman Journal

"I had been in the University nearly three years when the Baptists of Alabama, in Convention assembled, resolved to establish and endow a college, or university, of their own: Marion was selected as the location and I was invited to take charge of the preparatory school that should serve as the nucleus of the proposed University."

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S. S. Sherman

Marion Welcomed Sherman Warmly After Civil War, and His Great-Grandson a Century Later

by William Nunnolley

After the Civil War, Samuel Sterling Sherman decided to pay a visit to Marion, Ala., where he had been the first president of Howard College before the sectional conflict. He did so with some misgiving. A Vermont native, he had lived in Alabama from 1838 until the eve of the war in 1859, when he returned north.

"Some months after the close of the war I revisited the South, especially my long-time and much-cherished home in Marion," Sherman wrote in his autobiography. "I did not feel quite sure how I would be received, but all doubt was soon removed.

"My efforts to relieve southern prisoners at Camp Douglas, near Chicago, and at Johnson's Island (Union prisoner of war camp) were generally known and thoroughly appreciated. I was received with great kindness and hospitality at Columbus, Miss., where some of the boys in gray, whom I had helped, lived. Others welcomed me at Meridian, but at Marion, Ala., the citizens could not show enough esteem."

Sherman's great-grandson, Frederick Sterling Sherman of Kensington, Calif., shared these words from a handwritten account of the autobiography. Frederick Sherman, retired after 35 years on the mechanical engineering faculty at the University of California-Berkeley, visited Samford in June for the annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research.

"In spite of the war between the North and South, my great-grandfather never lost his affectionate connections to Alabama, Howard College and The Judson [College]," said Frederick Sherman. "I found the passage [about his return] especially moving."

His health prompted Samuel Sherman to come to Alabama in the late 1830s. "My health was never robust, and my father, fearing I would not make a good 'farm hand,' gave me the choice of remaining on the farm or going to college," he wrote. "I chose the latter alternative."

Dr. Basil Manly, who had just been named president of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, hired Sherman as a teacher. Three years later, Alabama Baptists voted to start a school at Marion. They offered Sherman the job of heading it, and he accepted, against the advice of Manly, who doubted the new school would be properly endowed.

The school opened in early 1842 as the Howard English and Classical School, with nine boys enrolled.

"During my connection with Howard, both as a preparatory school and college, I never had any fixed salary, but I employed all the teachers and professors, except the Professor of Theology, and paid them from the proceeds of tuition, appropriating to my own use what might be left," Sherman wrote. "In financial matters one principle always governed me; that was to keep the Institution (and myself as far as possible) out of debt."

Sherman left Howard in 1852 to start his own school in LaGrange, Ga. He returned to Marion in 1855 to serve as president of Judson, the Baptist woman's college.

"President Sherman was certainly a competent teacher and scholar, even an inventor, but his real genius as an educator lay in his ability to make ends meet financially at the various institutions

he served," said his great-grandson. "After he returned to the North in 1859, partially in nervous anticipation of the coming war, but largely because he and his wife had lost four children to fevers in Marion, and his own health was poor, he became exclusively a businessman."

Sherman invested in Canadian oil properties, in hotels and other real estate in Milwaukee, Wisc., and finally a coffee and spice business in Chicago, "the most profitable product of which was a baking soda of his own invention," according to Frederick Sherman.

Samuel Sherman died in 1914 at the age of 99. His autobiography was published in 1910, and his great-grandson brought the handwritten account to the Samford Special Collection for microfilming during his visit for the genealogical institute.

The June visit was Frederick Sherman's first to Samford, although he and his wife saw the new Lakeshore Drive campus from a distance during the 1950s "just before it was occupied and the students were still at the old Howard College campus" in East Lake, he said.

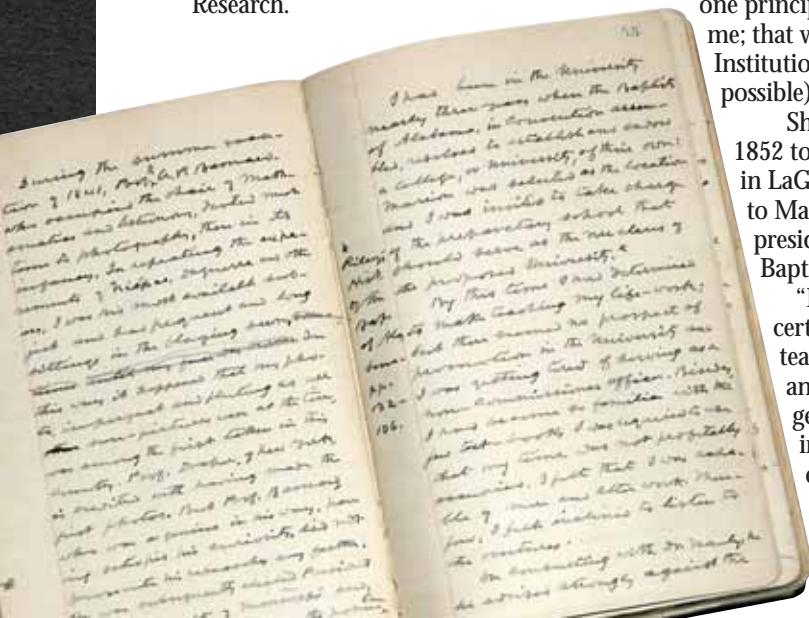
He "became hooked on genealogy in 1976," he said, but he attributes his initial interest in the field to his visit to 1950s Alabama, when he and his wife also traveled to Marion.

"We made a little unannounced visit to The Judson, and I am sure that the lively and affectionate reception we got there when I identified myself was one of the factors that made genealogy a natural choice of hobby when I had time to devote to it," he said.

It was not the first time for Marion to warmly welcome a member of the Sherman family. ■

Facing page: Samuel Sterling Sherman at age 70 in 1886.

Left: His autobiographical journal.



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‘One of my Ancestors Helped Found Your School’

Samford Special Collection Librarian Elizabeth Wells was sitting at a Samford display at last year’s National Genealogical Society meeting in Sacramento, Calif., when she received quite a surprise. The display advertised Samford’s renowned Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research.

“A man walked up and said one of his ancestors helped found our school,” Wells recalled. “I didn’t know what to think, so I asked him his name.”

“‘Frederick Sterling Sherman,’ he answered. ‘My great-grandfather was Samuel Sterling Sherman.’”

Sure enough, the man in California was a descendant of the first president of what was then Howard College. He even had a handwritten copy of Samuel Sherman’s autobiography and scrap-books belonging to Sherman.

Frederick Sherman is a retired faculty member of the University of California–Berkeley, where he taught mechanical engineering for 35 years. He developed an interest in genealogy before he retired, in part because of having his ancestor’s autobiography.

“It contained a lot of information about my grandfather’s ancestry, so genealogy seemed to promise some easy fun,” Sherman said. “It turned out that many of my direct or collateral ancestors were compulsive writers, so it was at first like shooting fish in a barrel.”

Over the years, Sherman discovered that genealogy isn’t always that easy. But the challenge of successfully tracking down some long-lost ancestor—one of his own or

one belonging to someone else—makes it well worth the time and effort.

Sherman attended Samford’s genealogy institute in June, visiting for the first time the school his great-grandfather helped start.

Sherman got serious about his genealogy hobby after retirement. He traveled the nation doing research, became active in genealogical societies and served several years as president of the California Genealogical Society.

His best advice to a beginning genealogist?

“Break away from that computer terminal and go visit places where your ancestors lived!” he said.

He calls his most exciting moment in genealogical research the Great Trans-Allegheny Signature Match. One of his ancestors, Abram Fulkerson of Caswell County, N.C., wrote a will for his mother in 1781 and signed it. Later, he disappeared from the community.

A single published document from southwestern Virginia hinted that he had gone to Kentucky. Later, Sherman found records of an Abram Fulkerson in Jessamine County, Ky., but no proof they were the same man.

Sherman traveled to the area for more research. On a visit to the Jessamine courthouse, he noticed a drawer labeled “Marriage Permissions.” The Kentucky Abram had four daughters. Eagerly, Sherman opened the drawer and found signed permission slips for three of Abram’s daughters.

“The autographs were a perfect match to that on the North Carolina will,” said Sherman. “What a thrill!” ■



Frederick Sherman visits Samford for the annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. His great-grandfather was the first president of Howard College at Marion, Ala., below.



Did Anyone Care Other than Ministers and Monks?

McGinnis Study of 16th-Century Preacher Gives Insight into Common View of Religion

Why study a 16th-century English minister who, although he did publish more than 20 works, was not the foremost religious leader of his day?

Church historian Scott McGinnis '90 of the Samford religion department believes that fact makes the study of George Gifford "more useful, since we get the views of someone immersed in the day-to-day workings of the parish church."

Plus, Gifford was a member of the puritan group that not only shaped a significant segment of the English church, but was influential with many of the English settlers of America. He was on the front lines of the reform movement at a time when the English church was being torn apart by religious controversies over worship style, church order and doctrine.

Dr. McGinnis' book, *George Gifford and the Reformation of the Common Sort: Puritan Priorities in Elizabethan Religious Life*, was published last fall by Truman State University Press as Volume 70 of the Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies Series.

Puritans believed the English church was Protestant in name only, says McGinnis, and that many church members retained too many beliefs and attitudes from their medieval Catholic past.

"Puritans promoted several practices—frequent sermon attendance, lay Bible study, much devotional reading, reform of morals—that appealed to some segments of a rising literate class," McGinnis said. These practices "repelled others, who saw the spirituality the puritans recommended as too demanding and legalistic," he added.

One reason McGinnis studied Gifford was because of the minister's efforts to translate Protestant doctrines into a language accessible to the average layperson, those he called "the common sort" of Christian.

"His attitude toward commoners was twofold, a kind of carrot-and-stick approach," said McGinnis. He believed that uneducated people might have "a spiritual common sense" that was often lacking in the more learned. For this reason, he viewed the less educated as "full of spiritual potential and only in need of a shepherd."

On the other hand, Gifford could be critical of the attachment of common people to tradition, and their unwillingness to "immerse themselves" in the frequent sermons, Scripture-reading and strict moral codes of puritan piety, he said.

"Puritan preaching frequently emphasized the high and difficult call of the Christian life, and few

ever lived up to the challenge," said McGinnis. "The result was much writing about guilt, repentance and security."

Historians recently have sought to understand national issues such as religious reform in England from the perspective of the local and the particular, said McGinnis. That's why he focused on a particular minister in a particular parish (Maldon in Essex) in a particular period (1570s–1590s).

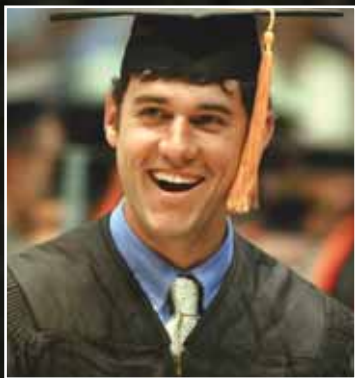
"I am also interested in the distance between the pulpit and the pew," he said. "In reading theological history, one might wonder if anybody other than ministers and monks really cared about this. How was the person with little education and perhaps little interest in theology affected by the debates of the 16th century?"

Puritans were especially interested in seeing that the reforms did have an impact on the common people, said McGinnis, and a good way to measure their success is to study a local situation. ■

Samford church historian Scott McGinnis studied local situations to understand larger issues in religious reform.



Material from an article by Sondra Washington in *The Alabama Baptist* and an interview by Samford student Megan Voelkel appears in this story.



FDIC Chair Donald Powell Underscores Need for Integrity to Samford Graduates

Donald E. Powell, chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, urged Samford University seniors to do their part to help society's growing need for integrity. One thing they can do is to understand whatever culture they will enter after they leave Samford.

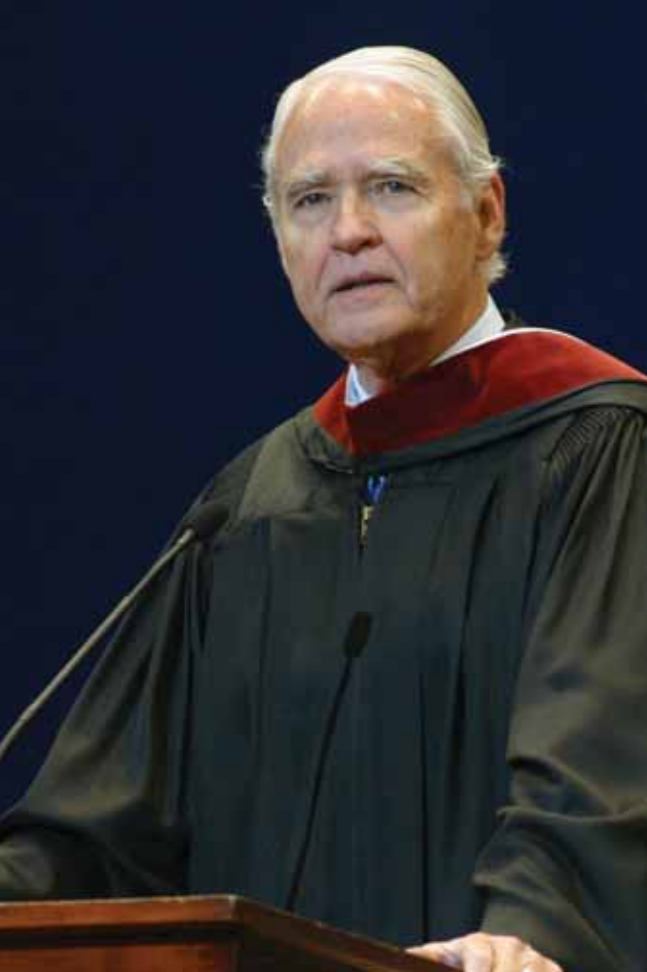
"Flee from a culture of greed," he said during commencement exercises at Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena May 21. "Look for values of selflessness. We need men and women of integrity."

Powell, who has led the federal agency that insures bank deposits in America since 2001, addressed a class of 639 seniors and several thousand others. Another 158 seniors graduated from Samford's Cumberland School of Law later in the day (*see separate story*), making the total class number 797.

Also at commencement, seniors Adrienne Caples Watkins of Birmingham received the President's Cup for the highest academic average, Ashley Leighanne Floyd of Hartselle, Ala., received the Velma Wright Irons Award for the second highest average, and Joel S. Davis of Marietta, Ga., and Megan A. Gladden of Gadsden, Ala., were named cowinners of the John C. Pittman Spirit Award.

Powell said four things make America unique—personal freedom, popular sovereignty (the right to vote), the rule of law and capitalism. But problems have

Seniors Chris Brinson, left, Krystal Klein, top inset, Hal Hughston, center, and Ellen Robinson, bottom, celebrate graduation day.



FDIC Chair Donald Powell speaks at commencement.

tarnished each of the four areas recently.

He cited “problems in the press,” the prosecution of more than 1,100 public servants last year, some loss of public trust in the church and repeated examples of fraud in business. Even so, capitalism is not itself evil, Powell said.

“America is the envy of the world because of the free market” and the opportunities it provides, he added.

Powell reminded the seniors that “morality and ethics are not one and the same.” Morality changes from time to time, while ethics are never-changing. “Focus on ethics,” he charged the graduates.

Powell also asked the seniors to depend on their Christian faith and to “learn to give.” Giving, he said, may be unnatural, but it is very important.

“May God grant you the wisdom and courage to always do the right thing,” he said in closing. ■

Find Your Best Road, but Consider Public Service, Pope Tells Law Grads

Anne B. Pope, federal cochair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, urged graduates of Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law to consider a career in public service.

“If it were up to me, everyone’s road should, at one time or another, include public service,” she said during law commencement May 21 at Samford. “It is one of the highest forms of service a person can do.”

Pope, a 1986 Cumberland graduate, practiced law in Washington, D.C., for several years before changing careers. She was head of the Tennessee Film and Music Commission and then commissioner of the state’s commerce and insurance department before being appointed to her present position in 2002.

“It is hard to always be under public scrutiny, and the pay will probably not be as good,” she said. “But I realized pretty quickly that I was having more fun than many of my classmates. For me, public service has been challenging, rewarding and most of the time, fun.”

Pope stressed that the 158 law graduates find the road best for them.

“Figure out the road you want to be on,” she said. “If your own road leads you to practicing in a law firm or hanging out your own shingle, becoming a judge, corporate counsel, or law professor—then do it.

“Live life by a compass, not a watch,” she urged.

Pope told the graduates that whatever course they take, their legal education at Cumberland will help them. “It was at Cumberland that I learned to analyze, separate the issues and get at the heart of the matter,” she said. “In other words, at Cumberland, I learned to think.”

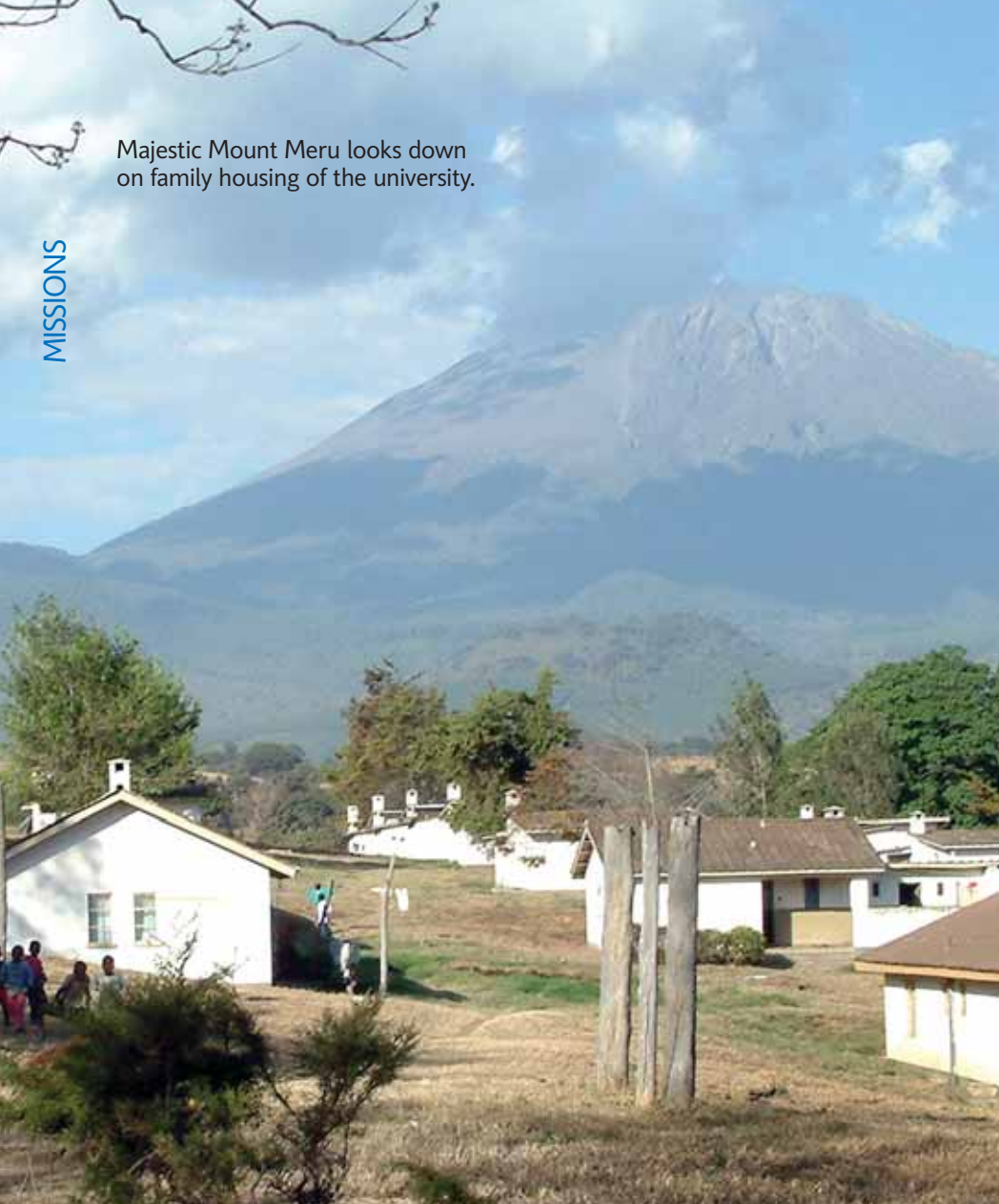
Her legal training also helped her operate “in fields where I have little experience,” she added.

“Don’t be afraid to take the road less traveled,” Pope said in closing. “Be who you want to be, do the right thing and live the life you were meant to live.” ■



Law speaker Anne Pope visits with law dean John Carroll before graduation.

Majestic Mount Meru looks down on family housing of the university.



The Allure of East Africa, Beautiful Land in Need

by Jack Brymer '67

Mention East Africa and a kaleidoscope of images springs to mind: wild animals, snowcapped mountains rising from the red dust of the plains, colorful Maasai tribesmen and women in decorative beads and painted faces. Lake Victoria, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Kilimanjaro are names almost as familiar as that of our own state capital.

During excavations 20 years ago, evidence was discovered to support the view that East Africa—more specifically, Tanzania—is the cradle of humankind. For those who dream of seeing the legendary wildlife of the Serengeti and the famous snows of Kilimanjaro (which are rapidly disappearing), the region remains a land awaiting discovery.

Yet East Africa today is a land of contrasts. Visitors see more than game parks, wild animals and colorful tribal culture. They encounter poverty, disease, hunger and the AIDS/HIV crisis, all primarily the result of a lack of education. For all its beauty, East Africa is a region in need of help.

Southern Baptists have recognized this need over the years. In 1962, the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention founded the International Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa near Arusha, Tanzania, the heart of tourist and governmental activity in the region. The seminary has provided pastoral and church leadership training for Baptist churches in the region for more than 40 years, and the churches have experienced substantial growth.

During recent years, as Africa experienced growing poverty and the onset of AIDS/HIV, the seminary's emphasis has shifted to education. Southern Baptists (and others) have come to the region to help meet the needs of people desiring not only religion but also knowledge of how to improve their living circumstances.



Samford alumni Ann Yates and W. T. Edwards help with ministry to Mount Meru University in Tanzania.

In 1993, Samford graduate Lance Anderson '50 and I visited the seminary to help it develop a promotion and fund-raising program. Something about the experience kept us coming back. Since then, we have returned on volunteer mission trips, helping the school secure scholarships, computers, funds, books and a model solar system for the library. We also enlisted other volunteer mission groups to help the seminary, including a recent group with other Samford ties.

During the meantime, the seminary began working toward university status. Among East Africa's biggest physical needs are public school teachers and education related to AIDS/HIV, business and information technology.

In 2002, the government of Tanzania granted the seminary provisional authority to move to university status by adding a teacher education department. Thus was founded Mount Meru University, the only accredited Baptist university in East Africa. The university has since added information technology and business departments.

In April, 14 members of Birmingham's Baptist Church of the Covenant spent two weeks at Mount Meru University and three area churches performing ministries of various kinds. I joined four others with Samford ties as members of the team—Associate Professor of Education Carol Dean, retired religion professor and graduate W. T. Edwards '49, and alumni David Henderson '71 and Ann Yates '86. We helped construct a multiple-purpose building to house the department of business, modernized the library collection, taught and trained students and faculty, and distributed birthing kits and tests for the AIDS/HIV virus on the campus and at two area churches.

Dean also conducted a workshop for teachers, future teachers and teacher educators.

"I was impressed with the teachers and future teachers—their attitude of love and caring for their students," she said. "Like teachers all over the world, they want to do what is best for the children and are eager to find ways that will help children learn."

Dean said her team was met with smiles and happy greetings everywhere, and that the teachers in her class "were open to me and to new ideas."

Edwards was impressed by the seriousness of the students.

"My most lasting impression will, I think, be of the poverty of the students and their determination to get an education that will enable them to serve Christ in their culture," he said.

"My prayer is that they will get enough outside help to attain their goals, and that our church will continue to have a large part in the process."

I shared Edwards' feelings. I have never seen a people so determined to get a good education in order to serve better as pastors and teachers as the students at Mount Meru University.

Henderson is developing a campus-wide landscape design for the school. He and several volunteers purchased and set out numerous plants. He was impressed with the beauty of the region, he said, "but more so with the friendliness of the people."

Yates also was struck by the beauty of Mount Meru and how it contrasted with the poverty of a nearby village that had no electricity. She noted a further contrast generated by the villagers who used cell phones and walked to town to check their e-mail.

Harrison Olan'g, vice chancellor of the university, said the presence of the team was "a practical expression of our Christian brotherhood and a sense of love and care for one another.

"As East Africans, we shall continue to thank God for the material contributions invested in Mount Meru University, as many young men and women come here to train and go back to serve their communities all over eastern Africa and beyond," he added.

The university takes its name from nearby Mount Meru, the fourth highest peak in Africa. Like Kilimanjaro only 60 kilometers (37.3 miles) north, Meru draws people in with its beauty and the surrounding lush green forests.

But there's beauty also in helping people in need, especially so in knowing those people will go on to do the same for others. That may be what draws missions volunteers to Tanzania, rather than visions of snowcapped mountains and legendary wildlife. ■



Mount Meru University estate manager Don Gardner, left, and Samford graduate David Henderson discuss a landscaping project.



Education professor Carol Dean, in headwear near right, visits with teachers enrolled in her workshop.

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'It Was Alarming How Much

A group of Samford University students hit the beaches of Florida's Panhandle during spring break, but not for leisurely strolls in the surf. Instead, they filled dumpsters with the demolished remnants of a 92-year-old woman's home in Pensacola, Fla. The refuse was left over from last September's Hurricane Ivan.

"It was alarming how much work was still to be done six months after the storm," said Alisha Damron, leader of the Student Ministries group that assisted the Floridians.

"Some people are still living in tents along the highway," said Damron. "Home repair costs have risen too high for the lower-income families to even attempt to repair their homes and lives."

The decision to assist with Ivan relief was prompted by Samford junior Cheryl Smith, who, as a Pensacola resident, knew what the students' presence could mean to the residents. The 32 hurricane relief volunteers worked in collaboration with the United Way and a local church.

They were among many Samford students who used spring break to share their talents and minister to others in various ways.

The 33-member Student Ministries Choir sang at large Baptist churches in Houston, Texas, and Word Players performed at Baptist churches and a retirement home in St. Louis, Mo.

Other students remained in Alabama. Six members of the Son Reflectors mime and interpretative drama group spent three days in Mobile creatively sharing their faith with children in low-income housing and at a church.

In Perry County, a dozen Samford students continued ongoing work in the rural area with the assistance of the Sowing Seeds of Hope initiative. They sorted donated books for distribution to children, helped provide programming for youngsters at a community center and assisted at the local health department.

An eight-member Ville Crew team spent four days with young residents of Loveman's Village housing project in Birmingham.

Samford Groups Help

Alisha Damron of Springdale, Ark., and Erin Dawson of Huntsville, Ala., just graduated from Samford. They are pointing toward careers in ministry and teaching. But first, they are planning to take six months off and go to Africa.

It's not a vacation that will draw them 9,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean, but rather a sense of mission to help others. Damron and Dawson will do volunteer work with the African Children's Mission, a faith-based organization on a dairy ranch in Uganda, East Africa.

The program runs a school for more than 300 children, many of whom have been orphaned because of AIDS.

"We will be working in the classroom, serving on the ranch and offering other kinds of help," said Damron, adding that she wanted to "spend some time serving others and seeking understanding of another culture" before entering divinity school.

"My ultimate passion is to be able to help children from low-income families," said Dawson, "and I think this experience will help prepare me for that. There is certainly a great need there."

She hopes ultimately to teach inner-city or rural youth, and already has spent a month in Perry County working with children of low-income families.

Chris Sharon visits with two young friends on an earlier trip to Southeast Asia.

The two are among 40 Samford students who will do mission work in 21 countries this summer with financial assistance from the Samford Student Ministries office. A total of 116 Samford students will work in summer missions of various kinds. *(See last paragraph.)*

For the past four years, Samford students in growing numbers have performed summer missions with help from Student Ministries.

"Students raise the money themselves throughout the school year to fund scholarships for summer missions," said Renee Pitts, missions coordinator for Samford's university ministries division. "They do everything from selling exam care packages and cookies-to-go to presenting dinner theatre and sponsoring the Damah Film Festival of Christian films."



Work Was Still to Be Done . . . ’



Although the group goes each Saturday to minister to the children, the longer hours on consecutive days provided more and better quality time.

“It was good to be with them for a longer time, because we could get to know them and their names better,” reported Rachel Lowery, a junior who has been a Ville Crew member for almost two years.

Daily activities included crafts, music, games and Bible story time. A highlight, said Lowery, was the basketball tournament that drew dozens of children and adults as players and spectators.

“That was very popular,” she said of the neighborhood version of March Madness, which ended with trophies being awarded. ■

Samford University freshman Katie Snyder of Lilburn, Ga., teaches Kiarra, four, to play the recorder during Ville Crew spring break mission project in Birmingham.

Others Around the Globe

This year, the students raised \$23,400 to fund summer missions.

“The program begun four years ago allows students to select their own missions positions from a variety of agencies and then apply to Student Ministries for financial assistance up to \$1,000,” said Pitts.

This version of summer missions support began in 2002, when \$15,800 was raised and 20 students received scholarships. The numbers have increased each year since.

Student Chris Sharon of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., has done summer missions work for two years in southeast Asia and will do so again this summer.

“It is an amazing blessing to be able to be supported spiritually by a body of believers on campus who have a heart for the world to know Christ,” he said. “It is an encouragement that proves invaluable on the trip.”

Sharon believes one of the prime benefits of the mission program is that it “serves to connect like-minded students on campus . . . students who are eager to serve God through missions.”

Because he ministers in a Buddhist nation, his activity is limited to teaching English, working with local Christians (“few and far between”), working with orphanages, etc. He



Erin Dawson



Alisha Damron

plans to spend some of his time in “focused prayer for this country.”

Melissa Jones, a junior, will lead a group of six Samford students on a missionary trip to Reunion Island near Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. Her parents, Ronald and Lisa Jones, are Southern Baptist missionaries in Reunion, a

French possession. The students will work with youth programs.

Also going to Reunion are Jennie Boone, Weaverville, N.C.; Tessa King, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Sally Kruse, Hartford, Ala.; Merry Beth Morris, Cantonment, Fla.; and Chris Thomas, Enterprise, Ala.

Samford traditionally has been one of the leaders among Baptist schools in sending students to summer missions. This summer, 61 Samford students are involved in missions in 30 foreign nations, including some who are funded by agencies and not by Student Missions. In addition, 55 other students are doing summer missions work in 18 camps, 10 church-based ministries and 15 domestic settings in 13 states. ■

Named Best in the Nation, Chew Excels at the Hard Part of Teaching

by Sean Flynt

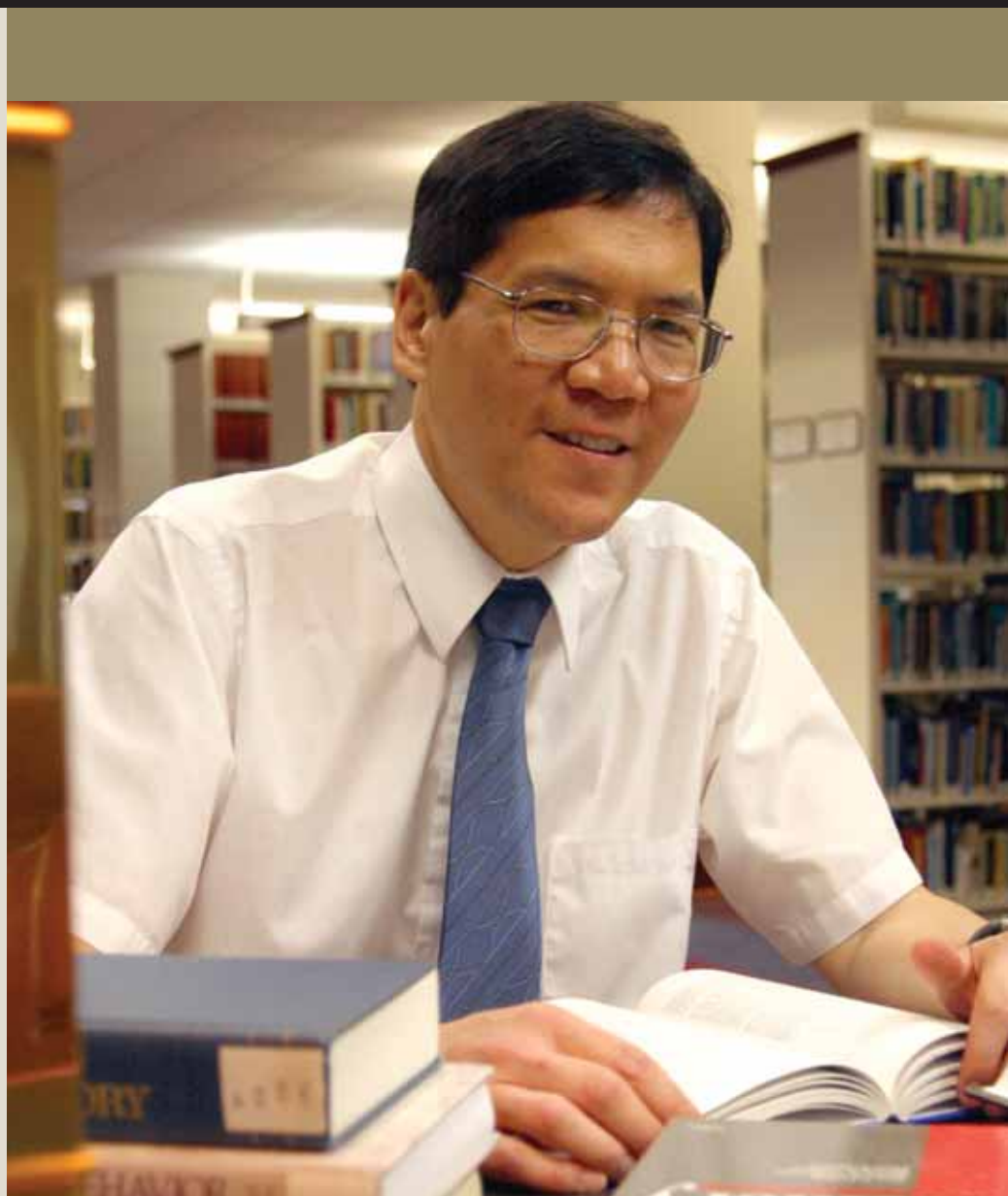
In 1999, he earned Samford's John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching. In 2001, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named him Alabama Professor of the Year. Now, the American Psychological Association has honored Department of Psychology Chair Stephen Chew with its 2005 Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes him as the nation's best psychology teacher at a four-year college.

It's a remarkable record of achievement, but as a specialist in human memory and cognition, Chew admits that he has a significant advantage over many of his colleagues. To the degree that graduate education offers any instruction in teaching, he said, it tends to be along the lines of "wait five seconds after asking a question to allow students to answer."

"They don't ever tell you, 'this is how students learn.' I'm a cognitive psychologist, so I really try to integrate what I know about how students learn and think into how I teach," Chew said. "Fads come and fads go, but people learn basically the same way—that's always been my approach."

The Scholarship of Teaching

"I design activities in a way that I know will be effective, and then I always assess to make sure they are effective," Chew said. "I make big mistakes, too. I had this one gigantic, elaborate activity on statistics," he said. "The students went through it and had no idea, at the end, why they had gone through it. That taught me a lot about major activities—that a student can go through an activity and gain absolutely nothing from it. So, the study of active learning versus passive learning is really a false dichotomy. Active learning can be just as useless as passive learning. That's why I try to rise above the clichés.



Samford psychology chair Stephen Chew uses his classroom "like a laboratory to try and evaluate the best ways to help students learn."

"I use my classroom like a laboratory to try and evaluate the best ways to help students learn," Chew said.

Unfortunately, he added, much of higher education clings to the old notion that scholars don't teach, they research. Because teaching is not universally valued, those who work hardest to help their students learn may find themselves missing out on tenure-track positions or being blamed for short-term failures that would in other fields be considered an inevitable part of the research process.

"Everyone understands that if you do research and it just doesn't work out, it's still a worthy effort," Chew said. "The funny thing about teaching is if you try something and it doesn't work out, it reflects badly on you. People don't

understand failure in terms of teaching innovation."

The Hard Part

Samford alumna Amy Cheek Fineburg '94, now social studies department chair at Spain Park High School, not only understands Chew's informed, experimental approach to teaching, but also incorporates it into her own work.

"His cognition class became a model for how I taught my high school psychology students about memory," Fineburg said. "I have approached him several times over the last decade to help with various projects related to my own students and to promoting psychology instruction in high schools in Alabama, and he has been nothing but generous

Chamberlain Returns as First Director of International Studies

by Mary Wimberley



When Marigene Chamberlain returned to her alma mater this spring as Samford's first director of international studies, she quickly established her first priorities: listen and learn.

In the newly created position, the 1980 graduate who majored in Spanish will manage study-abroad programs and services to international students and faculty, and will promote activities that develop international awareness for all Samford students.

"My purpose is to find ways the new International Studies Office might support the faculty's work with these programs and enrich the students' intercultural encounters so that they are shaped into global citizens," said Chamberlain.

Chamberlain brings to the post two decades of experience with the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist church, where she most recently served as director of leadership development for Hispanic/Latino ministries.

"I am focusing initially on our study-abroad programs, such as the London Program, the foreign language acquisition programs and short-term study-abroad trips," said Chamberlain.

The creation of the new Samford position is in response to needs created by the increasing number of international education experiences available to students. Students regularly enjoy Samford's London Study Centre, which celebrated its 20th anniversary last year, as well as established programs in a variety of international settings.

and hardworking in all those efforts."

For the last five years, she and Chew also have collaborated to direct a workshop for high school psychology teachers.

Fineburg, who nominated Chew for the APA award, also pointed out that Samford's psychology department has thrived under Chew's leadership since he came to the University in 1993.

"Today, Samford psychology students have so many opportunities that were not available to them before Steve arrived," she said, noting that Chew has been instrumental in encouraging undergraduate research at the University.

The first Samford student paper submitted to the National Conferences for Undergraduate Research [NCUR] was a psychology paper, and although Chew's students have been well represented at the conference ever since, in recent years, they have been joined by Samford students from many other disciplines. In fact, Samford is now recognized as a national leader in the number of students participating in the NCUR. Students also have been branching out into discipline-specific research conferences and participating in Student Showcase, Samford's in-house celebration of undergraduate research.

Chew's encouragement of undergraduate research has paid dividends not only in terms of Samford's academic reputation, but also in terms of opportunities for graduates. He said more than half of Samford's psychology majors go on to earn graduate degrees—some in psychology, others in law, theology or medicine. Clearly, Samford students have risen to meet the challenge of higher expectations. But Chew noted that creating such challenges requires extra effort on the part of faculty, too, and that's why the scholarship of teaching should be more highly valued.

"Too many people who are not strong teachers think that what's important is the accuracy of what they say," Chew said, "whereas I think the acid-test of teaching is always how much the students learn. What's really tough is getting in there and making sure the students have an accurate understanding that they can actually use. That's much, much harder." ■

"In addition to having a center in London, students are traveling to places like Burma, Prague, and various sites in Asia, Europe and South America," said Samford Associate Provost J. Mark Bateman.

Samford also has formal relationships with a variety of educational institutions including schools in Jordan, Hong Kong and the Netherlands, and students from many nations choose to attend Samford, he said.

"Considering the number of programs, students and relationships involved in international studies, it became evident that we were in need of someone to oversee and provide guidance in this area," said Dr. Bateman.

Chamberlain's own experience as a global citizen began taking shape soon after graduation from Samford.

As a journeyman with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1984–86, she was a librarian, English teacher, speaker and youth counselor at Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago, Chile.

A former managing editor of the *Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, Chamberlain is the author of five books on Christian discipleship.

A Texas native who holds a master's in Spanish from Vanderbilt University and who studied at Vanderbilt's divinity school, she will also teach courses in Samford's Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Chamberlain was a member of various academic and leadership honor societies while at Samford, but she admits that as a student, she never expected to work or teach at the school.

"At the same time," she said, "I am excited and pleased that I can now contribute to Samford in a new way. My academic and personal formation at Samford those many years ago set my life in certain directions that have proved fulfilling and fruitful.

"Now, I have an opportunity to collaborate differently and offer my *grano de arena* (grain of sand) to a vision of international studies within this learning community." ■

CWLC

Offering Interdisciplinary Study of Leadership

by Megan Stahl

The Christian Women's Leadership Center at Samford celebrates its fifth anniversary this year. Since it was founded in 2000, the program has made significant strides developing an academic minor, establishing the Marie NeSmith Fowler Lectureship and supporting various special programs.

The program's interdisciplinary minor in Christianity, Women and Leadership Studies unites Samford's Christian liberal arts curricula and faculty expertise in the areas of gender, leadership and religion, both historically and cross-culturally.

"Because we offer a minor, our students represent a variety of academic majors," said CWLC Director Carol Ann Vaughn. "It is interdisciplinary, which means we work with professors in other departments of various schools."

Among the disciplines involved are psychology, sociology, history, political science, religion, philosophy, family studies, communication studies, journalism/mass communications and English.

"Some students are able to do additional internships with their electives, and this is a growing area of interest among the students," said Dr. Vaughn.

CWLC Director Carol Ann Vaughn says women's ways of leadership "can be as diverse as women as individuals are."

For example, she said, students have worked with the Sowing Seeds of Hope program in west Alabama, and with local churches and Samford Student Ministries.

"The collaborative efforts of faculty make these meaningful and useful courses for students, and students gain valuable experiences and insight they might not otherwise have as part of their course of study," she said.

A primary focus of the CWLC program is the study of leadership, which Vaughn says has been narrowly defined in western culture according to masculine stereotypes for centuries. These stereotypes have excluded many men as well as women, she notes.

"The stereotype of women's leadership has been that of an individual who is an exception rather than the rule," said Vaughn, "that of an unusual or extraordinary female rather than one who represents many women's abilities."

Beyond that, said Vaughn, the stereotype "usually involves only one or two types of personality, one or two specific sets of skills, a very specific type of résumé, and of course, whatever the current culture's definitions of physical acceptability are."

She said there is often little room for diversity in ideas about women leaders when, in fact, "women's ways of leadership can be as diverse as women as individuals are."

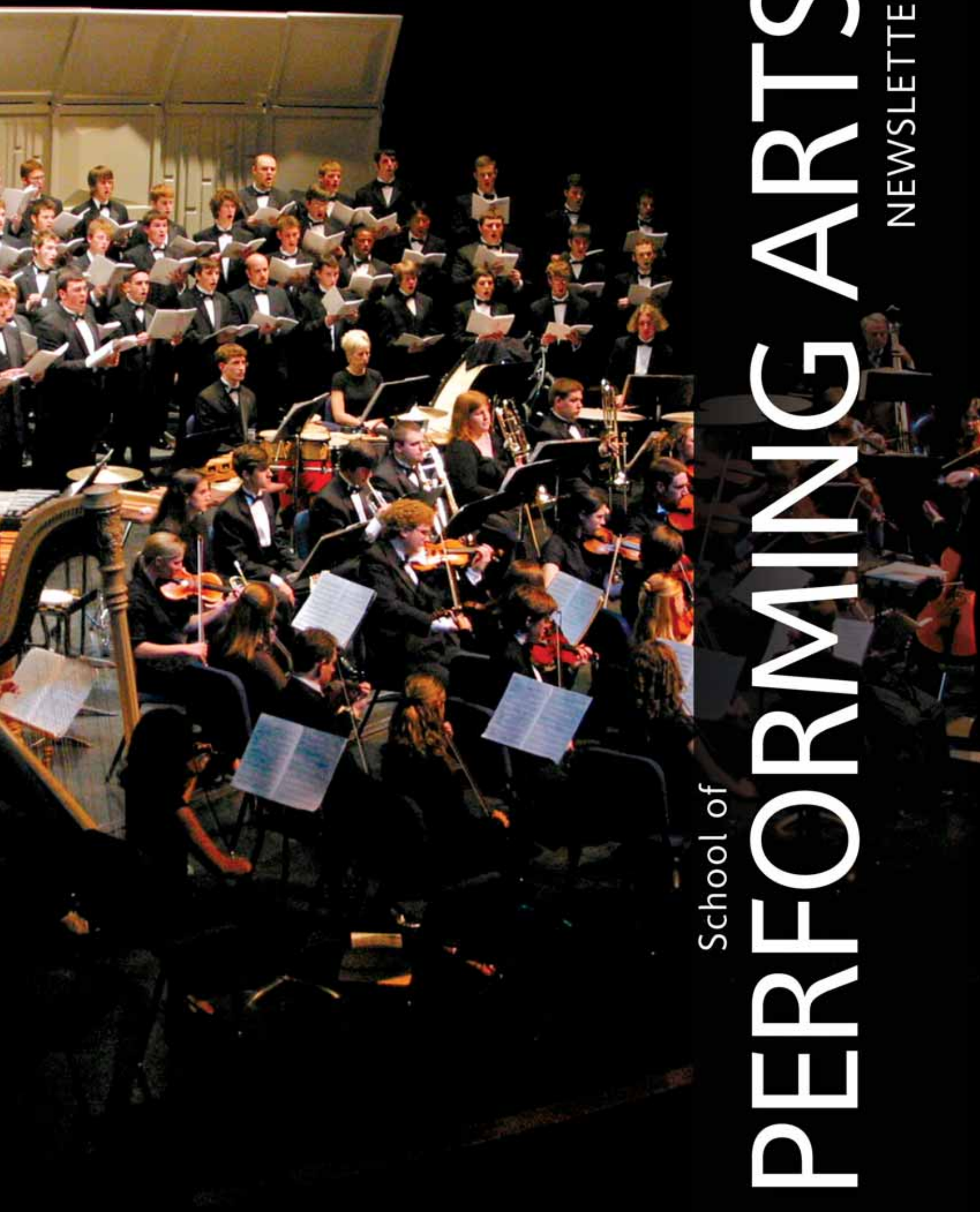
The CWLC studies such issues as part of its program to offer Samford women learning and leadership opportunities that enhance their total educational experience and prepare them for life's challenges.

Founded in 2000 by Samford and the Woman's Missionary Union, the center also is supported by a generous gift in memory of the late Eleanor Foster Terry, who helped lay the groundwork for the CWLC before her untimely death in 1998.

Most students begin their CWLC studies with the course Women and Society, which stresses how women worldwide are affected by culture. Understanding the cultural factors that influence and shape women's roles is the first step in being able to confront issues that hold women back, said sophomore Katelyn Williams of Jacksonville, Ala.

Vaughn's goal for the program is to help students "continue to distinguish themselves from unhealthy cultural stereotypes," and to promote healthy ideals for women and men "as spiritual siblings and colleagues in all areas of life." ■





School of

PERFORMING ARTS

NEWSLETTER

From the Dean's Desk

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



For those of us who work in the performing arts, the old adage, “the proof is in the pudding,” could be revised to say, “the proof is in the performance.” It is in performance that the results of teaching and mentorship are put on display for public view. In an educational institution such as Samford, that public display occurs frequently.

In many instances, the results of work in the performing arts takes place onstage in recital halls, theatres and concert halls. As is evident from the Performing Arts Fall 2005 Calendar of Events (see page 30), there is an abundance of such activities each semester at Samford.

In recent years, we have been fortunate that our performances have drawn gratifyingly sizeable audiences, with many events experiencing capacity crowds. Attendees often remark enthusiastically about the high quality of artistic expression in these performances.

Accolades have come even from performances in international venues.

As important as these types of performances are, there is another significant dimension of “performance” at Samford that serves as an insightful indicator of the quality of instruction that goes on in classrooms and private studios, as well as onstage, in this place—the external evaluation of our students’ work as they participate in competitions in various areas of performance and expertise. In recent years, Samford students have been particularly successful in bringing recognition and distinction to the University.

Samford student Sam Thielman won first place at the 2004 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival National Critics Competition in Washington, D.C., an honor accompanied by a scholarship to attend the National Critics Institute Conference at the Eugene O’Neill Theatre Center. The preceding year, Samford theatre students won first place in stage managing and runner-up in student directing at the Region IV American College Theatre Festival competition for the Southeastern states. Participants in all of these competitions included both graduate and undergraduate students, while all Samford’s entrants were undergraduates.

Samford music students customarily fare well in the annual competitions held by professional music organizations. In this newsletter, there are two articles about student success in auditions held by two organizations during the past academic year. Additionally, Samford vocal students have had recurring

success in recent years in the annual auditions conducted by the Alabama chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. In 2004, Samford students won first place in eight of the 13 categories in which they participated. In 2005, 10 of the 20 winners (first-, second- and third-place awards) in the college/university competition were Samford students.

While these honors are gratifying, they also reflect, at a deeper level, one important dimension of the School of Performing Arts’ connection to Samford’s mission as an institution with a commitment to Christian values. The awards received and performance achievements of our students come as the result of the efforts of our faculty members to prod, coax, cajole and encourage students to exemplify the mandate for good stewardship—an understanding of stewardship that embraces one’s abilities. Students are encouraged to take seriously and to appreciate the God-given blessing of talent in artistic expression, and to nurture that gift with steadfastness of purpose and discipline. The extent to which we succeed in that endeavor is, after all, a primary determinant of the degree to which we contribute to the fulfillment of the broader mission of the University.

S. Milburn Price
Dean



*The merger of the School of Music and Department of Theatre in 2000–01 enabled Samford to begin offering a musical theatre program in the newly formed School of Performing Arts. Since then, the school has collaborated on such productions as *Guys and Dolls*, *The Merry Widow* and other shows such as this spring’s *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, at left. Dean Milburn Price, Samford Theatre Director Don Sandley, and Professors Bill Bugg, Randall Richardson and Eric Olson are faculty members most involved with the musical theatre program. See page 29 for a story on the program.*

Patterson Performs Internationally with the World's Operatic Greats

by Mary Wimberley

Susan Patterson has shared her golden soprano voice with opera audiences all over the world. The 1979 Samford graduate has performed leading roles in some of the world's great opera houses, including the Metropolitan Opera and Milan's La Scala. She has sung alongside such opera legends as Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo.

When the now world-renowned opera diva enrolled at Samford, however, she had a different musical career track in mind. She was a piano performance major studying with Dr. Witold Turkiewicz when voice teacher Eleanor Ousley recognized Patterson's vocal talent and steered the young soprano into a singing career.

Patterson cites Ousley as one of the great influential sopranos of her career. Ousley, who taught at Samford for 39 years before retiring in 1994, "had the extraordinary gift to recognize vocal talent in its infancy, and the expertise to develop and encourage a young singer like me," said Patterson.

"I am always grateful for my piano performance degree," said Patterson, who also credits Dr. Turkiewicz with helping develop her reputation in operatic circles as a "highly expressive, consummate musician." She graduated with a double major in voice and piano performance.

As a member of Samford's University Chorale, Patterson was cast as a priestess in a Birmingham Civic Opera production of *Aida* when she was asked to fill in vocally for the ailing singer in the role of the high priestess. That, she recalls, was her first opera role, and she was enraptured by the experience.

After Samford, she earned a master's degree at Florida State University. She won Metropolitan Opera national auditions, which enabled her to study at Indiana University with internationally renowned soprano Virginia Zeani, who taught her Italian bel canto repertoire, style and technique.

After Pavarotti finished a two-hour lesson with Patterson, he phoned Zeani and congratulated her for her teaching of



Susan Patterson's most frequent role is that of Violetta in La Traviata, which she has performed about 130 times.

the "girl with the golden voice."

At Indiana University, she met her husband, Dennis Altizer, who sang professionally for many years before being called into the music ministry. He is music-worship pastor at Huffman Baptist Church. The couple lives in the Liberty Park area of Birmingham.

"He is my vocal coach and my ears in the house, so his support and advice are invaluable to me," said Patterson of her husband.

Patterson has sung with the English National Opera, L'Opera de Montreal, Canadian Opera, New York City Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Cologne Opera, Paris Opera-Comique, Atlanta Opera and others. Her Metropolitan Opera debut came in 1998 in Strauss' *Capriccio*.

Her most often performed role is that of Violetta in *La Traviata*, which she first sang with the San Francisco Opera, where she was an Adler Fellow in 1986-87. She remained with the main company for five years. Her European debut in the role was with the Welsh

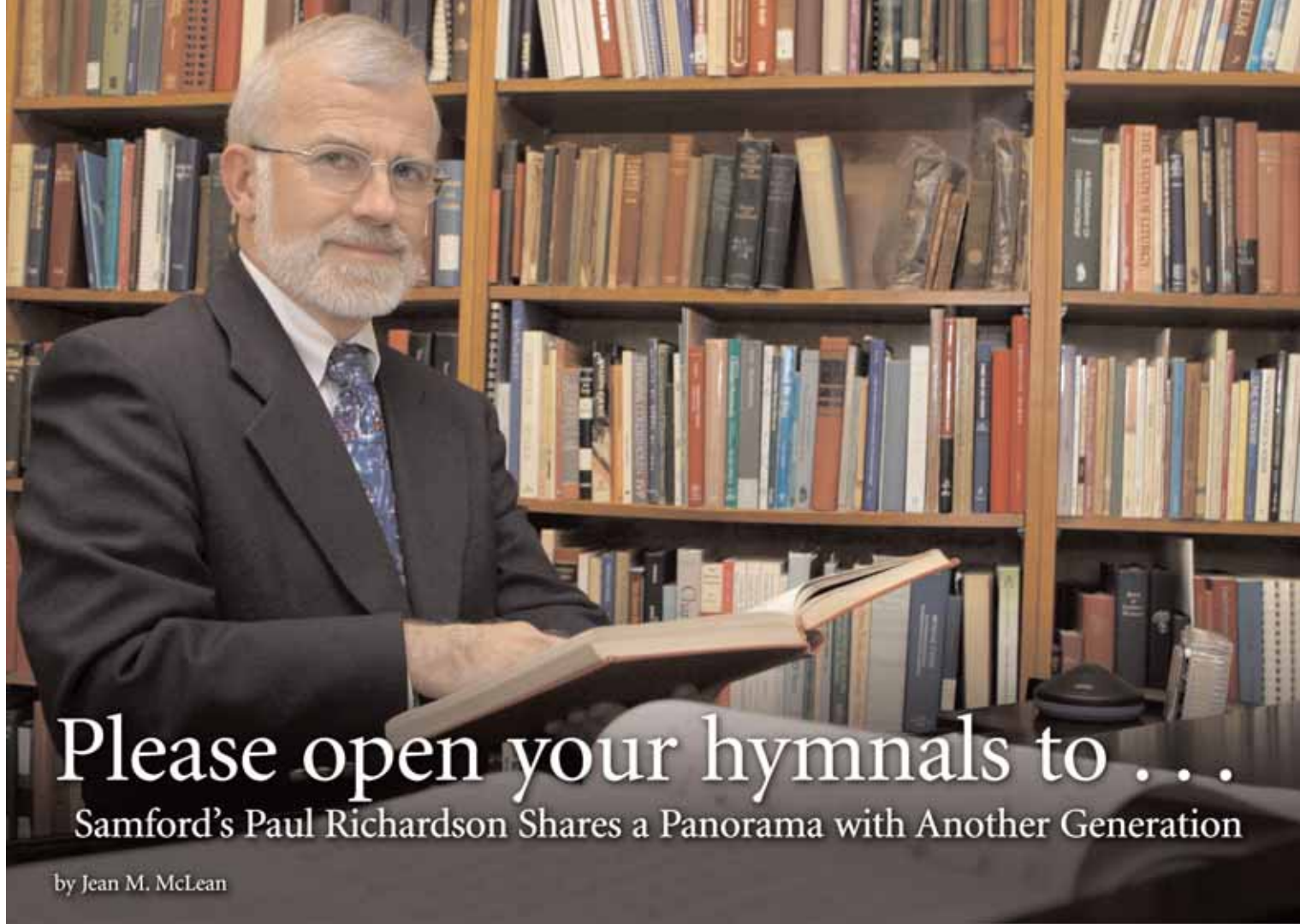
National Opera.

She considers her first Violetta and her European debut as career highlights, along with her 1990 debut in Milan's La Scala, singing the title role in *Lodoiska*.

She has 16 recordings to her credit and in the past year alone has released two new recordings on the Chandos label: Mozart's *Idomeneo* and Verdi's *A Masked Ball*.

Closer to home, Patterson considers the chance to sing *Aida* in Opera Birmingham's production in February as one of her most recent career highlights.

Future engagements include a new recording of Verdi's *Nabucco*, and concert performances of *Nabucco* in London and throughout the United Kingdom, a new coproduction of *Aida* with L'Opera de Montreal and Opera Carolina, *Aida* at the MET, and a return to Opera Birmingham for her first Cio-Cio-San in *Madame Butterfly*. ■



Please open your hymnals to . . .

Samford's Paul Richardson Shares a Panorama with Another Generation

by Jean M. McLean

Paul Richardson's office is a library of hymnology.

*Be thou my vision . . .
Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound) . . .
Were you there when they crucified my
Lord . . .
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing . . .*

Whether sung in a wavering soprano or rich baritone, under sun-beamed stained glass or alone in the dark, hymns are songs that gather worshippers' praise, proclaim faith and respond to the Gospel. When sung as intended, they express and shape our understanding of faith.

Samford's Paul Richardson knows hymns. He has spent his career studying hymnody—the works Erik Routley called the “folk songs of the Christian faith.” Richardson is a Samford professor of music and past president of the Hymn Society. The late Routley could be called the C. S. Lewis of Christian music.

Now, Richardson and Routley are forever linked. Routley was an English pastor, musician, hymn writer and

scholar who moved to Princeton in 1975 as professor of church music. He produced more than 745 books, chapters, articles and reviews on congregational song. This summer, Richardson's new edition of Routley's *A Panorama of Christian Hymnody* will update the classic text, chronicling what has transpired since *Panorama's* first release.

“Routley said hymns are poetry for people who don't know poetry, music for people who don't know music, and theology for everyone, because theology is the concern of all Christians,” Richardson said. He noted Routley's emphasis on hymns as poetic passages for every worshipper. “He saw hymns as functional art.”

The witty, brilliant and pragmatic Routley chronicled that art, writing his *Panorama* during the beginning of the “hymn explosion” of the second half of the 20th century. His 1979 book included nearly 700 hymn texts sung in English-speaking churches through 1975. Routley surveyed historic hymnody and packed

the book with commentary on periods, authors and texts.

Panorama quickly became an important resource for church musicians. Routley's engaging style and concise narratives made it a staple for scholars and students. However, one of his hopes—that it would become a devotional classic—was unrealized. Instead, his influence lives on through a new generation of church music professionals, including hymnal editors.

That's why Richardson was asked to revise Routley's first edition. Mainstream hymnody experienced a renaissance in the past three decades. Spurred by new Bible versions that inspired Scriptural songs and by the 1970s Jesus Movement, church music options abounded. New hymns were written in traditional styles. Simple praise music gained popularity. Lyrics were written about issues never before addressed in congregational song.

“The world of hymnody grew so fast that hymnal supplements, which are smaller collections of hymns, were added

to larger permanent books as a way to try out new material,” Richardson explained.

Since hymnals are typically produced only every 20 years or so, editors carefully consider what new songs to add and which to delete. Richardson and other scholars judge work by theological, poetic and musical merit. There are other factors, too.

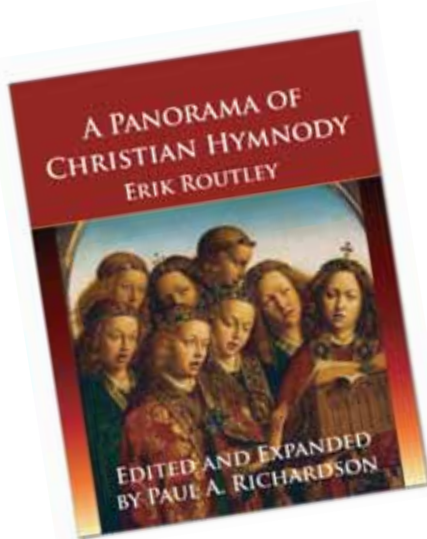
“Routley succinctly defined a good hymn as one that is ‘well written, well chosen and well sung,’” Richardson said. Some hymns, he concedes, need to be left to rest in peace outside contemporary hymnals but included in books like *Panorama* to illustrate historical significance. “If something no longer speaks to people today, we should either understand it better or produce something new,” said Richardson. To enable such understanding, both *Panorama* writers merged history, theology, literature and music.

The sheer volume of Richardson’s additions illustrates the wealth of hymn production since 1975. His four-chapter contribution is nearly half as long as the 28 original chapters. The additions reflect issues newly addressed by the church—racial inclusion, women’s roles, problems of abuse and others. Although Richardson said the church has always had topical hymns, recent decades have offered an abundance of text related to daily concerns.

Recent decades have also produced more “homiletical hymnody,” the practice of writing hymns to illustrate Biblical texts. Modern writers have written hymns on previously untreated passages (like Richard Leach’s text on Balaam’s ass!). No less inspired than hymns based on sunsets and shipwrecks, Richardson said these hymns, too, are created from “one’s life and circumstance.”

Routley’s prediction that foreign sources would become a larger influence in English-speaking churches has come true. In his last chapter, Richardson includes songs from 32 nations now commonly sung in English. This development in hymnody reflects the diverse cultural heritages of English-speaking Christians and offers new insights of how others experience God.

Panorama is one of three of Routley’s most important works undergoing revision. Richardson, a Routley scholar, prolific writer and coauthor of



Hymnody expert Paul Richardson's update of Erik Routley's classic study will be out this summer.

the forthcoming *Baptist Hymnody in America*, was the logical choice for the *Panorama* project. Milburn Price, dean of Samford’s School of Performing Arts, said the publication of *Panorama*’s second edition not only provides a major resource for scholars, but also reflects favorably upon Samford.

“The invitation that was extended to Dr. Paul Richardson to prepare an updated and revised edition of this important work is a tribute to his reputation as a scholar in the field of hymnology,” Price said.

Although uniquely well prepared for the role (Richardson’s expertise is illustrated by his July date to speak on “Routley Renewed” at the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland), the task was massive. The research included reading 100 large hymnals and 250 smaller collections, countless hours of contacting authors and translators, and a visit with Routley’s widow in Oxford. Did Richardson hesitate to accept such an assignment?

“I guess I’m of the fools-rush-in school,” Richardson laughed. “I was eager to do it.” He read everything he could get his hands on concerning Routley and the hymns written since *Panorama*. He chose texts that represented trends, reflected theological insight and exhibited poetic craft, narrowing selections and gathering detailed information on the background of each writer and subject.

“I wanted to represent what the main trends had been,” Richardson said. Although there was much of merit, he tried to keep the work in proportion, giving the best-known authors their due and expressing both the timeliness and

timelessness of important ideas. “Some hymns are important in their time but don’t last,” he noted.

What was the hardest part of the project? Richardson can’t think of one. Beyond the two years he has waited for publication, he can’t recall a negative. It was, after all, a labor of love.

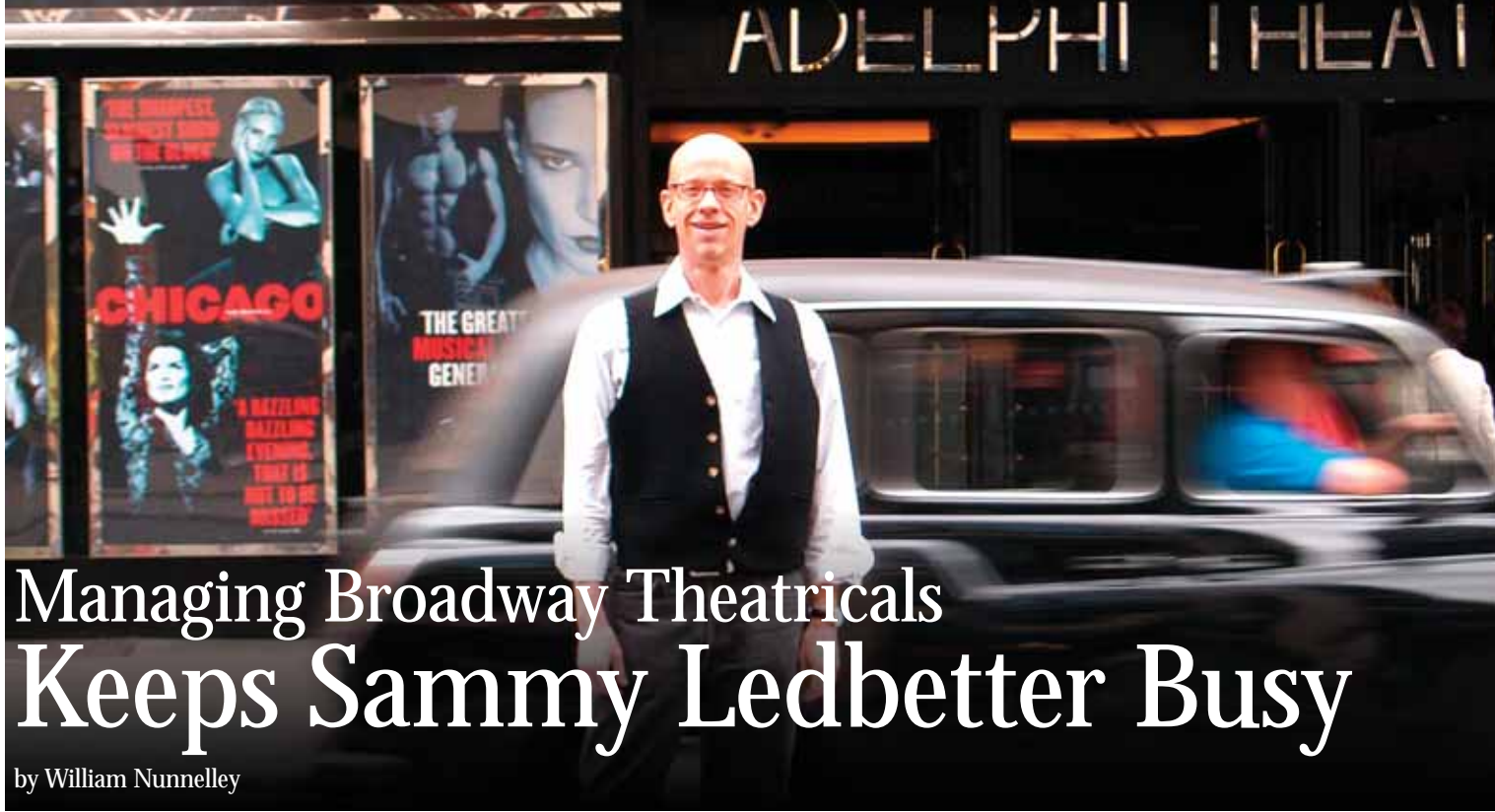
“It’s been a wonderful education. To have a reason to study this, to do the background work . . . the whole area fascinates me.”

Richardson is grateful for the support of the dean, his colleagues, family and friends. Hymnology is where this professor’s interests in history, theology and music merge, and he hopes this work will be a useful resource and historical record, both for those who study hymns and those who use them in devotion.

After reviewing an estimated 10,000 hymn texts in the last 25 years, what’s Richardson’s favorite? He quoted the last four lines from Fred Pratt Green’s “For the Fruit of All Creation.” For theological potency and poetical eloquence, Richardson said these lines might represent today’s best in Christian hymnody:

*“for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.”*

In the end, Richardson said, it’s more than the poetry or the history or the music that makes a hymn meaningful. “Hymn singing, done well, is a powerfully integrative activity. It requires and engages the heart, mind, soul and strength. It changes who we are.” ■



Managing Broadway Theatricals Keeps Sammy Ledbetter Busy

by William Nunnelley

Sammy Ledbetter is returning to Broadway after seven months as company manager of Chicago in London's West End.

Sammy Ledbetter '81 of New York City developed an interest in the theatre in the fifth grade in College Park, Ga. At first, he wanted to act. But by the time he enrolled at Samford in the late '70s, he knew he wanted to do "some sort of theatre management."

Even so, he "did it all" as a Samford theatre student, from working in the box office and costume shop to acting and directing. He served as director Harold Hunt's assistant for *Look Homeward, Angel*, stage-managed *Oliver!* and directed *The Little Foxes*.

"Harold Hunt told me I would do it all at Samford, and that was one of the best things about my education there," Ledbetter said in May. "You need that experience to see how it all gets put together."

Knowing how it all gets put together is one of Ledbetter's primary job requirements. He serves as the company manager for Broadway shows. Two of his recent credits include *Little Shop of Horrors* (2003–04) and, for three years, *The Lion King* (1998–2001).

"It's great to work with a show that you know is going to sell out every night," he said of the latter. Since the late '80s, he's been company manager or general manager for 14 Broadway and off-Broadway productions.

His duties range from administering contracts and scheduling rehearsal halls

before a show opens to monitoring budgets, handling insurance policies, paying bills, dealing with unions, checking the nightly box office receipts and numerous other duties.

"I really enjoy what I do," he said. "My real job is to create an atmosphere that allows the creative people to do their job and the audience to enjoy the show. My day starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 p.m. during rehearsals, and runs from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. during shows."

Ledbetter said his varied Samford theatre experience helped make him a better company manager. "If I get a call about a problem in the scene shop, I can relate directly to it because I worked there as an undergraduate," he said.

Although Ledbetter had a good idea about his career direction, five summers at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Anniston during undergraduate days "cinched it," he said. After Samford, he worked a year at the Alley Theater in Houston, Texas, before going to New York City to attend graduate school in arts administration at Columbia University.

"I had worked in nonprofit theatres and wanted to see what commercial theatre was like, and Columbia could provide me with an internship," he said.

The internship led to a job with Emanuel Azenberg/Leonard Soloway, a theatre company, and Ledbetter worked as assistant manager or company manager

on 15 shows between 1983 and 1995. Along the way, he completed his master of fine arts degree at Columbia in 1988.

One of his favorite assignments was working on *Sunday in the Park with George*. "It was a wonderful experience working with Stephen Sondheim on something new," he said.

Ledbetter has served as company manager for *Chicago* in London's West End theatre district since last October. It currently stars Brooke Shields. In June, he will return to New York City as manager of *Sweeney Todd*, a musical starring Patti Lupone. Rehearsals begin in mid-July and previews in October.

"I've relished the opportunity to work in London, but I'm tired of being an outsider," he said. "*Sweeney Todd* is one of my favorite shows, so I couldn't pass up the chance to return to the States and do it."

Ledbetter advises any young person interested in a theatrical career to find an internship. "Many big theatre management companies have them, and that's the way to go," he said. "It lets you learn and get your foot in the door."

Ledbetter recalls that it was the brand new Harrison Theatre that first drew his interest to Samford in 1977. But it was the do-it-all approach of his mentors, Hunt and Eric Olson, that made Samford such a good place to study theatre for him. ■

Samford's New Musical Theatre Degree Just the Right Ticket for McClain Kitchens

McClain Kitchens '04 is a performer. She's been singing and dancing before audiences of various kinds practically since kindergarten. Now, at age 23, she's beginning her third professional contract with the Disney company.

About the time she started to college in 2000, Samford began its musical theatre program. That was perfect for McClain.

"I arrived at Samford a year before the musical theatre program started," she said. "It began in time for my sophomore year, although I took some of the courses I needed as a freshman."

The program grew from the merger of the School of Music and Department of Theatre to form the School of Performing Arts in 2000-01. It offers two degrees: a bachelor of music in musical theatre, administered by the Division of Music, and a bachelor of arts in musical theatre, administered by the Department of Theatre.

Students pursuing each degree have a shared core of studies in music, theatre and dance. The program already has staged *Guys and Dolls*, *The Merry Widow* and *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. *The Mikado* is scheduled for November of 2005.

"Most of the courses in the program already were in the curriculum," said McClain, "which was how I could get started early. One that was added, the History of American Musical Theatre, was one of my favorites."

One of the best things about the musical theatre program is that it offers students a wealth of experience, said McClain.

"I was able to design a special cabaret show for my hour-long senior recital," she said. "In addition to the content, I got to design the lighting, and add dancers and a jazz combo. My voice teacher, Bill Bugg, was a big help."

She also did choreography for a musical theatre ensemble along the way.

McClain, from Roanoke, Ala., decided early that musical theatre would be her career. After her sophomore year at Samford, she attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference, where

she auditioned for professional roles.

She was hired by Disney Cruise Lines to play Anne-Marie in *Disney Dreams*, a show featuring a medley of Disney classics. "Basically, Peter Pan teaches Anne-Marie to believe in her dreams," said McClain. She cruised the Bahamas for six months in 2002 playing the role.

McClain returned to Samford in 2003 and completed her bachelor of music in musical theatre. During the spring semester of her senior year, she auditioned again for Disney. The company hired her right away to play Ariel in *The Voyage of the Little Mermaid*, a production at Disney-MGM Studios near Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla.

"Two days after graduation, I was in Orlando," she said. "I averaged 25 shows a week before about 400 people a show. The show is only 17 minutes long and is repeated continually for about four hours a day."

McClain knew from experience that musical theatre could be grueling work.

"I learned at Samford such practical lessons as getting plenty of rest and

eating a balanced diet," she said. "As a vocalist, you must take care of your health, and Samford helped with vocal health."

McClain also credits her Samford experience with enabling her to take fashion and costuming courses, and to see plenty of top-notch theatre during Jan Term in London. She also enjoyed a "great musical trip to Italy" led by professor Don Sanders.

Now, McClain is performing for yet another Disney production in Hong Kong. She's playing Belle from *Beauty and the Beast* in a new show at Disneyland Park in the Asian city. Her contract runs for nine months.

After that, she plans to take on New York City.

"I have my Actor's Equity card now," she said, "so I'm going to New York when I get back and will start auditioning. I'll be getting my face out there."

What's the best thing about musical theatre?

"The audience," says McClain. "I love to see those smiles." ■



McClain Kitchens appears in the 2004 Samford production of *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. She is currently working on her third contract with Disney.

Pianists Capture Top Honors in AMTA Competitions

Samford swept most of the top awards in both major competitions for college and university piano students sponsored by the Alabama Music Teachers Association [AMTA] during the 2004–05 academic year.

At the 2004 Collegiate Artist Piano Competition Nov. 13 at the University of Alabama, Jonathan Rodgers, a graduate student in church music from Sterrett, Ala., and Dawson Hull, sophomore piano performance major from Jackson, Tenn., won first and second places, respectively. Third place went to Jessica Litwiniec, a Samford alumna now pursuing graduate study in piano performance at the University of Alabama.

Rodgers and Hull are current students of Samford piano faculty member

Betty Sue Shepherd, and Litwiniec is one of Dr. Shepherd's former students.

Samford's success continued at the 2005 Alabama Music Teachers Association Collegiate Solo Auditions in Piano held at the University of Alabama at Birmingham April 16. Both upper-division winners (college juniors and seniors) were Samford pianists—Hull and Carrie Larson, junior piano performance major from Anderson, S.C. Larson studies with Samford piano faculty member Donald Sanders.

In the same competition, Cahill Smith, freshman piano performance major from Tallassee, Ala., was one of two winners in the lower division (college freshmen and sophomores). He also won the Trotter Award for outstanding performance. Smith is a student of Betty Sue Shepherd. ■

Samford Students Win Eight of 16 AFMC Scholarship Awards

Samford University music students won eight of the 16 scholarship awards presented at the 2005 Alabama Federation of Music Clubs [AFMC] Scholarship Auditions March 5 at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Samford students won first place in the women's voice, men's voice and strings divisions. Samford students also claimed second and third place in women's voice, and second in strings.

Graduate and undergraduate students from colleges and universities throughout Alabama are eligible to participate in these auditions. Samford student winners were:

Voice: Women's Division

First—Alexandra Maddox, junior voice performance major, Newton, Ala., \$1,000

Second—Elizabeth Godfrey, junior church music major, Pleasant Grove, Ala., \$600

Third—Lauren Culotta, junior voice performance major, Birmingham, \$400

Voice: Men's Division

First—Drew Pournelle, junior voice performance major, Soperton, Ga., \$1,000

Strings Division

First—Paul Vest, junior cello performance and classics major, Branchville, Ala., \$1,000

Second—Kathryn Hoppe, sophomore music education major, Huntsville, Ala., \$400

Piano Division

Third—Dawson Hull, sophomore piano performance and music theory/composition major, Jackson, Tenn., \$750

Fourth—Cahill Smith, freshman piano performance major, Tallassee, Ala., \$500 ■

School of Performing Arts Fall 2005 Calendar of Events

Friday, September 16

Faculty Recital
G. William Bugg, bass-baritone
Recital Hall (LSW 311), 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

Faculty Recital
Jeffrey Z. Flaniken, violin; Angela Flaniken, viola; Donald Sanders, piano
Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

Faculty Recital
Sharon L. Lawhon, soprano; Randall Richardson, tenor
Recital Hall (LSW 311), 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

Faculty Recital
Betty Sue Shepherd, piano
Reid Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday–Saturday, October 6–8

Samford University Theatre presents *Shadowlands* by William Nicholson
Harrison Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Admission: \$8 adults, \$7 senior adults, \$5 students/children

Sunday, October 9

Samford University Theatre presents *Shadowlands* by William Nicholson
Harrison Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
Admission: \$8 adults, \$7 senior adults, \$5 students/children

Tuesday, October 11

Samford Orchestra, conducted by Milburn Price
10th Anniversary Concert
Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday–Saturday, November 10–12

Samford OperaWorks and Samford University Theatre present *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan
Harrison Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 senior adults, \$5 students/children

Sunday, November 13

Samford OperaWorks and Samford University Theatre present *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan
Harrison Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 senior adults, \$5 students/children

Tuesday, November 15

Percussion Ensemble, directed by Grant Dalton
Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 2

Festival of Christmas Music featuring A Cappella Choir, University Chorale, Samford Orchestra and Bells of Buchanan
Wright Center Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Admission: \$10

Thursday, December 8

Bells of Buchanan, directed by Billy J. Strickland
Hodges Chapel, 7:30 p.m. ■

Year as Miss America Affirms Downs' Medical Career Plans

When Samford graduate Deidre Downs '02 was named Miss America last fall, she was faced with delaying the start of medical school and a planned career as a pediatrician. At the time, she said she hoped to use her Miss America year as an advocate for pediatric cancer victims, a program she already had started in Alabama.

"It is such an overlooked disease," she said. "People don't like to associate cancer with children. This issue needs someone to be an advocate. Children with cancer need a voice, and I want to be that voice as Miss America."

Downs has visited 25 states during her months as Miss America, some several times. She travels an average of 20,000 miles a month. She shared an interview with *Seasons* in June about her time as Miss America and its effect on her medical school future.

How has your role as Miss America helped in your campaign as an advocate for pediatric cancer victims?

The title of Miss America has enabled me to speak to groups around the country, not only raising awareness about pediatric cancer but also raising funds for research. I give speeches 4-5 times a week, all focused on childhood cancer.

The Miss America title has also brought greater attention to the license plate I established in Alabama, the Curing Childhood Cancer car tag that raises funds for pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

Are there other aspects of your role that help you as an advocate?

I am also the official spokesperson this year for CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation, the nationwide network of pediatric cancer research and treatment centers. I recently lobbied Congress on behalf of CureSearch to increase federal government funding for childhood cancer research.

Has being Miss America caused any change of direction for you within the medical field? Are you still planning to be a pediatrician?

If anything, my experiences as Miss America have strengthened my desire to be a pediatrician. I have had countless opportunities this year to work with kids both in and out of a hospital setting, and I really enjoy working with children. Also, I think a career in pediatrics will enable me to continue my advocacy for pediatric cancer patients beyond my year as Miss America.

What prompted your initial interest in a medical career?

I was in a car accident in ninth grade in which I fractured my hip, and I subsequently had two hip surgeries. My initial interest in becoming a doctor stemmed from this experience. After I spent a week one summer in college as a counselor at Camp Smile-A-Mile [for children with cancer] in Alexander City, my decision to pursue a medical career was reaffirmed, and I decided to focus that career on pediatrics.

How do you feel about your medical school preparation at Samford?

I attended the University of Virginia before transferring to Samford, and I felt that my Samford education was world class. The professors at Samford are

second to none, and the small class sizes enabled me much more interaction with professors than I had at the University of Virginia. I was a history major with a double minor in biology and chemistry, and I truly felt that my Samford education gave me a breadth of knowledge and the critical-thinking skills necessary for a career in medicine. Even more than that, my time at Samford gave me the leadership skills and the motivation to use my career in service to others.

What is your timetable now for starting medical school?

My admission to the University of Alabama School of Medicine [UAB] is deferred until August 2006, so I'll begin medical school next summer.

What are some highlights of your time as Miss America?

Because my platform is pediatric cancer, I do a lot of visits at children's hospitals, and this is definitely my favorite part of the job. Another highlight of my year was the week I spent in Orlando with Children's Miracle Network in March—the kids there all had very inspiring stories, and it was special to me to be involved with an organization that raises so much money for children's health care around the country.

Any others?

As a sports fan, I have to list the Super Bowl as a highlight, as well as the opportunity I had to throw out the first pitch at a Pittsburgh Pirates-Chicago Cubs game. I was a tomboy growing up—I was the only girl in the whole Little League—and I was a pitcher, so I loved throwing out the first pitch at a major league baseball game.

How has the pageant life helped you?

Through my involvement in the Miss Alabama and Miss America pageants over the past five years, I earned nearly \$110,000 in scholarship money—enough to pay my entire Samford education and to have \$75,000 left over for medical school. ■



Deidre Downs '02 shows off her Curing Childhood Cancer car tag during Samford visit.



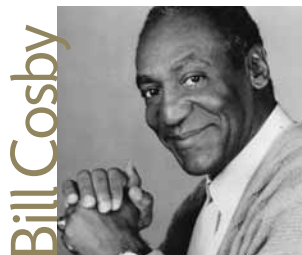
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Generations . . . Past, Present, Future

The traditions of yesterday and the promises of tomorrow are a big part of Homecoming every year at Samford University. Each year, young and not-so-young alumni and friends come together on campus to rekindle old friendships, reminisce about campus memories, and anticipate new beginnings at Samford and in Samford communities around the world.



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Football

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Here's something to think about. You might enjoy being a member of the club, the Samford Alumni Club.

Right now, your alumni association is working as never before to increase the Samford club program across the nation. There may already be one in your area, but if not, a Samford club could be on the way.

The goal of the Samford Alumni Association is to involve Samford graduates in the future of the University, thereby enriching the lives of Samford alumni and friends. The club system is one of the best, most enjoyable ways of making that happen. Alumni who are neighbors get to know each other better, and they get a chance to keep up with the progress of their alma mater.

Need a little help getting started? The Samford alumni office recently developed a *Samford Club Leader Handbook* containing helpful information and event ideas for those wishing to start a club or those wishing to become more involved in their area's Samford club. To request your free copy, please call 1-877-SU ALUMS (1-877-782-5867).

Samford clubs work as an integral part of the alumni association's mission to help alumni strengthen their relationships with one another and Samford. Currently, there are Samford clubs operating in more than 10 cities throughout the U.S., including **Dallas, Washington, D.C., Nashville, Atlanta, Mobile** and other places. If you are interested in attending an event in one of these areas, or if you would like information on other clubs in your area, please contact Billy Ivey, alumni relations officer, at wrivey@samford.edu.

Here are some upcoming alumni activities and events:

Sept. 10—Samford vs. Baylor Tailgate Party, Waco, Texas
Sept. 17—Samford vs. Furman Tailgate Party, Greenville, S.C.
Oct. 27–30—Homecoming*
New Student Send-Off Parties!**

**See page 32 for more information on Homecoming 2005.*

***Please let us know if you would like to host a summer send-off party at your home, church, club house, etc.*



Football Coach Bill Gray, left, chats with Scott Holmes '95 at a Nashville Samford Club event.



Rod Hovater '67 of Roswell, Ga., and his grandson Jordan Hovater arrive at an Atlanta Club Event.



Samford fans Barbara and Dale Pughley, left, and Lena Taylor enjoy the alumni pregame barbecue in Atlanta.

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- '39 **Rose Watkins Sutley** lives at Chateau Vestavia Retirement Home in Vestavia Hills, Ala. She is retired.
- '42 **Kathryn Abercrombie Robins** lives at Somerby at University Park retirement community, near Samford. She is retired.
- '44 **Cecil Culverhouse** of Fulton, Mo., received this year's Distinguished Service Award at the town's Kingdom of Callaway Supper in January. He was recognized for his service to First Presbyterian Church, Fulton, and his leadership in Ecumenical Ministries, SERVE, Inc., Presbyterian Manor and other community causes. He is retired.
- Martha Slack** lives in Wilmington, N.C. She retired after 30 years as a public health nurse in Charlotte, N.C.
- '47 **Frances Walker Williamson** lives in Indian Springs, Ala. She reports that the Sherman Oak seedling she acquired during reunion activities in 1997 is now eight feet tall.
- '49 **Howard H. Golden** of Wetumpka, Ala., teaches Samford Extension Division classes at Staton and Draper correctional facilities, and Maxwell federal prison.
- Henry Raymaker, Jr.**, of Dublin, Ga., is a retired psychologist. He studies American history and religion with The Teaching Company.
- '50 **Charlotte Mattinson Thornburg** of Jacksonville, Ala., is retired professor and chair of the counseling department at Jacksonville State University.
- Robert W. Youngblood** lives in Florence, S.C. He recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Johns Hopkins Medical School.
- '51 **J. David Griffin** and his wife, Annette, live in Carrollton, Ga.
- '55 **Frank B. Reaves** of Wadley, Ala., is an adjunct professor at Southern Union State Community College.
- '56 **Patricia Heaslett Fulbright** lives in Waynesville, N.C. She leads poverty simulations and workshops throughout the South.
- '57 **Tennant Smallwood** of Birmingham is the author of a new book, *Is the Bible Really the Law?*
- '59 **Herbert J. Collier** of Mobile, Ala., is professor of Bible and assistant dean at Covington Theological Seminary, and senior pastor of Malcolm Baptist Church, Malcolm, Ala.
- Charles Gammill** is director of pharmaceutical and industrial continuing education programs at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Athens, Ga.
- L. Gerald Tuck** is in the first class of inductees into the Samford Baseball Hall of Fame. A retired teacher/coach with Jefferson County schools, he has been a volunteer coach at Samford for 14 years.
- James F. Walters** celebrates 21 years as minister of First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., this year.
- '60 **Tom Cox** was elected president of the Fellowship of Baptist World Ministries at the trustee meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board in January.

Eugene Allen Mattox works at CVS Pharmacy, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

'61 **Thomas Brooks Barkley** lives in Gallion, Ala. He retired from Southside Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala., in 2000.

Bob Powell is pastor of Chalice Christian Church in Plainview, Texas. He is also director of clinical pastoral education at Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock, Texas.

'62 **William Hornbuckle** of Austin, Texas, retired in January from Xerox Corporation.

Leon White is retired and living in Alabaster, Ala.

'63 **Tony DeMarco** is a real estate broker in Hoover, Ala.

Lane Powell was recently named to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. She is assistant chair and a faculty associate in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

Kay Wideman retired in May from the Cobb County (Ga.) school district as assistant superintendent for curriculum

Samford Pharmacy Dean Receives First National Outstanding Dean Award

Dean Joseph O. Dean of Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy received the first Outstanding Dean Award presented by the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists at the organization's annual awards ceremony April 4 in Orlando, Fla.

The new award will go annually to a pharmacy dean who has made significant contributions to an APhA-ASP chapter and has promoted with distinction the welfare of student pharmacists.

Dean "has dedicated significant personal time as well as financial support to ensure the growth of future pharmacists," noted Jennifer Athay of Washington, D.C., senior manager of student development for the American Pharmacists Association. "He has exemplified high professional standards and leadership skills, and through these skills has developed a path for students to follow."

Dean has served as dean of pharmacy since 1991 and led the school through implementation of the entry-level doctor of pharmacy degree. He holds the Fred E. McWhorter Decanal Chair of Pharmacy.

A Birmingham native, he graduated from the pharmacy school in 1962, and practiced in both independent and chain pharmacies for 14 years before joining the pharmacy school faculty and administration in 1975. He later served as vice president for University Relations at Samford and vice president for development at Charleston Southern University before returning to Samford in 1989 as executive director of the Samford University Foundation.

As dean, he has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia, speaking to health professionals on developing models of clinical practice and technological innovations in the health professions.

He holds a master's degree from the University of Montevallo and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. ■



Joseph Dean

Law School Honors Dawson, Others, Elects Morris During Alumni Weekend

Robert K. Dawson, president of Dawson & Associates lobbying firm, Washington, D.C., was named Cumberland School of Law Distinguished Alumnus for 2005 during Alumni Weekend April 8–9.

A 1971 Cumberland graduate, Dawson is a former deputy assistant secretary of the Army and was associate director of the Office of Management and Budget for the White House during the Reagan administration.

Cumberland alumni Michael V. Rasmussen, James H. Roberts, Jr., and Mark D. Pratt were named Volunteers of the Year. They were honored for their work as coaches for various trial teams at the law school.

Rasmussen, a 1976 graduate, is assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of Alabama, Birmingham. Roberts, a 1994 graduate, is assistant public defender, Tuscaloosa County office. Pratt, a 1995 graduate, is an attorney in private practice with Burton & Associates, Birmingham.

Judge John C. Godbold and his wife, Betty, of Montgomery were named this year's Friends of the Law School. Judge Godbold holds senior status with the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, and is former chief judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits. He is Leslie S. Wright Professor of Law at Cumberland. The couple was honored for their tireless devotion and support of the law school and its students.

Cumberland professors T. Brad Bishop and William G. Ross were named the first recipients of the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award at the law school. Bishop, who teaches contracts, municipal court practice and procedure, was recognized for his quality teaching of first-year students. Ross, who teaches civil procedure, constitutional law, constitutional history and professional responsibility, was cited for his superior teaching of upper-level students.

The award was established this year by Cumberland alumni Edward R. Jackson and Richard E. Fikes in honor of Jasper attorney Harvey S. Jackson.

R. Larry Morris of Pensacola, Fla., was elected president of the Cumberland National Alumni Association. A 1977 Cumberland graduate, Morris succeeds James Anthony "Tony" McClain of Montgomery, also a 1977 graduate, in the leadership post.

Morris is an attorney with the Levin Papantonio law firm. ■



Robert Dawson

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and instruction. She received the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors.

'65 **James C. Jacobs** of Fairfax, Va., was chair of the measures of effectiveness working group at the Military Operations Research Society's workshop on operations analysis support to network centric operations. He is operations researcher for Northrop Grumman.

Julia Kay Simmons of El Paso, Texas, retired in May after 22 years teaching art in the Ysleta Independent School District.

'68 **Sandra Brown Lovette** recently moved to Waynesville, N.C.

John N. Randolph, J.D., of Leeds, Ala., is the author of a political history of the Alabama wilderness movement, *The Battle for Alabama's Wilderness*, University of Alabama Press.

Susan Youngblood Strain and her husband, Charles, live in Birmingham. She is affiliated with Chambers Realty Company.

'69 **Billy Earl Heaton** of Cedartown, Ga., is one of three Baptist ministers chosen to be a Georgia Homeland Security chaplain.

'71 **Annette Mathews Gunter** of Marietta, Ga., earned an educational specialist degree in business education at State University of West Georgia. She teaches in Cartersville City Schools.

Delos L. Sharpton of Waycross, Ga., is president/CEO of Baptist Village

Retirement Communities with locations in Waycross, Macon and Lake Park, Ga.

'72 **Bobby Horton** of Birmingham received a Governor's Arts Award presented by the Alabama State Council on the Arts to honor outstanding Alabamians for their contributions to the arts and culture of the state. He is a composer and musician.

'73 **Carol Joyce Byrd, M.S.E.**, and her husband, Lorenzo Ramsey, live in Birmingham.

Angela Golden Hughes is an adult education instructor at Enterprise Ozark Community College. She retired from the Alabama Cooperative Extension system after 30-plus years. She and her husband, Mike, live in New Brockton, Ala.

Terrell Tee Jackson of Athens, Ala., is superintendent of Giles County Schools, Tennessee.

'74 **Aubrey Miller** of Birmingham is president and chief development officer of Baptist Health Foundation. He leads all development and fund-raising efforts for the foundation, which supports Baptist Health System's faith-based ministry.

Donald H. Owens of Dothan, Ala., owns Dothan Powersports, which was chosen by *Dealer News* magazine as one of the top 100 dealers in the nation.

'76 **Charlie Waldrep, J.D.**, is a partner in a new Birmingham law firm, Vines & Waldrep, P.C., focusing on civil litigation, and public sector and business representation.

'78 **Suzanne D. Leonard** married Jeffrey Michael Griggs in February. She is a compliance consultant with Protective Life Insurance Co. They live in Trussville, Ala.

Carol Pounds Parkison is director of pharmacy for the Mobile County Health Department. She lives in Montrose, Ala.

'79 **Jack Arthur Gowan, Jr., M.B.A.** '81, is chair of the Department of Information Technology at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.

Reyn Norman, J.D. '82, is general counsel of the Alabama Department of Insurance. He and his wife, Helen, live in Greenville, Ala., with their two children, Alice and Ralph.

Timothy Shivers of Pleasant Grove, Ala., is bivocational minister of music at Westmont Baptist Church and loan processor at AmSouth Bank.

'80 **Warren Steven Carmichael** of Duluth, Ga., is a ministry communicator with In Touch Ministries.

Beverly Fain of Montgomery, Ala., received a master's in music education from Auburn University. She is a music teacher at Bear Exploration Center.

Randall Hoyt Rich recently celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor at Prentiss Baptist Church, Prentiss, Miss.

'81 **Joyce Crump Benson** of Jackson's Gap, Ala., is retired, but works three days a week at Tallapoosa Christian Crisis Center.

- Susan Patton Daniel** teaches third grade at Jemison Elementary School. She lives in Birmingham.
- Steve Eubanks** of Columbia, Mo., was the feature of a cover story in the January issue of *Columbia Business Times*. The story focused on his work as chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He is a leading authority on the technique of laparoscopic surgery. He and his wife, **Sandy McNabb Eubanks '81**, have three children: Alicia, Bethany and Austin.
- Alvin Reid** of Wake Forest, N.C., is the author of *Raising the Bar: Ministry to Youth in the New Millennium*, published by Kregal. He teaches evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- David Walker** is managing member and cofounder of Brookmont Realty Group, Birmingham.
- '82 **Penny Huggins Bailey** is a U.S. Air Force colonel and chief, manpower and organizations division, headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. She and her husband, J. D., were in the Pentagon at the time of the attacks in September 2001. They have three children: Kayla, Jim and Tori.
- Rand W. Key, J.D./M.B.A. '85**, of Las Vegas, Nev., is vice president of planning and development, Community College of Southern Nevada, which enrolls 35,000 students.
- '83 **Jo Elaine Sims** teaches Spanish in the Samford After Sundown community course program. She lives in Alabaster, Ala.
- Gary J. Suttles, J.D.**, is a U.S. administrative law judge in Houston, Texas.
- Jerry Tapley** is director of staff development for Welfare to Work at Jewish Employment & Vocational Service, Philadelphia, Penn.
- '84 **Phillip C. Johnson** and **Amanda K. Markham '86** married in March. He is adult education site coordinator at Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. She is store manager at Restoration Hardware in Birmingham and is pursuing a master's in public and private management at Birmingham-Southern College. They live in Birmingham.
- Marion Amason Kellough** is an intervention counselor with Hoover, Ala., city schools.
- '85 **A. Brantley Harwell, Jr.**, is a professor at Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tenn.
- Jonathan Derrick Varner** and his wife, Alana, live in Seneca, S.C.
- '86 **Joseph L. Vaughn, Jr., J.D. '89**, is in solo law practice in Jacksonville, Fla.
- '87 **Miriam Dakin** is a chaplain with Hospice of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro, Tenn. She and her husband, Paul, have two sons, Will, nine, and Raleigh, seven.
- William Douglas Figg** of Fairfax, Va., received a 2005 Leon I. Goldberg Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He is head of the molecular pharmacology section and clinical pharmacology research core at the National Cancer Institute. He lives in Fairfax, Va.
- Stacia Sinclair Gaines** is a counselor in Samford's Career Development Center.
- Laurie Porter** of Calera, Ala., is headmaster of Cornerstone Christian School.
- Jeffery Paul Price** is Tennessee sales manager for Assurant Employee Benefits. He lives in Signal Mountain, Tenn.
- '88 **Michael Nathan Adams** is department head for facility compliance at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Amanda, have three children: Nathan, Daniel and Joshua.
- Kenneth Harold Daniel** is pastor of Lake Highlands Baptist Church, Birmingham.
- Amanda** and **Derek Pierce '90** live in Birmingham with their daughter, Olivia, seven, and son, Grissom, two.
- '89 **Lynn Buttemere Jackson** of Lancaster, Penn., works with SEND International, planting churches in Macedonia. She has three children: Analisa, Gabriel and Samuel.
- Hope** and **Jay Straughan '90** of Boston, Mass., were one of 30 Massachusetts families honored at a recent Foster/Adoptive Recognition Brunch. The awards ceremony was sponsored by the Department of Social Services and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. They have two adopted sons, Matt and Billy.
- '90 **Suzanne Michelle Eledge Ballard** and her husband, Jimmy, live in Leoma, Tenn., with their three children: Harper Rose, Kirby Elizabeth and Dori Mariana. She is a pharmacist at Crockett Hospital.
- Wendy Coats** opened Curves fitness franchises in Montevallo, Ala., and Calera, Ala.
- Cynthia Williams Insko, M.T.S. '94**, is campus minister at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. She and her husband, **Lee Insko '92**, have three children.
- Sharon Elizabeth Powell** completed a Ph.D. in family social science at the University of Minnesota and is assistant professor of family studies at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. She and her husband, Patrick Burns, have two sons, Sean, four, and Kieran, born in March. They live in Minneapolis, Minn.
- '91 **Lesley B. Hopkins** of Hueytown, Ala., and her husband, David, own Top Notch Tops, Inc., Corian and granite company. They have a daughter, Sierra Elise, three.
- Barrett Jordan** is a minister/church planter in Hurricane, W.Va. He and his wife, Judy, have a daughter, Caroline Grace, two.
- Andrea Carter Wolverton** is a family therapist with Morning Star Treatment Services, Thomaston, Ga.
- '92 **John Brewer** is a physician with Grant Family Medicine, Grant, Ala. He recently completed a bicycle tour across Africa. He and his wife, Tracy Lynne, live in Guntersville, Ala.
- Scott D. Cole** is founder and principal of Cole Financial Planning, Birmingham, and one of two founding pastors of Fellowship of the Valley, a new church in Hoover, Ala. He and his wife, Tracy, live in McCalla, Ala.
- Jennifer Shipp Culwell** owns Hayden Pharmacy, Hayden, Ala.
- '93 **Susan Cowart Chambers** teaches sixth grade English and literature at Franklin Road Academy, Nashville, Tenn. She and her husband, Mike, have three children: Macy, six; Bryson, three; and Dalton Wrey, born on New Year's Eve.
- '94 **Walter Woolfolk Costner** graduated from medical school in May and is completing a residency in general surgery at the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Kara, live in Kansas City, Mo., with their daughters, Ashley, Caitlyn and Madison.
- Shane Huff** is vice president and CFO of MMC Materials, Inc., Jackson, Miss. He and his wife, **Stacy Melton Huff '95**, have two children, Will, seven, and Jenny, four.
- Mark** and **Rachel Dwyer Mantooth '95** of Morehead, Ky., have two children, Emma Claire and John Alden. Rachel was named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.
- Dusty McCarty Moring** and her husband, Roy, have two daughters, Emily Kai, four, and Holly Shae, one. They live in Cullman, Ala.

Scarritt Named Alumnus of Year at School of Business Awards Convo



Thomas Scarritt

Thomas V. Scarritt, editor of *The Birmingham News*, was named 2005 Alumnus of the Year by the Samford University School of Business. Scarritt, who earned an executive master of business administration degree in 1995, received the award from Acting Dean Marlene Reed at the business awards convocation April 28.

An employee of the *News* since 1975, Scarritt was named executive editor in 1989 and was promoted to editor in 1997. In 2001, he also was named vice president of the newspaper.

The ceremony also included presentation of awards and \$50,000 in scholarships to outstanding undergraduate business students. Four scholarships were awarded for the first time: the William D. Geer Scholarship,

honoring the late dean of the business school; the Mary Ann Hocutt Memorial Scholarship honoring the late marketing professor, the Paul E. Hardin Award, and the Robert and Camelia Holmes Scholarship.

Three business faculty members also received awards: Sharon Jackson, excellence in teaching award; Archie Lockamy, outstanding scholarship award; and Dr. Cynthia Lohrke, distinguished service award. ■

Clarence Johnson, M.Div., of Huntsville, Ala., is an adjunct professor at Athens State University, Athens, Ala. He is pursuing a doctor of ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Catherine Lipop of Marietta, Ga., earned a master's in organization development from Brenau University in March. She is a marketing manager at United Parcel Service.

Michael and Courtney Cox Reasons '98 live in Spring Hill, Tenn. He is a regional sales manager for Kleer Lumber. They have two children, Ford and Annabelle.

Kathryn Marie Slade married Mark Simmons in December. They live in Smyrna, Ga.

'99 **Chris and Patricia Baker Diffey '96** live in Birmingham. He is minister of music and worship at Lakeside Baptist Church, and she is a piano teacher. They have a daughter, Morgan Leigh, four, and a son, James Slater, born in July 2004.

Jason Grant and his wife, Jackeline, live in the Chicago, Ill., area, where he is Chicago district sales manager with Hershey Foods Corporation.

Judson Jernigan is a sales representative for Maloney Glass and Door. He and his wife, Beth, live in Tupelo, Miss.

Sarah Thomason Kingery is lead occupational therapist at Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome Ga. She lives in Cartersville, Ga., and is pursuing a clinical doctorate in occupational therapy from Nova Southeastern University.

Tamara Baker Shadinger of Birmingham earned a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology in May.

Sarah Rutherford Smiley is the author of an essay, "Part of the Navy Means Saying Goodbye," in the book, *Chicken Soup for the Military Wife's Soul*. She writes a syndicated column, "Shore Duty," for military families.

Jeff and Wendi Wilcox Stanley '01 live in Germany, where he is an Air Force captain stationed at Spangdahlem ABS. He earned a master's in information assurance from the Air Force Institute of Technology. She earned a master's in education from the University of Dayton.

Brandy Sue Stricklin is pursuing a master's in nurse anesthesia at Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

'00 **Candace Bird** graduated from Birmingham School of Law in May 2004.

Chad Eggleston is pursuing a Ph.D. in Religious Studies with a concentration in the Old Testament at Duke University. He and his wife, Mandy, live in Durham, N.C.

Caroline Laxton Eller is a wedding photo-journalist and owner of Eller Photography. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Birmingham.

Jeremy Frank is a logistics analyst with Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Kennesaw, Ga. He and his wife, **Shannon Frank '00**, have a son, Austin Michael, born in February.

Steve and Kristen Davis Slack live in Knoxville, Tenn., where he is vice president of SAS & Associates. They have a son, Alec, born in January.

J. Sid Smith of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a physician with Obstetrics & Gynecology of West Alabama. He and his wife, Leslie, have two sons, Cooper and Forrest.

Kurt and Carolyn Wagner Weigel '96 live in Knoxville, Tenn., where he works for Weigels, Inc. They have a daughter, Karley Madison, born in March.

'95 **Nancy Wareham Coskery** is a recovery room nurse. She and her husband, Ray, live in Nashville, Tenn.

Meredith Ann Davenport is campus minister at Judson College, Marion, Ala.

Stephanie L. Morgan-White, J.D., of Louisville, Ky., is a partner in the law firm of Goldberg & Simpson, P.S.C. She is a family law attorney, certified family mediator and trained matrimonial arbitrator.

Sidney Summers Welch, J.D., is a partner in the Atlanta, Ga., office of Powell Goldstein, LLP. She is a health-care lawyer.

'96 **Keith Michael Denney** is finance manager for General Motors World Wide Real Estate Group. He earned an M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University. He and his wife, Diann, live in Detroit, Mich., with their son, Jack Julian, born in February.

Chris Hill earned a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May. He is assistant professor of English Renaissance literature at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

J. P. Philpot, Jr., is a personal assistant with Amalgamated Concepts, Birmingham.

John Allen Roland is senior pastor at Wellford Baptist Church, Wellford, S.C. He and his wife, **Rebecca Stoltz Roland '97**, have two children, Lauren Grace, two, and John David, born in November.

Lila Wright is director of pharmacy at Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, Auburn, Ala.

'97 **Kathryn Leigh Grady** lives in Apison, Tenn. She and her husband, Jeffrey, have a son, Blake, two.

Glenn and Kristen Hancock Criswell '98 of Montgomery, Ala., have two sons, Colton Thomas, one, and Dawson Brady, born in September. They live in Montgomery, Ala.

'98 **Eric Gilbert** is minister of music at Perimeter Church, Duluth, Ga. He and his wife, **Shea Dewberry Gilbert '99**, live in Cumming, Ga., with their children, Emma, Audrey and Caleb.

Michael Wayne Smith is organist and director of chapel music at the Groton School in Massachusetts. He directs the chapel choir and plays for all services at the co-ed boarding school. He holds master's degrees in choral conducting and organ performance from Yale University.

Lori Michelle Yetto is director of sales and marketing for the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala.

'01 **Daniel Glenn Ausbun** is pastor of First Baptist Church, Moreland, Ga.

Andy Benefield is sales executive for LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc. He is responsible for developing new business in the Southeast. He and his wife, **Ashley Stidham Benefield '02**, live in Norcross, Ga.

Rachel Blanco of Miami, Fla., married Raul Justiniano in April.

James Ryan Davidson of Yorktown, Va., recently earned a master's in counseling from the College of William and Mary.

Heidi Gschwend of Birmingham married Thomas Michael Noon in August 2004. She is a pharmacist at UAB Hospital, Birmingham.

Nedra L. McClinton, J.D., and Alvin Garrett '00 married in June. She is a shareholder at Environmental Litigation Group, P.C. His band, Just a Few Cats, recently released its first album, *Catastrophunk*. The album release concert was in May in Birmingham with American Idol winner Ruben Studdard as the emcee.

Jessica McCutchen Murray is an associate children's and youth minister at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

John Ragsdale IV, a student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Penn., was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society.

Zeb Simpson and Tara LeighAnne Taylor '02 married in October. She recently earned a master's in public health at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, and works at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Ga.

Mary Anna Waldrop of Hueytown, Ala., recently passed the Certified Public Accountants exam.

'02 **Wes Caudell** is a real estate financial analyst with Home Depot in Atlanta, Ga.

Kimberly Crowe recently earned a master of business administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is group sales manager for the Birmingham Broadway Series.

Elizabeth Ellis of Charleston, S.C., works in sales management with Pfizer, Inc.

Justin Harris is college minister at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham.

Gina Locklear sells real estate for LAH Real Estate, Inc., Birmingham.

Katherine Grace May is a branch manager with AmSouth Bank, Huntsville, Ala.

Andrea Price Miller, J.D., is legal department administrative assistant, Banc of America Investment Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

Michael and Kelli Parrish Muncher '03 live in Stillwater, Okla. He earned a master's in percussion and music pedagogy, and she earned a master's in education, both from Oklahoma State University.

Mary Ann Iblings Ragsdale is a nurse at Northside Hospital, Smyrna, Ga.

Jeremy Ragsdale is a homebuilder with Hatcher Homes, Atlanta, Ga.

Thomas Scott and Merri Logan '04 were married in July 2004. They live in Hoover, Ala.

Amelia Hall Stehouwer is an outreach assistant at Auburn University's Economic Development Institute. She is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Auburn. She and her husband, Seth, live in Opelika, Ala.

Clay and Mary Swatzell Stogsdill '03 live in Indianapolis, Ind.

'03 **Molly Kate Bird Bush** and her husband, Benjamin, live in Birmingham.

Celeste Nacole Williams Coffman of Athens, Ala., is pursuing a master's in community counseling at the University of North Alabama.

Brittany Cunningham of Brentwood, Tenn., is pursuing a master's in nursing at Vanderbilt University.

Chris Elerick is a staff accountant at Linda M. Elerick & Co., Winter Park, Fla., and is pursuing a masters of science in taxation at University of Central Florida. He and Sarah Wise married in June 2005.

Lauren Malone Keel and Jason Michael Shinn married in January. They live in Greensboro, N.C. She is pursuing a master's in human development and family studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is manager of information systems at Team Connection, a company that sells sports apparel and accessories.

Amy Myers presented her paper, "Integration of Faith and Science," at the Science-Ethics-Faith 2005 Conference in Wisla, Poland, in April. She will serve as 2005-06 president of the graduate student association at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where she is a research assistant.

Amanda Shalise Robinson and Brett Gilliland married in May. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

David Scott of Daphne, Ala., earned his first Broadway credit last year when he was the manager's assistant for the revival of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

'04 **Christina Chandler Andrews** will enroll at University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, in the fall. She will pursue a master of letters in English literary studies with a focus in modern studies.

Thomas Joseph Receives Beeson Divinity Alumnus Award

Thomas Joseph was named recipient of the inaugural Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by Samford University's Beeson Divinity School this spring.

Joseph, pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Hills in Hoover, Ala., received a master of divinity degree at Beeson in 1996. He was recently named clerk of the Evangelical Presbytery.

The award was presented during the William E. Conger, Jr., Lectures on Biblical Preaching at the divinity school in February.

"Thomas was an exemplary student while at Beeson," said Beeson professor Dr. Frank Thielman in making the presentation, adding that the winner left a managerial position and worked as a church janitor so that he could attend divinity classes.

Joseph, a graduate of Auburn University, holds a master's in public and private management from Birmingham-Southern College. A businessman before being called into the ministry, he has served as pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Hills since 1997.

He and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Taylor and Edmund. ■



Thomas Joseph

Sylvia Austin married Scotty Hollands in February. They live in Birmingham.

Charlotte Brown is an in-home visitor with Early Head Start in St. Louis, Mo.

Emily Renea Edmonson of Gardendale, Ala., is a legal secretary at Monroe, Trippe, Brown & Adair, LLP.

Heather Haberkern is a graphic designer with Abovo Group, Atlanta, Ga.

Samuel Jones, Jr., is a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

John Lancaster and **Margaret Martin** married in August. They live in Boaz, Ala.

Sarah Michelle Powell is an emergency room nurse at Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, Ala.

Blair Pruitt and Phillip Crabtree married

in December. They live in Birmingham.

Ralph Sams is a student at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga. He and **Allison Blair King '05** married in June 2005.

Wendy Ann Woods is pursuing a degree at the University of South Alabama physical therapy school, Mobile, Ala. ■

births

'86 Russell Peyton and **Kerry Leeper Brock** of Ardmore, Okla., a daughter, Kathryn Grace, born April 26, 2004.

'88 Amanda and **Michael Nathan Adams** of Mobile, Ala., a son, Joshua Henry, born Feb. 15, 2005.

Janella and **Randy Dwayne Brown** of Columbia, Ky., a daughter, Rachel Jordan, born Nov. 22, 2004.

'90 Jimmy and **Susanne Michelle Ballard Eledge** of Leoma, Tenn., a daughter, Dori Mariana, born Nov. 24, 2005.

Stacey and **Whitney Wheeler Pickering** of Soso, Miss., a son, John Thomas, born Nov. 12, 2004.

Sharon Elizabeth Powell and Patrick Burns of Minneapolis, Minn., a son, Kieran, born March 28, 2005.

'91 Michael and **Kathyjo Spivey Gordon, M.B.A. '93**, of Gray, Ga., a son, Kevin Frank, born Jan. 13, 2005.

Craig and **Alison R. Reed** of Brentwood, Tenn., a son, Owen Thomas, born Nov. 15, 2004.

Kendall and **Barry Stephenson, M.B.A.**, of Birmingham, a son, Walker Barrett, born April 26, 2005.

Leigh Anne and **David Swindell '95** of Decatur, Ala., a daughter, Mollie Christine, born Nov. 1, 2004.

'92 Travis and **Sharna Spillman Dixon** of San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Brooke Danielle, born Dec. 23, 2004.

Ronald E. and **Katherine Marie Young Martin** of Metropolis, Ill., a son, Reid James, born Dec. 11, 2004.

'93 Mike and **Susan Cowart Chambers** of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Dalton Wrey, born Dec. 31, 2004.

Brian, M.Div. '97, and **Jennifer Admire Crisp, Pharm.D. '96**, of Cleveland, Tenn., a daughter, Juliette, born July 24, 2004.

Dawn Tanis Godwin and **John Godwin '95** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a son, Samuel Robert, born March 9, 2005.

Anthony and **Laura Lethbridge Litenour** of Sebring, Fla., a son, Gabriel Russ, born Jan. 23, 2005.

Heather and **David Christopher Young** of Laughlintown, Penn., a daughter, Lillian Margaret, born Feb. 1, 2005.

'94 Joel and **Nicole Self Beavers** of Knoxville, Tenn., a son, Walker, born Sept. 6, 2004.

Chuck and **Wendy Jeanette Hagood Buckner** of Bradenton, Fla., a daughter, Rylee Anne, born Dec. 27, 2004.

Kevin and **Kathy White Curtin** of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Hannah Reagan, born April 5, 2005.

Doug and **Jennifer Latham Farris** of Decatur, Ala., a son, Jack Howard, born Oct. 8, 2004.

John and **Sarah Davidson Hope** of Daphne, Ala., a daughter, Anna Hartsell, born May 28, 2004.

Gavin and **Frances Myers Jones** of Birmingham, a daughter, Isabel Mary, born Dec. 31, 2004.

Mark and **Rachel Dwyer Mantooth '95** of Morehead, Ky., a son, John Alden, born Jan. 28, 2005.

Scott and **Ashli McCreary Smith** of Florence, Ala., a son, Hudson O'Neal, born Jan. 31, 2004, and a daughter, Anna Claire, born April 22, 2005.

Kelley and **Carla Diane Quattlebaum Trull '96** of Daphne, a son, Noah Blake, born Feb. 11, 2004.

Kurt and **Carolyn Wagner Weigel '96** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Karley Madison, born March 9, 2005.

'95 Chris and **Melanie Bradle** of Charlotte, N.C., a daughter, Keely Caroline, born Sept. 12, 2004.

Lee and **Gena Pirkle James** of Savannah, Ga., a son, Christian Davis, born March 10, 2004.

John and **Laura Wright Lewis** of Birmingham, a son, James Harrington Wood, born Dec. 1, 2004.

Megan Kenney Raulston and **Ronald Justin Raulston '96** of Charlotte, N.C., a son, Benjamin Hudson, born Nov. 27, 2004.

'96 **Christopher Dean Bryant** and **Amy Bussey-Bryant '99** of Birmingham, a daughter, Sophie Everette, born Nov. 6, 2004.

Diann and **Keith Michael Denny** of Detroit, Mich., a son, Jack Julian, born Feb. 20, 2005.

John and **Linda Hedges Dewberry** of Birmingham, a daughter, Claire Crews, born Nov. 24, 2004.

Bethany and **Billy Ivey** of Birmingham, a daughter, Merrie Cannon, born May 4, 2005.

Bill and **Sheree Baker Ramsey** of Benton, Ark., a son, Harrison Will, born Feb. 26, 2004.

Jonathan Martin and **Angela Stanfield Ray '97** of Swainsboro, Ga., a daughter, Alexis Kate, born March 3, 2004.

Jonathan and **Brittany Hogg Robson** of Powder Springs, Ga., a daughter, Emery Grace, born March 5, 2005.

John Allen and **Rebecca Stoltz Roland '97** of Wellford, S.C., a son, John David, born Nov. 18, 2004.

'97 **Glen** and **Kristen Hancock Criswell '98** of Montgomery, Ala., a son, Dawson Brady, born Sept. 19, 2004.

Jamie and **Tracie Marie Edwards** of Birmingham, a son, John William, born June 29, 2004.

Clayton Andrew and Teresa Parker Hemphill of Cary, N.C., a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, born June 2, 2004.

Juliana and **John Andrew Jernigan** of Ghana, West Africa, a daughter, Ana Luiza, born March 17, 2005.

Latta and Kristen Castle Johnston of Homewood, a son, Cooper, born May 13, 2004.

'98 Rod and **Laura Ellen Henderson** of Yazoo City, Miss., a son, Rodney Bowman, born March 8, 2005.

David and **Melinda Joy Cook McCullough** of Clanton, Ala., a son, David Parker, born July 23, 2004.

Brad and **Lori Cronon Pierce** of Orlando, Fla., twin sons, Landon Chad and Hunter Bradley, born Feb. 25, 2005.

Mark and **Angela Porado** of Cordova, Tenn., a daughter, Annalise Elizabeth, born Aug. 27, 2004.

Michael and Courtney Cox Reasons of Spring Hill, Tenn., a daughter, Annabelle Riley, born Feb. 18, 2005.

Jenny Anderson Waltman and Jason Waltman '00 of Birmingham, a daughter, Amelia Grace, born June 7, 2004.

Chance and **Jennifer Jackson Warren** of Athens, Ga., a daughter, Olivia Paige, born Sept. 9, 2004.

Ken and **Mary Ellen Monteith Wills** of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Lucy Celeste, born Oct. 31, 2004.

'99 Kevin and **Kristina Riddle Bradley** of Odenville, Ala., a son, Alexander Christian, born March 10, 2004.

Whit and **Katy Robinson Byram** of Savannah, Ga., a daughter, Sarah Madeline, born Dec. 29, 2004.

Christa and **James Gerald McCall** of Cumming, Ga., a son, John Stephen, born March 29, 2005.

Michael and **Shelley Suzanne Ward** of Franklin, Tenn., a son, Christian Michael, born June 22, 2004.

Wilson and **Lisa Speegle Whittington** of Trussville, Ala., a daughter, Laura Marie, born Feb. 11, 2005.

'00 **Audrey Hester Brooks and Chris Brooks, M.Div. '04**, of Moore, S.C., a son, Simon Davis, born Aug. 26, 2004.

Jeremy and Shannon Frank of Kennesaw, Ga., a son, Austin Michael, born Feb. 15, 2005.

Kevin and Stephanie Hudson Hall '01 of Leeds, Ala., a daughter, Emily Gale, born Feb. 27, 2004.

Doug and **Jennifer Ferguson McFarland** of Tallahassee, Fla., a son, Scott Newton, born Feb. 15, 2005.

Adam and **Koren Kelly Olinger** of Grant, Ala., a daughter, Mary Grace, born Dec. 14, 2004.

Steve and Kristen Davis Slack of Knoxville, Tenn., a son, Alex, born Jan. 28, 2005.

David, M.Div. '04, and Cathy Hearn Sprayberry of Helena, a son, William Matthew, born Oct. 19, 2004.

Tracy and **Adrienne Elizabeth Bonner Wiggins, M.M.E. '03**, of Laurinburg, N.C., a daughter, Keira Elizabeth, born Feb. 16, 2005.

'01 David and **Claire Battle Hoaglund** of Calera, Ala., a daughter, Abigail Bailey, born Jan. 26, 2005.

Ben and Colleen Donovan Willis '03 of Alabaster, Ala., a daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth, born May 9, 2005.

'02 Manda and **Brian Foster** of Leeds, Ala., a daughter, Deanna Suzette, born March 15, 2005. ■

in memoriam

'31 **Sarah (Sally) Frances High Grimmer**, age 94, of Hendersonville, Tenn., died Feb. 20, 2005. She was a retired mathematics teacher in Birmingham schools.

'32 **Edith Ansley Burchfiel**, age 95, of Birmingham died March 13, 2005. She was retired from Birmingham schools and served a full-time mission at the Washington, D.C., temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

'35 **Clara McEachern Rawlings**, age 90, of Arlington, Va., died Feb. 21, 2005. She attended Samford on a four-year scholarship given by *The Birmingham News*. She was a member of Hypatia honor society and Phi Mu sorority. She had a long career in government, retiring in 1973 as chief of the occupancy standards section for the Federal Housing Authority, Washington, D.C.

'37 **Rebecca Daily Peeples**, age 88, of Birmingham died May 21, 2005. She taught English and public speaking at Woodlawn High School, and taught

English as a second language to Asian refugees.

'38 **Roy Gaston Evans, Jr.**, age 87, of Birmingham died April 22, 2005. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and Korea, retiring from the Naval Reserve in 1977. He founded an industrial sales company, Roy G. Evans Company (EVCO).

'39 **Raymond Scroggins**, age 94, of Tallassee, Ala., died May 11, 2005. He was a Baptist minister in Alabama and Kentucky. After retirement, he was pastor emeritus, dean and teacher at East Tallassee Baptist Church into his nineties. He was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

'40 **Willie Mae Kendrick Davis**, age 87, of Albertville, Ala., died Feb. 10, 2005. She began the Dalraida kindergarten in Montgomery, Ala., and was chapter one teacher at McCord Elementary School in Albertville.

Josephine Earley, age 88, of Homewood died March 23, 2005. She was an Army nurse during World War II, and her unit followed General George Patton's army in north Africa and Italy. She worked 43 years with Baptist Medical Center-Princeton, retiring as vice president of nursing services. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society.

Glenn O. Perry, age 86, of Olympia, Wash., died Oct. 7, 2003. He was retired comptroller at Flour Constructors.

'41 **Marjorie Tenenbaum Shafferman**, age 85, of Birmingham, died April 21, 2005. She was a social worker with the State of Alabama and later worked at Rich's department store.

'42 **Carl Pierce Folds**, age 88, of Montgomery, Ala., died Jan. 21, 2005. He lettered in varsity football and basketball, and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was retired regional manager with REA Express.

- '43 **Hubert Snider** of Talladega, Ala., died Feb. 23, 2005. He played varsity football at Samford and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He owned and operated Snider Lumber Company.
- '44 **Virginia Mehaffey Lanmon**, age 83, of Commerce, Texas, died Feb. 8, 2005. She was active in church and community organizations, and received the Golden Service Award from the Commerce Chamber of Commerce in 1991.
- '45 **James Harris Goodlet**, age 82, of Hialeah, Fla., died Feb. 14, 2005. He worked his way through Samford by painting buildings, stoking fires and doing other tasks on the East Lake campus. He served with the Army Air Force in World War II and was assistant finance director at Samford. During his long tenure as city clerk of Hialeah, he was president of the Florida Association of Civil Services and Personnel Agencies. A 25-acre park in Hialeah is named in his honor.
- Louise Hardin Haynes**, age 80, of Birmingham died March 11, 2005. She was editor of the campus newspaper, and a member of Delta Zeta sorority, Hypatia and Who's Who. She was an editorial assistant at *Progressive Farmer* magazine.
- '47 **James Cole Abbott, J.D.**, age 86, of McAllen, Texas, died Feb. 17, 2005. He served in the Air Corps as commander of air and sea rescue in the Gulf of Mexico from 1942 until 1946. He was a senior partner with the law firm of Ewers and Toothaker.
- Thomas Monroe Botsford, Jr.**, age 79, of Opelika, Ala., died March 2, 2005, from injuries suffered in a fall. An insurance executive, he was chief financial officer of J. Smith Lanier & Co., of West Point, Ga. A leader in community development, he had been a city commissioner, chairman of the Opelika Board of Education and president of the Alabama Association of Independent Insurance Agents.
- Ida Mae Parrott**, age 79, of Pelham, Ala., died April 10, 2005. A retired registered nurse and vice president of nursing at Baptist Medical Center–Princeton, she spent 43 years in the nursing profession.
- Grace Mays Rodabaugh**, age 80, of Birmingham died March 10, 2005. She was retired from the department of civil service at Fort Rucker, Ala. After retirement, she volunteered at Dale County Hospital and tutored students at the Boys Home in Ozark, Ala.
- '49 **Marcia C. Ardrey**, age 79, of Birmingham died May 18, 2005. She was a retired teacher and Miss Entre Nous of 1949.
- Chester B. Primm**, age 85, of Roanoke, Ala., died Feb. 24, 2005. He was a physician at Randolph County Hospital for 38 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.
- James Hollis Williams** died Oct. 18, 2004. A retired 30-year Air Force civilian employee, he was buried in Mobile, Ala., with full military ceremony.
- '50 **Juanita Russell Aders** of Maryville, Tenn., died Sept. 13, 2004. She was a retired church organist.
- John Milton Cannon, Jr.**, age 75, of Dothan, Ala., died Nov. 16, 2004. A Methodist minister in Alabama and Florida, he was chaplain and counselor at DeKalb Addiction Clinic in Atlanta, Ga., from 1989 until his retirement in 1997. He was president of the Georgia Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
- Edith Perkinson Oldham**, age 76, of Carthage, Tenn., died Nov. 28, 2004, of a brain tumor. She retired from Oldham Pharmacy, where she worked with her husband, Gene Oldham '50.
- Z. Earl Vaughn**, age 78, of Muncie, Ind., died March 11, 2005. He was a radio operator with the Coast Guard during World War II. He was pastor of a Baptist congregation in Muncie for 27 years. He was active in denominational work in Indiana, a 33rd degree Mason and chaplain for Indiana Masons.
- '51 **Jacqueline Bailey Tatum**, age 73, of Huntsville, Ala., died March 27, 2005. She taught history and Spanish in Haleyville and Decatur, Ala., and was a librarian in the Huntsville school system.
- '52 **Joyce Moore Cole**, age 73, of Gulf Shores, Ala., died April 17, 2005. She was retired from Baptist Medical Center–Princeton.
- Annie L. Dwyer**, age 82, of Culpepper, Va., died March 3, 2005. A Southern Baptist missionary in Gaza, Jordan and Yemen, she was a nurse at Baptist hospitals.
- '53 **Lonnie Eugene "Buddy" Sample**, age 82, of Birmingham died Feb. 27, 2005. He was retired principal of Curry Elementary School. A veteran of World War II, he was a staff sergeant in the 98th Infantry.
- '54 **Bobby Keith "Bob" Barton**, age 72, of Birmingham died March 12, 2005, of leukemia. He was a pharmacist for almost 50 years.
- '56 **Fred L. White**, age 88, of Tuskegee, Ala., died March 2, 2005. He was a Southern Baptist pastor in Florala, Ala., Stonega, Va., and Tuskegee, Ala.
- '57 **Anna Jones Kelley**, age 69, of Birmingham, died May 21, 2005. She was a retired English, drama and speech teacher at Bay County High School, Panama City, Fla.
- Edwin William Worthy, Jr.**, age 73, of Jasper, Ala., died March 27, 2005. He retired from the Alabama Department of Human Resources after 27 years of service. He also was a bivocational minister.
- '58 **Nora Nunnolley Brown**, age 95, of Huntsville Ala., died Feb. 12, 2005. She was an educator for 34 years.
- James R. Swedenburg, Jr.**, of Benton, Ark., died Jan. 1, 2005. He served churches in Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, and with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in South Korea and Taiwan. He was director of missions in Pittsburgh, Penn., and Cleveland, Ohio, and retired as director of missions of the Central Baptist Association in Arkansas.
- Richard Boyles Williams III**, age 70, of Monroeville, Ala., died April 18, 2005. He was owner of Williams Drug Store in Monroeville, Ala., for 40 years. He was president of the Alabama Wildlife Federation, a state delegate to the National Wildlife Federation for 21 consecutive years and author of four books about wildlife in the South.
- '59 **Genella Burke Crittenden**, age 87, of Birmingham died April 15, 2005. She was a teacher for 40 years. After retirement, she was a substitute teacher for another 10 years.
- Martha Gerusia McBrayer Payne**, age 97, of Birmingham died May 6, 2005. She taught fourth grade in Birmingham public schools for many years.
- '60 **Walter Attaway, age 69**, of Rome, Ga., died Jan. 27, 2005. Associated with Shorter College, Rome, Ga., for 41 years, he was a tennis instructor, assistant professor, and coordinator of health and physical education programs. A four-year letterman at Samford, he helped lead the Bulldog tennis team to a 110-10 record and championship title in Alabama. He earned the title of winningest coach in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for men's tennis victories with more than 750 victories. He was inducted into the NAIA Tennis Hall of Fame in 2001.
- James Borden Dillard** of Mauldin, S.C., died Feb. 15, 2005. He was a Baptist minister.

Mixon N. Jones, of Mobile, Ala., died May 10, 2005, after battling Parkinson's disease. A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked in retail pharmacy and real estate, and was an organizer of State Bank of the Gulf. He was a former mayor of Gulf Shores, Ala.

- '61 **Shirley Bates Wise**, age 66, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Jan. 18, 2005, from lung cancer.
- '62 **Zillie Creel Isbell**, age 94, of Odenville, Ala., died April 25, 2005. She was an educator for 40 years.
- '64 **Jewell D. Ballard**, age 90, of Hoover, Ala., died Feb. 18, 2005. She was a retired Federal employee. During World War II, she worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C., serving as an assistant to the judge adjutant general. After graduation from Samford, she worked for the Social Security Administration in Birmingham.
- '65 **William Lee "Bill" Waller**, age 61, of Decatur, Ala., died April 11, 2005. He was human resource manager at Sonoco Products Co., and a worker with United Way. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.
- '68 **Jerry Wayne Schoel, J.D.**, age 64, of Birmingham died Feb. 24, 2005. He served in the U.S. Army before attending Cumberland, where he was president of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.
- Jesse Woodrow Shotts, J.D.**, age 61, of Hoover, Ala., died April 23, 2005. He was a Birmingham attorney.
- '69 **Barbara Powe Carver**, age 58, of Louisville, Ky., died March 31, 2005. She was a pharmacist for Kroger Company and a longtime pharmacist in Russellville, Ky. She was a member of Rho Chi and Lambda Kappa Sigma pharmacy honor societies.
- '70 **David Cuyler Whisenant**, age 57, of Trussville, Ala., died April 27, 2005. He taught Biblical theology and Greek at Southeastern Bible College. In 1955, he was the first poster child for the Birmingham telethon for United Cerebral Palsy.
- '71 **Sue B. Gray**, age 54, of Portland, Ore., died March 13, 2005, of cancer. She was formerly of Polk County, Fla., where she was district administrator for the Department of Children and Families. She was on the board of Bethany Center at Lakeland Regional Medical Center and served on the Polk School Readiness Coalition.

Randall Conway Marsh, age 56, of Homewood died March 14, 2005. An actor, director, playwright and teacher, he was director of curriculum and instruction at the Alabama School of Fine Arts and cofounder of Birmingham Festival Theatre.

- '72 **Jack Corbitt, J.D.**, age 58, of Ozark, Ala., died April 25, 2005. He was Ozark city judge and Dale County assistant district attorney.
- David Wagnon** of Albertville, Ala., died June 4, 2004, of a heart attack. He retired after teaching at Gadsden High School for 26 years.
- '73 **Janet Nunnelley**, age 60, died Nov. 5, 2004. She served 20 years on the Fairview, Ala., town council.
- '74 **Mary Hale Brandon, M.S.E.**, of Fairhope, Ala., died Jan. 16, 2005. She was a retired teacher.
- '79 **Susan Blalock Anderson, J.D.**, age 51, of Montgomery, Ala., died May 6, 2005. At Cumberland, she was editor of the *Law Review* and graduated first in her class. She was deputy director and general counsel of the Alabama Securities Commission, and a former member of the Birmingham firm of Sirote & Permutt.
- '81 **James W. Stevens, J.D.**, age 50, of Drexel Hill, Penn., died March 14, 2005. A member of the Philadelphia, Penn., law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, he specialized in automobile warranty litigation. He served the U.S. Navy in the judge advocate general's corps.
- '94 **Kayla Lynn Sloan Fulmer**, age 34, of Corner, Ala., died Jan. 23, 2005. She was senior vice president of auditing for The Bank in Birmingham.
- '96 **Marianne Johnston Hollingsworth Clemmensen** of Birmingham died Oct. 12, 2004, of cancer. She was a copy editor for *Southern Living* magazine and a freelance writer for other Southern Progress publications. Memorials may be made to the Jon and Marianne Clemmensen Journalism Endowment Fund.
- '00 **William S. Meador, J.D.**, of Pensacola, Fla., died Jan. 25, 2005. He practiced law in the area of civil litigation with the firm of Emmanuel, Shephard and Condon.
- '05 **Allison West**, age 22, of Fairhope, Ala., a Samford senior, died Jan. 29, 2005, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was a psychology major. ■

Alternatives to a Bequest

Make simple estate gifts without changing your will or trust.

Several little-known alternatives can help you avoid probate, income taxes and "death taxes" to your estate. Consider this example: Ruth and Carol were sisters with a joint bank account. After Carol died, Ruth wanted to make sure that, upon her own death, what was left in the account would go to Samford for scholarships.

Ruth's bank manager told her she could arrange this by making Samford University beneficiary of a pay on death [P.O.D.] account. P.O.D. accounts are allowed in most states and by most financial institutions for any type of financial account: savings, checking, CD, brokerage firm, etc. By simply completing a form, you can name Samford as beneficiary while keeping the right to change the arrangement at any time.

Other common bequest substitutes:

- **P.O.D. U.S. Savings Bonds:** When you buy the bonds, you register them in your name as "payable on death to Samford University."
- **IRA, 401(k), 403(b), Keogh or pension plan beneficiary:** You may name Samford as full, partial or secondary beneficiary by completing a form from your plan administrator.
- **Mutual fund beneficiary:** Your mutual fund company will give you the form you need.
- **Life insurance beneficiary:** You can name Samford University full or partial beneficiary.

Other common bequest substitutes include **certificate of deposit beneficiary, interest-free loans** and **Totten trusts**.

For alternatives to a bequest, contact Samford Director of Gifts and Estate Planning Stan Davis at www.sugift.org, or by calling (205) 726-2807 or toll-free 1-877-782-5867. ■

Building Bulldog Spirit Brick by Brick

Show your pride by placing a commemorative brick in Spirit Plaza.

The Samford Class of 2003 presented a bronze medallion of the Samford Bulldog to the University in a celebration of school spirit. Their senior year marked the centennial of football and the 125th anniversary of athletics at Samford.

The bronze Bulldog will be the focal point of Spirit Plaza, which will be constructed between F. Page Seibert Stadium and Joe Lee Griffin Stadium. It will be dedicated during homecoming, October 29, 2005.

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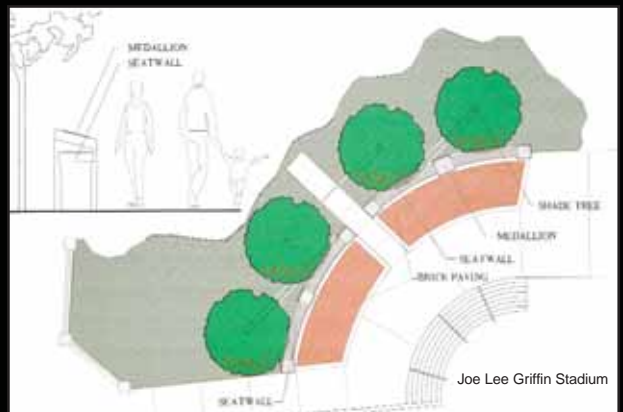
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Cumberland Wins National Mediation Title

Over the years, Samford's Cumberland School of Law has made a name for itself in trial advocacy, even winning national competitions in the legal specialty. Now, Cumberland is earning a reputation in mediation and negotiation, an area that combines advocacy and problem-solving.

Two students from Cumberland, Nika Gholston of Montgomery, Ala., and Sara Williams of Tallahassee, Fla., displayed their adroitness at negotiating recently when they earned the top award at the American Bar Association [ABA] national mediation competition in Los Angeles.

They defeated a team from Fordham University School of Law in the final round of the ABA Alternative Dispute Resolution competition, earning an invitation to Paris, France, next January for the International competition.

The art of mediation and negotiation can be as important in the legal field as trial advocacy. Negotiators can face some knotty problems in alternative dispute resolution. Their effectiveness in finding solutions measures their success.

In mediation competition, teams are judged on the same measure. Negotiators are taught to learn about each other's interests, to brainstorm options, and how to select and shape a solution that meets their interests.

What happens to a child whose unmarried parents have died without a will? Who gets full custody, if both sets of grandparents are seeking it? That was the problem facing Gholston and Williams.

In the competition, Gholston took the role of the attorney, and Williams was a grandparent. They had to show finesse in a variety of topics: property, museum provenance and employment, in addition to custody.

"We tried to downplay the emotions of the case with the grandparents," said Williams. "We wanted to focus on positive things to find the common interest of the two parties."



Sara Williams, left, and Nika Gholston are mediation champs.

She and Gholston impressed the judges with their mediation skills and the self-assessment that followed.

"They wanted to know that we understood the process of negotiation and that we learned from what we did," said Williams, a second-year student who serves as chief justice of the Cumberland Trial Board.

The cases change with each round. Gholston and Williams defeated a University of Tennessee Law School team in the semifinal round negotiating an employment dispute.

In other rounds, they defeated Marquette University Law School in a dispute over ownership of art looted by Nazis during World War II, and the University of California-Hastings College of Law in a property dispute.

One person responsible for their success is team coach and adjunct professor Michelle Obradovic, a 1999 Cumberland graduate whose private practice specializes in mediation. She was in Los Angeles to cheer her students on. Tactfully, of course. ■

Samford Recognizes Elder Contributions to Baptist Life

Samford University recognized Lloyd Elder, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, for his contributions to Baptist life during the annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society June 3 at Samford.

Elder, who led the Sunday School Board during 1984-91, recently donated his papers to the Samford Special Collection. Comprised of more than 150,000 pages, the Elder Collection is one of the largest Baptist historical collections ever received by Samford.

"We are privileged to have been chosen" as the recipient of the papers, said Samford Special Collection librarian Elizabeth Wells, who noted that other larger repositories sought the Elder Collection.

The records of an agency or institution record official actions, but the business and personal papers of an individual reveal what took place behind the scenes, she said. ■

Samford's WVSU-FM Now Streams Online

The smooth jazz format of Samford University radio station WVSU-FM 91.1 can now be heard online anywhere in the world. The 500-watt station and al.com have teamed to provide a continuous online stream of WVSU's broadcast.

The stream can be accessed through WVSU's Web site, www.al.com/wvsu, or through the Samford homepage at www.samford.edu/wvsu. It is accessible for dial-up Internet connections.

"I am very excited to have WVSU's unique, smooth jazz programming available on the Internet," said station general manager Andy Parrish. "We have many listeners who say they listen to us at work but can't pick us up at home, or vice-versa. Hopefully, this will fix that.

"We are extremely grateful to al.com for providing this opportunity to Samford and WVSU," said Parrish.

Al.com provided the necessary equipment and distributes WVSU worldwide. ■

Samford Tuition Up, But Remains Significantly Under National Average

Samford University's board of trustees has approved a five percent increase in tuition for the 2005–06 academic year. Room and board fees also will increase two percent. An increase of four percent was approved for Samford's Cumberland School of Law. All increases became effective June 1.

Additional revenue will support a \$109 million operating budget for 2005–06. Clayton Fogg, Samford's director of finance, said the tuition and fee increases were necessary to meet rising costs, though Samford's charges will still be almost 30 percent less than the national average for private universities.

According to a study published last fall by the College Board, the national average for room, board and tuition at private universities was \$27,516 for the 2004–05 academic year. Samford's average tuition, room and board cost to students for 2005–06 will be \$20,382, although the actual cost of providing instruction and services will exceed \$25,000 per student for the University. Both are well below national averages, Fogg noted.

Unlike many universities faced with double-digit tuition and fee increases, Samford includes all costs except parking and some applied music fees in its tuition rates, Fogg explained. "We do not add lab fees, technology fees or building use fees that drive up the total

cost to the student," Fogg said. "We even include local telephone and Internet service, as well as cable television, without additional fees."

Even with the tuition increase, the University must continue to seek additional revenue sources to meet budget demands. Revenue from tuition, room and board covers less than 70 percent of the total budget, Fogg explained.

Keeping tuition and fees affordable presents a constant challenge to the University's fund-raising staff, said Michael D. Morgan, vice president for University Relations.

A study conducted recently by Opinion Dynamics Corp. reported that alumni see "keeping college more affordable" as the most pressing priority for U.S. higher education.

Samford is constantly balancing affordability with maintaining the high-quality academic programs and services expected by students and their families, said Morgan. To keep tuition and fees reasonable, the University must depend on other sources of income, especially alumni.

"Because our alumni know the institution and have been the beneficiaries of a Samford education, they are an important group in helping to provide the revenue and scholarship resources so that tuition can be manageable for current students," Morgan added. ■

For more information:

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Also, see the Fall 2004 issue of Seasons for stories on financial aid at Samford.

Samford Hosts Governor's School

Samford University hosted 81 rising high-school seniors from 32 counties for the annual Alabama Governor's School [AGS] in June. The students spent two weeks studying a variety of topics in the annual honors program for academically gifted students.

During AGS, participants choose major and minor areas of coursework. Topics include the legal process, health care, anatomy, research science, the arts, television news, magazine publication, photography, Alabama heroes, astronomy, fitness, urban geography, Alabama plants and animals, Euripides' *Medea*,

Web design, Southern culture and business management.

For the first time this year, AGS students also participated in a community service project, which they undertook through Hands-On Birmingham. The group also attended a Birmingham Barons baseball game and enjoyed other fun activities in the area.

Samford history professor Jonathan Bass, author of the book *Blessed are the Peacemakers: Martin Luther King, Jr., Eight White Religious Leaders and the Letter from Birmingham Jail*, addressed a special "Insights" dinner for the students ■

Nursing School Gets \$46,700 3M Grant

Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing has received a 3M Vision Grant of \$46,700 for a program that will enable nursing students to study end-of-life care.

The grant, to be directed by nursing professor Janet Alexander, is for a three-year program entitled "Colleagues in Compassionate Care: A Volunteer Learning Program Between Samford University and New Beacon Hospice."

Under the grant, Samford will set up a plan in which nursing students will volunteer to provide relief to patients and caregivers at a local hospice. It was one of five programs funded nationally out of 32 applicants by 3M, a diversified technology company headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.

"We are pleased to recognize these colleges for creating visionary programs that move theory into practice by taking learning beyond the classroom and into the community," said Alex Cirillo, staff vice president, 3M Community Affairs and Workforce Diversity. ■

Cole Leads Law MCL, Study-Abroad Programs

Samford law professor Charles D. Cole of the Cumberland School of Law is directing master of comparative law students from Brazil and Turkey as they complete work at Samford this summer. The 2005 class is composed of five judges and two practicing lawyers from Brazil and a practicing lawyer from Turkey.

Cole also will lead Cumberland's Study-Abroad Program at the University of Durham in England during July. The eight MCL students will participate in that program, along with 41 law students from five U.S. law schools. ■

Davenport Heads Academy

Samford University biology professor Larry Davenport was elected president of the Alabama Academy of Science for 2005–06. He succeeds Dr. Ron Jenkins, also a Samford biology professor.

Founded in 1924, the academy provides for the publication of scholarly papers, offers scholarships to students and promotes an interest in science. It has more than 600 members. ■

Samford To Play at Baylor, Furman Before Jumping Into OVC Play

Ossie Buchannon

Samford Football Coach Bill Gray likes the look of his 2005 schedule, but admits it has its “challenging” aspects. After a Sept. 1 home opener against Edwards Waters College, the Bulldogs will play road games at Baylor, Furman and Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Illinois.

“I think this is an attractive schedule, but a challenging schedule for us as well,” said Gray. “Any time you can play a Big 12 opponent, that speaks for itself. We are excited about playing Baylor.”

Furman, a I-AA playoff perennial, “is a game that will make us better heading into conference play,” he added.

The Bulldogs will play OVC foes Southeast Missouri, Murray State, Tennessee State and Jacksonville State on their new synthetic turf-covered field at Samford. Other away conference games are at Eastern Kentucky, UT–Martin and Tennessee Tech.

Tennessee State will provide Homecoming opposition Oct. 29.

Gray will have 45 lettermen and 17 starters returning from last year’s 4-7 team. Gone are 16 lettermen and seven starters. The biggest voids are at quarterback and wide receiver, where all-stars Ray Nelson and Efre Hill graduated.

Nelson rewrote Samford’s passing record book, finishing with 7,950 career yards and 60 touchdowns. He threw for 2,807 yards and 20 scores last fall. Hill left with Samford career marks for receptions (214), yards receiving (3,054) and touchdown catches (31).

Sophomores Parker Gargis and Jefferson Adcock finished spring practice in the lead at quarterback, although neither clearly claimed the job. Junior Blake Davidson is also in the mix.

Several experienced receivers return, including Ossie Buchannon (43 catches), Freddy Young (38), Jeff Moore (30) and tight end Josh Brennard (18). ■

2005 schedule

Sept. 1	EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE
Sept. 10	at Baylor
Sept. 17	at Furman
Sept. 24	at Eastern Illinois*
Sept. 29	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI* (ESPN-U)
Oct. 8	at Eastern Kentucky*
Oct. 15	MURRAY STATE*
Oct. 22	at UT–Martin*
Oct. 29	TENNESSEE STATE* (HC)
Nov. 5	at Tennessee Tech*
Nov. 12	JACKSONVILLE STATE*

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Bryan Boerjan

Samford First in Alabama, Seventh Nationally in NCAA's New APR Measure

Allison Stone



Samford University is tied for seventh place nationally with Harvard, the U.S. Naval Academy and Bradley in its Academic Progress Rate [APR] for student-athletes. It ranks first among Division I schools in Alabama and first in its conference, the Ohio Valley.

The APR is the new system being used by the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] to track how many student-athletes are staying in college and making adequate progress toward their degrees. All 328 Division I schools were rated, and a score of 925 was the cutoff point between schools making adequate progress and those projected to graduate less than half their athletes.

Samford's APR was 990, the same as Harvard, the Naval Academy and Bradley. Yale was first at 999, followed by Princeton at 994, Pennsylvania at 993, William and Mary at 992, and Loyola Marymount and Villanova, tied at 991.

"However much we love sports, at heart Samford is a *university*, not just an athletic franchise," said Samford President Thomas E. Corts. "Samford's outstanding rating is a tribute to our players, coaches and staff who accept the limitations imposed by our requirement of high standards of academics and

character. As the only Division I program in Alabama that does not permit nonqualifiers or partial qualifiers, Samford may pay a price in terms of sheer athletic success, but we are a stronger university for it!"

Samford also ranks first among the 12 Baptist-affiliated schools participating in Division I athletics and first in the schools ranked in the top seven in Samford's category by *U.S. News & World Report* of master's degree universities in the South.

Schools below the 925 line face possible loss of athletic scholarships, but that won't happen until a second year of APR scores is factored in. Scholarship losses will be based on the two-year average in specific sports.

NCAA President Myles Brand called the implementation of the new system "the most far-reaching academic reform in decades." It reflects a concern on the part of university presidents that student-athletes be recruited who are capable of doing college-level work, and that they make adequate academic progress and graduate.

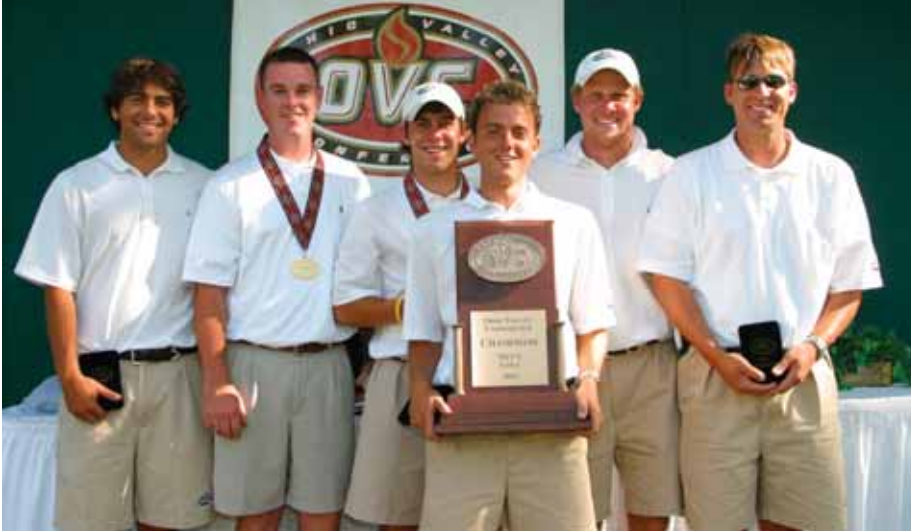
Some schools might face the loss of athletic scholarships in particular sports, but Samford does not, according to Athletics Director Bob Roller. ■

SPRING SPORTS

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golf

Bradley Farmer Leads Men's Golf Team to First OVC Title



Celebrating their OVC title are, from left, Ryan Mayberry, Nathan Turner, Andrew Villareal, Bradley Farmer (with trophy), Reed Davis and Head Coach Woodie Eubanks.

The Samford men's golf team fired a three-round score of 873 to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship at Burningtree Golf Club in Decatur, Ala., in April. The victory earned **Coach Woodie Eubanks'** team the right to represent the OVC in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament in May.

It was Samford's first men's championship in any sport since entering the OVC two years ago.

Samford golfer **Bradley Farmer** earned conference Most Valuable Player and All-OVC honors with his tournament-best 213 score for the three

rounds. Bulldogs **Nathan Turner** and **Andrew Villareal** tied for fifth at 218, while **Ryan Mayberry** shot a 224 and **Reed Davis** a 235.

The Bulldogs were placed in the NCAA West Regional for tournament play. Farmer again led the way for Samford, firing a 218 for three rounds over the Stanford University Golf Course. Samford finished 26th in regional play.

Coach Ian Thompson's Samford women's golf team placed seventh in the OVC tournament. **Kelly Villareal** led the Bulldogs with a three-round score of 253. **Brooke Barriento** shot a 254 and **Tricia Harlow** a 256 for Samford. ■

tennis

Samford's **Kemper Baker** was named the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Head Coach of the Year for tennis after he led the Bulldogs to an 8-0 OVC mark and 14-7 overall record. The Bulldogs went to the final round of the conference tournament before losing, 4-3, to Jacksonville State.

Freshman **Renan Silveira** was named OVC Men's Freshman of the

Year. Bulldogs **Stuart Misner** and **Bradley Weaver** were named All-OVC first team.

The women's team coached by **Terri Sisk** posted a 5-4 conference record and 11-7 overall mark. The women finished fourth in the OVC tournament.

Freshman **Katie McMiller** was named to the All-OVC first team. ■

baseball

Coach Casey Dunn went with a youth movement during his first season, starting three freshmen and two sophomores in most games. The young Bulldogs just missed making the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs, going 13-14 in league games and remaining in contention for one of the six playoff spots until the final weekend of the regular season. Overall, Samford went 20-36.

There's hope for the future, however, as three of the top four hitters were the freshman starters—outfielders **Bear Burnett** (.331) and **John Morgan** (.310), and third baseman **Bill Whitehead** (.303). Junior outfielder **Justin Worthington** hit .311. Also recording solid years were junior outfielder **Matt Alling** (.289, 41 runs batted in) and sophomore first baseman **Garrett Rice** (.277, seven home runs, 42 RBI).

Sophomore **Joe Edens** (3-2 record, 4.05 earned run average) pitched well until he suffered an arm injury. Junior **Stephen Artz** (5-7, 4.98 ERA) led the team in wins. ■

Stuart Misner



trackandfield

Sophomore **Lauren Blankenship** (see back cover) became Samford's first Division I All-American with her performance in the 5,000-meter run in the NCAA Finals at Sacramento, Calif., June 11. She finished ninth with a time of 16:54.16 in the event.

Blankenship set several distance running records during the season and became the first Samford cross-country athlete to reach the NCAA Championships. She won the 5,000-meter run in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships with a time of 17:14.35 to qualify for the NCAA Mid-East regionals. She set a Samford record of 16:16.43 in the Mid-East event, finishing second to qualify for the NCAA Finals.

Earlier, Blankenship established a Samford record in the 1,500-meter run with a 4:31.87 in the OVC championships.

The men's track and field team finished fourth and the women's team fifth in the OVC championships, and Coach **Glenn McWaters'** team established several other school records.

In addition to Blankenship, the Bulldogs **Michael Smith** (400-meter intermediate hurdles) and **Jessica Brewer** (3,000-meter steeplechase) qualified for the Mid-East regionals.

Smith turned in a Samford record time of 51.90 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles and a 15.28 time in the 110-meter hurdles. **April Howell** set a Samford record in the women's triple jump (40 feet, two inches), missing qualifying for the NCAA by .02 meters.

Earlier, in the Spec Towns Invitational at the University of Georgia, Brewer set a Samford record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10.59. ■

softball

The softball team finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 17-9 record and posted its second winning season during the past three with a 27-26 overall mark. **Coach Beanie Ketcham** has an 82-76-1 record during her three years at the helm.

Senior second baseman **Kelly Smith** closed out her career as Samford's all-time leader in hits (170) and runs batted in (90). She lined a single to right field in her final collegiate at-bat to surpass previous leader Janet Middleton. Smith was named to the OVC All-Tournament team after hitting .500 during the three-day event.

Senior outfielder **Trisha Holman** led the Bulldogs with a .298 batting average and in stolen bases with 15 (in 15 attempts). Sophomore outfielder **Shelley Stanley** hit .283 and led the team in home runs (7) and RBI (27) for the second straight year. Stanley hit eight home runs and drove in 31 runs last year.

Sophomore **Susanna Meyer** was the leading pitcher with a 17-16 record and 2.14 earned run average. She struck out 179 batters in 176 innings. ■

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Mrs. Lynette B. Williams, Trussville, Ala.

Bette Houlditch Sawyer Scholarship*in memory of Bette Houlditch Sawyer*

Mr. Herbert A. Sawyer, Gainesville, Fla.

School of Business*in memory of Dr. Mary Ann Hocutt*

Dean and Mrs. Paul G. Aucoin

Dr. Elizabeth B. Holloway, Birmingham

Mr. Archie Lockamy III, Birmingham

School of Music Scholarship Endowment*in memory of Mrs. W. T. (Peggy) Edwards*

Dr. William T. Edwards, Birmingham

Mrs. Mary B. McCullough, Birmingham

Dr. Kevin S. Windsor, Birmingham

School of Nursing*in memory of Ida V. Moffett*

Mrs. Sharon H. Allen, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Spirit Plaza Brick Program*in memory of Bob Davis*

Mr. Joe W. McDade, Montgomery, Ala.

Stivender Memorial Scholarship*in memory of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Stivender, Sr.*

Clara M. Rawlings Trust, Macon, Ga.

Greg Walker Memorial Scholarship*in memory of Greg Walker*

Dr. and Mrs. William Thompson III,

Birmingham

in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Walker, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Barnette, Birmingham

Brookwood Baptist Church, Birmingham

Ms. Laurel S. Buntin, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Sidney M. Burgess and Dr. Melissa

Tate, Birmingham

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carter, Pelham, Ala.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Marvin C. Champion,

Warner Robins, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cotton, Hastings, Fla.

Ms. Juanita Culverhouse, Gadsden, Ala.

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Ms. Melanie M. Dover, Franklin, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Dressler, Birmingham

Arnice Bynum, Dundas, Ontario, Canada

Dr. William T. Edwards, Birmingham

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Faust, Birmingham, Ala.

Dean and Mrs. Richard H. Franklin,

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Rev. and Mrs. A. Crawford Howell, Dothan, Ala.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. McCullough,

Birmingham

Ms. Deborah Z. McNeal, Alabaster, Ala.

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Tenn.

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Tenn.

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Woodward Scholarship Fund*in memory of Dr. Frank Woodward and Mrs.**Mabel Woodward*

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Birmingham

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The Community Foundation, Birmingham

Abe Berkowitz Endowed Scholarship in Law*in honor of Judge and Mrs. Irving Cypen*

Mr. Richard E. Berkowitz, Savannah, Ga.

Beeson Divinity School Scholarship*in honor of Rev. Buddy Champion*

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David M. Coleman Study Abroad Scholarship

in honor of John and Charlotte Coleman
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in honor of Charlotte Coleman, Tom and Sandy Hines, Robert and Barbara Crider, and Lynda Jentsch

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in honor of Martha Ann Cox
Concordia Club, Birmingham
Mr. J. P. Philpot, Birmingham

in honor of Sue Riddle

Mr. George H. Atkins, Spanish Fort, Ala.

G. Gaston Scholarship in Law

in honor of Tom L. Larkin
Mr. Steven D. Tipler, Birmingham

General Scholarship Fund

in honor of Dr. Thomas E. Corts
Alabama District of Kiwanis International,
Birmingham

in honor of Lauren DeCarlo's 21st Birthday

Mr. Roger Grider, Huntsville, Ala.

IGHR Fund

in honor of the IGHR staff and faculty
Miss Mary Jane Hall, Jackson, Miss.

Justice Scholarship

in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Brady R. Justice
Clara M. Rawlings Trust, Macon, Ga.

Miller/Shepherd Piano Scholarship Fund

in honor of Betty H. Miller and Betty Sue Shepherd
Dr. Philip E. Burgess, Salisbury, N.C.

Samford Auxiliary Scholarship Endowment

in honor of Alta Lee Coker Baker's 98th Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Baker,
Birmingham

Samford Fund

in honor of Dr. Thomas Corts
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Heifner, Birmingham

in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Corts

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dixon, Jr.,
Birmingham

School of Business Scholarship

in honor of Steve Jones
Taking Stock Investment Club, Birmingham

Carl Wayne Shaddix Pharmacy Endowment Fund

in honor of Carl Wayne Shaddix
Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie W. Funderburg,
Birmingham

Spirit Plaza Brick Program

in honor of Bob Money, Renny Johnson and Jean Hayes Brooks
Mr. Joe W. McDade, Montgomery, Ala.

Parham H. Williams Endowed Scholarship

in honor of Dean Parham H. Williams
Mr. and Mrs. John Larry Hanks, Orlando, Fla.

University Library—Special Collection

in honor of Elizabeth Wells
Dr. and Mrs. Tom O. Caldwell,
Birmingham ■

Samford Alumni Giving Exceeds \$2 Million

Samford University alumni contributed more than \$2 million to Samford during the 2004–05 fiscal year that ended May 31. The actual amount (\$2,042,230) was the largest total given by any group of individuals in support of Samford.

“Samford alumni traditionally have supported their alma mater in a timely and generous fashion, for which Samford is extremely grateful,” said Dr. Michael Morgan, vice president for University Relations.

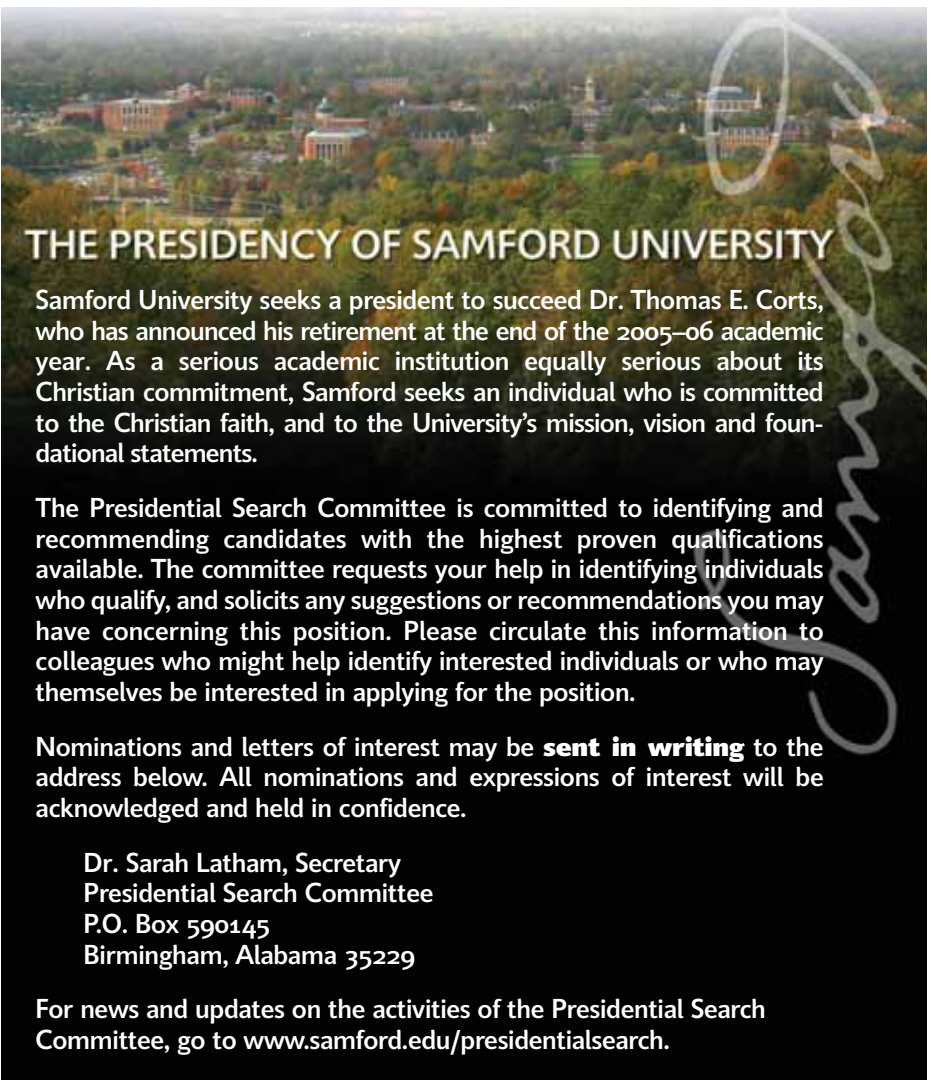
“One criterion by which universities are measured is the percentage of alumni who contribute to their alma maters. Every school would like to have a higher percentage, and Samford is no exception,” Morgan continued. “But to be in the ranks of those at or above the national average speaks well for an institution, and that is where Samford stands.”

Samford topped the national average for the percentage of alumni donors during 2003–04, the last year for which complete figures are available. The national average was 12.8 percent, according to the Council for Aid to Education. Samford's mark was 16 percent.

Alumni gifts support a variety of programs. Designated gifts go to programs of the donor's choice. Undesignated gifts support the ongoing operation of the University as part of the Samford Annual Fund.

The University has announced financial giving goals for 2005–06 of at least \$10 million from all sources to sustain and operate Samford, as well as 4,000 alumni donors.

“If these goals are met, it would mean 20 percent of Samford's alumni helped to raise at least 10 percent of Samford's annual budget,” said Morgan. ■



THE PRESIDENCY OF SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Samford University seeks a president to succeed Dr. Thomas E. Corts, who has announced his retirement at the end of the 2005–06 academic year. As a serious academic institution equally serious about its Christian commitment, Samford seeks an individual who is committed to the Christian faith, and to the University's mission, vision and foundational statements.

The Presidential Search Committee is committed to identifying and recommending candidates with the highest proven qualifications available. The committee requests your help in identifying individuals who qualify, and solicits any suggestions or recommendations you may have concerning this position. Please circulate this information to colleagues who might help identify interested individuals or who may themselves be interested in applying for the position.

Nominations and letters of interest may be **sent in writing** to the address below. All nominations and expressions of interest will be acknowledged and held in confidence.

Dr. Sarah Latham, Secretary
Presidential Search Committee
P.O. Box 590145
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

For news and updates on the activities of the Presidential Search Committee, go to www.samford.edu/presidentialsearch.

events

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

- June 1–3** Football Junior Team Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2575
- June 2–3** Alabama Music Teachers Association annual meeting
Hosted by Samford University
- June 2–4** Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting
Hosted by Samford University
- June 6** First Summer Term begins
- June 6–8** Football Middle School Passing Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2575
- June 6–9** Women's Basketball Camp 1
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2919
- June 6–10** Samford Theatre Camp for ages 4–12
Contact: Department of Theatre, (205) 726-2951
- June 9–10** New Student Orientation Session 1
- June 10–11** Father/Son Basketball Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2909
- June 12–24** Alabama Governor's School
Hosted by Samford University
- June 13–14** New Student Orientation Session 2
- June 13–16** Baseball Youth Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- Women's Basketball Camp 2
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2919
- June 17–18** Father/Daughter Basketball Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2919
- June 19–24** Tennis Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2592
- June 20–21** New Student Orientation Session 3
- June 20–23** Baseball Youth Camp 2
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- Men's Basketball Fundamentals Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2920
- Soccer Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2966
- June 20–24** Adventures in Music camp
Contact: Department of Preparatory Music, (205) 726-2810
- June 23–24** New Student Orientation Session 4
- June 24–26** Women's Basketball Team Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2919
- June 26–July 1** Tennis Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2592
- June 27–30** Men's Basketball Fundamentals Camp 2
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2909
- Soccer Day Camp 2
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2966
- June 30–July 2** Baseball Team Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- July 1–2** Law and Civic Education Workshop
"Stony the Road We Trod"
- July 6–8** Baseball High School Spotlight Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- July 8** First Summer Term ends
- July 10–17** Law and Civic Education Workshop
"Stony the Road We Trod"
- July 11** Second Summer Term begins
- July 11–15** Adventures in Music Camp
Contact: Department of Preparatory Music, (205) 726-2810
- July 11–14** Baseball Youth Camp 3
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- July 15–17** Volleyball Individual Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-4088
- July 17–21** Soccer Camp 1 (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2966
- July 17–30** Samford Forensics Summer Institute
- July 18–21** Baseball Youth Camp 4
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2134
- Volleyball Day Camp and Evening Team Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-4088
- July 18–22** All Aboard for Music Camp
Contact: Department of Preparatory Music, (205) 726-2810
- Football Passing/Lineman Camp
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2575
- Pastors School
- July 22–24** Soccer Camp 2 (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2966
- Volleyball Team Camp (overnight)
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-4088
- Aug. 1–4** Men's Basketball Fundamentals Camp 3
Sponsored by Samford Athletics, (205) 726-2920
- Aug. 1–5** Summer Academic Shape-Up Camp
Contact: Ann Covington, (205) 822-1774
- Aug. 11** Second Summer Term ends
- Aug. 15** Cumberland School of Law Orientation
- Aug. 20** Soccer: Samford vs. Alabama (exhibition)
- Aug. 22–26** Faculty Workshop
- Aug. 24–25** New Student Orientation Session 5
- Aug. 26** Soccer: Samford vs. Wofford
- Aug. 28** Fall Semester classes begin
- Aug. 30** University Convocation



Lauren Blankenship
Samford's first Division I All-American
See page 49.