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A detailed oil painting of an older man with white hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a red tie with a subtle pattern. His hands are clasped in front of him. The background is a mix of light and dark tones, suggesting an indoor setting.

Spence Wilson
A Man For All Seasons

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Annual Fund All Stars

Annual Fund All Star

'09



Kelsey Dean

Annual Fund All Stars

Kelsey Dean - '09

Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA

Major: Biology

Activities: Rhodes Activities Board, Alpha Omicron Pi, Rhodes College Diplomats, Admissions Intern, Orientation Staff, Envision

Quote: *I support the Annual Fund because I want to continue my legacy at Rhodes, even after I've graduated. To know that future students will benefit from my gift and have experiences similar to the ones I was fortunate enough to have is very gratifying.*



Annual Fund All Star

'10



Aaron Fitzgerald

Annual Fund All Stars

Aaron Fitzgerald - '10

Hometown: Youngstown, OH

Major: International Business

Activities: RSG, Pi Kappa Alpha

Quote: *Giving to the Annual Fund isn't an obligation, it's an opportunity. Giving allows students the chance to experience the benefits of Rhodes.*



The All Star Game

By Kelsey Dean '09

As a student at Rhodes for almost four years, I had not heard of the Annual Fund until last fall. This seemingly well-kept secret, however, is quickly becoming as well-known on campus as President Troutt, thanks, in part, to the Annual Fund All Stars campaign devised by the staff and students in the Rhodes Development Office.

Students, ranging from the newest Red & Black Society members to first-years employed by the Development Office, were featured on full-color, baseball-style cards, including "stats" on the back: name, class, major, hometown, activities on campus and a quote about the personal significance of the Annual Fund. The cards were then handed out during Annual

Fund week in mid-March, and students were encouraged to trade and collect them all, then enter a drawing for a cash prize. The main focus of the All Stars campaign was the students.

According to Hud Andrews '70, assistant director for special gifts, "The most important thing was the peer-to-peer aspect. The message about the Annual Fund coming from other students is very powerful."

So what, exactly, is the Annual Fund? That was my question when I first heard about it.

"Tuition and fees pay 75% of the expenses of being at Rhodes, and the Annual Fund, along with endowment income and other philanthropic giving, make up the other 25%," says Andrews.

Sarah Rogers '11, a Rhodes Student Associate for the Development Office, notes that the Annual

Annual Fund All Stars

Annual Fund All Star

'09



Lauren Rodriguez

Annual Fund All Stars

Lauren Rodriguez - '09

Hometown: Chula Vista, CA

Major: Religious Studies

Activities: Jazz Ensemble, BSA, RCF, MasterSingers

Quote: Rhodes has given so much to me over the past four years - an unbeatable education, skills for the real world, and unforgettable friends - so for me, giving back is something that I hold close and dear to my heart.



Annual Fund All Star

'12



Anson Jeng

Annual Fund All Stars

Anson Jeng - '12

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Major: Music

Activities: Music ensembles, Rhodes Radio

Quote: The Annual Fund not only allows me to give back to the Rhodes community, but also offers unique opportunities for networking with alums and thinking about what I might do beyond my years here at school.



Fund “impacts all aspects of Rhodes. Really, we see it every day even though we don’t realize it. It’s the thing that goes into keeping lights on in various buildings, keeping the professors that we love and keeping good technology on campus.”

In fact, Annual Fund Week was planned to take place exactly 75% of the way through the academic year to signify that without philanthropic support, specifically the Annual Fund, much of what Rhodes offers simply wouldn’t happen.

The college has “a long history of support from alumni and parents,” says Jenna Goodloe Wade, vice president of Development. It’s thanks to those generous gifts that students at this top-tier, small, urban, private liberal arts college known as Rhodes enjoy such amenities as top-notch faculty, 24-hour access to study spaces and a beautiful environment that enriches both body and mind.

The campaign also emphasized that it’s not how much you give to the Annual Fund, but *that*

you give to the Annual Fund. Small gifts really add up.

Wade says she hopes that when students graduate, they’ll know that they’re still connected to Rhodes and can help provide the unparalleled education they received to those who come after them by “giving money, giving their time, giving their talents.”

Speaking from personal experience, I know that Rhodes is an institution that empowers its students and prepares them for their future goals. I also know that many of those students and a majority of alumni are past, present and future All Stars.

For more information about the Annual Fund, or to make a gift, please contact any member of the Development Office staff at 901-843-3850 or at 1-800-264-LYNX or visit our Web site at rhodes.edu/gift. **R**

SPENCE WILSON

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66

Photography by Justin Fox Burks



President Troutt presents Spence Wilson with a framed cover of Rhodes magazine

Spence Wilson, who has served as a Rhodes trustee for 38 years and chairman for the past nine, will step down as chairman in July. At the January Board of Trustees meeting, presidents and board members, past and present, along with special guests gathered for a reception in his honor in Hardie Auditorium. The following photographs and remarks are highlights of the evening and his long, remarkable relationship with Rhodes.



The Wilson Family—couples, from left to right: Stephanie and Spence Wilson Jr., Becky and Spence Wilson Sr., Tommy and Lauren Wilson Young, Webb and Tate Wilson. Not pictured: Mac and Rebecca Wilson Macsoovits



Carrie Tennant speaks from a student's perspective

Carrie Tennant '10
Spanish Major
Kemmons Wilson Service Scholar

"Whether they realize it or not, Spence and Becky have had a profound impact on the past three years of my life.

"When I visited Rhodes during my senior year of high school in Boston, I fell in love with the campus and the community immediately, but I knew that without significant financial aid, attending Rhodes would never be possible for me. Thankfully, I received a very generous scholarship from the

Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation, and here I am today—a Kemmons Wilson Service Scholar.

"When I came to Memphis as a student, I did not know a single soul in the city. But the Wilson family made me feel welcome from the beginning, and after meeting them I felt immediately encouraged by the knowledge that they shared my passion for serving my community. I feel so lucky to be able to call such an amazing group of people my friends, and I think it is a testament to Spence and Becky's good character that their children are just as kind and gracious as they are.

"As I reflect on my time at Rhodes and all the lessons I have learned both in and outside of the classroom, from building houses in Mexico to running a soup kitchen, I cannot imagine having spent the past three years anywhere else.

"These are memories that will stay with me forever. But the greatest of these lessons is one that Spence himself had a hand in teaching me, the lesson of perseverance. Spence is a family man, a philanthropist and a successful businessman, and he has shown me that there is no limit to what a group of determined individuals can accomplish. I am continually inspired by Spence and one day I hope that I will be able to inspire others to do good, just as Spence and the Wilson family have inspired me."



Art Rollins gives a trustee's point of view

Art Rollins '81
First Vice President
Private Client Group
Merrill Lynch, Atlanta
Rhodes College Trustee

"It is certainly my honor and privilege to have served with Spence on the Rhodes College Board of Trustees these past 11 years. As an alumnus, a current board member and the parent of an incoming student, I thank him for his dedication.

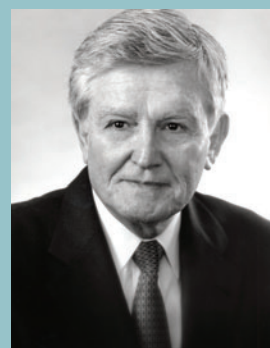
"Sharon Drechslen may have characterized him best as she wrote in the May 2007 issue of *Resort Trades*: 'Spence possesses a unique combination of dedication and real-life experience in producing successful projects that has helped him develop his character to be one that is friendly and approachable, while at the same time, wise and insightful [He is] gracious, loyal, spiritual, impassioned and a leader by example.'"

S. Herbert Rhea
President, Rhea Financial Corporation,
Memphis
Rhodes College Trustee Emeritus

“Those of you in the Rhodes community are aware of the many things in which Spence has been involved at Rhodes: chairman of the board, Finance Committee chairman, etc., all handled in a splendid manner.

“What you may not know are the things that I have seen since 1972, when we first met. Spence is a superb pilot. He runs, with his brothers, Kem and Bob, a highly complicated group of business organizations that operate nationally. He is well-traveled and has served on the boards of several businesses.

“When you think about Spence you also have to think about Becky, his wife of 40 years. They have raised a great family, and during that time have together been primary supporters of two very successful nonprofits in Memphis, Youth Villages and Bridge Builders (now BRIDGES), which Becky helped to found. Becky is an attorney, photographer and author. She has served on the Vanderbilt Board of



Herbert Rhea speaks as a fellow trustee and friend

Trust and was its first female vice chairman.

“They are two outstanding people. It has been a privilege to know them.”



Michael Drompp speaks for the faculty

Michael Drompp
Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

“Spence Wilson has certainly been one of the college’s greatest friends. In particular, he has continually sought out the very best ways to support faculty and the academic program at Rhodes.

“One example is the Spence Wilson fund for international faculty travel. Although the college regularly provides support for faculty to travel for purposes of presenting their scholarly work at conferences or for engaging in research, the Spence Wilson fund was created to provide additional support for faculty whose needs take them beyond

the borders of this country. The competitive Spence Wilson international travel grants, funded by the Kemmons Wilson Family Foundation in Spence’s honor, have proved to be enormously popular and have allowed many faculty members to further their scholarly development in ways that might not otherwise have been possible. Mr. Wilson’s generosity in establishing and sustaining these grants has had a direct impact on many members of the Rhodes faculty.

“Another way in which Mr. Wilson has generously supported the academic program has been in the endowment of the new Spence Wilson Distinguished Chair in Humanities. As Rhodes seeks to find an outstanding scholar who will contribute in multiple ways to the college and its intellectual climate, I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to discuss with him his thoughts about this particular faculty position. Through our conversations I have seen even more fully his keen interest in the ‘big questions’ of life and his passion for intellectual engagement. More to the point, I have seen how his thinking about this endowed chair truly embodies the very essence of a liberal arts education.

“He has truly been a ‘game-changing’ partner for the Rhodes community.” **R**



Spence Wilson and Rhodes, clockwise from top left: Board chair Spence Wilson spoke at the December 2002 groundbreaking ceremony for the Paul Barret Jr. Library, completed in fall 2005 (right). Becky and Spence Wilson, pictured with President Troutt, joined the Benefactors' Circle in fall 2007. He has participated in Habitat builds with the Rhodes Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Wilson, a licensed pilot, flew Physics students and faculty in his private plane to experience 0 gravity prior to the students' successful completion of an experiment aboard a NASA aircraft in summer 2006.

BSA

Holds 40th Reunion

Photography by Justin Fox Burks




Top: Levi Frazier '73 (left) and Aubrey Howard '72

Right: Herman Morris '73 and Vicki Gilmore Palmer '75

Bottom right: Amanda Abrams Johnson '03 and husband Sanford, with Summer Banks '03



The Rhodes Black Student Association (BSA) held a 40th reunion celebration on campus April 17-18. Founded in 1969, the BSA “operates to promote unity within the African-American community, and to create harmonious relationships among people of different cultures and backgrounds.” Membership is open to all Rhodes students.

The photos are highlights of the Saturday evening reception in the McCallum Ballroom in the Bryan Campus Life Center. 





Top left: Julian Bolton '71, President Troutt and Herman Morris '73

Top right: Jerome Franklin '89 and Michael Wilson '93

Top center: Bernal Smith '94, Anita Davis '90 and Marcus Kimbrough '90

Center: Past and present BSA presidents (left to right)—Herman Morris '73, Russ Wigginton '88, Bernal Smith '94, Amanda Abrams Johnson '03, first BSA president Julian Bolton '71,

Leonard Curry '07, Tevari Butler '08, Cord McLean '09, Simone Simmons '10 and Marissa Scales '11

Left: Kristina Dean '07 and Leonard Curry '07

PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE

By Daney Daniel Kepple

Forty-two is young to feel old, and Tim Huebner doesn't—not really. He is, however, feeling the sense of seniority that comes from successful experience. After 14 years in Rhodes classrooms, he thinks he may have the hang of teaching, but that doesn't make him love it less. Founding and presiding over the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies was gratifying, yet he was happy to hand it over to his successor, Professor Milton Moreland. He has achieved the rank of professor and accepted the chairmanship of the Rhodes History Department. He has just published a book that will cement his stature in his discipline, and will soon publish a textbook that is expected to become a standard.

What accounts for such success at so young an age? Let's go back to the beginning. Huebner recalls two salient facts about this childhood: He read the Landmark series book *Meet Abraham Lincoln* when he was seven years old and fell in love with history. The son of a "mixed marriage" (his father was from Michigan while his mother was a loyal South Carolinian) who grew up in Orlando, "I had an identity crisis of sorts," he muses. "Was Florida part of the South? Was I a Southerner?"

Never wavering from his commitment to be a historian, Huebner received a B.A. from the University of Miami, then accepted a fellowship to study with renowned southern historian Bertram Wyatt-Brown at the University of Florida.

"I went there to study Southern history with one of my

heroes," Huebner emphasizes. "I had never even heard of legal or constitutional history."

However, in his first semester of graduate school he took a seminar with another eminent scholar, constitutional historian Kermit Hall, and everything changed.

The young graduate student found himself with two mentors and two specialties within his discipline. Those relationships have shaped everything since, including his decision to come to Rhodes.

"After having studied the American South at that point for about eight years, I suddenly found myself living there!" he writes on his Web page. "I quickly put down roots in my new home, and in 2003 I founded the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies, an undergraduate research program that focuses on the Memphis region. Living and working here has given me the chance to explore the history and culture of this fascinating city and to send my students into local archives and libraries to do the same. I cannot imagine a more intriguing place for a historian of the American South to inhabit."

Recruited by the Rhodes History Department to teach Southern history, Huebner also brought his expertise in the history of the U.S. Constitution. As a result, he has taught an intriguing mix of classes including special topics courses on the Mind of the South, Southern Politics, and the History of Memphis, as well as a course that focuses on his research expertise—Law and Justice in the American South.



Tim Huebner in class

Huebner's classes are usually filled to capacity, according to his students, thanks to the subject matter, his depth of knowledge and his spellbinding delivery. In fact, glowing reviews from students played a large role in his selection as 2004 Tennessee Professor of the Year by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. And that, in turn, led to the textbook contract.

"Pearson Publishing Company believes that good teachers make good textbook writers." Huebner smiles. "I think they also saw a good market opportunity." After all, he points out, the history of the Civil War and Reconstruction is a course taught on most college campuses.

There are several existing textbooks on the subject, but Huebner's history will have a unique focus as it is written from the constitutional point of view. The book is due out in 2011 to coincide with the sesquicentennial of the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in 1861 that began the Civil War.

While he claims to have known nothing about writing a textbook when the publisher first approached him, Huebner says he was lured by "the chance to reach students all over the country. That's what makes it so exciting." Along the way he discovered that producing a textbook, at least for him, is like teaching: "You reach out, inform, convey information and show the larger arc of history."

Huebner has driven himself to balance the inherent conflict between writing a readable narrative and maintaining an overarching theme on one hand and the need to serve as an encyclopedia of names, dates and facts on the other. He seems to be walking the line successfully—of the five chapters he has completed and circulated, he has received "some good criticism and very positive feedback about the style and organization," he says. "That's very exciting."

Huebner's first step was an 11-day odyssey through some of the territory where the war took place. He spent an afternoon at the home of Andrew Johnson



In April, History professors Tim Huebner and Tait Keller took their "Civil War and Reconstruction Era" and "Nature of War" classes, respectively, to Shiloh National Military Park, site of the bloody Civil War battle in April 1862, located some 120 miles east of Memphis

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in Greenville, TN, a day at Washington and Lee University learning about Robert E. Lee's life after the war, more hours at the home of Stonewall Jackson, Appomattox and, perhaps most important, Gettysburg.

"I walked the site of Lincoln's address and tried to think as he was thinking, looking out over the graves, trying to make sense of a war that caused the deaths of 620,000 people and liberated four million. Nobody gets more credit than Lincoln for turning the carnage into a war of liberation."

Huebner becomes animated and almost poetic as he recalls the trip to the East Coast and back.

"Just driving through Virginia was an experience, getting the sense of the landscape. I could imagine what it was like for the armies to cross the mountains, survive in the wilderness. I had seen it all before as a tourist, but this was different. I was looking at it all in a whole new way. At each stop, seeing the relics, listening to the experts, watching the tourists, I gained a new level of understanding. I had to see and experience it all over again in order to write about it. The trip was truly inspirational. It got me going on the project."

He got as far as organizing the book into chapters with the help of research assistant David Tyler '06 when he received a fateful e-mail from Thomas G. Patterson, editor of the *Major Problems in American History* series. Huebner's Florida mentor Kermit Hall, who had died suddenly two weeks earlier, had been working on the

second edition of his work, *Major Problems in American Constitutional History*. Patterson wrote to Huebner on the high recommendation of Robert McMahon, editor of *Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War* volume, to invite him to take over where Hall left off.

“Your scholarly work and teaching excellence certainly confirm his view that you are the best choice for this project,” Patterson wrote.

“It’s hard to describe how I felt,” Huebner says. After a pause, “Of course, I was emotional about Kermit’s death. I very much looked up to him and wanted to be like him. He was only 61 years old. He died of a heart attack while swimming in the Atlantic.” Another pause. “And this honor—the people who are asked to write the volumes in the Major Problems series are the leading scholars of their field.” He shakes his head.

“The first volume came out when I was in graduate school studying under Kermit,” Huebner recalls. “Of course, I never dreamed I would be involved in the second edition. It was personally very meaningful to me, to have a chance to carry on the legacy of a mentor.”

Then he got down to work and discovered that there was still a lot to be done. Hall’s death occurred soon after the draft table of contents had been sent to the review panel for comments.

“That meant I saw a lot of comments and suggestions Kermit never got to see,” Huebner points out. “I made some changes based on those and some based on 14

years of knowing what works in the classroom. But I kept his basic structure and didn’t change any primary sources. The basic architecture is still as he wanted it to be.”

It appears to be a winning combination.

“It will be used all over the country in law schools and history departments. They printed 7,800 copies. My first book sold 500, which is typical.” Huebner smiles.

As he prepares to bring two major projects to fruition and enter a new stage, Huebner is philosophical.

“Academic careers have distinct phases. In the beginning you’re busy teaching and publishing and going through all the steps necessary to earn tenure. Then there’s an intermediate phase when you’re still teaching and publishing but you feel the need to extend that experience beyond the classroom. The Institute filled that need for me.”

Huebner is enthusiastic about the next chapter in his career.

“I’m looking forward to chairing the department. It will allow me to promote the work of my colleagues and champion the department on campus and in the community. We have an outstanding group of young historians, so I don’t expect to spend much time on recruitment. If anything changes I will try to do what great administrators always do—hire people better than themselves.”

That could be a tall order. **R**

No Time Like the Present

Tim Huebner has spent a lot of time writing about people he does not admire. People like Chief Justice Roger B. Taney.

People who recognize the name most often do so for one reason: He presided over the Supreme Court that ruled on the infamous Dred Scott case that denied U.S. citizenship to African Americans. And yet, as Huebner demonstrated in his 2003 book, *The Taney Court: Justices, Rulings, and Legacy*, that same court was responsible

for important accomplishments in commerce, contracts, the protection of civil liberties and defining the scope of presidential power.

To those who question why he would want to enhance the image of justices many regard as nefarious, Huebner replies, “There is a term—presentism—in our discipline that refers to judging the past based on present-day values. History is not a morality tale with heroes and villains. Human motivation

is much more nuanced than that. Historians strive to take people from the past on their own terms without imposing our values. My job is to get into the minds of people I’m studying. I ask questions like, ‘What were they thinking?’ ‘What motivated a human being to enslave another human being?’ I don’t have to approve, just try to see from their point of view.”

He has spent his career doing just that, and doing it quite well.

Cans, Computers and Costumes

Student Employment at Rhodes

By Bryan Hearn '09

Photography by Justin Fox Burks

Before my first day as a Rhodes Student Associate (RSA) in the Communications Office, I learned that the RSA before me, Sara Rutherford Ferguson '07, was a published author. The bar was set high.

When I arrived for my first day on the job in August 2007, I quickly learned the kinds of assignments student writers have: press releases to the Memphis community; news items for the Rhodes Web site such as faculty profiles for the Dean's Blog and Faces of Rhodes, which features profiles of outstanding students, many of whom are also RSAs; and writing for *Rhodes* magazine. I began to recognize then the degree to which Rhodes trusts its students, especially its Student Associates, with major projects and responsibilities.

But above all, I was thankful for, and at the same time astonished by, the fact that Rhodes lets its students choose how they want to contribute to the college. For us RSAs in the Communications Office, we all chose our jobs, interviewed for them and were accepted because of our interest in writing. It was a perfect match.

And so we "Rhodents" have the freedom, I've learned, to craft not only our academic experience in the liberal arts, but also our student employment possibilities. Like most initiatives at Rhodes, the student employment program is, well, student-centered. The Rhodes Student Associate Program (RSAP), developed in 2004, has supplemented students' employment options on campus. Employing

students as junior-level staff members, it pays them \$10 per hour and above while encouraging them to spearhead major projects and tackle challenging assignments.

There are literally hundreds of choices of campus jobs available for students. Rhodes offers 600 work-study positions and more than 100 Student Associate positions in more than 40 offices and departments on campus.

Whether they choose an internship at the Memphis Zoo or Morgan Keegan, or a work-study job in the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies on campus, or a Student Associate position for the Crossroads to Freedom digital archive project, Rhodes students are able to decide how they want to spend their hours outside of class, and are able to defray their college expenses at the same time.

Shannon King '09, a Theatre major, chose to work in the McCoy Theatre costume shop designing and constructing costumes for McCoy's productions. If you ask her, King will tell you she had one of the "coolest and most creative jobs on campus."

Lucas Warth '09, a Religious Studies major and Business Administration minor, chose to work as a Student Associate in Physical Plant. With the help of his supervisor, associate director of Physical Plant Tracy Adkisson '95 (did I mention the great professional mentors RSAs have?), Warth spearheaded the recycling program on campus.

In developing the program, Warth and Adkisson



Rhodes Recycles RSAs (left to right): Lucas Warth '09, Camielle Smith '09, Billy George '10 with Tracy Adkisson '95, associate director of Physical Plant

wanted to change the way people in the Rhodes community look at their trash.

"We wanted to make recycling as common as throwing things away," he says.

Adkisson also supervises two other student employees: Billy George '10 and Camielle Smith '09. They and Warth do everything from emptying the recycling bins to making strategic decisions.

"We're working almost all the time, doing a physically demanding and often dirty job," says George. "But that's fulfilling," he adds. (George also chose to be a work-study in Physical Plant because he got to know some of the workers through a stint on "the paint crew" over the summer.)

No two RSAP experiences are the same. In Warth's case, he was presented with a major challenge: How does one start a recycling plan from scratch? With the help of Adkisson, Warth spoke often with contractors, chairs of academic departments and various offices, both on campus and off, to help the project come to fruition. He set the locations of the bins, and once the program started, the bins miraculously began filling up with

plastic bottles, paper and aluminum cans.

Thanks to the strategic planning of Warth and Adkisson, and George's and Smith's hard work behind the scenes, everyone on campus now has the ability to recycle.

"Regardless of whether you hug trees or could care less about the environment, it's pretty simple to recycle when there are bins everywhere you look," George says.

Warth says he not only improved his communication and professional skills, but also learned about organizational development and strategic planning. He says his job made his time at Rhodes "a more well-rounded experience." Plus, he believes it helped him "articulate a challenging professional experience" when he applied to graduate school at Colorado State University, where he will pursue a master's degree in accounting in the fall.

The Student Associate program is regarded as a mutually beneficial partnership, and rightly so.

Career Services director Sandi George Tracy says that RSAs and work-study students bring a "fresh perspective" to offices and departments on campus.

Elizabeth Welch '09, Student Associate in the Financial

Aid Office and the coordinator of the RSAP, agrees.

"I think the departments and offices on campus have definitely seen the benefits of the program," she says.

Welch has worked with her supervisor, Ashley Bianchi, to expand and develop the RSAP. Welch oversees the day-to-day operations of the program, in addition to scheduling receptions at the president's house each semester and organizing a speaker series for RSAs in which professionals give students advice on career planning. Welch says the retention rate for returning Rhodes Student Associates is 99%.

The primary sources of inspiration for the creation of the Student Associate Program are Rhodes alumni and their own student employment experiences. Reviewing past and present student employment success stories provided key design features for a new program to offer students meaningful work experiences that would translate to the "real world" while helping make college more affordable for many of them. The program's success soon revealed another serendipitous side—because the students are so talented at what they do, their contributions in various campus offices have helped to control costs and increase productivity.

In its first year, 2004, there were 21 RSAs. Now there

are 111 positions. That almost 500% growth over five years has surpassed the program's original goals. And if that weren't enough, the RSAP has become a sought-after program across the landscape of higher education, as numerous other institutions are interested in starting similar initiatives.

Back on campus, the program has helped Rhodes become an even more close-knit community, if that's possible. For example, Lucas Warth says his job in Physical Plant caused him to "feel more connected" to the college.

Whitney Faust '10 in the Development Office, where she helps manage planned gifts, says that her job has shown her "how dedicated many alumni are to Rhodes."

Elizabeth Welch would agree: "On-campus employment opportunities help students feel like they have a stake in the college's development," she says.

The program has also enhanced networking and career opportunities for students. Sandi George Tracy claims that it "is one of the best ways for students to gain meaningful professional skills, whether they plan to go to graduate school or the world of work." In fact, Rhodes alumni agree with Tracy's claim that RSAs gain experience that is transferable to the workplace. Their career paths prove it.

Rachel Thompson '08, for example, says her experience as a RSA helped her discover a practical application—Web design—for her major in Art. During her first year as a Student Associate, Thompson performed a "complete overhaul" of the Web site for the British Studies at Oxford summer study abroad program. She had no Web editing experience, but her supervisor, English professor and dean of British Studies Michael Leslie, who holds the Connie Abston Chair of Literature, helped her learn the basics through a couple of books he purchased. Thompson says she honed her Web skills while discerning her interest in information architecture.

She continued building those skills a year later, working on projects for the Rhodes Web site



Ashley Bianchi, associate director of Financial Aid (left) and RSA Elizabeth Welch '09



Communications Office RSAs (left to right): Bryan Hearn '09, Christina Cooke '10 and Carrie Tahu '09 on the ground; Dean Galaro '11 and Kristine Overacre '09 in the tree

Office. And, just as in her junior year, she had a mentor. When Thompson began looking for postgraduation jobs in the spring, Christina Huntington '95, associate director of Communications, helped her determine what positions she wanted to pursue and worked to make sure she had the relevant experience necessary to achieve them. Now Thompson works as the managing editor of HopeandHealing.org, a new ministry of the Church Health Center in Memphis.

"Each day at work is a creative process, and each day I rely on the skills and experiences learned while working in the RSA program," Thompson says.

Current Rhodes Student Associates, especially 2009 graduates, reflect on how their employment opportunities at Rhodes will benefit them in the workplace and in graduate school.

Matt Becker '09, an Economics major, began working as a peer tutor in the Department of Economics and Business during the first semester of his junior year. (Peer tutors are also available in Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, German, Mathematics,

Physics, Russian and Spanish. Five peer tutors also staff the campus Writing Center.) Becker says his experiences have helped him hone his economics abilities as well as his pedagogical skills.

"When you have to teach something to others, you have to know it backward and forward," he says.

He tutored an Economics 101 class for one semester and Managerial Economics for three semesters. Becker plans to move to China and take Chinese language classes before pursuing his MBA.

Whitney Faust, an International Business major, says that she knows her experience since 2007 will serve her well in finding a career after graduation. Her job, she says, "has allowed me to apply what I learned in the classroom in a real world setting."

So no matter whether students choose to do recycling, Web design, costume construction or writing, their academic studies along with the on-the-job skills and experience they gain while greatly contributing their talents to the college will stay with them for many years after Rhodes. **R**

SUMMER

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Rashna Richards Assistant Professor English

On Dec. 21, 1940, a 44-year-old disgruntled screenwriter died of a heart attack. Although he had been a major literary voice of the Jazz Age, he spent the late 1930s as a self-described Hollywood hack. At the time of his death, he was working on an episodic tale of old Hollywood's loves and losses, told through the figure of its young mogul, Monroe Stahr. As a film historian, what I think is most intriguing about F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Love of the Last Tycoon* is that this unfinished novel (republished along with the author's working notes in 1993) offers only brief snapshots of the studio era, thereby suggesting that history may not be easily linearized. As the narrator Cecelia Brady realizes early on, the past can be narrated, "but only dimly and in flashes."

It is this notion of history as a series of "lighting flashes," or brief moments that spark our attention in the long continuum of yesteryear, that I find compelling in the work of Walter Benjamin. Benjamin's *The Arcades Project* is a collection of quotations and reflections, arranged into categories like "Fashion," "Boredom" and "Photography." While the book is ostensibly about the glass-roofed Parisian arcades, it becomes a fragmented meditation on the modern age. This is not a book to be read from cover to cover. The pleasure of this text is in seeing Benjamin navigate the 19th century like a flâneur traversing the arcades, pausing wherever an ordinary object catches his eye and discovering an entire history out of a single detail.

What Benjamin does with 19th-century history, Roland Barthes performs on himself. *Roland Barthes* by Roland Barthes is an unusual autobiography; it does not recount events or narrate stories with a clear beginning, middle or end. It is composed of a string of alphabetized fragments—at least one for every letter,

with entries on Chaplin, left-handedness, migraines, utopia, and so on—that generates a self-portrait that is both personal and fictional. Ultimately, *Roland Barthes* becomes a poetic consideration of the disjointed self, where fragments merge anecdote and analysis but never build to a coherent whole.

Gilbert Adair's *Flickers: An Illustrated Celebration of 100 Years of Cinema* is a similarly fragmented chronicle, not of the author's life but that of the movies' first centenary. Adair's text unfolds as a succession of movie stills, one for each year: from the Lumières' first twinkling images to F.W. Murnau's lyrical "Sunrise" to Jean-Luc Godard's stunning "Breathless" to Tim Burton's enigmatic "Ed Wood." What I love about this



Rashna Richards

READING

book is that there is no overarching argument about the evolution of cinema. As still follows still, *Flickers* begins to resemble an old-fashioned flip book, telling the story of film's cultural, aesthetic, economic and industrial developments, as they have flickered by over the course of the 20th century.

In that vein, Paul Auster's *The Book of Illusions* turns life itself into a series of flickers. David Zimmer, a literature professor at a liberal arts college in Vermont, is distraught over the loss of his family in a plane crash,

when he stumbles upon a clip from a silent film of comedian Hector Mann, who has been presumed dead for 60 years. The novel follows Zimmer's obsessive journey to rediscover and write a book about Mann's lost films, when he receives an invitation to meet Hector himself. Auster's text is written in the spirit of Chateaubriand's *Memoirs from Beyond the Grave*, and it beautifully explores how a life might be reconstructed, however incompletely, from the traces, images and memories it leaves behind.



David Sick

David Sick Associate Professor Greek and Roman Studies

Nullum est iam dictum quod non dictum sit prius.
“Nothing is said now which has not been said before.” The Roman dramatist Terence used this proverb in the prologue to his play the “The Eunuch.” It’s not a sentiment I agree with entirely, but it’s one that came to mind as I considered what principles to use in recommending a few books to the Rhodes community. Should I choose recently published items, in keeping with the practice of summer reading lists, or should I choose items from my field—Greek and Roman studies? In the end, my criteria were simple ones. I chose works that I enjoyed reading at various points of leisure in my life. I mention them here, however, not only for their value as entertainment but because they convey ideas that I continued to ponder after finishing them.

In the summer after completing my dissertation and just before I moved to Memphis, I encountered H.H. Scullard’s *The Elephant in the Greek and Roman World*. I think the entertainment value of the

study will be obvious: Everyone loves elephants, and many know the incredible story of the Carthaginian general Hannibal with his elephants struggling to cross the Alps. Scullard's book provides the background to Hannibal, tracing Greek and Roman interactions with the elephant back to Alexander the Great's expedition to India, through the adoption of Indian elephants into the armies of Hellenistic Greek kingdoms, and then to the African context of Hannibal. It's an incredible story that gives definitive evidence of the diversity of ancient Mediterranean cultures.

My second recommendation is actually a trilogy. *Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra* and *That Hideous Strength* would seem to have grown out of C.S. Lewis's association with J.R.R. Tolkien. The novels can be interpreted as Lewis' response to the darkness of World War II in much the same way as Tolkien's more famous trilogy. They recount the adventures of the philologist Erwin Ransom on Mars, Venus and, in the final work, on his return to Earth. The philology enticed me to read the first novel. So much of science fiction simply ignores the problem of language; anyone who has used an online translating device can discern the inadequacy of a "universal translator." Ransom, on the contrary, spends a significant effort in learning the language of his Martian hosts. The larger themes of classical myth

and Christian theology kept me reading the novels. Lewis, surprisingly perhaps, allows the Graeco-Roman gods a positive role in this cosmos.

My last selection is a novel that was recommended to me by one of my students in Search. Because of my profession, I am occasionally asked to compare the present political situation of the United States with that of the Roman Empire "just before the fall." There are numerous problems with the assumptions of that question, but, in response, I try to point out that the United States is much younger than Rome was in the fifth century CE. A more fruitful comparison might be made between the last days of the Roman republic and the present context of the American republic. We were discussing such ideas in Search in conjunction with Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" when Carly Taylor '11 told me of the premise of Orson Scott Card's *Empire*. In the novel, a highly fractured United States, soon after the attacks of September 11, a new civil war arises, with a possible movement from republic to empire. One of the main characters in the novel uses his knowledge of the Roman republic to manipulate the upheaval to his advantage. *Empire* reads like a Hollywood blockbuster movie starring Bruce Willis, but it could fill a rainy day in a cabin or a sunny afternoon on the beach with an intriguing analogy.



Rosanna Cappellato

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Biology

I am fascinated by unusual, dramatic and real stories that describe people's facing and confronting their own humanity and mortality. *Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson, *The Butterfly and the Diving Bell* by Jean-Dominique Bauby and *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer are such books. All of them have been made into movies, but the books, in particular the one by Krakauer, is much better than its screen version.

In *Touching the Void*, Joe Simpson writes of his dramatic climbing accident in the Peruvian Andes in 1985. After having reached the top of a 21,000-foot peak, Simpson plunged off the vertical face of an ice ledge, breaking his leg and forcing his climbing partner,

Simone Yates, to lower him to safety in the dark and bad weather. However, Simpson falls into a crevasse and Yates cuts the rope. Simpson writes honestly and vividly of his ordeal in climbing out of the "void" and of his struggle to get back to the camp with a broken leg. His immense inner strength and refusal to give up is amazing, but even more so is his intensity in the retelling of his thoughts, feelings and delirium while he crawls and hops for three days to the camp.

In *The Butterfly and the Diving Bell*, Jean-Dominique Bauby used the only tool available to him—the blinking of his left eye—to communicate to the world around him. Bauby had suffered a stroke at the end of 1995, at 43, that left him paralyzed from head to toe and able only to use his mind and blink his left eye to "dictate" this book. He was able to compose the




Rosanna Cappellato

book one word at a time, blinking to select each letter as the alphabet was recited to him slowly, over and over again. His memories and dreams are vivid and his irony and poetry are testament to the depth and creativity of his mind. This is one the most touching and humbling books I have ever read.

In 1992 Chris McCandless graduated from Emory University, gave \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions and hitchhiked to Alaska. Four months later his body was found in an abandoned bus in Alaska. Why did he leave behind his friends and family? Why didn't he want to be found? Why Alaska? What happened to him? Where did he go and what did he do during those four months? Through interviews with his family, people he met in his travels and through the journal and the photographs found beside the body in the bus, Jon

Krakauer reconstructs the journey of McCandless and offers some explanations on McCandless' desire to reinvent his life. **Into the Wild** is Krakauer's account of his own findings. The choice made by McCandless and his death angered some people at that time, but Krakauer's book succeeds in eliciting respect for McCandless and his choices.

For those people who like epic novels, **Ines of My Soul** by Isabela Allende should be a good read. Only months after the inauguration of Chile's first female president, Allende wrote the story of Doña Inés Suárez (1507–1580), considered the founding mother of that country. Allende based her book on historical records of the colonization of Chile by the Spaniards who had already settled in Peru. She follows Ines and her lover Pedro de Valdivia, who became the first governor of Chile, in their difficult journey to the south, and in their losing and victorious battles with proud and powerful native people. The Mapuche people of central and southern Chile were subjugated by the then-independent nation of Chile at the end of 1800s. Chile, with its beauty, its landscapes, its sweet and harsh climates is the other protagonist of this historical novel. Allende, who grew up in Chile, portrays her country with such love that, after I read the book, I went there as soon as I could.

At last, a book about Rome, Italy, my city. No, not by an Italian, but by a writer from Idaho, Anthony Doerr. In 2004 Doerr spent a year in Rome as recipient of the Rome Prize, one of the most prestigious awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. **Four Seasons in Rome** is his memoir of that period. He finds himself in an unknown city with his wife and a-few-months-old twins, and he lets the city and its people fascinate and entertain him. His good sense of humor and ability to capture the essence of Roman life make for a very pleasurable reading. I recognized places and people, and I found myself smiling with deep appreciation at Doerr's description of life in that city. I looked at Rome through his eyes and I found it charming, warm and sophisticated. And I am grateful that such a spirited and smart writer could spend a year in Rome and give me this gift. 

When Professor Jim Vest was considering joining the faculty of Rhodes College—then Southwestern at Memphis—back in 1973, the beautiful campus with its Gothic

quadrangles and tower, vaulted arches, shady alcoves and sun-drenched grounds quickly established itself as the perfect fit. He laughingly admits that Memphis itself, on the other hand, was a different matter.

“The climate!” the Virginia native exclaims. “My wife Nancy and I are both from the East Coast. The topography and the mindset here seemed very different, and coming from the mountains, the heat was hard to get used to.”

The lure of the college, however, proved to be irresistible. So 36 years ago this summer, Vest said goodbye to friends at Duke University, where he had completed his master’s and Ph.D. in French, and headed south to become an assistant professor at the smaller, lesser-known college in Memphis. When then-Rhodes professors Emmett Anderson and Donald Tucker invited Vest to join the staff, the French section consisted of only two faculty members, as was the case for the other languages. All of the teachers in the department were male, and there were no opportunities for students to minor in a language. Professor Vest settled into a cozy office in Rhodes Tower and began to make his mark. But this summer, he will pack up his treasured books and French mementos, as he retires from the office he has called home for more than three decades.

While Rhodes has grown exponentially in both size and stature since 1973, Vest says the spirit that has made the college special is largely unchanged.

“One of my favorite memories of my time at Rhodes will be just sitting under a tree with students and having an informal discussion,” he says. “Walking the perimeter of campus has always been enjoyable to me—there’s a mulberry tree near the Charles Place gate that I’ve always loved—and if you need to talk something out here, that’s a good way to do it. You can still sit down and talk to students at the drop of a hat.”

During his tenure at Rhodes, which included 16 years as head of the French program, Vest played an instrumental role in the growth of the department. Now of course, students are encouraged to minor and/or double major in a variety of subjects. There are four full-time faculty in French, and most of the modern languages faculty members are female. Rhodes now sends a student

Professor Vest Bids Adieu

By Marci Deshaies Woodmansee '90

to Paris every year to teach in a French high school, while a French student is sent to Memphis to teach here. Professor Vest initiated the Maymester in France program, which became an invaluable cultural opportunity for faculty to guide students in exploring the country, and he helped organize a Meeman Center trip to southern France for adult learners interested in French culture.

Vest also coordinated the founding of the Rhodes International House, a living community for students who wished to experience intercultural learning. He taught all levels of French and all levels of the Search course. He created courses in Film Studies, which became a special passion for him, along with several interdisciplinary courses linking music, art and literature. He coordinated the language department’s WLYX radio programs, “World View” and “Colloquy.” He received numerous awards for exceptional teaching and for 20 years coordinated a college-wide faculty forum called Topics in Teaching.

“That program was designed to help fellow professors improve their teaching, and it was always a real thrill,” he says. “We’d discuss all sorts of pedagogical topics and examine trends in teaching. The language dorms we initiated in the late ’80s were also a lot of fun. They eventually had to give way to the townhouses Rhodes built, but we still have corridors devoted to immersion, and they’re important because they afford professors and students the chance to be together for normal conversations in other languages.”

Professor Vest’s wife Nancy has been a willing assistant and official or unofficial collaborator in much of his work. The two have traveled abroad frequently for research, and plan to continue doing so in his retirement. Vest’s recent work includes the recovery and publication of several lost pieces by French poet Maurice de Guérin. He has also published widely on subjects as diverse as the French face of Shakespeare’s Ophelia, European Romanticism and the French influence on the work of Alfred Hitchcock. But he says the best answer to the question, “What do you teach?” remains the response, “I teach students.” He



Jim Vest

describes himself as a learner among learners, and an enthusiastic scholar among a community of devoted, dedicated scholars.

Throughout his career, Vest says there are three essentials that have remained critical to his teaching.

“Number one is an abiding, evolving passion for the subject matter,” he explains. “The second essential element is a real affection for students, and a desire and ability to find out what the individual student needs. Finally—and this is perhaps the most important point—you have to be willing to grow and learn with your students. I guess this explains why I’ve always enjoyed teaching 101 courses throughout my career. It’s always different and rewarding.”

According to associate professor Shira Malkin, Vest’s colleague in the French department for the past 19 years, Vest is recognized as one of the most upbeat and encouraging professors on campus.

“His highest praise when students try their best is a cheerful *‘bien fait!’* (well done),” she says. “Students love it.”

Vest’s colleague David Sick, associate professor of Greek and Roman studies, echoes those sentiments.

“I will miss Jim’s presence at Rhodes,” he says. “I think his two strongest qualities are his collegiality and his commitment to the liberal arts. In nearly all of my experiences with Jim, he has kept a positive attitude, noted the best qualities of his colleagues, worked to find common ground for consensus and tried to move discussions forward. And Jim has not only taught at a liberal arts institution, but has also modeled the benefits of a liberal arts education. His intellectual interests do not lie solely within French literature. Rather he is a lifelong learner in many fields of the humanities and beyond. The commitment to lifelong learning is a part of the Rhodes vision, and Jim’s broad intellectual investigation provides an example of such a lifelong pursuit.”

Vest has always delighted in staying connected with students and alumni, be it in Europe or the U.S., no matter what the circumstances. As he explains with a laugh, he has been privileged to connect with students at weddings, in Frisbee tossing, in hospitals, in childbirth in France, in worship, in trouble and in joy.

“A defining moment in my teaching experience came during our first Maymester in France,” he says. “One of our alums was there working at the Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and he and his wife were expecting their first child. Back then, we didn’t have housing

with families, we all stayed in a student hotel together. Nancy and I were sort of their adoptive parents at that point. The time came for the alum’s wife to deliver, and I can still clearly remember him bounding up the stairs afterward to share the news, all of it in French. That was a very special moment. His wife wrote us recently, in fact, reminiscing about that year. Those are the kinds of memories that connect you across decades.”

Vest’s passion for French cinema has grown during his years at Rhodes, and his knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject will be difficult to replace on campus.


“Jim seems to have a mysterious connection with the local film powers that I have never been able to figure out,” says Professor Malkin. “I’ve marveled at the way he always seems to know before everyone else when a good French film will be showing at the Malco. His rallying the troops for the love of French cinema will surely be missed.”

Vest plans to stay busy during retirement, researching, studying and collaborating with Nancy on another book.

“I’m still interested in comparative literature—the Shakespearean connection to French literature, for example—and further research on Hitchcock,” he says. “That area hasn’t been thoroughly explored yet. I ended this year with a Hitchcock-Truffaut course that was just a hoot. I’m also working on some personal projects with Nancy, including a memoir of our time and travels in France. And we hope to visit Quebec, if we can’t make it to France this year.”

The Rhodes community will be happy to know that Professor Vest and his wife aren’t planning to move away. While the Vests found the college to be a perfect fit from the beginning, it’s important to note that Memphis and the Mid-South grew on them, too.

“We have enjoyed exploring the Wolf River and Reelfoot Lake and camping in Arkansas and Mississippi,” Vest explains. “And of course, we’ve made an awful lot of friends. What I will miss the most about Rhodes is the daily contact with the students. It’s time to start fresh, but it’s definitely bittersweet. One of my students told me that we were going to have to have a Search reunion at our house. I said that sounded great. And it was.”

It’s a safe bet that Professor Vest will find a way to remain a presence on the campus he loves, and his students, colleagues and friends will probably have a few ideas of where to look for him when they need him in the future. The mulberry tree near the Charles Place gate would be a good place to start. 

From the Alumni Relations Office

Dear Alumnus/α,

Greetings from the Alumni Relations Office!

In the “first things first category,” I truly hope that this finds each one of you who receives *Rhodes* magazine doing well.

As I write this column, students are writing their final exams and submitting papers as we close the 2009 spring term. It has been a remarkable academic year, highlighted in the Alumni Office by a seminar series delivered through Rhodes Chapters, innovative thinking by the Alumni Association Executive Board and a splendid gathering of the faithful to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Black Student Association. In this year, our alumni and parents have gone above and beyond the standard of previous years in their work to recruit new students and participate in career networking programs. Thank you from the student, faculty and staff contingency of the Rhodes community for all that you have done and continue to do. Rhodes is truly a better place because of you, and in each passing day, members of the Alumni staff count our blessings to serve such a loyal, caring and dedicated constituency.

In the “I should have had a V-8 category,” we are excited about implementing an enhanced legacy program through the Alumni Relations Office. Our expectation is to do more than send a congratulatory letter and Lynx bib to Rhodes alumni who have babies. We want to have other points of contact along the way in the lives of these children. We will be more available as a resource to assist families in navigating the college search process, and will express our obvious hope that that process will include Rhodes among colleges under consideration.

Having been at this post for just over six years I can no longer use an excuse that I am still learning what needs to be done in serving as an alumni secretary. The truth, however, is that I learn something every day. In this particular instance when I realized how our alumni deserved so much more than they were receiving regarding our contact with legacy children who follow them, I sent a mea culpa e-mail to President Troutt saying that I was embarrassed to have been in my position for this length of time and not done something previously. Expect change.



Bud Richey

In the “what’s ahead category,” aside from an improved legacy program, look for stronger measures to extend the Rhodes Career Network beyond the traditional efforts of helping students find internships and very young alumni find their first jobs. We must do better in helping alumni established in their careers find work as they change careers or lose positions. Look as well for our ratcheting up requests for assistance in recruiting good students. The bar has been raised in this current year, but I am not convinced that we’ve reached our potential.

In the “join us category,” do your best to return for Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend slated for Oct. 23-24. Reunion year or not, we want you back. Children are welcome and child care will be provided on both Friday and Saturday evenings. As you receive invitations to attend events sponsored through Rhodes Chapters, participate to the extent you can. Remember, please, that the college is better because of you. We value greatly your attendance and participation.

Best regards,

Bud Richey
Associate Vice President and
Director of Alumni Relations

Class Notes

By Carrie Tahu '09

**Rhodes College
Alumni Association
President
Marcus Kimbrough '90
Charlotte, NC**

1936

Dick Thomas writes, "I'm 93 now. Still selling promotional products. I tell my customers, 'I will retire when I expire!' I have five children, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Thank you for happy memories. I'm sorry my friend Jameson Jones is gone. We called him 'Hinky'. I used to spend time in his dorm room visiting him and his brother. I lived at 1094 N. Parkway at the time, and that was my 'home away from home.' My regards to Dr. Troutt."

1953

Mary Taylor Todd and Bob Montgomery '50 married at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, NC, Dec. 27, 2008. Mary's son, the Rev. **Taylor Todd '80**, officiated along with her brother, the Rev. Arch Taylor. Mary and Bob each have five married children. Mary has nine grandchildren and Bob has 14. The family service was attended by children, grandchildren and relatives, including a total of nine Rhodes alumni. Also attending were **Newton Todd '55**, **Perrin Todd '78**, **Rebecca Montgomery Greenhill '79**, **Abby Jackson Todd '80**, **Rob Montgomery '81** and **Taylor Marie Butker '08**. Mary and Bob live in Asheville.

1954

55th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Chandler Warren still practices entertainment law at his Los Angeles firm. "I have written three full-length musicals (book and lyrics) and 10 children's musicals as well as one novel, a book of poetry and a book of cartoons. Still having a great time!"

1955

Nancy Wooddell Warlick sends news from Madagascar where her daughter and family are engaged in mission work. Nancy reports of the worsening situation there and the suffering of the Malagasy people following the coup d'état in March.

1958

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Mike Cody in Memphis writes that "we are looking forward to spending part of the summer in England for my daughter's 16th birthday—in the same area where Jameson Jones arranged for me to live in the summer of our junior year at Southwestern." Mike's granddaughter from New Mexico is considering UVA and Rhodes for college. "So there is no way that I can stop working if I am going to continue to pay for all of this fun!"

Mary Ann Breese Brendel and her husband Jack in Williamsburg recently returned from their second trip to the Gulf Coast with their Episcopal church group



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| Age | Annuity Rate |
|-----------------|--------------|
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| 75 | 6.3% |
| 80 | 7.1% |
| 85 | 8.1% |
| 90 & over | 9.5% |

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to do Katrina relief work. They stayed a week laying flooring, painting doors, installing kitchen cabinets and helping cook meals. They stayed in dorms. She said that the Gulfport area is still in great need.

Kip and **Louis Zbinden** are perking right along in San Antonio. They have a coastal house at Port Aransas (not badly affected by last year's hurricane), which they enjoy when they can get away. Louis is finishing his sixth year of teaching at Austin Seminary—in the Katherine and Louis Zbinden Chair of Pastoral Leadership, no less. This was also their sixth year of going to Lusaka, Zambia. Kip planned on checking to see whether her students from last year are speaking English with a Southern drawl.

Billy '57 and **Sue Robinson McLean** in Mobile are looking forward to joining family from Franklin, TN, in Montreat, NC, in June. Billy's cousins **Shiney Jackson '59** and **Patsy Jackson Peay '69** have a house in Montreat, which several old Southwesterners have enjoyed. The McLeans have a condo at Perdido Key which they will enjoy over the summer. Sue issued an invitation to anyone going through Mobile to give her a call.

The **Whiteakers, Mary and Buddy**, used the winter for body repair, Mary having cataract surgery on both eyes and Buddy getting a new left knee. They hope to do some traveling this summer. "Politics and travel are still our passion. Our lives have been enriched by exchanging periodic news one-on-one with many classmates from our college days. We hope others will join this growing fellowship of recent news and divergent views as we expand our senior support

system. Please drop us an email at whitbud@classicnet.net."

Not long after our October 2008 reunion in Memphis, **Nancy Carter Burnidge** (Elgin, IL), **Jane Barr Stump-Green** (Tucson, AZ), and **Barbara McClaren Matthaei** (Eagleville, TN) had their own reunion in Eagleville, where Barbara lives in "the lovely old house she grew up in," according to Nancy. "We had a wonderful time catching up with each other. Jane has written several books as you know, and she is as glamorous as ever and just as much fun. Barbara works as a companion to an older woman and so has lots and lots of time to read. We visited the charming town of Franklin and also saw some historical sights The years seemed to have melted away leaving our friendship right where we left off. We reminisced and had some wonderful moments of laughing till we cried." That same trio had plans for a May get-together in Tucson with Jane, seeing the mountain retreat she and her husband built a few years ago and visiting the Grand Canyon. Finally, Nancy said, "I feel very lucky to have these opportunities and to reconnect with these good friends."

We hear that **Milton Knowlton** was honored in Memphis as Agent of the Year for 2008 at the Annual Banquet of the Mid-South Financial Group. He will add that honor to many others, including his qualifying for the 2009 Million Dollar Round Table, his 45th consecutive year! His oldest grandson, Geoffrey Jr., finished Presbyterian Day School in May and will be going to Memphis University School in the fall.

Betty Russell writes from Piggott, AR, that she recently had an e-mail from **Anita Hart Fuller**, who was a classmate our freshman year. We believe she and **Sue Robinson McLean** were roommates in Evergreen Hall. Betty's father had his 100th birthday last September "and keeps me busy."

A member of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis, **Jane Dean Sohm** writes that she very much enjoys the Sunday school class taught by Dr. Robert Patterson, retired from the Rhodes faculty. "He still is a wonderful teacher!"

Mary Jane Smalley Roberts and husband Paul in Kiawah, SC, recently returned from a week in Cabo San Lucas. "The landscape is so different from Lowcountry South Carolina—hills, desert scrub, gorgeous blue ocean. It was sunny every day, but very windy and cold! Quite a surprise from what I expected from the weather forecast. Fortunately, we had some warm clothes, which most of the guests did not." She writes that she broke her wrist in January, and it is still healing, though she is "not a patient patient."

Denton McLellan in Memphis was not sure that our class got the word about the death of classmate **Lewis Wilkins** in Lubbock, TX, in January 2008. He was a retired minister and died of pancreatic cancer. There was a notice about his death in the summer 2008 *Rhodes* magazine.

We hear from the cosmopolitan **Murrays, Lewis** and Giorgina, wife of 40 years "and 100 per cent Italian in every way." Retired from the U.S. diplomatic service, Lewis and Giorgina spend half their year in Chevy Chase, MD, and half

in Italy, where they have a place in Rome, with St. Peter's just across the Tiber from their terrace. They also have a little place in a small village in the Dolomites north of Venice, where they enjoy skiing. They were at the mountain house over Easter with their daughter Alexia and her husband, both actors living and working in Rome, whose children Luce and Liam are a joy to their grandparents. Lewis said they also have two other children: Lilianna, whose husband Patric is a journalist with the *L.A. Times*, and who has a 12-year-old daughter who is a champion tennis player for her age. Son Juan Carlos and his wife live in Salt Lake City with their two children, and he makes "high-end furniture out of old airplane parts, which is a niche job, to say the least." The Murrays missed being with us at the 50th reunion, since he normally gets back for many of them. They obviously stay busy.

Finally, thanks for your information, folks, as well as for staying in touch. It's good to know how our fellows fare!

1959

Reporter: Sara Jean (Shiney) Jackson
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50th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

John Gay sends lots of news but regrets that he cannot attend our 50th reunion this fall. John, a retired pediatric cardiologist, and his wife now live in "beautiful Rockport, Texas," although much time is spent following their bird dog in competitive field trials across the midwest. John is a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Iowa Heart Association that

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cited a program he started in 1979 bringing children from the Yucatan to Des Moines for child care. The program has spread to 22 countries with a current total of 560 children as beneficiaries. A wonderful accomplishment!

Bates Peacock Toone writes that she and **Joan Waggoner Bacchus** are e-mailing about coming to the reunion. Bates serves as co-chair of her local art gallery, also enjoys activities with children and grandchildren, and hopes to visit son, Edwin, now living in Barcelona, Spain.

Always proud to share family news is **San Andrews Robertson**, now writing that the birth of two new grandsons brings the grand total to six grandsons and one granddaughter.

Knoxville city councilwoman **Barbara Bondurant Pelot** and her dentist husband have three grandchildren graduating from high school this year. She hopes to see "Southwesternites" at our reunion in the fall.

Ed Stock, now residing at Glenaire Presbyterian Homes Inc. of North Carolina, works part time as director of Church Relations for Union-PSCE, serves on the board of William Black Lodge in Montreat and the Glenaire Board of Trustees. Ed writes of seeing fellow trustee **Bill Stewart**, retired Presbyterian pastor and one-star Admiral chaplain.

Semiretired from internal medicine practice in Memphis and still on the teaching faculty of Methodist Teaching Practice, **Bill Weber** writes of his participation in medical mission trips to Belize, West Africa and India. He and his wife of 40 years recently traveled to Turkey and Greece, tracing the journeys of the Apostle Paul.

Mike and **Shirley Lupfer** do lots of traveling. (Mike is also devoting time to the planning for our 50th reunion and deserves lots of credit for this!) He will return to Rhodes this fall to teach a course in statistics to psychology and neuropsychology students.

Danny Logan doesn't often comment to me directly but did give me permission to report on his involvement with Solar Under the Sun, a mission program of several synods, presbyteries and churches in the Mid-South. This project engages in the construction of solar-powered water purification systems, with Haiti as the first completion site. I'm sure that Danny would be glad to provide further information to interested folks.

In December three Rhodes roommates, **Bob Welsh**, **Mike Cody '58**, **Jerry Welsh '62** and **Richard Park** reunited in Central Florida in celebration of Bob's birthday. Activities included canoeing, hiking and observing manatees, but much of the time was spent reminiscing, the stories giving credence to the saying, "The older we get, the better we were."

Marguerite Livingston Stone and husband Scott (former district governor for the North Alabama Rotary) represented the Rotary International president at the annual District Conference in Alaska.

And, **Keith** and **Nora Petersen Buckley** enjoy being grandparents of three wonderful little girls (6, 2 and 6 months). They hope to attend the reunion in October.

Remember: Class of 1959, 50th Reunion, Oct. 23-24, Rhodes Campus!

1960

Reporter: **Kim Baxter Henley**
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Corinne and **Travis Casanova** have moved back to Cleveland, MS. He writes: "Corrine and I went to a northeast province of India to visit the governor, J.J. Singh, the former head of the Indian Armed Forces. The name of the province is Arunachal Pradesh, located just over the little hills from Tibet. Last summer, we were there for three weeks, in Delhi for several days, and stopped in Paris for four days on our way home. This summer we plan to go to Russia for two weeks in late July. We will cruise down the river from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Also, last fall, I spent four days out on East Ship Island with nine other amateur radio operators on a major activation of that island for radio; it had never been done from this island. Two years ago, I went to northern Canada for the same type trip to an island in the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the next week traveled above the 50th parallel in Canada. My fellow "ham" and I left with the first snow."

Mary Sue McGehee Curtis writes: "My daughter, **Christi Curtis Glasscock '83**, and I spent a week in Switzerland in February visiting her daughter, my granddaughter, Laurence, who was studying in Lausanne for the whole school year. She will be a junior at Pepperdine, which has a campus there. We had a wonderful time with Laurence as our tour guide. I am still loving my job as director of the Shepherding Center at Christ Presbyterian Church

PCA in Nashville."

Larry Fury's daughter, Amy, and Tim Pappé married April 26, 2009, in San Diego. The couple met in Colorado while in college and will likely reside there after Tim finishes his Ph.D. in environmental biology at the University of California at San Diego.

Ray and **Kim Baxter Henley** finally have a grandchild! Ross Pate Henley was born Jan. 14, 2009, to their son, R. Kimbrough Henley, and his wife, Julie Stockton Henley. "They live here in Memphis, thank goodness!"

Jack Hoelscher is one of the most active alums of our class. He practiced dentistry for 35 years and retired in 2000. In 2002, he began teaching two days a week in the department of Fixed Prosthodontia at UT college of Dentistry. He is also a consultant for Paragon Inc, a dental practice transition company. He and wife Barbara have two children and five grandchildren.

Morris Reagan writes that he is moving to a lakeside house being built for him at St. Catherine's Village in Madison, MS. Visitors are welcome!

1961

Reporter: **Sam Drash**
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Bette Baumgarten Daniels' name was spelled incorrectly in the winter 2009 issue of *Rhodes*. The magazine regrets the error.

In April, **Cynthia Bringle** traveled to the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference in Phoenix. More than 4,000 people attended the meeting. Cynthia's art work has

been or will be displayed in several shows this year, including one in Highlands, NC, in June and one in Little Switzerland, NC, in September, where she will also conduct a workshop. She will also lecture at the Arkansas Art Center in October. Other locations where Cynthia's work will be on display include the Fayetteville, NC, Museum of Art; Steffen Thomas Museum of Art in Buckhead, GA; and the Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, NC. You can contact the various museums to learn of exact dates when the displays will be held. You can also check with Cynthia in Penland, NC, about an hour from Asheville. She would love to have classmates and friends visit her and her sister **Edwina**.

Sam Drash was surprised by a special 70th birthday "get-together" at Callaway Gardens, GA, on the weekend of March 23. He and his wife, **Ginny Taylor Drash '66** had planned a nice quiet weekend together. However, Ginny forgot to tell Sam that she had contacted their three sons and invited them to come for the weekend to surprise their father. When **Mike '91**, Lewis and Wayne, with his wife and two children, came running into the hotel together, it was good that Sam didn't have a heart attack. Everyone had a great time together.

Since the majority of the 1961 alums are turning 70 years old in 2009, Sam asked the classmates to send him the dates of their birthdays so he could send everyone the list. That would allow classmates to send birthday wishes to friends in the class if they wished. More than 30 classmates responded. Approximately one-third of the total list were born

in March of 1939. It is interesting to know that nine months before March of 1939, it was one of the hottest months of 1938. I wonder if that might have made a difference! To encourage people to send him their information, Sam said he would send a copy of his book, *Reaching Paradise Through Intercourse*, to the oldest and the youngest members. The youngest classmate is **Bob Barret**. The oldest is **Bill Reed**.

Jerry Duncan and his wife, Martha, enjoyed visiting with **John Kibbons '62** during the Christmas holidays at their cabin in the Shady Valley, TN, mountains. John lives in Alaska, where he has a guiding/fishing business, and winters in Mexico. He visits his mother in Columbia, TN, during part of each December. Jerry and Martha take in various Rhodes programs at the campus. One very interesting one was Chris Wallace's presentation, "Obama's First 100 Days." It was organized by Dr. Dan Cullen of the Political Science Department.

Fay Quinn Isele and her husband had a wonderful six weeks touring Baja California, Mexico during January and February this year. Despite all the bad press, they did not encounter any problems at all. They found the people very friendly, the food was great and the scenery was absolutely beautiful. The land where the "mountains meet the sea" was really awesome and they never tired of looking at the ever-changing views of cacti, rocks, mountains and the sea. They were also delighted in the close-up encounters they had with gray whales and enjoyed a bird-watchers paradise. Fay

highly recommends the area as a place to go to get away from the winter cold.

Joanie Adams King, like many of us, has had some health problems in recent years, including an operation in 2000 for the removal of a noncancerous tumor on her right eye, as well as five different back surgeries through the years. She is now doing much better. Joanie is very excited that even though she is turning 70 in June, she is thrilled to be going back to work. The old company where she had worked for a number of years has re-hired her. She is going to be an assistant to the lady who took her place when she retired. Congratulations, Joanie!

Some of you may not be aware that **Billy Landers** attended and played football at the University of Mississippi his freshman year before attending Southwestern At Memphis, now Rhodes College. For many years, Billy had gone down to see the Ole Miss football team play. Some of the former Rhodes football players from the 1957-1961 era have normally had a couple of days celebrating together in Oxford, MS. This year's event will be the weekend of Nov. 14. Former Lynx players who would like to attend are encouraged to congregate in Oxford for their annual reunion. Ole Miss will play the University of Tennessee. Because this should be a "big" game, anyone wanting to attend the event should try to make their reservations as soon as possible. Reunion headquarters will be centered at the offices of **Grady Tollison**. Things usually kick off on Friday evening and wind up after breakfast on Sunday. Any former football players interested in attending

should contact **Mike Rowland** by phone at 901-219-6002 or via e-mail at row12600@gmail.com. It is always a fun weekend.

Kathleen O'Leary had a rather unique experience earlier this year. She went to Washington, DC, for the presidential inauguration and had seats right up front. Kathleen says she has some great photographs if anyone would like to see them. Congratulations, Kathleen!

Judi Carson Vestal continues to enjoy serving as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer and advocating for children involved in the court system as a result of violence or abuse. CASA is a program of Volunteers for Youth Justice and provides an opportunity to change the environment for families in need. Judi also continues to consult with the LSU Health Sciences Center Program in Occupational Therapy. The major task there this year was to prepare for a site visit for accreditation. Tom, Judi's husband, has retired again from his post as interim rector for their church. He has now been awarded the title of rector emeritus and continues to enjoy his outreach program serving the spiritual needs of the homeless and substance abusers.

Sandy Winter had a wonderful trip to Guatemala in November. She went for a week with three other women ministers, each of whom has been ordained for more than 30 years. They went to visit with and support women ministers, elders and other women church leaders, of whom there are few in Guatemala. The women there were really grateful for the visit. Some people traveled for more than two days to meet them. The visit was through

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a program of Columbia Theological Seminary and was funded by the Lilly Foundation.

1963

Bob Morris published *Memoirs of a Small Town Doctor* in 1991, which was read over a NPR-affiliate station. In 1993, he obtained his M.A. in biblical literature from Oral Roberts University, then completed three years toward a Ph.D. in Midrash at Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is currently self-employed as a proofreader/editor. In the past year, he has translated Gospel texts and commentaries on them from Jewish sources, which will be published in 2009. He lives with his wife, Jeanne, and daughter, Virginia, in Medina, TN. Their son, Joe, in Florida is a chiropractor and their daughter teaches in a daycare center. Their son, Carl, an artist, died in 2006 and his work was exhibited last year at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt.

Susan Hunter Suggs of Atlanta welcomed a second grandchild, Alexander (Alex) Peter Suggs, April 14, 2009, in Athens, GA. Alex and his sister Molly (2) are the children of Claire and **Welch Suggs '95**.

1964

45th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24
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What fun this has been to touch base with so many of you. After years of silence, a brief personal invitation to share your news has unleashed the voices of the

Class of '64! A 'warm-up' perhaps for our 45th reunion in October! Put Oct. 23-24 on your calendar and plan to join us on campus for a wonderful gathering.

K.C. Ptomey retired in 2008 as the senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville after a tenure of 27 years. At the retirement luncheon and celebration on Nov. 9, the congregation announced the endowment of the K.C. Ptomey Jr. Westminster Scholarship at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the endowment of the K.C. Ptomey Jr. Pastor's Discretionary Fund at Westminster Church. "In retirement I plan to serve as an interim pastor as needed and perhaps take temporary teaching appointments. My wife, Carol, and I are also busy deciding where we will go on a trip 'anywhere in the world,' which the congregation presented to us as a retirement gift."

Trisha Whyte Edington shares this interesting story: "**Howard** and I have moved to New York City for six months while he is serving as preacher-in-residence at the wonderful old Central Presbyterian Church on the corner of Park Avenue and E. 64th Street. We love the church and the people here and are trying to take full advantage of living in New York. One of our sight-seeing days took us to Greenwich Village, where we walked into the First Presbyterian Church there. As usual, Howard picked up a bulletin and was surprised to see that **K.C. Ptomey** was serving here for a two-month period. What a serendipity! We met K.C. for lunch and had a great time visiting. We were, however, horrified to realize how long it has been since we graduated together

from Rhodes, but promised each other to be at our 45th reunion this fall."

Last summer, **Doug** and **Margaret Rowe Fancher** welcomed their 7th and 8th grandchildren into their lives with the arrival of Doug's daughter's twin boys. Doug saw them at Christmas and reports that they are doing great, along with their older brother (3).

Scott Hallford and his wife, Dana, live in Jacksonville, FL, about a half mile from **Joe and Judy Emery Howell**, whom he sees and talks to frequently. Scott retired from the State Department in 1996 after 31 years, most of it in and around China; worked for FedEx for six more years in Hong Kong, handling its government affairs in Asia; and has been consulting for FedEx since 2002. Scott and Dana have a son and a daughter, one grandchild and one on the way.

Joe Howell reports that after Rhodes, he worked for Sears for 27 years starting in Memphis with subsequent assignments in Chicago (twice), Atlanta and Jacksonville. With the demise of the Sears catalogue, he left Jacksonville and worked for several companies that took him and **Judy** to Johnson City, TN, San Antonio, back to Memphis for a year and finally back to Jacksonville in 2000 where he is vice president-distribution for Venus Swimwear. Joe and Judy have a son and an 11-year-old grandson in Jacksonville and a daughter and 16-month-old granddaughter in Charlotte. Judy is managing a store in Ponte Vedra Beach that sells outdoor/patio furniture. She spends her spare time making things grow in the yard. Joe spends his fishing at the beach as often as

possible.

Frank Luton reports that in the last 10-12 years he has taken up rock climbing and has become a "retro" DJ.

Randall Shepard is volunteering at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis to drive the homeless to get their state photo IDs.

Bill Wilson retired from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities in Memphis in 2005 after nearly 38 years on the psychology staff, the last 22 or so as clinical services coordinator for the center. After a year off he went back part time on a special project which lasted two years. He has now retired again and is enjoying it enormously. Bill volunteers for the public library's FM station WYPL as a radio reader and as an interviewer for "Book Talk." In this capacity he interviewed Rhodes professors John Kaltner and Steven McKenzie, who with Joel Kilpatrick wrote a very interesting book called *The Uncensored Bible: The Bawdy and Naughty Bits of the Good Book*, a scholarly work with a light touch that many Rhodes alumni would enjoy. As an amateur astronomer and member of the Memphis Astronomical Society's board, he is collaborating with Dr. Ann Viano, associate professor of Physics at Rhodes, and her students in several events designed to celebrate The International Year of Astronomy in 2009. Bill and his wife, **Carol Calaway Wilson '67**, have a son, Jim, who is a captain in the Army and is currently stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, TX.

Mike and Blanche Buckingham Deaderick are retired. Mike is attending classes at the University of

Memphis, tutoring fifth grade American history at a Memphis City School, teaching English as a Second Language at the Memphis Literacy Council and writing some local and regional history. Mike and Blanche like to cruise and plan to go to the Baltic Sea this summer.

After teaching biology and science for many years, **Linda Jackson Walter** now works part time with her husband, Gunter, organizing small groups for travel to Europe. It has been their pleasure to organize quite a few groups for Rhodes alums and the Mid-South. Their two children, Bill Taylor and Laura Kutsch, live in Moscow, TN, and Richmond, VA, respectively, both enjoying successful careers.

After 19 years as pastor of Ft. King Presbyterian Church in Ocala, FL, **Jim Bullock** retired July 1, 2008. His wife **Ervin Hays Bullock '65**, continues to work for the PC (USA) Peacemaking Program. Jim has assumed the voluntary position of faith community liaison for the Marion County Children's Alliance. In this role, he is trying to get local faith communities more involved in ministry to youth, children and families at risk. The alliance has established a Food-4-Kids program where faith communities enable backpacks full of food to be taken home by kids who have no food for the weekends. Jim says, "We cover 21 schools and 920 families." They have also developed a Mentoring Coalition to mentor at-risk children, grandmothers who have taken their grandchildren to raise due to parental drug abuse, and families who have lost jobs and/or homes. Jim is also

serving as the chaplain at the Detention Center. Jim and Ervin have seven adult children; the last four are two sets of twins who "became theirs" at the age of 13. Jim and Ervin have recently renovated their beach house just north of St. Augustine and in Jim's words, "You all have got to come see us."

John and Anne Maclin Mehrling live and work in New York, out on Long Island. They have three children and two grandchildren and admit that they are "grateful for these quiet years. In October 2006 **Tom '63** and **Janet Thomas Vanden Bosch '63** came to visit us as they traveled through the northeast. They are retired, living in Colorado. Both are still musically active, singing and composing. We visited the Walter twins, **Carolyn Walter Darke** and **Camille Walter Ashcraft**, in November 2008 in Dover, TN, their hometown to which they have retired."

Tom and Eleanor Lawrence Geiger enjoyed the hospitality of **Liz Currie Williams** last winter while sojourning in Dallas to help out with their grandchildren. They will return to Alexandria, their home base, sometime in May.

Dossett Foster and his wife, Linda, are actively involved in the Civitan Service Club, working to support the treatment of mental and developmental disabilities. Dossett has been governor of the Valley District, which has 58 clubs. They stay busy with church activities as well, and enjoy traveling through their affiliation with Wyndham Resorts.

In recent years, **Howard Romaine** moved from Atlanta back to Nashville, where he is writing for

The Tennessee Tribune, practicing some law and, to copy a phrase, driving Ms. Hortense! Dr. Hortense Spillers, professor of English literature at Vanderbilt, and Howard are keeping close company in Nashville, trying to see if love in the sixties, their sixties, works. While in Atlanta, Howard's involvement in the multicultural ministry of Oakhurst Presbyterian church, pastored by **Nibs Stroupe '68**, reconnected him with **Bob and Rosemary Hoyer Wells** and **Ed Albright '63**.

Trudy Walker Pearson is retired after serving 25 years as an editor with *Time-Life Books*. Now she does occasional freelance work, mainly with *National Geographic*, but leaves enough time for travel. She and her husband, director of policy for the International Trade Administration, have spent time in Egypt, India, Africa, Southeast Asia, Australia and various European countries, focusing on Ireland where they go every summer with an American friend and his Irish wife who have a home there. Trudy's retirement gift to herself was to spend a year in Manhattan, where their son lives, taking a course in American arts at Sotheby's Art Institute. She is now involved with local historic preservation efforts, which includes keeping their 165-year-old home in Old Town Alexandria, VA, well preserved. Trudy keeps in touch with local Rhodes alums: **Dale Seay Kasab**, **Charlotte Palmer Seeley** and **Tom and Eleanor Lawrence Geiger**. While in Memphis recently, Trudy had a wonderful reunion with **Tommy '62** and **Carol Pickens White, '66**, **Dan Rambo** and wife, and **Sarah Pickens Waller**. "The overlaps were

amazing: Most of us went to the same high school and were in the same sororities or fraternities, plus, of course we were mostly out of Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Not that many people in this world have that much in common!"

Dale Ledbetter retired from the securities industry in 2000, left Los Angeles and moved back to Florida, where he started practicing law. Dale represents individuals and institutions (banks, schools, charities, etc.) that have been victimized by Wall Street. He lives in Ft. Lauderdale but has several offices around the country and represents clients all over the world. Dale says he stays busy and doubts that he will ever retire again. He is very active with his hobby as a magician. He belongs to the Magic Castle in Hollywood, a club for magicians. He incorporates magic into the seminars he does around the country on how "Wall Street picks your pocket and what you can do to defend yourself" and on "bringing in the business." Dale has young children and is probably quite a way off from grandchildren. His daughter recently turned 21 and his son works for the president. Dale reports that sadly his Rhodes roommate and very good friend, **David Bird**, who also lived in Ft. Lauderdale, recently passed away. Dale loves hearing from and about Rhodes classmates and hopes any who are in south Florida will give him a call.

Nan Bell writes: "After graduate school, I settled in Washington, DC, where I have been happily ensconced since the early 1970s. I enjoyed teaching for a while and then worked at an NGO, which allowed me to participate as an

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educational policy fellow at the (now) Department of Education. The latter turned into a job as staff director of a congressionally-funded Presidential Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies, which in turn led me to the United States Information Agency (USIA) and to the field I always loved—international affairs. When USIA merged with the Department of State in the early '90s, I stayed on to continue my work in the area of international professional exchanges. In November 2007, retirement finally seemed the right course to take, and it has been. After overseeing a six-month renovation of the house I share with my neuropsychologist partner Robert Kane, I worked a little bit on the Obama campaign. I now do fun things like taking advanced French conversation at the Alliance Française, travel, swim every day and spend time with wonderful friends and family that includes a sister, nephews, nieces and grandnephews and nieces. I plan to volunteer to teach English as a Second Language in the near future. The beauty of Washington still thrills me, as does the chaos of American politics."

Ed Miller retired in 1996. At that time, he and his wife, Liz, moved to Hot Springs Village, built a home on the largest lake there and moved in, in 1997. He played tennis for years but finally had to give it up after a broken hip, elbow surgery, shoulder surgery and constant back pain. He now works out at the fitness center four or five days a week. Other hobbies are playing backup guitar with a local gospel group, singing in the Village Men's Chorus and with a mixed chorus called the Cedar

Mountain Singers. This involves at least four concerts a year and numerous singing engagements at various nursing homes, etc. Interesting travels include last year's trip down the Rhine with several days in Belgium beforehand. In 2007, Ed and Liz went to Israel and Egypt to celebrate their 20th anniversary. They have nine grandchildren, ranging in age from 3 to 16 years. Together, Ed and Liz taught country/western dancing for several years. Liz still teaches line dancing at the local senior citizen center.

Charles Jernigan was a professor of comparative literature at California State University, Long Beach, for 37 years, beginning in 1970. For many of those years, he was also director of the international program which the 24-campus California State University system operates in Florence, Italy. He retired from that post in Florence in August 2007. While living in Florence, Charles got to know **Peter Casperian '71**, who was the priest at the historic American Episcopal Church there. Charles and his wife, Peggy, are about to move to Loveland, CO. They have children and grandchildren both north and south of Denver. Charles and Peggy travel a lot, following his great love for music, especially opera. "I have only been back to Rhodes once since long ago 1964," he says. "In September 2007, after I retired, we drove from Colorado to North Carolina and went through Memphis. I made a detour to Rhodes, where we parked and walked around the campus. It is smaller than I remembered, but it is still a beautiful campus."

After deciding it is ill-mannered to snub such an appealing invitation,

John Arehart wrote: "After finishing my work at Southwestern I spent two years in the Peace Corps teaching in a hill village in Nepal. I am now retired not quite two years, after teaching at Longwood University in Farmville, VA, where I started out supervising student teachers in 1973, and retired as associate professor of Mathematics and Computer Science in June 2007. I am sure this latter position would have come as a surprise to my math professors at Southwestern, but sometimes we grow and mature when we get into the world of work. My wife, Fran, retired in June 2008 as an administrative assistant at LU, and we now have time to pursue hobbies and be involved in church and community. My youngest son Steve has two boys (4 ½ and 2 ½) and my oldest son Mark has just given us our first granddaughter. We are both elders in the Presbyterian Church, drive for Meals on Wheels on a weekly basis and enjoy walking and tennis. I have always had an interest in military history, and on retirement, traveled with a Longwood history class on a two-week tour of the WWII Normandy beaches and medieval castles of William the Conqueror. We are busy and enjoying life in retirement."

Willene Langley Hendon at Colorado State University is working on Web applications as a partner with the National Park Service. "My current assignment is rejuvenating an application that has not been updated in five to six years." In her leisure time Willene is enjoying A Course in Miracles and related events including participating in a 14-month study group of

Wayne Dyer's *Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life*; reading David R. Hawkins' devotional nonduality books and attending his seminars in Arizona when possible; and Curves for exercise. Willene and her husband welcomed grandson Chauncy Hendon March 15, 2006, and his brother joined the family Jan. 17, 2009. They live only about 50 miles north of them in Wyoming, so in March, Willene hosted Chauncy's third birthday with a Go Diego theme. Their daughter and her husband came up from Parker, CO. Along with Chauncy's new brother, his dad and mom, they all had a great time.

Bob and Brenda Hickman West are loving retirement! Their volunteer efforts include building houses for Habitat for Humanity in Birmingham and mission trips with the church to Ecuador and Romania. This spring, they spent five weeks in China visiting their son who teaches at a university there. This was their third trip to China—they have two grandsons there to "visit and spoil," the newest born in February '09. Bob and Brenda are learning to speak and read the Chinese language and report, "This is a difficult task even for the young, much less for us." We wish them success!

Boyd Ellison writes, "I've been retired for six years from a career in information technology, mostly in management. My daughter is a Rhodes graduate, married to another Rhodes graduate, whose parents are both Rhodes graduates. My lovely wife of 40 years, Mary Wain, being a Queens College graduate feels a little left out at family gatherings. Our son, however, is a Georgia Tech and Princeton graduate, so he keeps her

company. We have three grandchildren with a fourth due in June. My hobbies are fishing, golf and flying. My time is filled with volunteer work with our church, Kiwanis Club, Angel Flight Southeast and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. That's a pretty small nutshell, but it's better than the long version."

Roy Twaddle continues to work as professor at the University of Rhode Island after retiring from the Navy, where he served as a captain of surface warfare-destroyers. His hobbies include travel-trailering and single-handed/long-haul sailing "when it's not too dicey out there." Interesting travels have included sailing from Pensacola to Sanibel Island, cutting through Florida via Lake Okeechobee then out the other side to catch the Gulf Stream, and making landfall in Newport. The trip took three weeks overall and included dodging two hurricanes. He'd love to do it again—more slowly. Roy says he is using the camper more lately but the "Sea Turtle wants the Great Lakes via St. Lawrence" and he is finding it "hard to resist the call." Roy has a son and two daughters, two grandsons and four granddaughters. He recommends Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge as an amazing place to walk.

Elaine Holbrook Jenkins shared: "Don and I are retired (sort of) on Mount Desert Island. We've been back 15 years in July! How is that possible! Don was stationed here in the Coast Guard in the early '80s and we fell in love with Maine. We've never been busier. Don works a half year as supervisor at Seawall Campground at Acadia National Park. Our sons and daughters-in-law are in Massachusetts and South Carolina, so we travel there

twice a year to see our six grandchildren. We recently celebrated Don's mom's 96th birthday in Ohio! We enjoy hosting visiting missionaries, friends and family as they enjoy our beautiful island. Don has a workshop and is busy helping a group of men repair and restore our 124-year-old church where he is an elder and I'm the music director. When I'm not playing the piano or organ, I'm scrapbooking, taking pictures, gardening or reading. From time to time I am delighted to see **Camille Crenshaw** when she visits her daughter in Bangor."

Ronnie Splann says that he and his wife try to go to Maui as often as possible, but haven't been in a while due to a stroke he suffered. It had a minimal effect on him and for that he is grateful. Meanwhile, his wife keeps him busy building easels and "art things" for her.

Nonie Gillmore Crosby retired in 2000 after 20 years of teaching high school government and economics. The same year, her husband, Richard, retired as a computer science professor from the College of Charleston. They enjoy traveling and have visited places in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand. Their favorites so far have been New Zealand and Italy. Nonie is thrilled that her son and daughter-in-law, **Joe '94** and **Jennifer Foster Mills '96**, moved to Charleston in 2002 and live only 20 minutes away. In December 2008, **Ruth Decker Seal** and Nonie got together in Charleston, not having seen each other since 1964. How time flies!

In 2001, **Carolyn Cooper Hill** retired from her Sacramento law practice after 25 years. Thereafter, she and husband, Randy,

sold their northern California ranch and moved to the Palm Springs area. In 2003, they left behind their hobby (polo) and Randy opted for fly fishing, while Carolyn pursued a course of continuing education for seniors which eventually led her to teaching a class titled Famous/Infamous Trials. The class attendance has grown to 80 and the trials have included everything from Lizzie Borden to the My Lai Courts Martial. In 2003, Carolyn and Randy began a search for the "perfect trout stream." This led them to Montana for several summers and, finally, to the Canadian Rockies where they purchased a small home on the Elk River in British Columbia. Carolyn reports that they are happy, healthy and enjoying their "split" lifestyle—eight months in the desert and four in the mountains.

John '63 and **Anne Smith Sarber** are living at Callawassie Island, SC, going on their sixth year now. Their two boys live in Charlotte and Jacksonville, so they're situated between them. Johnny and Anne enjoy seeing their sons and their four grandchildren (3 boys and 1 princess) often. The Sarbers live on a golf course, so can play anytime they want, which is just what they wanted with retirement. Anne says, "When we need a change of terrain, we spend time in Blowing Rock, NC, at a little place we have there. Sometimes we have to have a mountain fix!"

Jerry and Minna Yancey Thompson recently moved to Forest, VA, from Virginia Beach, where they raised their three children. They now have eight grandchildren ages 13 to newborn. Jerry is retired from Hoffman-LaRoche, a Swiss-based

company. Minna retired from International Family Entertainment, (The Family Channel). Jerry serves as president of Mission South America, N.A., an organization that supports missionary friends. They have traveled to Cali and recently to Medellin, Colombia. Jerry and Minna also lead an Empty Nesters' group at Blue Ridge Community Church, "which keeps us going and growing."

Sharon Lupfer Nardo retired in 1993 from her job as an architect/CAD consultant. She got involved in volunteer work in the areas of mental health, politics and her Atlanta neighborhood. Her husband, Mickey, retired as a psychiatrist/psychoanalyst in 2003 and at that time they moved to Jasper, GA. Since then, Sharon has been doing a host of volunteer work in the arts, health and politics. Her main hobby is photography, but she is also into lapidary (specifically cabochon cutting and polishing), games and puzzles. Sharon says that her husband promised that if she'd move out of Atlanta, he'd travel with her wherever she wanted to go. Since their move in 2004, they have been to China, Peru, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Kenya, Tanzania, Mexico, the Maritime Provinces of Canada and an Eastern European trip that included Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria. However, their travels came to a screeching halt when Sharon had both knees replaced last year, then proceeded to herniate a disk in the fall. Her husband joined in by having back surgery in the summer. Now they are "on the mend" and plan to go to the Black Hills of South Dakota in August. Sharon stays in touch with

Class Notes

Rhodes classmates **Bob** and **Rose Mary Hoye Wells**, **Caroline Gage Sanford** and **Margaret Rowe Fancher**.

From Alaska, **Hayden Kaden** reports: "I retired 16 years ago and never looked back to my lawyering days. I continued guiding occasional kayak and canoe trips here in Alaska for about five more years until it was no longer fun. Bonnie retired from being the principal of our local K-12 school 15 years ago. Bonnie and I have owned Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks since the mid-'80s, but neither of us has been active in running the business for the past two years. We turned over management to younger, more energetic folks. After retiring, I worked occasionally for a friend, a wildlife filmmaker who has done scores of films around the world. Each of these projects took three or four months of grueling but exciting work, sleeping on the ground, eating strange food and being pumped on adrenaline. We love Mexico and spend five months a year there in our home in San Miguel de Allende. We have one grandson, Hayden Juan Carlos Jimenez, who was two on Christmas Eve. He is the light of our lives and we get to visit him a few times a summer. I was stunned and extremely sorry to lose my best friend from Southwestern, **C. Hendricks**, last year. We had gotten back together after our 30th reunion and had some incredibly good times in Missouri, Tennessee and Alaska. He is sorely missed. **John Kibbons** lives 15 miles away from us in Alaska, on a little bit of paradise called Lemesurier Island. We like to run out to visit him in our 16-foot skiff every month or so for a night or two, eat gourmet meals, drink too

much and tell some tall tales, many involving some of our old classmates from Zoo U. Darts are involved."

Tom Lappage retired from IBM in 2002 after 36 years service, but returned immediately as a contractor. After three years of contractor status, he became an IBM retiree supplemental and continues that now. After three international assignments with IBM, he still loves to travel. His last trip was to Portland and the Oregon coast.

Pat Bowen Butler writes, "I retired from teaching two years ago. I've taught junior and senior high school music, kindergarten, multihandicapped, high school math and resource classes. My husband and I have three sons, who are all married. Our oldest son and his wife have two daughters and our middle son and his wife have a three-month-old daughter. Our youngest son has been married less than two years. I am currently directing a harp ensemble with an average of seven harpists at a performance. I also help with the coordination of a nondenominational women's conference. This past year we had Chonda Pierce and Lisa Harper to speak. Currently, I am taking care of my three-month-old granddaughter. Her mother works at Tennessee Tech University and can run home when needed. It is a delight and joy for me. I am also editing and writing my mother's life story. It will be a real treasure when it is finished. My husband is semiretired and has a wonderful gift for writing and for making something beautiful out of a piece of wood."

Martha Woodbury Thomas and her husband, Jim, retired to Louisville, TN,

just across the river from Knoxville. "All three of our children live in the area, and we enjoy being close to them and our seven grandchildren."

Challace and Mary Lou Quinn McMillin are enjoying retirement. After coaching and teaching at James Madison University for 32 years, Challace continues to work part time for JMU as a mental training coach for individual athletes and several of the athletic teams. Challace loves to fish and to garden! Mary Lou is a certified Christian educator and spent 31 years serving as the resource coordinator for Shenandoah Presbytery. Since retiring in 2006, she has continued to be involved in the life of the presbytery and currently serves as chair of the Pastoral Care and Wellness committee of the Committee on Ministry. She enjoys knitting, reading and "keeping in touch" with family and friends. Mary Lou and Challace have two children: Lisa, who with her husband, Mike, and their two children live in Nashville; and Sid, who lives in Montana. Sid's expertise as a hunting and fishing guide has provided Mary Lou and Challace with a number of fabulous adventures!

1965

Reporter: Virginia Lowry Ives
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What interesting and varied lives the Class of '65 is leading! This is truly a special time in our lives. It is rewarding being class reporter; I try to contact all of our classmates, but my list is not complete. If you are not receiving my e-mails, please send me your current e-mail address just to say

"Hi" ... even if you don't have any news to share right now. I would love to hear from you.

Charles Robertson noted that "most of us are now the same age as our class year—whatever that means." He happily shares this: "From my vantage point, life is really good. I got the opportunity to start my own company in 2000 (NanoDrop Technologies LLC), and with the help of partners we built it up to a small company with global significance in UV visible spectrophotometry—selling out in October 2007 having cornered 10% of the global market. I refer to the whole venture as a fairy tale in that we did our own thing, had a blast, and when we sold out (I think we closed within a few days of the market peak on Oct. 9, 2007), we had the opportunity to make our loyal employees happy with part of the proceeds. I'm working as a consultant to the acquired company for two years and enjoying becoming a philanthropist with the proceeds. Pat, my wife, and I have been working with, among others, the Rhodes Physics Department to help out with a scholarship and a student activities fund. Now we need to get going with postponed travel interests and enjoying other aspects of life."

Ben Frank Ward sends this from Asia: "Carol and I are living in Shanghai, China and loving the international experience. I still work for my original company, MeadWestvaco, as the managing director for greater China. Of course, it was much easier in the booming times of the last couple of years than it will be going forward, but that is part of the challenge. We had a great Christmas with all of the family

gathering in Maui, HI, for the holidays. My children, both Rhodes graduates, and my grandchildren were there along with spouses. Also, Carol's family came so we had great fun whale watching, snorkeling and having adventures around the island. I have thought of retiring many times over the last 10 years, but continue to love the challenges of working, so I plan to continue for a couple of more years. I recently completed training in the Light Body School in Utah, so in my spare time I am a practicing shaman. I will be in Peru in June for two weeks of on-site study with the local Inca tribal shaman, so life's adventure continues to unfold."

Lou Ellyn Hindman Griffin's travels included three weeks in Spain in January and February. She and Gerry spent a week in San Sebastian (Basque country), where their son has been a missionary. They then flew down south to Malaga on the Costa del Sol for a week and then spent another week in San Sebastian before returning to Oregon.

Lynn Parsons shared in the last issue that he had published a book about his late father, Herb Parsons (showmanshooter.com/html/showman_shooter_book.html). He adds, "I also had the pleasure of appearing in two episodes of the 'American Bird Hunter' program on the Outdoor Channel as well as the 'Sharpshooters' and 'Extreme Marksmen' specials on the History Chanel." Still practicing general surgery in Bellefontaine, OH (near Columbus), he enjoys his three-year-old twin grandsons as retirement draws near.

Terri Chadwick and

her older daughter had a wonderful week's tour of Rome, Italy in October 2008. The tour was run by TV "travel guru" Rick Steves and was excellent. She credits her Rhodes classes for helping her better appreciate the art, architecture and history of Rome.

Reba Wright's adventures continue: "Bill and I traveled out west over Christmas to visit granddaughter, Brenna Carol Hurst (18 months), in Phoenix. We took a side trip to Los Angeles to visit Bill's show business relatives and ran into a snowstorm outside Las Vegas, so we diverted to Laughlin, NV, to play some blackjack. Bill's major in math does well for him at the tables. His famous book on blackjack is in the libraries of Rhodes and the University of Las Vegas."

Carter Osterbind's big news is that two of his paintings were in the 13th Friends of Pleiades Invitational Show in January at New York's Pleiades Gallery, 530 West 25th St.

Suzanne Burns is exploring her Celtic roots and found out she is Clan Campbell on both sides of the family. She joined the Clan Campbell of North America and is now vice president of the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee. Last summer she made it to Inverary Scotland, the clan seat. Continuing as a Civil War re-enactor, she also has a one-woman show on the life of Adelicia Acklen, who built Belmont Mansion, the centerpiece of Belmont University in Nashville. In addition, she says, "I continue on the board of two woman's clubs and generally try to stay off the streets and out of trouble."

Carl Fisher sounds busier than ever. "I was planning to retire last March, but my office talked me into working a few more months

to help out with the office schedule. I am still working three days a week. The easy thing is that I am only doing office work—no surgeries, no deliveries. And most important of all, no night call! My wife, Lois, and I went to China for 24 days in November. We split our time between Charlotte and our second home on the coast in South Carolina. Most weeks we leave when I get off on Thursdays and stay down there until Monday afternoon. I work in a free clinic in Pawley's Island on Mondays, then head back to Charlotte for work on Tuesday. We will probably settle there for good, once I retire fully. We will still spend time in Charlotte, though. My son, **Carl Jr. '92**, is a practicing nephrologist here. He and his wife, Carrie, have two beautiful girls. We do get to Memphis some, too, to visit my family. Plus, my youngest son, **Patrick '96**, and his wife, Tracie, are there with our other two lovely granddaughters. Patrick is a director of marketing with Wright Medical. So, life is good for us. I am looking forward to our next big reunion (45th!). Definitely plan to make this one."

Ann Dow Lee writes: "Bayliss and I are still living on Prince Edward Island. My six sons have all moved away, half to the states to get better work and half to the bigger cities up here. We have a small garden, bake our own bread and generally try to take care of the large house ourselves. I paint regularly and go to a group on Friday afternoon at the university. Watercolor is still my passion. The winter was hard, but summer will be great, I am sure."

1966

Reporter: Sammy Primm Marshall
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Carole Montgomery reports that she is happy that she moved to Milwaukee to be near her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters. She says she finds this an interesting time to be an investment adviser in retirement planning.

Becky Smith Kissel is the Webmaster for the Columbus Artists' Guild where she has a Web page under "Gallery," which shows some of her work. She and Bill still enjoy RV-ing.

Tim Greaves is still practicing law in Greenville, SC. Some of his paintings were in the Piccolo-Spoleto Art Celebration in Charleston, which began Memorial Day weekend. He says that he is usually home on weekends if anyone is planning a trip to that area. Tim has had some contact with several Rhodes graduates in the last year. He talked to **Charlie Blanks** recently and says that Charlie is living in Greenville, MS. He also saw **Ray Bye** and family last year when Ray visited Greenville. He also saw **Randy Maxey '67** this year. She is working for the airport authority in Mobile, having retired from Delta Airlines.

Bob Frank reports that he and John Murry released a new CD on April 3 titled "Brinkley, Arkansas, and Other Assorted Love Songs." There are some "Southwestern" people in it: **Sharon Forrest '69**, **Randy Hayes** and **Jane Moorhead '69**. The band is called Bob Frank and John Murry and the Lansky Brothers.

Class Notes

1967

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A Christmas letter from **Anne "Charlie" Thacker Leuke** told of a two-week cruise to Finland, Sweden, Estonia and Russia last year. "The ship was small, holding only 110 people, thus enabling it to reach some of the more remote islands of the Scandinavian archipelagoes. We took Zodiac inflatable boats in to a couple of islands as there was no deep port. One island had only eight families as inhabitants. To me, the highlight of the trip was going above the Arctic Circle into Lapland and learning about the culture of the Sami people. It was a wonderful experience and one I'll long remember."

I can't believe the number of cities **Ketti Tyree** can travel to in one year: St. Leonard, MD, Atlantic Beach, NC, Ft. Worth, Long Boat Key, Ocean City, Tampa and Indianapolis. She should become a travel agent. She had a great time in each even though some of it was for work. Her grandchildren continue to delight her. The five-year-old has a lot of her grandmother in her. When Ketti was babysitting one night she told Brynn to get ready for bed. When she walked into the bathroom to see what she was up to, Brynn was sitting on the toilet and brushing her teeth. Grandma Ketti asked her what she was doing and she looked at her very seriously and said, "I'm multitasking." The apple falleth not far from the tree.

Bill Heiter wrote that he made the acquaintance of the "Vicar Of Baghdad," the

Rev. Canon Andrew White, when he came to speak at his church in Mobile. Billy had his granddaughter, Katie, with him. When introduced to present his program, the vicar remained seated saying that he was not really feeling up to it but, with his great British accent said, "My new friend Katie here has kindly agreed to say a few words in my place." Little Katie is tiny but she shrank a bit more on hearing that. However, even she wasn't quite as taken aback as the fellow attempting to prod the vicar to take the podium. Bill says, "If anyone we know has any money left to spend on travel I'd be interested in hearing so I could live vicariously through their experiences."

Dan and **Eleanor Jackson Howe** visited Eleanor's sister, **Clare Jackson Tufts '69**, in Paris last October. Clare's there for a year as director of the Duke-Cornell study abroad program.

Jim Durham writes: "I'm finally working with a fellow Rhodes graduate, fellow physics major and someone from our class to boot—**Doug Post** is leading a high-speed computing effort for the Department of Defense and I am a senior executive within the Department of Acquisition and Technology, the director of Joint Advanced Concepts. Doug and I have intersecting interests in a congressionally-mandated task that I have to determine the future direction for all rotary wing aircraft for all the services (flightglobal.com/blogs/the-dewline/2008/12/osd-brief-on-future-vertical-l.html). Doug's high-speed computers may provide the processing power we need to design the next generation of rotary wing aircraft. Such a deal, huh?"

Elizabeth (K.E.) Boyd and I planned to spend the

month of May in Florence, Italy along with **Lonnie Kersey** and his wife, Pat. Since this has to go to press before the trip takes place you'll have to wait for the following issue for the juicy details.

1968

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Steve Caldwell writes: "I came to Vanderbilt Divinity and needed to work, so I took a position as a dorm adviser. I never moved out. My wife and I were married in '72 and we raised our two children living on the Vanderbilt campus. I have been a student affairs dean here for almost 38 years. In some ways, I feel like I am Dean Wormer of 'Animal House,' and sometimes I feel just about as effective. Luckily for us, we moved to our cattle farm outside of Dickson several years ago and although the commute is an hour, after living on campus for 35 years, I really don't mind."

Tommy Hart says: "After graduating from Southwestern I entered the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. I got stationed at Sabine Pass, TX, and was primarily involved in search and rescue work. I lived in nearby Port Arthur, where I met Janis Simon who later became my wife. We celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary Dec. 29. After leaving the Coast Guard, I went to law school at the University of Alabama and graduated in December 1974. In March 1975 I took a job in Mobile as associate legal counsel for Teledyne Continental Motors. Two or three years later I was promoted to general counsel and held that position until

I retired in December 2004. The company manufactured light aircraft engines and much of the work that I did was centered around the defense of product liability claims against the company. For almost all of this period of time, we lived in Spanish Fort, AL. Janis and I have two sons, Brian and Michael. We are absolutely thrilled to have both sons and their families living so close by. We now live in Orange Beach, AL, and are regulars at the beaches and the local fitness center. You may catch us every now and then among the crazies at the FloraBama (especially for the Mullet Toss) and the Blue Angels air shows in Pensacola. We do a little traveling, a little snow skiing and generally anything else that suits us. We are thoroughly enjoying retirement."

Charlotte Parmelee Merrill writes: "Well, although **Mauria Aspell** and I didn't make it to the Rhodes reunion, it did prompt us to have our own. We finally got together again after 36 years. Jim and I drove from Kansas City to Hot Springs for a long weekend with Mauria and her husband, Bob. We recognized each other with no problem—neither of us has changed a bit (wink, wink). It was like we'd just come back from summer break—picked up right where we left off and had a wonderful time. We're planning to get together again much sooner than another 36 years."

Priscilla Hinkle Ennis, husband Bob, Amy and Kader (daughter and son-in-law) and John and Betsey (son and daughter-in-law) spent a week in Paris over Easter. "I might add that we are not looking forward to the hurricane season that begins in June!"

John Williams writes: "I am semiretired from a long career in music in Sacramento, CA, including 15 years as the cathedral organist at the Catholic Cathedral, 15 years as pianist-musical director at an opera cafe (where the servers also sing), several years accompanying the opera and ballet and various performers, as well as giving concerts in the U.S. and Europe. I am currently organist/pianist for a church in the Sacramento area. I live in the Lake Tahoe area. My wife Julie and I have traveled quite a bit. My son is an allergist in Bend, OR, my daughter is a nutrition professor at Chico State, CA, and we enjoy our three grandchildren. I would love to hear from Rhodes alums, having been out of touch for so long."

Barbara Lesh Borleske retired from teaching high school chemistry in June 2007, "but I stay busy as the director of Delaware Science Olympiad. I also serve on the boards of the Delaware Nature Society and the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. Steve and I celebrate our 40th anniversary this year, and we have three grown kids and four grandkids. Fortunately, the grands are nearby so we see them all the time! Steve continues to work part time at University of Delaware, and we enjoy traveling, especially to our house on the "inner banks" of North Carolina. We have a home on a creek in Perquimans County, near Elizabeth City. We also love Florida (in the winter!). Retirement is lots of fun, and I find myself really enjoying the memories of college days and reading about my former classmates!"

David Lehmann got together with **Steve** and **Beverly Cole** from Atlanta,

Bill and **Bea Hubbard** (Nashville) and **Jim** and **Beth McKenzie Stewart** '69 (Richmond) the first weekend in April at the Stewart's vacation home in Emerald Isle, NC. "We try to get together every year or so."

1969

40th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Authors **Charlotte Hays** and **Gayden Metcalfe** have teamed up once again with their new book, *Some Day You'll Thank Me for This: The Official Southern Ladies' Guide*, a guide to that incomparable creature—the Southern mother. The two are co-authors of *Being Dead Is No Excuse* and *Somebody's Going To Die If Lily Beth Doesn't Catch That Bouquet*.

Dave Owen lives in Atlanta. He retired in 2002 from BellSouth Telecom (now AT&T) after 30 years and now works part time as a residential realtor.

Linda Yates is a semiretired emergency physician.

Lee James says he lives in "God's Country," Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. He works as an energy management engineer for the largest utility in Washington state.

After working as a photographer and developing media to teach patients and staff at Emory Hospital, **Sharon Forrest** says she found her "true vocation as a mother and a postpartum doula. I worked as a doula for 28 years until my health declined and I had to give it up. Mothering, of course, is never over. Now I work part time as an administrative assistant to a psychotherapist. I hope to find something that will engage more of me, but I enjoy the patient contact I have."

1970

Reporter: **Hud Andrews**
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Business Week associate editor **Hardy Green** says he "has sold a book to Basic Books, which I now have to write." It's titled *Utopia, Inc.: A Short History of the Company Town in America*. "As the title suggests, this will be a history of company towns in the USA, from Lowell, MA, to Scotia, CA. (There are two Tennessee entries: Alcoa, TN, and Oak Ridge, which I intend to include even though it was created by Uncle Sam.) I have a year to deliver, and intend to take six months off from *Business Week*. It's a little daunting, but also, of course, exciting. Two publishers were actually bidding against each other, which is flattering indeed."

Linda Henson writes: "My birthday comes in December, and since my husband, **Richard Fulk**, and I had traveled to Turkey in September and New Zealand in November, the last thing I expected was a trip, though I love travel better than anything. Richard surprised me with two tickets for a January cruise down the west coast of Mexico, "Delbert and Friends." Blues-rocker **Delbert McClinton** invites **Marcia Ball** and about 20 other blues bands to join him for a week of wall-to-wall, noon to 4 a.m. music. These guys are the best of Austin, New Orleans and Nashville, and by the time you've been on board six hours, the cruise itself takes a back seat to seeing these musicians jamming. It was a real blast."

Wally Mayton, associate pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, MI, was named "Leader of the Year" for 2008 by the Leadership Midland

Alumni Association and the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting on Feb. 11, 2009. The award recognizes volunteer leadership in the community.

From **Joyce Underwood**: "My 60th year was made very special with my first-ever cruise to Cozumel and Calica (ruins of Tulum tour) with our daughter Anna, her husband, Mark (just returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq), and their children, Wesley and Marianne, as well as Mark's parents. It was a very nice family time (with the added joy of touring Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile with its beautiful Christmas lighting. I hadn't been there for 40 years, since touring with the Southwestern Singers)."

Michael Storey wrote: "Here I am closing in on 32 years with the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. We seem to be treading water during the economic crisis better than most newspapers these days. In addition to being the paper's TV columnist and the author of the weekly humor and satire column, 'Otus the Head Cat' (celebrating its 29th year), I also write a semi-monthly feature on hiking around Arkansas for the paper's 'ActiveStyle' section. In March, the *Democrat-Gazette* published in book form a full-color, 124-page collection of my photos, maps and hiking information on 52 of my favorite hikes. (*Happy Trails* is available through the paper's Web site and on amazon.com.) Yerger Clifton would have been so proud of his fair-to-middlin' former student."

Here at Rhodes I have had the pleasure chairing one of the Quality Enhancement Plan committees and serving on the steering committee.

Class Notes

Recently, I received a nice note from Dr. Troutt thanking me for my work on this important recertification project. I also created an Annual Fund Week, which we celebrated March 2-6, to educate the current students about the importance of supporting our alma mater (see story on p. 2). And finally, members of the class of 2009 finished up their Senior Gift Program, which was the most successful one since I arrived here two years ago. I am very proud of them. —Hud

1972

Joanne Sowell was one of nine faculty members to receive an outstanding teaching award presented by the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Alumni Association. Joanne teaches art history courses in two special programs, the university Freshman Year Experience program and the Arts Masters program for new K-12 teachers. She also works with the Center for Innovation in Arts Education.

1973

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Patricia Spears Jones wrote a review of Toni Morrison's *A Mercy* for the December 2008 publication of *A Gathering of the Tribes*. She is currently a Virginia Center for the Creative Arts fellow and the author of two volumes of poetry. Her play, "Mother," was commissioned and performed by Mabou Mines.

Sue Anne Jenkerson works as a family nurse practitioner for Alaska DHSS in the Section of Epidemiology. She is approaching 25

years of service during which time she has been fortunate to travel to remote areas of Alaska delivering public health care. She has traveled by dogsled, four-wheeler, boat and plane and experienced blizzards, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Summers are filled with birding, wild flowering and fishing. She hopes to retire soon and continue the Alaska experience.

Neil Magruder's big news is that his son, Joshua, was married May 16, 2009. His son is working on his Ph.D. in educational counseling at Ole Miss.

The paperback of **Charlaine Harris Schulz's** Sookie Stackhouse book, *From Dead to Worse*, was No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Quite a thrill! The new season of HBO's "True Blood," based on her Southern Vampire books, was scheduled to debut June 14. In more personal news, her youngest graduated from high school in May. She and her husband are bracing for empty nest syndrome.

Jennifer Worsham Newman's husband, James, retired last year after 34 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers. They have just built a new home in Brevard, NC, also have a place in Jacksonville, FL, and just love life! She would love to hear from any classmates who live in these areas.

Hugh Hines has been working in the Middle East and Africa over the past five years with U.S. military projects. He is currently working with an Iraqi firm known as Green Dream, which has been training more than 8,000 Sunni Muslims in Northern Iraq. This has been part of a U.S. Army civil service job skills training program known as

Sons of Iraq. He is currently based at the U.S. Army base at Tikrit known as COB Speicher while acting as project manager and developing similar projects in central and northern Iraq.

Jim Shumard hopes to complete a doctor of ministry by spring 2010. He has resigned as rector of a parish in Savannah and is now working part time as an assistant rector at another parish while trying to discern his next calling. His life is still an adventure!

Meriwether Montgomery has taken a new job with Bell Partners as the regional property manager for Alabama. She has just bought a small farm in Cullman, where her brother, a doctor, and his wife, Cindy, have lived for more than 25 years. She has eight properties to oversee—four in Huntsville and four in Birmingham. She is thrilled to finally have land for her horses!

1974

35th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Larry Anderson is a fine arts conservator in private practice.

Larry Rice was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Mid-South Super Lawyers. He is a senior partner at Rice, Amundsen and Caperton in Memphis and specializes in divorce and family law.

Scott and **Louise Pryor Campbell** have three sons, Alex, Nick and Michel. She owns a consulting firm that works with local governments in securing and administering federal/state grant assistance.

Henry Slack is "still playing trombone, still bicycling and still promoting bicycle advocacy."

1975

Vicki Gilmore Palmer retired as executive vice president of Financial Services and Administration at Coca-Cola Enterprises. "It is an honor to have spent my career with an incredible company and with extraordinary people," she says.

Last summer, **Frank Fourmy** produced a video for FedEx Express Air Operations in Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China. "I did another one for FedEx that we shot in Los Angeles and Oakland, CA, in late October-early November."

Joey Riso and David Raymond Rohr married Oct. 12, 2008.

1978

Kate Martin Bruce was named Professor of the Year for North Carolina in November 2008 by the CASE 1 Carnegie Foundation. See usprofessoroftheyear.org.

1979

30th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Eddie Batey is in his 25th year at Memphis University School and working in a new initiative as director of Memphis leaders.

1982

Bill Watkins writes: "In December, I served as producer of the 17th Oscar Hammerstein Award for Lifetime Achievement in Musical Theatre. Our honoree was Broadway veteran George S. Irving, whose career began in the original 1943 Broadway company of 'Oklahoma!'. We had quite a lineup of performers, including Charlotte Rae, Jane Powell,

Jacques D'Amboise, Jim Dale and Anita Gillette, with additional tributes from Liv Ullman, Carl Reiner, Carol Channing, Debbie Reynolds and Olympia Dukakis. It was an incredible night and I was thrilled to be a part of it all."

1983

Scott Rye, chief operating officer at Red Square Agency, a Mobile, AL-based advertising and public relations agency, has been appointed to the U.S. Advisory Board of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME). FRRME is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental organization providing humanitarian aid and relief in Iraq, Israel and the Palestinian National Authority. Rye worked closely with the foundation's president and CEO, the Rev. Canon Andrew White, while serving in Baghdad as chief of the Media Operations Center for Multi-National Force—Iraq in 2007 and 2008. He recently hosted a visit by Canon White—"the Vicar of Baghdad"—to the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

1984

25th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Reporter: Tracy Vezina Patterson

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In April, **Cathy Reese**, an associate professor of public administration in the department of Political Science at Arkansas State University, was awarded the Board of Trustees Faculty Award for Excellence in

Teaching for 2008-2009.

1985

Reporter: Jim Golden
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Greetings from New England. We tried something new this quarter and sent a request for information via Facebook. We took **Tracy Vezina Patterson's '84** recommendation to get connected online and got a lot of good updates.

First to write in was **Doug Trapp**. Doug says, "Smart idea being on Facebook. It's the new crackberry for the Web! As one friend of mine put it, 'You can lose hours of your life on here.' So let's see—here's what's been happening with me. Late last summer, I played Leo Bloom in "The Producers" at Theatre by the Sea in Rhode Island and had the best stage experience of my life. What a dream show and dream cast. I'm continuing to balance my time between art directing and acting. This summer I'm headed to Mason St. Warehouse in Saugatuck, MI, to play the vice principal in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." It's a hilarious show that finished up on Broadway last year. If anyone is near Saugatuck in August, come check it out. My partner, Billy, and I did a bunch of work on our house this year, including renovating the cottage that is on our property. By the way, he has a great Web site for people looking for sublet apartments in New York—actorsublet.com. It's not just for actors, and we've figured out it's a great resource for tourists coming to New York. I've been connecting to a ton of Rhodes friends on Facebook. **Brian Maffitt** and **Kathy Woodson Barr** dug up some photos from our performing days back in the

mid-'80s—boy did I have more hair! Other Rhodes folks I get to see up here in NYC are **Brian Mott '87** and **Aldervan Daly '84**, who are both doing great. Life is full and I'm grateful for all of it. If anybody gets up to NYC, please let me know."

Martin Blakley reports: "I'm in Memphis working as a pediatric surgeon, married to Johnetta, who is a medical oncologist. We have the two cutest girls in the world, Lilly Grace (8) and Elizabeth (5). Due to their recent behavior and attitudes they will need their cuteness. After work, children's activities, an occasional tennis match, not a lot of energy left over."

Bill Kreiger sent a quick note from Memphis: "Not much to report other than my awakening to Facebook and 'catching up' with people. Oh yeah, flying 757s still rocks!"

Helen Reinecke-Wilt says she "recently started working part time as the residential Green Building Program manager for Arlington County, VA. I also have a small consulting practice. Those jobs and my 10- and 12-year-old kids keep me pretty busy, but I still try to find time to play soccer and keep up with a few friends."

Ellen Hopkins Flottman posted: "David and I have been living in Columbia, MO, for the last 20 years, where I am still practicing law as an appellate public defender. We have four children: Tucker (16), Mitchell (14), Cole (11) and Paige (9). We were able to take the whole family to Kenya last year to visit my brother-in-law, who was working as an election monitor. It was the first time the kids had been on a plane—quite a way to start! I loved our 20th class reunion in 2005, and can't

wait for the next one!"

Peggy Wood Townsend sent this in: "We are entering our third year with Townsend Atelier, our mold making and casting art materials business. This past December, our flagship product, Knead-a-Mold, was used in a gorgeous wedding cakes feature article in the winter issue of *Martha Stewart Weddings*. I am doing some consulting work for the city of Chattanooga's Public Art program. One of the highlights of this year was meeting up with some Rhodes alums, most of whom I had not seen in 20+ years, to cheer Ann Webb "Thugly Betty" on as a Nashville Rollergirl in one of her hometown derbies. Great to see so many old friends—it was a blast and Ann Webb is my hero."

This leads me to my nominee for Alumna With the Coolest Update Ever—**Ann Webb Betty**: "After 24 years of boring, I finally have something relatively exciting to report. Last summer, I embarked on an exciting journey with the Nashville Rollergirls (NRG), Middle Tennessee's one and only women's flat track roller derby league. Check it out at nashvillerollergirls.com. I had the time of my life although injuries plagued my aging body. My derby career highlight was my one and only bout with the NRG Brawl-Stars (our B Team) when my Rhodes cronies formed a fan club they dubbed 'Thugly Betty's Beauties,' many traveling from across the state, and made their grand appearance for my big debut. You'll have to check with **Kathy Woodson Barr**, **Tracy Vezina Patterson '84**, **Peggy Wood Townsend**, **Robin Newcomb**, **Kim Gibbons '82** and several others for details from their adventure in the stands. It

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was a double-header sellout crowd and a most exciting (yet painful) evening. Look at my pictures and theirs on Facebook for evidence of the greatest event of my adult years. I am currently retired from skating but am now a stats geek for the league. We (Nashville Rollergirls) will be in Memphis in August to play.”

If anyone can top that, or even come close, drop me a line. Have a great summer!

1986

Reporter: Colleen Grady
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As always, if you are not receiving e-mails from me it means I don't have your address—please take a moment to send me your contact information and your latest news! And here's another suggestion from several classmates to help us keep in touch—why not join Facebook? I'm a new convert, and I've been surprised and delighted to find so many Rhodes alums using this social networking tool. It's been so much fun to reconnect with old friends this way! And now, on to your news.

Kim Weeks Smith is still in Marietta, GA, and spent spring break touring colleges with her oldest daughter, Christy, who will graduate next spring. Her youngest, Bridget, will be in high school this fall. Kim says, “I'm feeling really old all of a sudden.”

Mike Palazzolo was recently re-elected to a second term as alderman in the city of Germantown, TN. He captured 75% of the popular vote and tallied more than 15,500 votes in his hometown.

Lem Gordon writes that he is a partner in a five-person pathology group in Montgomery, AL, which

serves multiple regional hospitals and owns a private outpatient laboratory. He still plays the banjo, but most of his free time is spent with his 4 ½-year-old twins.

Stasia McGehee does garden design and installation in the San Francisco Bay area.

Mike Thompson has taken on a new venture. He writes, “The economy may not be a sure bet right now, but I recently made a bet that the last thing people stop spending on is their kids and sports. In the past year I became a principal in the A-Game Sportsplex in Franklin, TN, a large indoor sports venue. By spending time on the courts, maybe my kids can play basketball and volleyball at Rhodes. It may also be a fun place for a Rhodes alumni gathering for ice skating or old fashioned dodgeball!”

Christie Bates McKaskle and her daughters just moved to a lovely used-to-be carriage-house in the Green Hills area of Nashville. Her other great news is that she just learned she is a 2009-10 recipient of an American Association of University Women Career Development Grant which will provide her this upcoming year of grad school.

Amy Donaho Howell sent an update as well: “Greetings classmates! I recently moved my office to the historic art district of South Main (in Memphis) and bought a commercial space for my shop. We are holding tight and managing PR for our clients best we can. Trying times means survival of the fittest. Thanks to fellow classmate **Scott Thomas** for hiring me recently, and thanks to **Bill Lansden** and **Mike Palazzolo** for being great cheerleaders for me!”

1987

Reporter: Brian Mott
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Greetings to everyone from New York City! I've finished my first year teaching special education in the NYC public schools. It's challenging for sure, but it's exactly what I want to be doing. And I get to do it in (arguably) the greatest city on Earth! One of the reasons for its greatness is that it is a common vacation destination, which means I get to see a lot of people. I had a great breakfast with **Nancy DiPaolo** and her brother, John; a fun dinner with **Joe MacCurdy**, his wife, Theresa, and their four children; and a delicious Italian dinner with **Sam Briden Duke** and her niece, Jessica. If you head this way, let me know!

I got to travel a little myself over the holidays. I made it back to New Orleans, with enough time left over from family responsibilities to visit with **David Peterson** (who hosted at his beautiful bed and breakfast in Faubourg Marigny). He's enjoying living in New Orleans, but he's also working out of Seattle, so he gets to go back to his old haunts several times a year.

My job as class reporter is to keep people up to date with each other. So I'd be remiss in my duties if I didn't encourage you to join Facebook. Sure, your teenage kids will give you a hard time, but it's worth it. **Mary Margaret Kendall Bailey** and I have each scanned lots of party pics from back in the day, and more will undoubtedly arrive any day now. I was reluctant at first too, and I promise that it's absolutely worth it.

Some of the updates I got via Facebook include:

From **Duane McGee**: “All is well. Daughter, Kate, finished her first year at 'Bama and joined a sorority. Son, Harper, is a rising high school senior and must have a hole in his pocket because he can't seem to hang on to his (my) money. Wife, Tuwanna, is a senior case advocate with the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Council and represents children with disabilities ... and she is constantly telling me how to do my job. I am a middle school principal for 514 fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.”

Mimi Swords Fondren writes to say, in her inimitable, self-effacing way, that the *Nashville Business Journal* named her one of the “2009 Women of Influence” in Nashville! I, for one, think this world would benefit greatly if someone like Mimi wielded more than her fair share of influence.

Marianne Blackwell has been named the Rutherford County Soil Conservation District 2008 Conservation Farmer of the Year! She sent this link to a very interesting article about the award and her farm: ourcoop.com/OurCoop05/headlines/viewNews.aspx?artID=2066 Marianne says she really appreciates the support and encouragement she's received from classmates, and she's doubly happy to share the news of this award. Congratulations!

Facebook gave **Lorna Lyell Chain** and me the chance to wax philosophical about our Facebook activities. In the course of that weighty discussion, she broke loose with this update from her family life: “The Chains are busy with school (3rd and 5th grade) and planning a big summer. Hoping to get to the beach, and have a July trip to Canada planned.

Alison Abernathy (Aunt Bee) and her dog, Lucy, paid us a visit on their way to the Memphis NCAA regional basketball tournament to watch her beloved Tar Heels. Doing lots of volunteer work at the moment and ready to put up my feet and enjoy this nice weather. I have loved connecting with Rhodes friends on Facebook.”

Susan Hook Patterson reports that she “had a delightful conversation with President Troutt a couple of months ago when he came to our daughter’s school for a visit. He was in Atlanta for grandparents’ day at his grandson’s preschool, so it was a relaxed and easy time. Found out in the process that one of our daughter’s former teachers is a Rhodes grad—who knew?”

Tim Davis and Wright Bates each wrote to tell about serving on the Rhodes Alumni Board (along with fellow ’87ers **David Lusk** and **Robbie Baker**). Tim also plugged Facebook as a communication tool, noting that Wright has set up a Birmingham Rhodes page there. Wright also adds, “We have been back in Birmingham for 18 months and are blessed with great neighbors, schools and church. I love being back at UAB with amazing residents/fellows and was recently promoted to division director for Reproductive Endocrinology. **Kim ’88** is active in the music community and our daughter, Rachel (7), Rhodes class of 2023, participated in a master class for the 2009 Music Teacher’s National Association.”

One theme clear among our classmates this time has been “career upgrades.” **Karen Cagle York** writes, “I left my position as VP, Human Resources and Work/Life March 20 and

promptly celebrated by vacationing in Montego Bay, Jamaica with Steve and Rachel for the two weeks of spring break. Nothing like surf, sand and mai tais to help you relax! Plus, with Steve at home and Rachel back in school, Steve and I finally expanded my closet! Can it get better than this? I’m now doing some consulting work from home while I look for my next HR career opportunity. It will take all of my energy to focus on work and not be distracted by home improvement projects.”

Michelle Dry started a new position April 1 (no April Fool’s joke) at the University of Memphis as the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Ground Water Institute, which is housed in Civil Engineering. As of this writing, Michelle was in the middle of a 40-days-and-40-nights exercise program. As she notes, “If 40 is good enough to be used over and over again in the Bible, then there’s got to be SOMETHING significant about it!”

Wendy Tallent Rotter, another career changer, writes, “After four years in banking and 15 years in fundraising, I left my own career to spend more time with my children and work part time in my and my husband’s business, Comfort Keepers. We employ caregivers who provide personal and supportive care to seniors predominantly at home but also in the hospital, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As many of my classmates, I too am at the crazy, wonderful, challenging time of life when children are busy and not able to drive themselves yet. My calendar revolves around Rachel (13) and Jacob (10). Rachel became

bat mitzvah on April 18—we are so proud of her accomplishments and ability to juggle academics, competitive swimming, friends and four years of preparation for this important day. Jacob too is a strong student, plays baseball and loves nothing more than to torture his sister. I have found great fulfillment in studying Hebrew and became bat mitzvah in January. I’ve also joined a book club and am finally reading substantive books again and serve on a few volunteer boards in town. Love and best wishes to all my classmates—I hope you are healthy, happy and fulfilled even in these challenging times.”

And last, and far from least—from my trusty Fort Worth correspondent, **Katherine Bres Ware**: “In early November 2008, at the request (made on a Thursday) of a casual friend who needed help at work, I jumped back into the arts administration work world headfirst and into the deep end (the very next Monday). I hadn’t been in the market for full-time work (OK, maybe part-time) but the Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County was in need of an interim grant program manager. Sixty-three applications, \$1.5 million and three months later, I accepted the (new) position of director of community programs. I’m now reviewing the grant program in its entirety, publishing a magazine, coordinating a week’s worth of professional development for the school district and building a PR/marketing campaign. And loving it. My only wish: that I had the time I used to have to go swimming for rest and relaxation!”

Nancy DiPaolo has a new

position: “On Jan. 5, 2009, Earl Devaney, Interior Department Inspector General, brought me on as his deputy associate inspector general for external affairs (Congressional relations, press, public outreach), and I am honored to be one of only three staffers he took with him in his new position as chairman of the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board. The board is an independent panel that provides oversight of the \$787 billion stimulus package. Devaney reports directly to Vice President Joe Biden, who oversees the administration’s economic recovery spending.”

Start the countdown to our 25th reunion in 2012! See you on Facebook! Brian

1988

Reporter: Brooke Glover Emery
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Larry and Wendy Kaiser Sargent ’90 live in the Memphis area. Larry is an attorney, specializing in criminal defense, and Wendy is a district property manager with Alco Management. Son, Grattan, is now 21, and daughter, Claire, is 12.

Keith and Robin Meredith Kelly ’89 live in Paducah, KY, Robin’s hometown, where Keith is a pulmonary specialist.

Brooke Glover Emery recently received the Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation granted by the Institute of Real Estate Management. She is currently the only member of the International Council of Shopping Centers’ 70,000 members registered as holding the CPM designation in addition to ICSC’s Certified Shopping

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Manager (CSM) and Certified Marketing Director (CMD) designations. Brooke continues to manage Dyersburg Mall in Dyersburg, TN.

1989

20th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

Dawnita Wilson and Anthony Grimes married in July 2006, and the couple welcomed their first child, Davd Anthony, in March 2008. They currently live in Frisco, TX, where Dawnita works as an assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security-ICE.

Bob Coleman says he is "enjoying life with my wife, **Deborah Blinn Coleman '90**, and our two daughters. Still working at Morgan Keegan. Also very involved at church and in several community and minority organizations."

Susan Sorocak Swing lives in Huntsville, AL. She has two children and works part time.

Peter Frielinghausen has been "living in my native Germany since 2003."

Amy Davis Klimek is a "part-time attorney and full-time shuffler of 8- and 10-year-old kids to and from activities."

1991

David and **Jennifer Sledge Mowrey** had a daughter, Jessica McMullen, July 27, 2008, in Charlotte, NC. Big brother Jack (4) is thrilled with his baby sister.

Katie Jacobs Stanton joined the Obama administration's New Media team as Director of Citizen Participation in March.

1992

Reporter: Rob Joseph
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Pat Gamble received a

Memphis Business Journal "Top 40 Under 40" award in November for his work with CB Richard Ellis Memphis. The award recognizes 40 of the "best and brightest" professionals in Memphis under the age of 40. Winners were honored at an awards luncheon at the Hilton Memphis and had their profiles featured in the *Journal's* Nov. 7-13 issue.

Scott and **Kristen Lichtermann Kedersha** welcomed a son, Lincoln Sawyer, Oct. 27, 2008, in Dallas. Duncan, Drew and Carson are enjoying their baby brother.

John '90 and **Sara Hawks Marecki** now reside in Little Rock with their two sons, Andrew (9) and Jason (5). Sara is manager of payor contracting at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. John is an instructor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He is currently doing research at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Laura Landers Duke lives in Nashville, TN, with her three kids Jack (11), Molly (9) and Matthew (6). She works as the enrollment coordinator at Linden Waldorf School, where her children attend.

Temple Sellers McDaniel writes: "I am tooting my horn and letting you know that Seth was officially voted in as the next managing partner of the Frazier and Deeter independent accounting firm. Sellers is 9 and William is 6. Both are at the school I attended when younger. I am still not working in a job that pays. Having my life revolve around everyone else in my family is exhausting!"

Beverly Hayden traveled around Southeast Asia for a delightful seven months. She writes: "If you'd like to read

about my adventures, I'd be honored to have your virtual company: sevenmonths.com. When not traveling around the world, I work as an artist and travel around the U.S. selling my work. (I kicked the lawyering habit six years ago and couldn't be happier!) I seem to have avoided the 'married with children' way of life (or it's avoided me ... not sure which!) but it all seems to be working out just fine."

Matt and **Kelly Pledger Weeks** live in Shreveport, LA, with their two boys, Avery (4) and Hayden (2). Kelly is an associate professor of business management and Matt is an associate professor of psychology at Centenary College of Louisiana.

Steve '91 and **Mary Gordon Walker Kerr** live in Mt. Pleasant, SC, with their three children. Mary Gordon published a children's fantasy/adventure novel in May 2008 called *The Mystery of the 13th Coin* and has another novel due out in 2009 titled *What Lies Beneath the Whirlpool of Time*. *The Mystery of the 13th Coin* is available on Amazon, and at Barnes and Noble and Davis-Kidd.

Eric and **Alison Ruwet Clemons** live in Charlotte, NC, with their daughter, Tate (5). Alison is a hyperbaric medicine and wound care physician with Carolinas Medical Center.

Sam Flemming and his wife, Vennie Shen, live in Shanghai, China with their son, Leo. Sam is CEO/founder of CIC, a social media analytics company, which helps clients like Pepsi, Nike and others track and understand consumer buzz and online culture on blogs, social network sites and online message boards. Sam has been a resident of Shanghai since 1996.

Stewart and **Laura Benson**

Perry '94 have been living in Thailand for almost five years. Stewart is the pastor of the International Church of Bangkok. They have two children, Jake (5) and Anna (2).

The Class of '92 now has a group page on Facebook. Sign up today to stay connected with members of our class!

1993

John and **Nancy Braam Little** announce the birth of a daughter, Katherine (Kate) Adele, June 21, 2008, in Atlanta. Nancy is still with Home Depot, managing a finance team in the merchandising division, and John is in sales training for E*TRADE Financial.

1994

15th Reunion:

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24
Reporter: Judy Brown
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Chris Linder recently accepted a two-year position as a microfinance operations consultant at MicroSave in Hyderabad, AP, India. "I will be working with MicroSave helping Indian microfinance institutions (MFIs) to grow and formalize their operations. MicroSave is a nonprofit of about 50 with origins in East Africa and is known for its toolkits and training programs for MFI managers."

1995

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In March, **Jonathan Schilling**, assistant professor of Bioproducts/Biosystems Engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, spoke on "Serpula lacrymans

(‘dry rot’): A Fungus that Defeated the British Navy,” as part of the Rhodes Biology Seminar Series.

Matt and **Leann Eggers Linam** are happy to announce the adoption of a boy, James Samuel. James was born June 2, 2008, in Ethiopia. He was adopted at the age of eight months and welcomed home Jan. 30, 2009. Big sister Grace Caroline and big brother Drew adore their baby brother. “Although it has been an adjustment, we are all doing well and settling in as a family of five.”

Camille Napier Bernstein is teaching 11th grade English and creative writing at Natick High School in Massachusetts (and loving it!). Camille and David Alan Bernstein married July 29, 2006, and they welcomed Virginia Ray Bernstein Dec. 24, 2007.

Robert and **Julie Walker Grigsby** welcomed their third son, Stewart Leighton, Aug. 16, 2008. Stewart joins big brothers Walker (5) and Thomas (4).

Claire and **Welch Suggs** and daughter Molly (2) welcomed baby Alexander (Alex) Peter, April 14, 2009, in Athens, GA.

1996

Reporter: Jennifer Larson
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In partnership with Pheasant Grove Outfitters of Glenham, SD, **Ned Crystal** will host the first annual Pheasant Hunt for Sarcoma Research to benefit Emory Winship Cancer Institute’s Sarcoma Research Program. The four-day-long hunt will take place Oct. 1-5, 2009. Participation includes all meals, lodging, hunts, shells and after-hunt cocktails. For more information, contact Ned at ned.crystal@gmail.

com.

Rob Downey and his wife, Tamara, had a son, Luke Stewart, Jan. 4, 2009.

Lane Gotten Faughnan received a *Memphis Business Journal* “Top 40 Under 40” award in November for her work with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Kristen Frentz Kenney and her husband, Thomas, welcomed a son, Greyson David, Dec. 20, 2008, in Covington, LA., where Kristen works as a family nurse practitioner in a pediatrician’s office.

Kemp Conrad was elected to the Memphis City Council in November 2008. Kemp is senior vice president of commercial advisers and president of Commercial Alliance Management in Memphis.

1997

Neil Brunetz recently became a member of Miller & Martin. He concentrates his practice on courtroom representation of clients in civil litigation matters, including personal injury, wrongful death, workers’ compensation, construction, contract, commercial disputes and malpractice actions.

Zac Ives and **John Weeden** each received a *Memphis Business Journal* “Top 40 Under 40” award in November. Zac works with Goner Records, and John with the UrbanArt Commission.

Jeff Lekarczyk and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Grace, Sept. 17, 2008, in Tampa, FL. Ava was welcomed by big brother Luke (4).

Bryan ‘94 and **Laura McRae O’Neill** welcomed a son, Tanner Bradford, Sept. 29, 2008, in Atlanta. Tanner joins big sister, Isabella, and big brother Duncan.

Jim and Shae Whittington Uden had a daughter, Molly Addison, Dec. 21, 2008, in Nashville. Molly was welcomed by her big brother Whit.

In January 2009 **Tip Tucker Kendall** accepted a position as director, Membership, Exhibition and Convention Services at the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association in Lilburn, GA. Her responsibilities include the WBCA’s membership recruitment and retention efforts as well as overseeing convention registration and exhibit sales. Tip comes to the WBCA after eight years in nonprofit and association management in Lexington, KY. “The move to Georgia was prompted by my husband completing his Ph.D. and being a new professor at Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville.”

Neal and Sarah Curtis Graziano announce the birth of a daughter, Mira Soleil, Dec. 26, 2008, in Kalamazoo, MI. Mira was also welcomed by big sister Estella (3).

1998

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Chirag Chauhan received a *Memphis Business Journal* “Top 40 Under 40” award in November for his work with the Barnett Group.

Mason and **Ellen Hoffman Grashot** welcomed a daughter, Taylor Katherine, Oct. 23, 2008, in Little Rock, AR. Big brother Robert (2) loves his baby sister!

John ‘97 and **Jenny Clayton Schafer** had a son, James Clayton, Jan. 6, 2009,

in Nashville. The parents are doing great and all four grandparents are over the moon!

Bobby Lessentine accepted the head women’s soccer coach position at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Courtney Elliott Itson and her husband, Greg, had a son, William James, Jan. 6, 2009.

1999

10th Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24
Reporter: Leigh Powell
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Scott and **Amy Terry-Kiester** announce the birth of a son, Justin Steve, Sept. 23, 2008, in Canton, OH. Big brother Zan loves the baby and Amy is enjoying a year off from teaching to spend with her boys.

Farrah Fite writes, “After earning a master’s in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2000, I worked for ABC News in Washington, DC, covering the 2000 elections under the tutelage of Sam Donaldson. In 2001, I returned to Missouri and covered state politics as a local television reporter before being hired to serve as press secretary for Missouri’s senate leader. I continue in that role today while also working as copilot of the Rocket Group, a marketing firm for business and politics.”

Annie and **Andrew Harlow** had a son, Henry Prosser, Oct. 2, 2008, in Oklahoma City. Big sister Molly loves her brother very much.

Trudy and **Brandon Barr** announce the birth of their daughter, Carys Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 2009. The happy family resides in Atlanta.

Elise Evans writes, “I am living in New York. I have written several children’s

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books, including *The Magic String Through Everything*, which should be published by the end of the year, and I have put out two records independently. I am currently working on a third."

William and Julie Decker Hendrick welcomed William Rives V Nov. 26, 2008. Julie is taking an extended break from her job as a school psychologist with Memphis City Schools to stay home with baby Will, and William continues his work as a programmer/analyst at International Paper, where he has worked for the past eight years.

By the age of 30, **Christy Boles** had visited all 50 states and six major continents. Her next goal is Antarctica and all the U.S. territories.

Gooch Guccione currently is running for the Florida House of Representatives, District 67.

In April, **Vanessa Lanceley Hauser** was named a partner at The Shanks Law Firm.

Robert and Halle Mitchell Walker are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Olivia Munroe, Nov. 4, 2008. Olivia joins big brother Alexander (3).

Joseph and **Effie Bean Cozart** married June 28, 2008, at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The couple resides in Arlington, TN.

Henry and **Florence Stumb Chassaignac** married Aug. 20, 2008, in a small beach ceremony on the island of St. Thomas.

Kevin Willoughby continues to work as a commercial photographer in Dallas. He recently shot a fashion presentation and in-person appearance of fashion designer Yeohlee, whom he first met while a graduate student at London College of Fashion in 2000. Kevin also teaches part time

in the fashion marketing department at El Centro College, where he has taught for almost four years.

Lisa and **Drew Butler** celebrated the birth of their daughter, Madison, Dec. 26, 2008, in Columbia, SC. Drew was named partner at the law firm of Richardson, Plowden & Robinson, where he practices corporate defense litigation.

Brett and **Mary Ann Whitmire Bader** welcomed a daughter, Megan Elise, Nov. 3, 2008, in Albuquerque, NM.

Andy '98 and Mary Allison Beasley Cates welcomed their second son, Wren Beasley, Jan. 17, 2009. Mary Allison writes, "Big brother McCool (2 1/2) monitors his little brother and is eager to tell us when 'Wrennie is freaking out!'"

Karla Riemenschneider Blackmore works as a veterinarian in Cincinnati.

Kate Bishop works in the informatics department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, focusing on strategy and organizational change.

Rachel Morris Rosson is a top-producing realtor at Greenwood King Properties in Houston. She participates in many volunteer organizations, but primarily focuses on Dress for Success, which suits needy women in professional clothes in preparation for job interviews. Rachel is enjoying her new house with her husband, John, and dog, Goldie.

"My husband, Khaled, and I were married in 2006," writes **Sarah Morgan Al Darei**, who is a chief resident in OB/GYN at Indiana University. "We are planning to stay in Indianapolis when I am done with residency. I will be joining HealthNet, a nonprofit group serving women who are uninsured

or have Medicaid."

Adele Hines Bailey and her husband live in Memphis. Adele is a CPA, working in internal audit.

Kathryn Royster, her husband, Antony Boshier, and their daughter, Leonora (3), live in Nashville. "I'm enjoying my work as a freelance writer," Kathryn writes, "and together with Antony, spend much of my 'spare' time working with neighborhood groups on preserving and renovating the historic urban neighborhood where we live."

2000

Michael and **Shelby Reed Thompson** welcomed a son, John "Jack" Nicholas, Feb. 16, 2009.

2001

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Matt and **Claire Chambers Hegarty** welcomed a daughter, Mary Elliott, Jan. 31, 2009, in Atlanta.

Meredith Harrison Mackay recently completed her master's in transpersonal psychology through the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, CA. She and her husband, J.P., reside in Knoxville, TN, where Meredith is developing an alternative medicine practice and teaching singing.

Kate Archibald Stakem is working on her Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction at the University of Memphis. In July she will begin her new position as principal of The Soulsville Charter School in Memphis.

Last August, **Emily Bays Nayar** graduated from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, with a master of physician assistant studies. After

passing the licensure exam she and her husband, Renish (who continued to work 300 miles away and visited nearly every weekend for two years), backpacked through Europe, Morocco and India before relocating to Oklahoma City. She now works in family practice in rural McLoud, OK, while Renish is CFO for Bob Moore Autogroups.

Neely Draughon recently graduated from the French Pastry School in Chicago, and has moved back to Memphis and opened her own catering company on Overton Square. It is called Off the Square Catering, and she specializes in pastries, cakes and wedding cakes, but she caters any size party or wedding as well.

David Merriman is about to start his last year of orthopedic surgery residency at UTMB in Galveston, TX. Afterward, he plans to move to St. Louis to do a fellowship in orthopedic trauma surgery at Wash U.

R.J. and **Wesley Moore Briscione** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Robert "Bo" Barrett, March 24, 2009.

Amy Tidwell is graduating from Georgia State University College of Law, where she served as legislative editor of the Law Review and vice president of records for the Moot Court Board. The Law Review is publishing an article that she wrote about the Supreme Court's *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision regarding the rights of people with disabilities to receive services in their communities rather than in institutions. Amy will be practicing law with the corporate group at Davis, Picken & Seydel in Atlanta.

Rosemary Thomas currently has her own law practice in Springfield, TN, focusing primarily on family law and criminal defense

work.

Last fall, **Dorothy Weir** moved back to Texas after 5+ years in Washington, DC. She initially worked on the Hurricane Ike recovery effort in Austin, but has since moved to Denton where she works as an environmental specialist for FEMA.

Meredith Davis West recently accepted a position at the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship in Washington, DC, as a professional staff member for the committee's ranking member, Olympia Snowe (R-ME). Meredith recently was employed as assistant administrator for policy and strategic planning at the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Sarah Lanneau and Gene Garza had a son, Andrés Generoso Garza, March 31, 2008, in Covington, LA. Sarah and Gene are financial analysts for Chevron and Entergy, respectively. They planned to greet the new year with family in Mexico, the first cross-border trip for Andrés!

Leslie Prescott and Neil Cawfield welcomed a son, Beckett "Beck" James Prescott Cawfield, Feb. 3, 2009, in Asheville, NC. Big sister Isabella (3 1/2) is very excited to have a new friend around the house.

2002

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Mary Elizabeth Tinkler Burgess and John Robert Burgess III are happy to announce their marriage, Nov. 1, 2008, at the Legare-Waring House in Charleston, SC. They currently reside in Auburn, AL, where Mary is studying for a master's in business administration at

Auburn University. **Meredith Cain** was maid of honor. **Julie Mediamolle, Jon Wood** and **Nick Grojean** also helped celebrate the day. The couple took a belated honeymoon to Ireland.

Tracy Kornblatt and Adam Swinburn married in April 2008 with ceremonies in South Florida and Worcester, England. After honeymooning in the Indian Ocean, they have returned home to London, where Tracy works in urban economic development and Adam works for the UK government.

Fred '98 and **Jo Winfrey Wix** welcomed a son, Ezekiel "Zeke" Joe, Feb. 27, 2009, in Nashville.

2003

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Cyanne Demchak received a MBA/MS in strategy, marketing and health care management from the Tepper School of Business and Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University May 17, 2009. This summer, she will be entering the HealthCare Leadership Program at CIGNA HealthCare in Hartford, CT.

Big changes are afoot for **Shawn McCarthy**. She recently started a new job teaching English in the Department of General Education at Sungshin Women's University in Seoul and working on a master's degree in applied linguistics. She's loving every minute of living in Seoul!

Lauren Sefton continues to work with prospective students in the Admissions Office of Rhodes. She and her husband, **Eric '02**, traveled to Kansas City at Easter for the opening night of **Kyle Hatley's '03** play "The Borderland," for which Eric was the sound designer.

Lauren also volunteers with the American Red Cross and teaches aerobics classes at a local YMCA.

After two years as a corporate attorney in King & Spalding's Atlanta office, **Haskell Murray** accepted a clerkship on the Delaware Court of Chancery for the August 2008-August 2009 term. Prior to his clerkship, Haskell served as a faculty assistant for a law school study abroad program in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following his clerkship, Haskell will join the Securities Litigation/Corporate Governance group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York City.

Anne Donnelly MacDonald moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti in January to volunteer for Les Centres GHESKIO, an institution exclusively dedicated to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Anne joined the staff in March and is managing the early summer launch of the new \$4.8 million Institute of Infectious Diseases and Reproductive Health. She is also renewing fundraising efforts for its foundation, focused on enhancing care for GHESKIO's 500,000 patients. Prior to joining GHESKIO, Anne served in the White House and administration of President George W. Bush from 2003-09.

Patrick Schmutte is currently working as a project manager in New York City. He recently moved there from London and thoroughly enjoys living in New York.

2004

Fifth Reunion

Homecoming: Oct. 23-24

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Eric Hills works in marketing for Mizuno, a sporting goods company in

Atlanta.

2005

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John '02 and **Jade Oppen Planchon** married July 26, 2008, at Shawnee United Methodist Church in Shawnee Mission, KS. Their reception was held at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, MO, and the couple honeymooned in Fiji. Members of the wedding party included **Jackie Perrottet**, **Susie Weller**, **Margaret Drennen Brooke**, **Leland Haugh '04**, **Marcie Planchon Gardner '98**, **Virginia Planchon Stephens**, **Neal Meyer '02**, **Evan Baggett '02**, **Parke McEnery '03**, **Davis Smith '02**, **Taylor Berger**, **Peter Van Der Mije '02**, **Blake Cole '02** and **Tim Staken '02**.

Brad Romig is now living in Athens, GA, pursuing a master's of education in college student affairs administration at the University of Georgia. He will graduate in May 2010.

Laura Stanford moved from Memphis to Chattanooga, TN, in April 2008, where she now works as a financial analyst for business valuation services at Decosimo Advisory Services.

Laura Gray Teekell is in London studying art business at Sotheby's Institute of Art, and looking forward to when **Rene Weller** moves there to join her.

Last fall, **Andrew Trundle** started law school at the University of Alabama. On another note, he also got a cat named Cuthbert.

Having completed a graduate program in historic preservation this past December at Georgia

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State University, **Lillie Ward** moved to Boone, NC, to pursue a master's of public administration at Appalachian State University. She recently joined the Alumna Advisory Committee for the new colony of Alpha Omicron Pi at ASU and is its new standards adviser. The colony was installed as an official chapter in May.

Susie Weller is furthering her education and getting her master's in communications at Johns Hopkins University.

After their wedding in October, **Molly Chapman** and **Logan Wheeler** moved to Moscow in February for Logan's first tour as a foreign service officer with the Department of State. He is working as a vice consul, and Molly has taken a job as manager of the American Embassy Childcare and Preschool.

Ben Jorge plans to attend graduate school at Vanderbilt University, where he will conduct neurological research.

Georgianna Bowersox and **Marc Lissauer '04** married March 8, 2009, in Palm Beach, FL. Attending were **David Elder '01**, **Roy Meyeringh '01**, **Jordi Cuervo '02** and **David Lillich**. After honeymooning in Central America, they begrudgingly returned to Connecticut, where Marc works for CSC Sugar, a commodities trading firm, and Georgianna works as a paralegal/fiduciary accountant at Day Pitney, a regional law firm.

Jodi Little traveled on a medical mission trip to Ghana and Ireland in April before graduating medical school in May. She started her residency in obstetrics & gynecology at Memorial University Health Center in Savannah, GA, in June.

Lori Meadows graduated from Arizona State University with a master's in counseling. She expects to move to Charlotte, NC.

Tripp Hullender now works for Metropolitan Bank in Memphis.

Katie Lipsmeyer and **Latham Fink '03** suffered the wrath of Hurricane Ike in September, and they recently remodeled their flooded historic home on Galveston Island. Katie is still working in the Medical School Admissions Office at the University of Texas Medical Branch, while Latham has finished his first year of med school there.

Ken Bode, who recently married, is currently working in the Office of Research at Tulane University.

Hennessy Howell graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in May, and will begin her residency training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in July.

After spending several months teaching and working in a refugee camp in Cape Town, South Africa, **Eliza Hanson** moved back to Philadelphia. She is currently teaching at-risk youth at Isles YouthBuild in Trenton, NJ. In June, she'll be on her way to Austin, TX, to begin her certification in special education through the Texas Teaching Fellows, Austin program.

Danny Heine graduated from LSU Medical School in May, and will start his pediatric residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in July.

Corletra Mance writes: "After I graduated college, I attended law school at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville.

In September 2008 I moved to Nashville, and in February I sat for the Tennessee Bar." She is currently working on a project for the Department of Human Services in Nashville and works for the Division of Appeals and Hearings in its conciliation attorney unit.

Melanie Hall works as a human resources generalist for the Pepsi Bottling Group in Virginia, supporting four locations in the Virginia Tidewater area. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a master's degree in human resources and industrial relations in December 2007.

Kelly Forehand and Sean McTear married April 25, 2009, in Alexander City, AL. Attendants included **Krista McClain** and **Mary Claire Giffin**. Other Rhodes alumni were also in attendance. The McTears live in Montgomery, AL, where Kelly practices civil litigation.

Merritt McMullen '06 and **Moss Driscoll** married March 28, 2009, in a small family ceremony in Colorado.

Lake Waterstradt '06 was the maid of honor. After wrapping up grad school at Tulane, the newlyweds are looking forward to beginning a Peace Corps assignment (as a couple) in late 2009.

Alyson Koblas finished her master's in English in May 2008 and moved to Chicago, where she is now the publications manager/editor for a visual arts newspaper.

In May, **Meredith Guillot** received a master's in government administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government. She plans to stay in Philadelphia and is pursuing education-related jobs in charter schools and nonprofit organizations in

the area.

Paige Mossman received her master of education last August. This summer she plans to return to Nashville and will be entering her fifth year of teaching elementary school.

Nicole Lobdell is pursuing a Ph.D. in English literature with a focus on the intersections of 19th-century science and literature at the University of Georgia. This summer she will travel to Cambridge University, UK to present her research on Victorian theories of evolution at a joint meeting of the British Association for Victorian Studies and the North America Victorian Studies Association 2009 conference.

JaneAnne Miller has been working for IASIS Healthcare for the last 2 1/2 years. She recently was promoted to chief operating officer for Southwest General Hospital, a 327-bed facility in San Antonio, TX.

Karen Dobyns graduated with a master's in occupational therapy from the UT Health Science Center in Memphis in May and hopes to land a position in a pediatric hospital.

Ben and Meghan Davis Clark '06 married July 26, 2008, in Memphis. Rhodes alumni in the wedding party included: **John '06** and **Lauren Bordelon '06**, **Joseph McKinney**, **Megan Bartels '06**, **Sandy Obreza '06**, **Daniel Swanstrom**, **Hunter Tigert** and **Elizabeth Daters '06**. The couple resides in Washington, DC, where Ben works for the Elite Athlete and Property Marketing division of Octagon.

Katharine Etchen and **Brandon Couillard** are still living in NYC. Katharine was working at *Domino* magazine until it folded in January 2009, and she began a new job at *Bon*

Appétit magazine in February. Despite multiple rounds of layoffs and downsizing, Brandon remains gainfully employed in the equity research department of Bank of America-Merrill Lynch.

2006

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Phillip Ruppel recently accepted a position as analyst for Navigation Capital Partners, an Atlanta-based middle-market private equity firm.

Marni Green writes, "Since graduation I have deployed to Korea for two years and it was a blast. I am getting ready to go to Iraq this summer and will be Captain Green soon!"

Jeremy Adkin is still in law school at Fordham University. He was selected as a staff member of the Law Review and is also interning with a federal judge in Brooklyn.

Jessica Murphy is in

Uruguay until Christmas as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She's pursuing a master's in international relations and working with local Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

Grace Richardson and **Curtis Gordon Johnson Jr.** married Oct. 18, 2008, in Nashville.

After working at the UrbanArt Commission in Memphis for two years, **Laura Caroline Johnson** plans to move to Chicago in the fall to attend the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for a dual master's degree in modern art history, theory, and criticism, and arts administration and policy.

Haley Fults completed study for a master of media and public affairs at George Washington University.

Anna Ivey is still living in Memphis. She is on the board of an organization called LaunchMemphis which is dedicated to growing the city's entrepreneurial community.

She also recently began the Leadership Academy's Fellows program.

Nicole Vazquez left De Beers at the end of December and began her master of science in hospitality management at the University of Houston in January. She was also awarded a teaching fellowship which has allowed her to teach front of house event logistics to undergraduate students for the two main events at the college. Nicole is currently working at the Houstonian Hotel, Club and Spa.

2007

Jay Jordan received a master of arts in history from University of Illinois Oct. 15, 2008. He looks forward to continuing for a doctorate degree.

2008

Sarah Brooks was accepted into the Peace Corps. After graduating from volunteer training in April, she will

serve in Thailand for two years where she will assess the needs of villages to develop community-based development projects.

Joe Cody has been accepted to the Johns Hopkins Advanced Academic Program where he plans to pursue a master's in government with a concentration in political communication.

Casey Perkins is working on his master's degree at the Center for Public Policy at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He is also employed as an intern at AARP.

Casey Roman was featured in an investigative report for NBC affiliate WMBF-TV in Myrtle Beach, SC. The video is on the pressure high school students put on themselves to gain acceptance into elite colleges.

In Memoriam

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'34 **Virginia Reynolds Wilson** of Birmingham, AL, Jan. 13, 2009. A member of St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church, she served on the Altar Guild and the service unit. She leaves two sons, including Bill Wilson '64, a grandson and a brother, Gene Reynolds '43.

'36 **Theophilus "Theo" Emison** of Alamo, TN, Dec. 11, 2008. He leaves two sons, four grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren.

'36 **Cornelia Henning Roberts Kimbrough** of Memphis, Dec. 7, 2008. A retired real estate agent for Arlena Enos and Duff Gaither, she was also a member of the Woman's Exchange. She leaves two children, two grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

'37 **Ellenor Hooker Ellis** of Jackson, MS, March 13, 2009. She was a member of First Methodist Church, the Greenville Junior Auxiliary, the Greenville Garden Club and the Mah Jongg Club. She leaves two children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

'40 **David W. Schulherr** of Atlanta, Feb. 3, 2009.

He was an Army radio operator in World War II and a chaplain in the Korean conflict. He leaves a son and a daughter.

'41 **Mary Nell Nolan** of New Orleans, Nov. 18, 2008. She was a goodwill ambassador for the cotton industry, serving as the first national Maid of Cotton in 1940 and traveling to more than 30 U.S. cities in five months. She was also an actress, appearing in the Paramount film "Virginia." In New Orleans, she was a volunteer with the Red Cross, Crippled Children's Hospital, Pro Christo Laborantes and the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. She leaves

three sons; four daughters, including Nancy Parsley '76; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

'45 **Mary Lee Conley McMahon** of Memphis, Jan. 25, 2009. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church until 2007, when she relocated to Colorado to live with her daughter. A teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School, she received the Creative Teacher Award in 1982, presented by the St. Mary's Alumnae Association to a teacher who exemplifies the high ideals of the school and who embodies a spirit of wonder and imagination. She also received the St. Mary's Gold Cross. She leaves a daughter, two

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grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'46 Walter James Wade Sr. of Atlanta, Jan. 14, 2009. He was part of a three-person team that established the Cotton Council's office in New York. He later worked for J. Walter Thompson Advertising, rising from account executive to senior vice president and group director responsible for a quarter of the business handled out of New York. In 1977, he started his own successful marketing consultancy business in Atlanta. He leaves his wife of 51 years, Alice Patterson Wade, a son, a daughter and three granddaughters.

'47 Letty Lee Edwards of Memphis, July 28, 2008.

'48 Bettye Long George of Macon, MS, Nov. 29, 2008. She was a talented artist and taught art at Central Academy, where her students affectionately called her "Miss BettyeGeorge," pronounced all together. A member of Macon Presbyterian Church, she taught Sunday school and enjoyed playing bridge and reading. She leaves two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'51 Nancy Hill Fulmer of Memphis, Feb. 20, 2009. A member of Calvary Episcopal Church, she spent her life in service, leading committees, heading boards, raising money and presiding over organizations. She served on the boards of Rhodes, Memphis College of Art, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, MIFA, Hutchison School and the National Cathedral Association in Washington. She was a past president of several organizations, including the Memphis Symphony League, the Tuesday Study Club and the Crippled Children's

Foundation. She leaves her husband, Arthur Fulmer Jr., a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

'51 Anna "Polly" Polydouris Zepatos of Memphis, March 9, 2009. She was an accomplished artist and a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, the Ladies Auxiliary, Community Bible Study and Kings Daughters. The widow of Harry S. Zepatos '52, to whom she was married for 53 years, she leaves two children and five grandchildren.

'52 Sue Carrell Dallas of Oak Ridge, TN, Oct. 10, 2008. She was an active member of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church for 50 years. She leaves two daughters, two sons and 12 grandchildren.

'58 Mary McKenzie Albritton of Florence, AL, Dec. 11, 2008. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church as well as many community organizations, including the Service League of the Shoals, the Shoals Garden Club, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She leaves two sons, Sam Albritton III '82 and Will Albritton '86, and two daughters, including Kathleen Albritton Fittro '85.

'60 Sarah Wooten "Liz" Cahill of Memphis, Jan. 5, 2009. She was a member and past president of the Senatobia Culture Club, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a former member and president of the Magnolia Garden Club. She leaves her husband of 43 years, James Cahill Jr., two sons and three grandchildren.

'64 Thomas Raines Jr. of Goose Creek, SC, Oct. 12, 2008. The executive director of the Charleston

County Public Library, he leaves two children and four grandchildren.

'66 James Clyde Butler of Oxford, MS, April 28, 2008. He was a retired librarian and teacher.

'66 Anne McCampbell Simpson of Athens, GA, Feb. 2, 2008. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she volunteered with Inter-Faith Housing. She leaves a daughter.

'69 G. Russell Stanton Jr. of Memphis, Feb. 15, 2009. An avid duck hunter, trapshooter and fisherman, he was a member of the Mill Lake Hunting Club and had recently retired from practicing tax law in Memphis. He leaves his wife, Laurie Fraser Stanton '69, and a sister, Katie Stanton '68.

'72 Cecelia Morris Moore of Memphis, Feb. 1, 2009. She worked as the general director of business operations at Howard University Hospital and was one of the founding members of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Memphis chapter. She leaves a daughter, four grandchildren and seven siblings.

'73 Anthony Blake Boulanger of Memphis, Jan. 1, 2009. Having recently returned to the University of Memphis, he began his career at Ridgeway High School, where he enjoyed teaching biology and honors anatomy and physiology. A member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, he leaves his wife, Diane Gay Boulanger, and a son.

'79 John D. (J.D.) Trimble of El Dorado, AR, April 4, 2009. He was office manager of Trimble properties for many years, a member of the board of directors of Smackover State Bank, a trustee of Lyon College of Batesville, a director of the Arkansas State Golf

Association and a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he formerly served as an elder. He leaves his wife, Julie Griffin Trimble, a daughter, a son, two siblings and his father, John D. Trimble, Jr. '52.

'82 William Dunavant "Dun" Mask III of Tampa, Feb. 11, 2009. He moved to Tampa from Memphis four years ago and worked as a commodities broker. He leaves his wife, a son, his mother, two siblings and two cousins, including Kay Schaeffer Wills '82.

'85 David Paul Hovey Hunter of Olympia, WA, Dec. 21, 2008. The court attorney for Thurston County Superior Court, he leaves his mother and his brother.

'94 Stephanie Leigh Richman of Cordova, TN, Aug. 30, 2008. She taught children with special needs at Faith Christian Academy and worked as a substitute teacher at a number of other schools. She volunteered at various organizations, including Wells Station Elementary School, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association's Estival Place and Cavalry Episcopal Church's Street Ministry, where she was named volunteer of the year. She leaves her parents and her brother.

'08 Taylor Bramblett of Charlottesville, VA, Dec. 30, 2008. He worked as an office manager for Informed Care, a local medical practice. He leaves his mother, an aunt, an uncle and two cousins.

'10 William Maxwell Rose of Memphis, Jan. 3, 2009. He completed an internship with Streets Ministries in summer 2008 and enjoyed tutoring young Memphians in Hickory Hill. He leaves his parents, two grandparents, a stepmother and nine siblings.

From generation to generation

"Rhodes has been family to me," says Sissy Jones '59.

It all started in 1928, when Sissy's father, William C. "Razz" Rasberry '30 transferred to Rhodes from Mississippi State University. "Daddy came to Southwestern with \$19 in his pocket," Sissy says.

While at Rhodes, Razz received the help of President Charles Diehl. Razz worked as a track coach to help pay his way, but wanted to join a fraternity. President Diehl heard that he wanted to do so and approached him about it. Sissy says, "Dr. Diehl just had the money in his hand. He said, 'I understand you wanted to join a fraternity.'" Later, Razz was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha. After graduation, Razz was eager to help send his younger brother Murray Rasberry '36 to Rhodes.

Razz's generosity continued while Sissy was at Rhodes. "Daddy never allowed me to work, because he wanted me to be able to be involved in activities."



William C. "Razz" Rasberry '30

Now Sissy has decided it is her turn to take part in this legacy of generosity that started with President Diehl. In 2003, she established The William C. "Razz" Rasberry Scholarship to honor her father and help Rhodes students in need. To ensure the continuation of this endowed scholarship, Sissy also has made a bequest to Rhodes.

"He (Razz) was such a generous man, and he loved that school. He *loved* that school."



Sissy chose to honor both her father and Rhodes through the establishment of an endowed scholarship. For more information about how you can make a planned gift to Rhodes, please contact Jim Duncan, Director of Planned Giving at 901-843-3919 or 800-264-5969.



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The Rhodes Hill Mural

When Memphis business executive and Rhodes trustee Chick Hill decided to have a mural painted on the side of one of his downtown properties, he thought it would be a good learning experience for students involved in CODA (Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts). Chicago artist Jeff Zimmermann was chosen to create the mural, which now covers five stories of the old S.C. Toof & Co. building at 195 Madison. The project, which understandably has drawn a lot of attention, was featured in the April 28, 2009, edition of *The New York Times*. For the complete history, plus photos and videos of the making of the mural, visit rhodes.edu/mural.

Left to right: student project managers Luke Branim '10 and Meghan Wilcox '11; CODA director Liz Daggett; artist Jeff Zimmermann; Rhodes trustee Chick Hill; and student project managers Carly Agre '11 and Shelby Long '11