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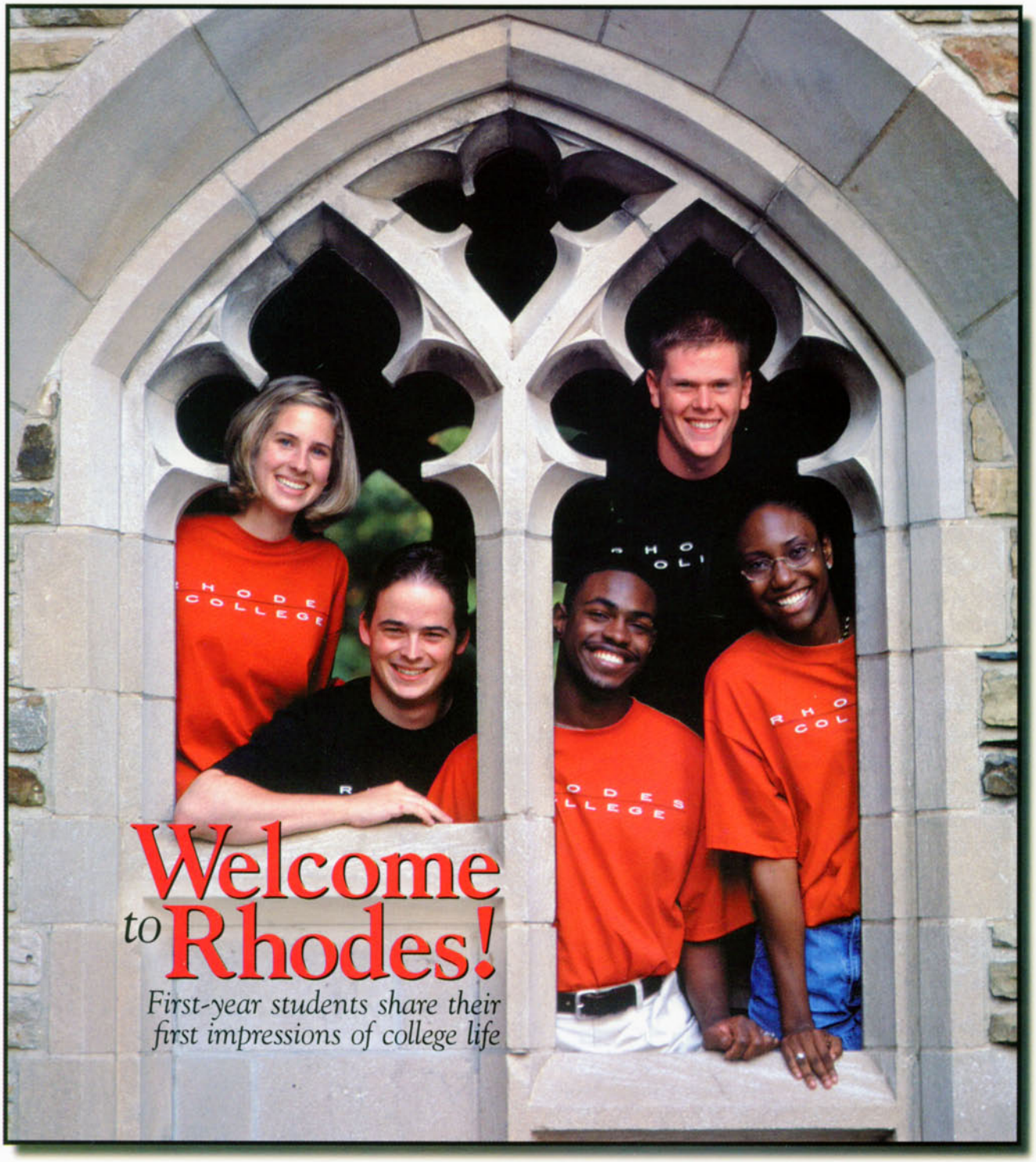


Welcome to Rhodes!

First-year students share their first impressions of college life

FROM THE PRESIDENT

William E. Troutt

Rhodes in the Next Century

Rhodes' "agenda" for the millennium is not set in stone. Rather, it is a work in progress.

I prefer to approach the subject in general terms. For example, what are some attributes of a truly outstanding liberal arts college for next millennium? One feature certainly would be that the academic program is central to all we do both in word and deed, and that we continue to reflect on the core of what we're about—teaching and learning.

In the next century, Rhodes will be a college governed by ideas. I have written a lot about that subject, about how really good colleges are governed by a real sense of shared vision, a clear sense of mission and a steadfast set of values that guide their decision-making with a clear sense of whom they serve.

Clearly, truly outstanding organizations of all sorts are places where information flows well, quickly and completely. Now more than ever, with the speed of change and explosion of information, we have to be a good organization where information flows freely and well and requires an uncommon level of candor and honesty.

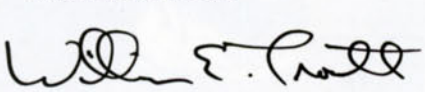
Truly outstanding liberal arts colleges in the next millennium are places where not only students, but faculty and staff continue to learn and create. It involves collaboration among faculty, staff, administration and students to continue to experiment with new approaches to teaching and learning. It is a place where everyone has a chance to engage not only hands, but heads and hearts.

Rhodes must continue to be a community of care where we express our love and concern for one another, where people know they belong, have a chance to make a difference and know they are sincerely cared for.

Rhodes will continue doing what it does so well: focusing on teaching and learning, the individual student, doing those things that only a liberal arts college does truly well.

A liberal arts education has a timeless quality to it. It transcends changes in proficiency skill requirements, or any particular set of vocational skills. It is the very best kind of education for students who will lead in the next century.

William E. Troutt



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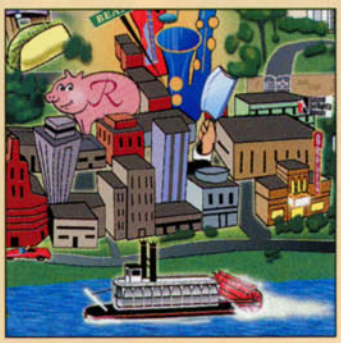

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***COVER**—First-year students (left to right): Lara Luxford, Patrick Schmutte, Crescent Rowell, Phil Hartigan and Marvin Addison Photo by Trey Clark*

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Orientation '99

Photos by Russell Hays

Orientation leaders Rachael Graeff, Daru Lane and Claire Chambers, all class of '01, helped first-year students move in

Cheerleaders help teach first-years the Lynx Fight Song

First-year mud people in repose following an afternoon of field games

President and Mrs. Troutt greet Allison Prickett '03 (center) and Kate Strother '03 at the orientation picnic. Dining from box lunches (above), incoming students and their families filled the multi-use forum in Bryan Campus Life Center

Dean and CIO Robert Johnson Joins Rhodes

Robert M. Johnson Jr. has joined the Rhodes administration as the college's dean of information services and chief information officer.

William D. Berg, former director of planning and institutional analysis, left Rhodes in July to become head of institutional research at Furman University.

Johnson's position, which has been restructured, gives him the responsibility for the leadership and coordination of all information technologies and services for the college, including administrative computing, networking operations, instructional technology, computer labs and computer maintenance and support. He also oversees the college's institutional research efforts and serves as a member of the president's cabinet.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Bob Johnson's talents, experience and academic sensitivity providing additional leadership in this strategic area," says President Bill Troutt.

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Robert Johnson

Johnson comes to Rhodes from Nashville's Belmont University, where he served as vice president and chief information officer. He joined Belmont in 1994 as director of institutional research.

Johnson holds master's and doctoral degrees in religion from Vanderbilt University. He has been an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt and the University of the South and has published and lectured in the areas of philology, linguistics, behavioral science and education.

Kiplinger, Kaplan Give College High Marks

The September 1999 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* listed Rhodes 35th among the "top 100 values in private colleges."

Magazine editors looked at the nation's private colleges and universities that Peterson's, the New Jersey based publisher of college guides, listed as "competitive." There were approximately 400 schools in the "competitive" category.

Kiplinger's ranked the top 100 colleges and universities based on academic selectivity, student outcomes and retention, quality of academic program and faculty, financial resources and facilities, cost, financial aid and scholarship programs, endowment strength and cost after merit awards.

A new national survey of high school guidance counselors cites Rhodes as one of the country's top colleges for providing a liberal arts education.

Conducted by Kaplan Educational Centers, the survey is contained in the *Kaplan Newsweek College Catalog 2000*, published by Simon & Schuster.

Kaplan surveyed about 4,500 guidance counselors in U.S. public and private high schools to find out which colleges they recommend to their students and why. The survey was divided into 12 categories.

Rhodes was mentioned as a top American college in three of those categories: Schools Providing a Good Liberal Arts Education, Schools for the Academically Competitive Student and Schools That Are "Hidden Treasures."

Pohlmann Receives Diehl Award

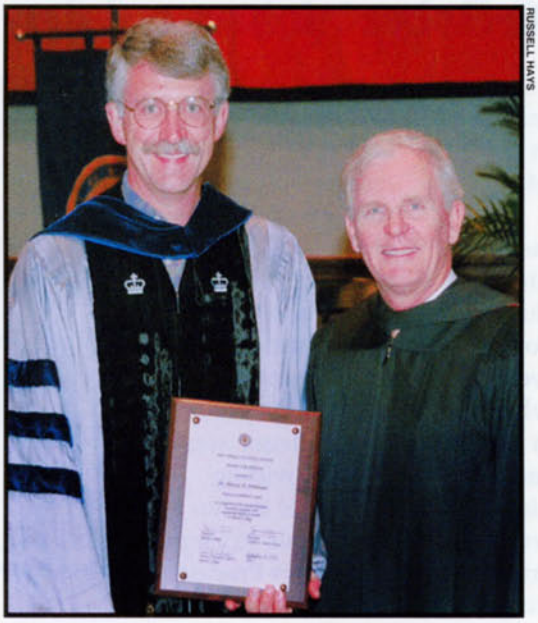
Marcus Pohlmann, political science department chair and coach of Rhodes' award-winning Intercollegiate Mock Trial Team, received the Charles E. Diehl Society Service Award at Founders' Convocation in early fall. The award, which recognizes exceptional service to the college, is endowed by an anonymous Rhodes trustee and carries a $3,000 honorarium.

Pohlmann came to Rhodes in 1986 as chair of the political science department. The next year he became adviser to the Mock Trial Team. Under his tutelage, the team won first place in the national competition two years in a row, 1993-94 and 1994-95. After

the first win, then-Tennessee Sen. James Sasser had the victory read into the *Congressional Record*, naming each team member and coach.

A faculty colleague said, "The success of our Mock Trial teams in national competition, bringing Rhodes national recognition and the highest reputation is due to the professionalism and commitment of Prof. Pohlmann. It takes an incredible amount of time to coach such a team, not to mention the weekends away to participate in competitions."

The 1991 winner of the Dean's Award for Research and Creativity, Pohlmann has also served as chair of Urban Studies. He is the author of four books. His 1990 work, *Black Politics in Conservative America*, was adopted as a text by 74 U.S. colleges and universities including Harvard, Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley. His latest, *Racial Politics at the Crossroads: Memphis Elects Dr. W.W. Herenton*, he wrote in 1996 with Michael Kirby, associate professor of political science.



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Marcus Pohlmann, left, and Spence Wilson, immediate past president of the Charles E. Diehl Society

Pohlmann holds a B.A. from Cornell University and M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Columbia University.

Another colleague said of him, "For Mark, it's never been about a reward, it's always been about helping—helping students, helping his colleagues and helping the college."

New Program Introduces Chinese Language, Culture

The Department of Foreign Languages has added a new program in Chinese language and literature to its curriculum.

Heading the program is assistant Professor Ming Dong Gu, who joined the Rhodes faculty after receiving his doctorate in Chinese literature from the University of Chicago in August.

Ming Dong Gu

Gu is teaching "Elementary Chinese" and "Chinese Culture Through Literature." Neither course requires prior knowledge of Chinese language or culture. The course in Chinese culture satisfies the college requirement for humanities.

"Although Chinese is new at Rhodes, with support from the college and our colleagues, we cherish the ambition to establish one of the finest undergraduate Chinese programs in the country and the very best in the South," Gu says.

The program's addition is the first step toward establishing a major in Chinese studies, according to Katheryn Wright, acting chair for the Department of Foreign Languages.

Rhodes' history and international studies departments also offer courses in Chinese studies.

Dorothy Ross Establishes American Studies Faculty Award

Faculty members teaching in the American Studies Program at Rhodes will be able to expand their research opportunities, travel and attend professional conferences thanks to a new $50,000 faculty development endowment established by a benefactor.

Dorothy Sonnenfeld Ross has established the Danforth R. Ross Award in American Studies in memory of her late husband who taught English at Rhodes from 1955-74. Mrs. Ross also lectured at Rhodes in art history.

"This wonderful gift will help defray faculty travel costs, help fund curriculum development projects and other activities that will enhance faculty intellectual growth in American Studies," said John Planchon, Dean of Academic Affairs.

"Dan Ross taught English with the view that it was an interdisciplinary subject and brought into his teaching political, economic and sociological factors surrounding writing."

Ross graduated from Rhodes in 1933 with a degree in mathematics. He earned his M.A. from Vanderbilt and Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota.

College Welcomes 14 New Faculty Members

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Fourteen new faculty members came to Rhodes this fall. Pictured here, left to right are: *Front row:* Teresa Beckham, instructor, economics and business administration; Rebecca Frost, assistant professor, foreign languages and literatures; Mary Lynn Huffman, assistant professor, psychology; Tammy Barker, instructor, economics and business administration. *Middle row:* Ann Viano, assistant professor, physics; Kathleen Doyle, assistant professor, foreign languages and literatures; Bernadette McNary-Zak, assistant professor, religious studies. *Back row:* Jason Whitt, assistant professor, mathematics and computer science; Ming Dong Gu, assistant professor, foreign languages and literatures;Val Valgardson, assistant professor, art; José Santos, assistant professor, foreign languages and literatures.

Gallery Features Young Memphis, Margaret Bourke-White

Young Memphis, a juried biennial exhibition designed to showcase the work of artists beginning their careers, will open in the Clough-Hanson Gallery Nov. 30.

The exhibition's aim is twofold: to offer young artists the opportunity to exhibit in a professional gallery space, and to offer the public a first-hand look at emerging artists. This year's artists are: painter Hamlett Dobbins, photographer Shannon Fagan, mixed media artist Patrick Graves, sculptor Erin Larkin, painter Erin Riches '99 and photographer Martina Shenal. An opening reception will be held Dec. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery will be open by appointment only from Dec. 12 through Jan. 11 during winter break.

Power and Paper: Margaret Bourke-White, Modernity, and the Documentary Mode will be on exhibit Feb. 5–March 17 with an opening reception Feb. 4. The gallery will be closed during spring break, March 4-13

The title of the exhibition comes from International Paper Company's 1939 book *Newsprint: A Book of Pictures Illustrating the Operations in the Manufacture of Paper on which to Print the World's News* for which Bourke-White provided the photographs. She visited IP's newsprint manufacturing operations in 1930 on assignment for *Fortune* and received IP's commission in the winter of 1937. Some of these photographs appeared in both *Fortune* and *Life* in 1937, but the majority were destined for *Newsprint*. The photographs, however, are not well known, which makes this exhibition particularly exciting.

Bourke-White's meteoric career was based on two styles of photography. Her early fame, garnered at the beginning of the 1930s, resulted from photographs celebrating industry's beauty, but by the later part of the decade she was better known for her penetrating portrayals of people and the lives they led. She also developed a reputation for her aerial photography by mid-decade. *Power and Paper* includes photographs created in all of Bourke-

White's signature styles.

The exhibition, which was organized by Boston University, includes approximately 75 photographs and is accompanied by a 72-page catalogue.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 901-843-3442 for information.

College, Alumni Take Top Memphis Theatre Awards

McCoy Theatre and several Rhodes alumni took top honors at the annual Memphis Theatre Awards earlier this year.

In the College Division, McCoy's 1998-99 production of the musical *Blood Brothers* received 10 awards, the most of any show of the season. They were: Excellence in a musical, director Greg Krosnes '89, lead actress Shelley Stenshol '01, lead actors Pete Montgomery '99 and Wesley Meador '00, supporting actress Lindsey Patrick '00, supporting actor Sean Lyttle '99, ensemble, music director Ernie Scarbrough and lighting designer Laura Canon '79.

Also receiving awards for lead actor in a drama were Pete Montgomery '99 in *The Hypochondriac* and Matthew Nelson '00 in *Extremities*, both McCoy productions.

A posthumous Eugart Yearian Award for longtime achievement went to Tony Lee Garner '65, Rhodes professor, actor, singer, director and conductor who died last year.

Rhodes alumni won top awards for their work in community theater:

Greg Krosnes '89 lead actor in the musical *Pageant* at Circuit Playhouse.

Sean Lyttle '99, supporting actor in the musical *The Who's Tommy* at Playhouse on the Square.

Christina Wellford Scott '73, lead actress in the drama *The Seagull* at Rhodes' Tennessee Williams Festival.

David Jilg '79, costumes for *The Seagull*, Tennessee Williams Festival.

Bill Short '71, set dressing *The Glass Menagerie* and *The Seagull*, Tennessee Williams Festival, and *You Can't Take It with You* and *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* at Playhouse on the Square.

Student Donates Web Site to Columbine Memory

Jason Griffith, a Rhodes graduate student in accounting, has donated a site on the worldwide Web to memorialize those killed in last spring's shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Jason Griffith

The site, http://www.columbinememorial.com, contains letters, poems, a discussion forum about the Columbine tragedy, a condolence book, links to related sites, photos and biographies of the people who died at Columbine.

"I hope that the site will be one where students can remember their friends who were lost," Griffith says. "We decided to register the site so that someone would not try and profit off of what had happened."

Griffith, along with 1999 Rhodes graduate Jessica Nelson, junior Mark Germain and former Rhodes student Billy Wilson, conceived the idea to reserve and buy the domain on the Web. Griffith purchased the domain and two years' worth of use of the site by credit card and donated it to the town of Littleton. He and Nelson pooled their money to pay the debt.

Griffith says he has received many offers to help build and support the Web site. Melissa Rekos, editor of Teen.com, a Web site for teenagers, has supervised its construction.

Teen.com is an online community where teens can express themselves, gather and distribute information and interact with other teenagers around the world, Rekos says.

"We are very proud to be doing this with Jason and hope that by housing it on Teen.com, we can help to heal teens as well as remember those who were lost," Rekos says.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

TREY CLARK

Crescent Rowell

By Valerie Witte '00

Crescent Rowell hails from Florence, AL, where she graduated from Bradshaw High School. She wound up at Rhodes on a bit of a fluke.

"I have a piano teacher, and her oldest daughter went here…and ever since I've been in piano with my piano teacher, she said I should apply. She asked every time I went to lesson. So I applied."

But Crescent didn't think she was accepted to Rhodes, because everyone she knew received his/her acceptance letters before her. A week before her spring break, however, she received a phone call from Associate Director of Admissions Susan Schwab, who asked her to come to Rhodes to interview for the Burch Leadership Scholars Program.

In return for a $10,000 annual scholarship, Burch Scholars perform a minimum of eight to 10 hours of volunteer service and training per week, participating in retreats, activities and a variety of service experiences while learning about their own leadership styles and philosophies. The students then choose a community service project to lead while at Rhodes and continue to develop leadership skills in coordinating their service project.

"I was excited, but I had paid for most of an 11-day trip to France," explains Crescent, who chose to forego her European vacation and come to Rhodes for the interview.

"I loved it," says Crescent. "I thought, 'I can see myself here.'"

She says of the scholarship, "I'm really excited about the Burch. You get to meet a whole lot of different people, and I think, career-wise, it will help me get my foot in the door," she adds.

Though Crescent is enjoying Rhodes so far, one issue with which she struggles is the low minority rate at Rhodes. According to the Rhodes Office of Admissions, minority students make up 13% of the class of 2003 with 20 African Americans, 11 Asian Americans, five Hispanic students, two Native Americans and 19 other minorities for a total of 57 minority students.

"Adjusting to the ethnic makeup of Rhodes has been a little challenging…I didn't realize how much of a minority I would be," she says. But she has

been in the minority before. "My [high] school is 75% white, and my neighborhood is all white except for like five families."

Crescent says she wishes "there was a little more for African Americans [to do] to get to know each other. I know the Black Student Association is supposed to do that, but I know they're just now getting started, so I'm looking forward to that, because it will help me get to know other people.

"But I've met some people who are great…it's getting easier."

She adds, "The cruise-in (a riverboat ride during orientation), I think, is a nice tradition, because you're dancing, and look around, and you're dancing with someone else…orientation was fun."

Crescent expects to learn a lot at Rhodes, and not just in the classroom. "I'm hoping that I develop more as a person, that I become stronger emotionally, spiritually and academically.

"I feel like here I'm going to make friends who are going to be with me for a long time."

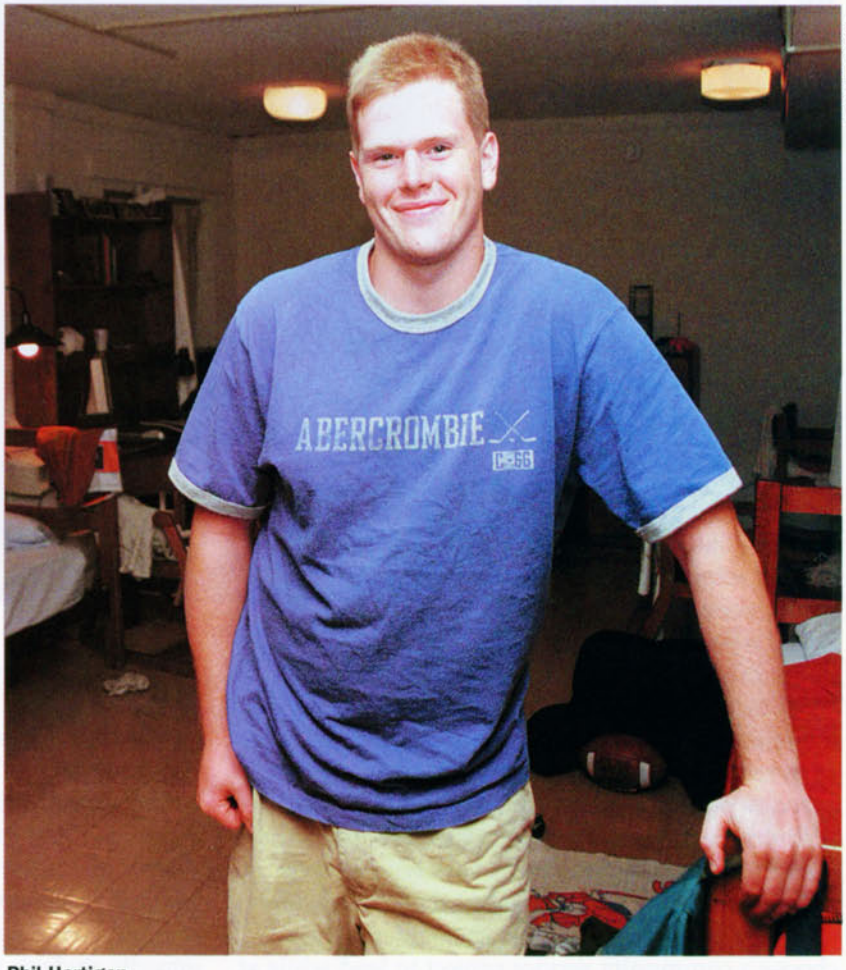
She is already learning from what she sees as a caring atmosphere here, both within Rhodes itself and the wider Memphis community.

"The people don't just care about what goes on inside our little gates. It's taught me a lot about compassion and caring for your neighbor, just making you a better person in the long run."

A resident of Avon, CT, Phil Hartigan traces his roots back to the South. Born in Tupelo, MS, Phil and his family moved to Avon when he was two years old. So why did he decide to come back? According to Phil, "I love it down here. The weather is great, the people are much more kind, and the city has more than I can handle.

"Living in Mississippi for a while, and then always coming home to visit taught me what to expect here."

He attended Kingswood-Oxford high school, a private school in West Hartford, and graduated in a class of about 100. So far he finds the size of Rhodes and the demands of the classes fairly comparable to his high school. "I expected larger classes but am very thankful for the smaller numbers. They are very similar to my high school classes in size and in what each professor expects of the students," he says.



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Phil Hartigan

Classes aside, Phil's involvement at Rhodes is perhaps most evident through his commitment to football. Still recovering from ACL surgery, he explains, "I hope to become more to the football team than just a dead person in the near future. I have begun practicing with the team, gradually working into most of the drills."

And after class, football and his fraternity, he has no problem finding things to do at Rhodes.

"The social scene is everything I expected and more," says Phil. "I was a little nervous at first

about going out, but the guys on the football team really took me under their wing and showed me a good time around Memphis."

Asked about how he envisions his Rhodes experience, Phil says, "I hope to get a great education out of Rhodes. I say this with a few things in mind. Not only do I hope to achieve this in the classroom, but also through many experiences I would not be presented outside of college. Whether these come on the football field or in the fraternity house, I'm sure I will run into some circumstances where a decision will have to be made."

In short, Phil is concerned most with "learning from these decisions and gaining these experiences."

Patrick Schmutte comes to Rhodes from Dreiech, a town near Frankfurt, Germany.

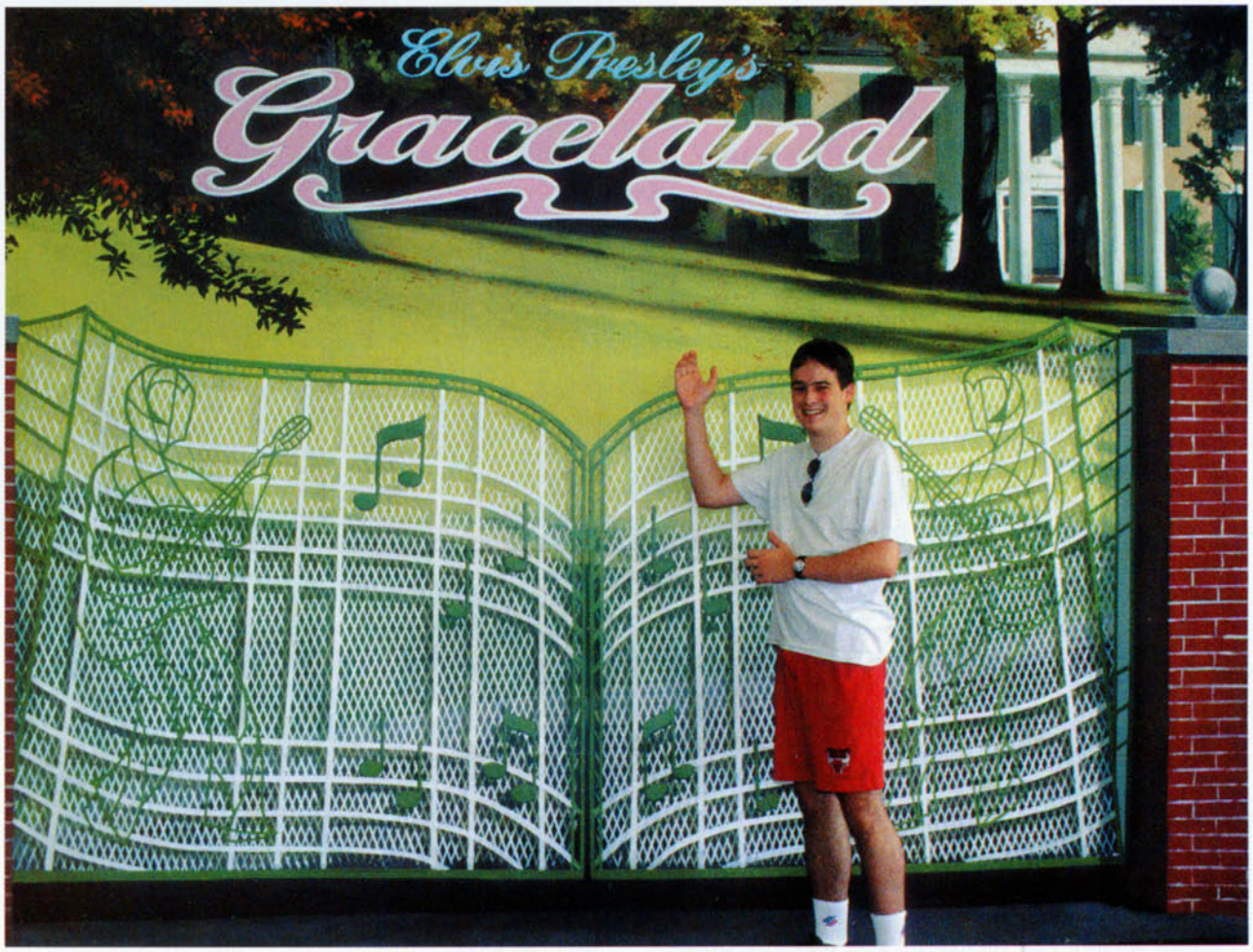
Patrick was unsure of what to study in Germany, so when he heard about the liberal arts style of education available in the U.S., he knew he was interested. He applied to 10 U.S. schools and toured campuses throughout the country before eventually settling on Rhodes.

"I like Southern hospitality," he says, adding, "I really like America in general. The people are much more kind than in Germany."

As one might imagine, adjusting to college life in America isn't always easy. In the classroom, for example, Patrick says he sometimes struggles with grasping the details of class discussions in Search and learning the terminology for economics. However, all in all, he is very pleased with his classes and notes a few things he didn't expect.

"My English class is very surprising," says Patrick, who is enrolled in English 151. I enjoy it very much because it's very political, very open-minded…it's very creative. It's a very challenging class."

Patrick, who has participated in his city's parliament and held an internship with the



KEVIN BARRE

Patrick Schmutte

European Union, is interested in getting involved in the International House Club and Model UN while at Rhodes.

Because of his rigorous schedule, he has had to readjust his lifestyle a bit.

"I never think about just doing nothing, but in Germany I really have my lazy times," he admits. As he explains, it can be difficult to determine how to spend your time at Rhodes. You have to decide "if you really want to study a lot or if you want to study less, and for that have more social activities or sports…."

The discipline that he employs here, though, stems from that which he acquired during his time in the German army. The experience prepared him for America in a number of ways. For instance, he lived in a dorm-like setting, so adjusting to life in Townsend Hall has been relatively painless.

Moreover, Patrick says that the determination he learned in the army encouraged him to come to America. In the army, you're forced "To push yourself to your limits…it helped to keep me working." If he had not been in the army, he says, "I just maybe would have given up."

Instead, he discovered it's important "to have an idea and really work toward it, not to let it go and say maybe it won't work…just to believe in it and try it."

A Memphis resident, Marvin Addison didn't need to travel far to find the school for him.

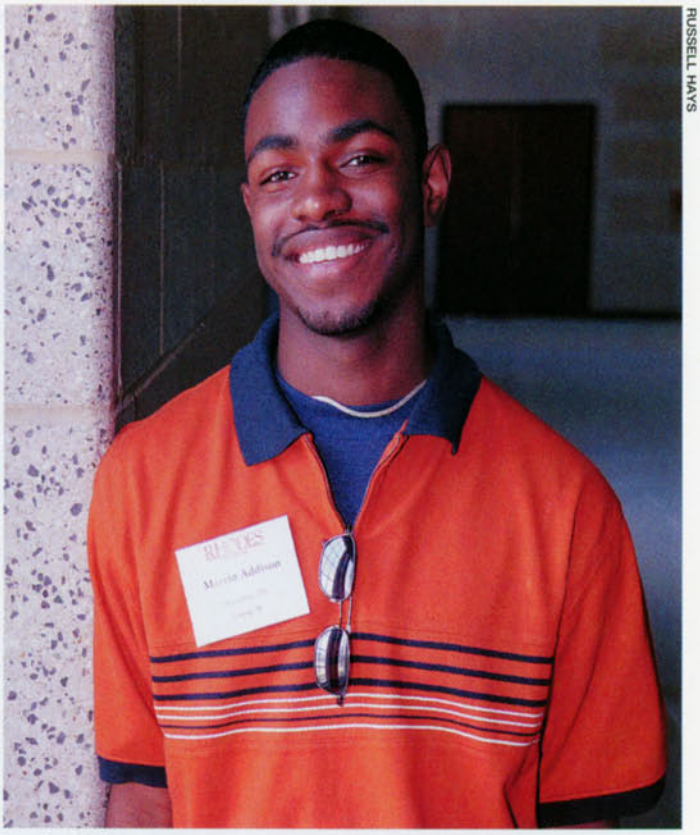
Torn between Morehouse College in Atlanta and Rhodes, Marvin explains, "I prayed and asked the Lord for his will to be done. As soon as I'd finished praying, I went to the mailbox and discovered that I had been selected as a Burch scholar!"

"I knew that Rhodes was in the will of God for my life," Marvin says.

So far, he is very impressed with what he has seen. "Rhodes has been everything I expected and more. There is a really great atmosphere here, and the students are very interested in their education, and they are able to maintain a social life.

"The professors here are also wonderful. They are always available to talk with." He adds, "I like the small student body that allows for a one-on-one relationship with the professors."

Although his classes involve a lot of reading, Marvin says they are "really interesting. The classes are different from high school, in that the student is allowed to play a more active role in class."



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Marvin Addison

Adjusting to dorm life has not been a major issue for Marvin: "I have two brothers, so I'm used to sharing my space!" He does hate sharing a bathroom, however. "There is rarely hot water!" he complains.

While the Burch Scholars Program requires 10 hours of work per week—a hefty load for any Rhodes student—Marvin is no stranger to involvement in campus and community activities. He served his high school as senior class president, honor society vice president, and was vice president of the school's math honor society. On top of all this, he participated in community service.

"It is not a strain," says Marvin, "because I enjoy working with people." A future politician, Marvin feels that working with the people is "absolutely necessary" to being a community leader. While at Rhodes, he intends to acquire "all the necessary skills to be the best politician possible, so that I may best serve my community. I know that Rhodes will prepare me for whatever I decide to venture into in life," he says.

Lara Luxford, a resident of South Pasadena, CA, chose Rhodes for a variety of reasons.

"A lot of my friends were going to UCLA or the UC schools, and I didn't want to sit in a class of 500 and listen to a teacher who didn't really care who I was or what my name was.

"And I really didn't want to be taught by a teaching assistant, either. I figured if I was going to get an education, I might as well go to the best, and go to the top and listen to someone who had actually been studying the material for more than a couple of years."

In addition, when she came to visit, she fell in love with the campus. "It was nothing like we have in California."

TREY CLARK

Lara Luxford

Lara, who shared a room with her sister for most of her life, is enjoying dorm life in Robinson Hall.

"When I was here [to visit], I stayed in Williford, and I like the whole idea of a quad—actually, I kind of miss it because you just get to know [your quadmates] so much better."

"At the same time, our room is a lot bigger…and I love my roommate. We like different things, but we still get along very well."

In fact, "Everyone who comes here seems to be pretty considerate," says Lara.

She says the main difference between high school and college classes is the reading load, but she says she thinks she is handling it so far.

As far as outside interests go, Lara is keeping herself busy with cross country, and she also participated in sorority rush. One factor that drove her to join a sorority was her commitment to community service.

"I did a lot of community service in high school, and I thought, by rushing, I could be involved with something else that I wouldn't normally choose, something that appealed to me that I wouldn't go out on my own and do."

Lara is happy to be in Memphis, despite the obvious differences from her hometown. "Memphis seems like a really good college town." And the South in general?

"The South I like a lot. My friends were like, 'Memphis—what a random decision, Lara.' But my random decision was probably one of the best decisions I've made."

She intends to create her own major, combining international business, politics and economics. What will she do with it?

"Two years ago, I wanted to be president of the United States," she laughs. "I was ambitious."

"And then I became a little more realistic, and I've decided on secretary of state, because I've traveled a lot. I spent a summer in Spain and a summer in Panama, and I liked going abroad, and I liked working with people from different cultures.

"Madeleine Albright's job really interested me," she continues. "I'm really shooting for the stars." R

By the geodesic dome beside Kennedy Hall (left to right): Mark Muesse, Darlene Loprete (above), Bette Ackerman, Tom McGowan and Carolyn Schriber

Steve Jones

Ushering in the MILLENNIUM

Five faculty look at Y2K from different angles

Millennial Nonsense

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I find it hard to accept the notion that God works providentially in human life according to a humanly constructed timetable. But that is precisely what those who find theological significance in the advent of a new millennium would have us believe. I refer not only to biblical literalists who anticipate an apocalypse but also to the less literal-minded who expect the mere changing of numbers to initiate qualitative changes in our lives.

Years, eons, eras, centuries and millennia—these are thoroughly human devices for helping us mark our histories and make sense of them. Yet we tend to forget that these time-marking devices are really quite arbitrary. Our sense of history is itself historical and conditioned. For instance, we often mark time according to decades, referring to the '40s or the '60s as if life could actually be apportioned into neat 10-year units. We even attribute certain qualities and characteristics to these units, as when we think the '60s were a decade of upheaval and hippies or the '70s were a period of selfishness and disco music.

These ways of imagining time are quite convenient and useful, but when we forget their human origins and ascribe to them ontological status, we separate and divide where reality is continuous. Was Dec. 31, 1969 all that different from Jan. 1, 1970? Will Jan 1, 2000 be all that different from Dec. 31, 1999? Except for the potential problems with our computers, I think not.

Assuming the new millennium will bring great changes simply because we mark the end of one and the beginning of another thousand-year period suggests profound cultural hubris. Although scholars now use the designations B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) and C.E. (the Common Era) rather than B.C. and A.D. (anno Domini),

the fact remains that not everyone follows either Western convention. The "Common Era" is not all that common. According to the Jewish calendar, we have just entered the year 5760. To Muslims, it is now anno Hijrah 1420, dated from the migration of Muhammad to Medina. The Hindu civil calendar of India regards this year as 1921 of the Saka Era. To the Chinese, it is 3952; to some Buddhists, it is 2542; to the Baha'is, it is 156. It takes a mighty foolhardy leap of faith to think the creator of universe would conform to our sense of time rather than some other culture's or, as the Bible itself maintains, God's own.

Even if we were to overlook this ethnocentrism, we are still faced with a problem. When the Gregorian calendar was established in medieval Europe and time was retroactively marked back to the birth of Jesus, a fairly significant error occurred. We now know that the year 1 A.D. (or C.E., if you prefer) was miscalculated and Jesus was probably born around 4 B.C. according to our current system. The 2000th anniversary of Jesus' birth, therefore, was actually 1996. If God were planning some millennial catastrophe or golden age, it would be well underway by now.

What will the new millennium bring? Suffice it to say, I don't know. Without question, there will be changes, just as every passage of time, by definition, brings about change. But I doubt we will discover the year 2000 to be qualitatively different from the year 1999. The clamor about the new millennium is much ado about nothing.

A Complimentary Drink, or Not?

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As a scientist, my head tells me that we will encounter a few minor glitches early in January 2000, and travel by plane will be relatively trouble free. However, if I let my imagination run wild for a moment, I think about all the possible things that could go wrong:

Planes on the wrong course—seems fairly innocuous except if you are heading for Paris, France instead of Paris, Tennessee. You just might run out of fuel before someone figures out that the Atlantic Ocean isn't close to Tennessee.

Consider airfares. You may accidentally be charged $6,000 for that trip to New Orleans to see the Sugar Bowl. You will be REALLY depressed if your team loses!

Even if your plane is going to the right place for the right price, your luggage may be mislabeled and end up on another continent. You may never get back that favorite sweater or the present you were planning to give your mother.

If I did travel by plane, I would pack the cheapest clothes and nothing of sentimental or monetary value (which is probably a wise practice anyway). It'll be car travel only for me while we are ushering computers into the millennium.

Anticipated Developments in the Field of Psychology

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The 1990s were designated as the Decade of the Brain, and we saw major initiatives and advances in our understanding of the functioning of the brain.

According to the American Psychological Association, there is currently discussion taking place within many of the major scientific agencies and associations suggesting that the next decade will see major research initiatives and advances in our understanding of *behavior*.

Thus, there appears to be a growing consensus that the psychological community is poised to deal with behavior on a more complex level, posing theoretical models that are more sophisticated in their ability to consider multiple influences on behavior at once. Don't expect these breakthroughs to be simple, such as a single gene responsible for some problematic behavior. Psychology's approach to behavior will continue to emphasize complex interactions among genetics, physiological processes, cognitive strategies, patterns of learning and family and other social experiences.

MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FUTURE

As a social psychologist I am particularly concerned with the social forces affecting behavior, and I am not optimistic about the first decade of the new century. I am very concerned about the shift in our culture's values away from personal responsibility and integrity, and the resulting effects on various types of behavior.

For example, inebriation is becoming an acceptable excuse, both socially and within the courts, for poor judgment and reprehensible acts such as personal assault or drunk driving.

I see changes in national political activities which also indicate a shift away from personal responsibility. It is now acceptable for politicians not only to take money from special-interest groups, but openly vote in a way that supports these interests. Further, politicians are judged by their ability to win elections and control other legislators, not by their ideas or their ability to govern. A student recently told me that good leadership involved conducting polls and then voting as the populace wanted, not, as I had presumed, convincing people to follow what might be a more difficult course but one which could lead to a more favorable, long-term result.

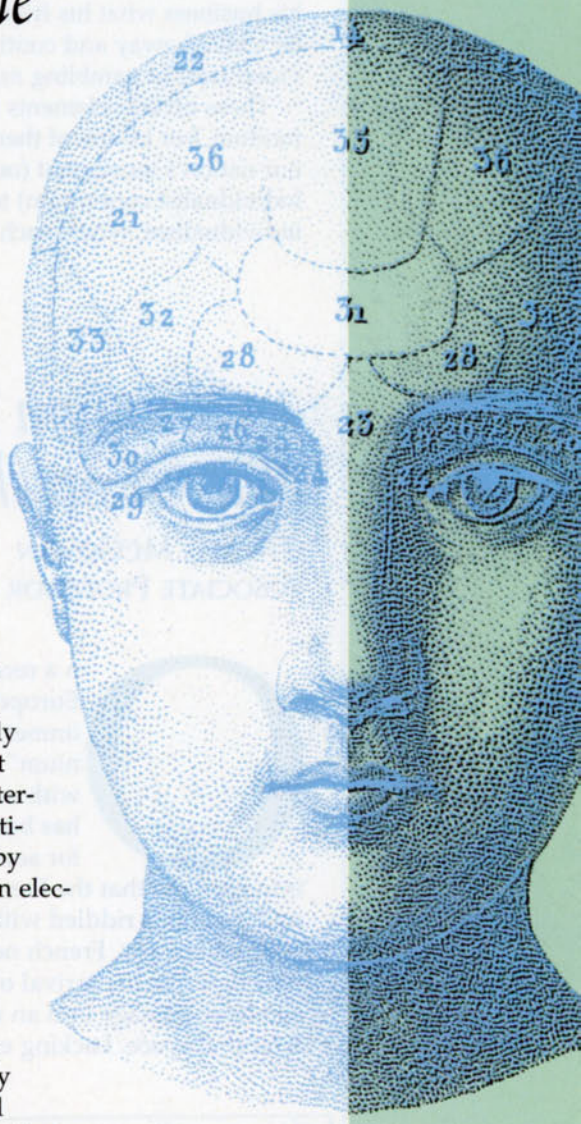

Fig. 18

The demonstrations on the Berkley campus this year are a result of perhaps the most troubling and outrageous example of this shift from personal responsibility. This is the case of a Berkley student who observed a friend assault, and eventually kill, a child. The interviews with the student witness are frightening: he maintains he had no responsibility to attempt to stop the assault, or even notify the security

agents in the area. He claims it was none of his business what his friend was doing, so he walked away and continued to play video and/or gambling machines nearby.

These diverse elements may appear to be random, but I think of them as a result of our nation's movement (on a collectivist-individualist continuum) to more extreme individualism, where each individual is encouraged to act in his or her own best interest with little concern for how this behavior affects others. I find this to be frightening. I realize that our stress on individualism has led our nation to become the most powerful country on Earth, but it appears to me to be at an immeasurable cost to our lives and souls.

Millennium Notwithstanding, We Are Stuck with Our Empirical Reality

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On a recent visit to Europe I found myself immersed in a "millennium" conversation with an American who has been living in Paris for several years. He informed me that the French view of the millennium is riddled with existential and cultural anxiety. French newspaper editorials describe the arrival of 1/1/00 as a symbolic passage into an uncharted, alien, temporal space. Lacking experience with such a passage, we have no context for understanding and making sense of it. Consequently, many French expect the new millennium to bring existential and social disorientation—a collective state of *anomie*—a loss of meaning and direction resulting from a breakdown in social norms. Will the new millennium bring with it anomie and cultural disorientation?

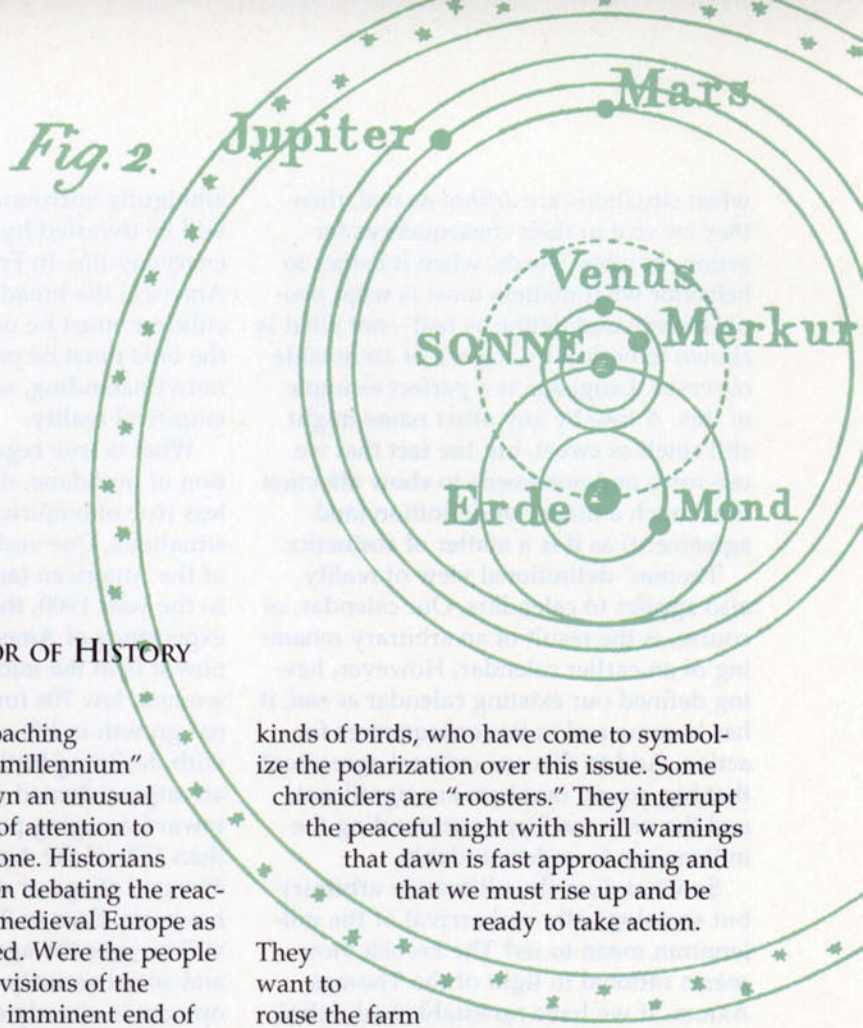
In the early years of this century W.I. Thomas articulated a basic epistemological point regarding the nature of social reality. The Thomas Axiom states that

when situations are *defined* as real, then they *are* real in their consequences for action. In other words, when it comes to behavior what matters most is what people believe and define as real—not what is shown to be real by science or an outside observer. Language is a perfect example of this. A rose by any other name might still smell as sweet, but the fact that we use roses and not weeds to show affection is as much a matter of definition (and agreement) as it is a matter of aesthetics.

Thomas' definitional view of reality also applies to calendars. Our calendar, of course, is the result of an arbitrary renaming of an earlier calendar. However, having defined our existing calendar *as real*, it has become real in its consequences for action. Add to this our cultural agreement that big, round numbers are significant, and the very real hype surrounding the millennium is understandable.

So what does the ultimately arbitrary but sociologically real arrival of the millennium mean to us? The French view seems rational in light of the Thomas Axiom. If we have no established definition of the meaning of the new millennium, then how are we to have clear, logical guidelines for 21st century behavior? The problem with this formulation is that it displaces the countless, basic, mundane activities of everyday life which exist in spite of the millennium. Once the Y2K speedbump is crossed the ambiguity surrounding the millennium will be dwarfed by the pressing details of everyday life. In France, as well as in America, the bread must be baked, the children must be ushered to school, and the bills must be paid. The millennium notwithstanding, we are stuck with our empirical reality.

What is true regarding the continuation of mundane, daily situations is no less true of empirical, social and historical situations. One such situation is the aging of the American (and global) population. In the year 1900, the average life expectancy of Americans was 47 years; now it is in the mid-70s (high 70s for women, low 70s for men). The phenomenal growth in life expectancy, coupled with declining birth rates, is producing an unprecedented demographic shift toward an aging population. Today, less than 15% of the American population is 65 years of age or older. Within 20 years, however, close to 25% of the population will be over the age of 65. The health care and social security burden of this development is already challenging our national conscience. Unfortunately, history has shown that during periods of scarcity—or *perceived* scarcity—it is the vulnerable who are squeezed and left to suffer. How we define and respond to the aging of America will reveal how much—or how little—we have changed since the last millennium.



Y1K

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The approaching "second millennium" has drawn an unusual amount of attention to the first one. Historians have been debating the reactions in medieval Europe as the year 1000 approached. Were the people terrified by apocalyptic visions of the Second Coming and the imminent end of the world? Or were they oblivious to an artificial construct that mattered less than their everyday struggles to find enough to eat and keep the wild animals at bay?

In the 19th century it became commonplace to assume that terror must have reigned among the grimy and ignorant peasants who crouched in Dark-Age hovels in the woods. But in the 20th century, historians dismissed such images as romantic nonsense. Until fairly recently, they argued that people neither knew nor cared what date it was; that no evidence existed to document a fear of disaster associated with the year 1000; that there is no theological basis for associating the year 1000 with the Second Coming. Now evidence has begun to emerge that the year 1000 did resonate with special significance, at least among those who have left records of their fears.

Part of our problem, when we try to figure out exactly what was going on a thousand years ago, is that the stories were, and are still, being told by two very different kinds of birds, who have come to symbolize the polarization over this issue. Some chroniclers are "roosters." They interrupt the peaceful night with shrill warnings that dawn is fast approaching and that we must rise up and be ready to take action. They want to rouse the farm and stir their fellows to take action against apocalyptic danger. In 999 they might have urged pilgrimages to holy places while in 1999 they urge building stockpiles in the woods, but their motivation is the same. Opposed to them are the "owls," natural night creatures who do not want to see their peaceful darkness disturbed. They want to silence the roosters and calm those whose nerves have been jangled by their crowing. Their constant question "Who-o-o-o-o?" signals their disbelief and reassures the sleeping farm.

So far, of course, the owls have triumphed. And it is always the winners who write histories. Few things are emptier than rooster warnings of imminent disaster when the disaster does not materialize. As Prof. Richard Landes of the Center for Millennial Studies has observed, "After the failure of the apocalypse…the roosters are either soup or silent." R

Pledging To Be *Peaceable* People

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Marsha Walton, associate professor of psychology (left) with Lisa Schum '00 (below) and Stacy Baker '02 at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church playground

"It had first begun at midnight. My parents had an argument. It seemed more like a fight.

"I had ran to the telephone to call my aunt before my parents started to raise their voices. When my aunt appeared things became worse, loud voices, sounds of 'crash,' and tumbling. I went back to my room to try to settled down while my aunt took care of things, but when I heard the loud voices and crashes my heart was pounding so hard I thought I was going to perish.

"I went back in the dining room to see if every thing was okay. My heart started pounding with horror when I saw my mom with a gun full loaded. She didn't fire it because my aunt and I wouldn't let her, and there I saw my dad leaving with anger.

"I began to cry with horror and sadness."

A Memphis City Schools sixth-grader wrote those words last spring. Perhaps the boy had kept his horror and sadness locked inside him until he was asked to write about a personal experience with conflict. Writing about it may have helped him let go of some of the pain he so clearly felt during that encounter and remembered afterward.

Rhodes has joined a coalition of Memphis organizations trying to help children who face conflict and potentially violent and dangerous situations through a model program now present in two Memphis public elementary schools. The Non-violence Education and Advocacy Resource (NEAR) group is dedicated to establishing an intervention program for elementary school children to teach them conflict resolution skills.

One day I was walking down the hall when this boy pushed me for no reason. I told him to stop but he kept on, so I squard him right in the nose and I stomped and kicked his brains out, then a teacher came and stopped us. We went to the office and the principal sent us to the guidance counselor and she sent us to peer mediation where we can solve our problems with our peers. We solved our problem and now he is one of my best friends.

—6th grade boy

"We also promote the development of non-violent values and non-violent practices to get them practicing non-violence, not just preventing violence," says Dr. Marsha Walton, a Rhodes associate professor of psychology who is a member of NEAR and who heads Rhodes' participation in the program.

Walton, who has conducted research on peer conflict since 1975, has incorporated the goals and methods of NEAR into a research project she began in the fall of 1998. Walton rotates teaching an upper-level course in psychology that provides students with hands-on research experience. She says students in her course last spring immediately got involved in the intervention project, helping to develop and implement it and then collect data to evaluate its success.

Students currently working on the project are Stacy Baker '02, Heather Banks '02, Cassie Eason '00, Angel Gooden '02, Lisa Schum '00 and Sarah Swinney '02.

The crux of the program is the school Pledge of Non-violence that students take at the beginning of the school year. Cummings and Idlewild, the two Memphis elementary schools currently involved in the NEAR project, hold full school assemblies in which they give students the opportunity to take the pledge.

"Making peace must start within ourselves and in our school," the students recite. "Each of us, members of this school, on this day, commit ourselves as best we can to become non-violent and peaceable people."

Students then recite the pledge's seven components: "To respect ourselves and others, to communicate better, to listen, to forgive, to respect nature, to play creatively, to be courageous."

The Pledge of Non-violence originated with the Institute for Peace and Justice, a St. Louis-based organization founded in 1970 that provides instructional materials nationwide to groups working to end violence. The institute has a long-standing connection to the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, which coordinates the Memphis NEAR group's efforts.

It conducted a conference in Memphis about two years ago that spurred the formation of NEAR, according to Bill Akin, NEAR coordinator for the Peace and Justice Center.

"Memphis has done more to develop a

One day I was walking down the hall when my sister bumped me and I got mad. Then we started an argument. After that I told her to sit and I talked to her. When I started talking, I told her how I felt when she bumped into me. I told her that I got mad but, I know that she made a mistake. So we both said that we were sorry.

—4th grade girl

model to show how our peaceful learning and living program can be implemented in public schools than anywhere in the country,' says Akin. The work by Walton and her students has contributed greatly to the project, he says.

Jim McGinnis, founder and program director of the St. Louis institute, says he knows of no other community where the program has been used as extensively in public elementary schools as in Memphis.

Walton says the program focuses on younger students who are taught the fundamentals before they reach their high school years. It includes curricula for grades K-6, but, for now, the evaluative portion of the project targets fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.

"Their conflicts are starting to get more serious by that age," Walton says. "There's more concern that they will be involved in more dangerous behaviors.

"One of our sixth-grade classroom teachers had his class recite the pledge every day. They started the morning by reciting the pledge of non-violence, and he thought it was really effective in reducing the amount of contentiousness in his classroom."

Fundamentals of the NEAR program proved a useful resource for Walton and her students in the days following the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, in April 1999. The research group had collected hundreds of handwritten narratives they had asked fourth-, fifth- and sixth- graders at Cummings and Idlewild to compose about their personal experiences with conflict. Those narratives, some of them compelling and heartbreaking stories of violence, would serve as one of the tools to evaluate the non-violence project. Walton's group had plunged into transcribing the stories and assessing other research data when the horrific news of Columbine broke.

"We recognized immediately, because we were in these schools, that the teachers needed a way to respond," Walton says. "And most of the teachers at the elementary school level just had no idea of what to do. They didn't know how to react.

"Their children were seeing these horrors on TV and the whole nation was just dismayed and distraught over what had happened. The teachers were dealing with very little children; they didn't know whether to

I was about 8 years old when it happened. This boy throwing up gang signs and I tole him he needed to stop but instead he pushed me. So I told him he can get killed like that and he stopped.

—4th grade boy

ignore it and not bring it up for fear of getting them more upset, or whether they should discuss it, and if they did discuss it, they weren't sure about what they should do or how they should handle it.

"So we went into high gear, my students and I. We dropped almost everything else that we were doing that weekend after the Colorado shootings happened and worked on putting together a set of activities for teachers to do to help them and help their children to work through understanding what had happened. We did it with our two schools in mind, because we were worried about our children in those schools."

The curriculum needed the approval of the Memphis Board of Education before Memphis City Schools could use it. Walton says the plan was rushed to the board because "we were concerned that this be addressed while it was worrying the children."

"With little children, if you wait a week, you will have lost the critical time that you really might have been able to help them."

The Board of Education recognized the urgency of putting the plan in place; it not only approved the curriculum quickly, but also distributed it to all elementary school principals in the city school system, Walton says.

"It presented teachers with a clear set of instructions for responding immediately, for how to react and what kinds of questions to expect from their children and how to answer them," Walton says.

The instructions covered lesson plans and classroom activities that teachers could cover in flexible increments for the remainder of the school year. They presented five themes the teachers should emphasize: report dangerous behavior to an adult; how we can work to build a community of respect; how to respond if we feel mistreated or excluded; how we are

I am in the 4th grade. I want my education but when it comes to after school there are these bullys. They are big in the 5th grade. One day they kept picking on me. So I hit one of them and ran and ran until they could not run no more. Then the 5th grader got tired and I had to catch a bus and I almost missed it. It is a Day Care bus if you want to know. Then they saw me. I hurried up and ran then. I made it in time before they tried to get me. I said that was close. The next day they waiting on me. I could not get dirty so I ran. They ran after me. Then I fell. I got right back up but then they catch me. I could not do nothin. But then they jumped me. My nose was bleeding. My bus saw me. He said what happen to you. Said it was 5th graders jumped me. He said let's go to the principle. I said no let's go. I got on the bus. Then the next day we go into a fight. At first I did not want to fight but no he still want to fight. He hit so we got to fighting. I beat him up. The other one ran away. Then my bus came. Then I got on it. Then they never messed with me.

—4th grade boy

One Sunday I was over my daddy's house. Then a white man shot the door so my brother and I fell to the floor and got under something. My daddy came to see if we were all right, and he return fire. I don't know why this happened, but it end with the white man going to jail.

—6th grade boy

affected by exposure to violence on TV, in movies, video games and music lyrics; and how we must practice non-violence every day.

Time didn't allow the research group to prepare an evaluation procedure for the Columbine response, but they did hear from teachers who were grateful to have guidance on how to react to news of the shootings.

Stacy Baker, a Rhodes first-year student last spring, was a member of the group that assembled the response to the Columbine tragedy.

"We scrambled to put together all the curriculum we had been working on, to adapt and add to it so it would be specific to the situation," she says. "We were hoping this could be a perfect way to get our message across to the students while such a terrible event was on their minds.

"While the occurrence in Colorado was one we were certainly saddened over, we used it to emphasize how very important it is to be dealing with violence prevention issues in our schools."

Baker continues to work with the violence intervention project although she completed Walton's research course.

"Our hope is that children are becoming aware of how real violence is in this world, but that they have the power to change that within their schools," she says. "We desire for the kids to feel safer every day because of the pledge they have taken and the lessons they are being taught through this program."

Researchers must still evaluate data, scrutinize children's narratives for recurring themes of how they deal with conflict, and further refine the curriculum. The hard numbers are not there yet to determine whether the project has made, or will make, a difference.

Dr. Richard Potts, principal of Idlewild Elementary School, has noticed subtle signs of change in his school, however. Idlewild has implemented a holistic attitude toward student responsibility, he says.

"Practicing non-violence builds into peer mediation, which builds into character education," Potts says. "We see a heightened awareness of students taking responsibility for themselves. They remind themselves of the pledge. It's just a matter of how long it will take before it becomes internalized." R

When my sister die it was bad. She got shot in the head. Her and me brother was playing with a gun. They did not no the gun was real. The bullet went strat thro her brow! Not only was it sad to me but to me mom. I went to a counselor for three yers. The problem was I thot it was my folt.

—5th grade boy

Seeking the Best

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What are some of the best things to do on campus? In Memphis? To find out, *RHODES* magazine went to students with an informal survey. The results, printed here, are the opinions of several sophomores, juniors and seniors.

WHAT'S WHAT—
1. Memphis Belle **2.** Orpheum
3. National Civil Rights Museum
4. Butcher Shop **5.** Beale Street
6. Rendezvous **7.** Taco Bell
8. Huey's **9.** Brooks Museum
10. University Park Cleaners
11. the Zoo **12.** Paulette's **13.** Tigermarket
14. Walgreen's **15.** Bookstar **16.** Oak Court
17. Corky's **18.** Wolfchase **19.** Target
20. Olive Garden **21.** Pink Palace
22. Graceland

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WHAT IS THE BEST—

1. PLACE TO STUDY:

Dorm room first, then Burrow Library. Other locales: Rhea Lounge, Palmer lawn, a place no one knows about, IHOP, the river, Clough Hall classrooms

2. WAY TO TAKE A STUDY BREAK:

Visit friends, play Nintendo, eat, watch a movie

3. TIME TO GO TO BURROW LIBRARY:

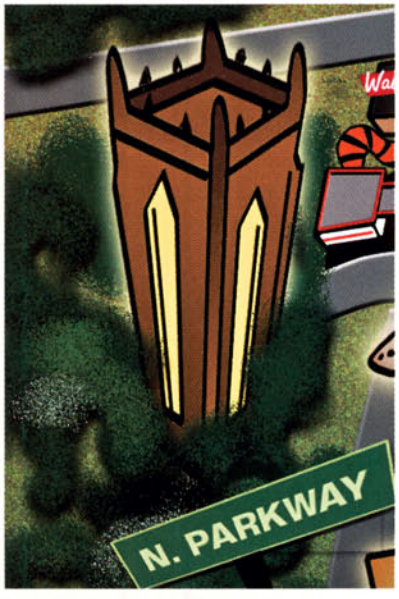
Everyone has a favorite time. Most prefer late night

4. TIME TO GO TO COMPUTER CENTER:

See above

5. ACADEMIC COURSE:

IN YOUR MAJOR: Choices range from "anything" with a certain professor to: Congress and the Political Process, Advanced Essay Writing, Marketing, Monoclonal Antibodies, Social Conditions of the Self, Senior Seminar in Spanish, Mycology, Statistical Analysis, Organic Chemistry



OUTSIDE YOUR MAJOR: Search and theater courses got the top votes. Other favorites: Music: A Sound Experience, Abnormal Psychology, Russian, History of Western Art, Shakespeare, Hunger, Plenty and Justice, Life Study, Drawing, Living Religions, Chemistry, Psychological Explanations of Paranormal Experiences, Global Change

6. ATTIRE:

(all answers unanimous)

CAMPUS: T-shirt, shorts.

DRESSY CASUAL: Polo shirt, brown loafers, khaki pants or skirt

DRESSY (job interview) Suit

7. DINING:

FAST FOOD: Taco Bell, Wendy's and Sonic, in that order, with several going to Lenny's, Back Yard Burgers and Arby's. All in Midtown

PIZZA DELIVERY: Call your papa! Papa John's, hands down

FAMILY/GENERAL: Top four: McAlister's, Poplar Plaza; Huey's, Midtown and Downtown; Memphis Pizza Cafe, Midtown. Next: Houston's, East Memphis; followed by T.G.I. Friday's, Midtown; Dixie Cafe, East Memphis; IHOP, Midtown; Rafferty's, Laurelwood; Chili's, East Memphis; Crumpy's, South Memphis; Buntyn, East Memphis

ASIAN: A-Tan in Poplar Plaza and Dragon China, Midtown, were the definite favorites. Close behind: Formosa, East Memphis and Germantown, and Sekisui, Midtown

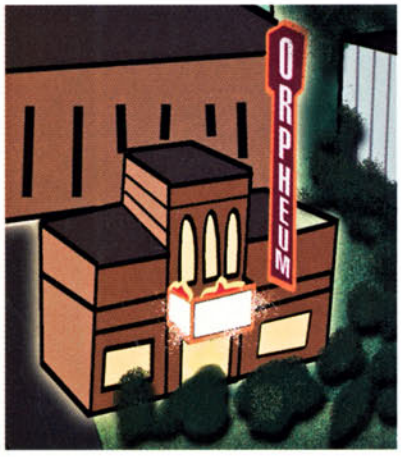
INDIAN: India Palace first, House of India second. Both Midtown

ITALIAN: Macaroni Grill in Germantown—a runaway. Close competition: Ronnie Grisanti's on Poplar; Olive Garden, Southeast Memphis; and Pete & Sam's, East Memphis

BARBECUE: A close call between Corky's and The Rendezvous, with Corky's winning out. Corky's—East Memphis; Rendezvous—definitely Downtown

COFFEE HOUSE: Bookstar and its Starbuck's coffee in Poplar Plaza took the prize

NICE ($15 AND UP, EACH): A three-way tie among Paulette's in Midtown, Owen Brennan's in East Memphis and the Butcher Shop downtown



8. PLACE TO GO FOR A DATE:

Definitely the movies. Sometimes dinner and a movie. Also theater, on campus or off. A good daytime date: Shelby

Farms near Germantown; night: downtown

9. ENTERTAINMENT:

AREA: Beale Street and Midtown

CLUB: Have A Nice Day Cafe and Willie Mitchell's on Beale. Other hot spots on Beale: Alfred's, New Daisy, Center for Southern Folklore. In Midtown: Hi-Tone

MOVIE THEATER: Tying for first: Wolfchase and Ridgeway Quartet, East Memphis. A second place tie: Majestic, Southeast Memphis, and Cinema Showcase 12, Summer and White Station; followed by Apple Tree, Southeast Memphis

LIVE THEATER: Besides McCoy Theatre, shows at The Orpheum downtown and Playhouse on the Square in Midtown

RADIO: Eclectic is the word. A slim majority went for rock station 92.9, WMFS. Other picks: 107.5 KISS-FM, top 40 pop; Froggy 94 WOGY, country; FM 100, pop; Rock 103 WEGR, classic rock; 96.1 WMPS, alternative; 98.1 WSRR Star 98, oldies

TELEVISION: ESPN and Comedy Central were the top picks

MUSEUM: Tying for first: The National Civil Rights Museum downtown and Memphis Brooks Museum of Art in Overton Park, followed by the Pink Palace on Central Avenue

TOURIST ATTRACTION: Graceland all the way, thankyavurrymuch. Then the zoo and Beale Street

HISTORIC SITE: Again, Graceland. Also, the Memphis Belle, The Peabody hotel, Beale Street, Mississippi River, all downtown, and the Rhodes campus itself

10. EXERCISE (WHERE & WHAT):

The Bryan Campus Life Center, by far, for weights and walking. Also, the Fargason Field track and walking along the river or in neighboring Hein Park

11. HAIR STYLIST:

Supercuts, all over town, and Dabbles in Midtown tied. Fantastic Sam's, also all over town, came in third

12. SHOPPING:

GROCERY: Kroger first, Seessel's second. Both in Midtown

MALL: Wolfchase, by far; Oak Court, second

VIDEOS: Blockbuster's the one. Others like Midtown Video; Videos, Movies & More; and the Rhodes Media Center

MUSIC: Wherehouse Music, Poplar Plaza, followed closely by Best Buy, Wolfchase. Other

favorites: Border's, Germantown; Amazon.com; Cat's, Midtown

PHARMACY: Walgreen's. Everywhere

CLOTHING: Gap and Abercrombie & Fitch, Wolfchase; Goldsmith's, Oak

Court; Old Navy, Poplar Plaza; Target, East Memphis; Limited, Oak Court

SHOES: Mainly Goldsmith's and Dillard's in Oak Court Mall. Also, Rack Room, Wolfchase; Payless, everywhere; 9 West, Wolfchase

DORM ROOM STUFF: Target rules. Wal-Mart, Germantown, a distant second

BOOKS: Bookstar, Poplar Plaza; Rhodes Bookstore, Borders, Germantown; Barnes & Noble, Wolfchase; Davis-Kidd, Laurelwood; Amazon.com

GIFTS: Rhodes Bookstore, Wolfchase Galleria, Pier One, Best Buy

GAS STATION: Tigermarket by a landslide. Also, "anywhere but a Tigermarket," Amoco, Oil City USA

DRY CLEANER: University Park Cleaners, Midtown R

Steel Magnolias, or Why the G.R.I.T.S. Are So Gritty

A glimpse at some of the most outstanding (and interesting) Southern women of the last 100 years

By Gail Murray
Associate Professor of History

O.K., so it was a man, Robert Harling, who popularized the term "Steel Magnolias" in his play by the same title. But this forceful-yet-delicate image of Southern women had permeated fiction, film and biography long before Julia Roberts and Sally Field popularized the typology. Today T-shirts and bumper stickers adorned with "GRITS" (Girls Raised In The South) proclaim identification with Southernness as well as the region's traditional food. Like all stereotypes, "steel magnolias" and "GRITS" contain both truth and distortion as they seek to capture the elusive meaning of Southern womanhood.

Women in a recent college class suggested these identifying characteristics of Southern women: beautiful, gracious, determined, powerful-behind-the-scenes, cultured, family-centered. Less positive were those who listed catty, unliberated and conformist. As Shirley Abbott once wrote, "to grow up female in the South is to inherit a set of directives that warp one for life." Well, maybe. But within the limitations Southern culture has always imposed, many women broke limiting bonds while charming their way to positions of influence.

Although the shadow of the antebellum plantation mistress may fall heavily across the page of Southern women's history, no one class, locale, lifestyle or race can claim exclusively what it means to be a Southern woman. As we enter the new century, a glimpse of some of the more outstanding Southern women of the last 100 years may prove illustrative. All the examples I have chosen were born in and lived most of their lives within the borders of the old Confederacy. Many of them, although certainly privileged themselves, decried hierarchy, so I present them in chronological order.

Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) Mary Church's parents had been born into slavery, but both pursued successful entrepreneurial careers as freed people in the New South. She grew up in Memphis until her parents' divorce prompted them to send her to boarding school in Antioch, OH. She graduated from Oberlin College and taught school until her marriage to lawyer Robert Terrell of Washington, D C (quitting only because the law forbade married women in the classroom). Her family wealth and his position as a district court judge provided the family with all material comforts and status, but Mary Terrell worked tirelessly to secure the vote for women, erase racial stereotyping and end lynching. She lectured across the country and abroad and served as the first president of the National Association of Colored Women, believing that the moral authority of women's organizations could be marshalled for social change. She was a founder of the NAACP, active in Republican politics and sat on the Board of Education in the District of Columbia for 11 years. As racial discrimination persisted, however, she became increasingly militant and as an octogenarian led younger African-Americans on picket lines and sit-ins in the nation's capitol. Gracious, genteel, powerfully intelligent and determined, Mary Church Terrell epitomized the Southern woman in the early 20th century.

Lillian Smith
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Lillian Smith (1897-1966) Smith's father was a successful businessman in Florida, but the Great Depression destroyed his livelihood and the entire family moved to their summer home in Georgia, which they converted into Laurel Falls Camp for Girls. Smith pieced together a college education between bouts of caring for aging parents, spent time in China missions work and edited a successful magazine. Simultaneously, she continued to run the girls' camp. Not until the success of her controversial novel *Strange Fruit* (1944) did she have any financial security. Its theme of interracial love plunged her into national prominence and led to the book's banning in Boston. She turned to writing full-time, but additional novels were not as successful. In 1949 she published *Killers of the Dream*. Part autobiographical memoir and part sermonizing, in it she attacked segregation and white supremacy directly. She was one of several inspirations for a generation of civil rights activists. In *Now Is the Time* (1955), Smith challenged Southerners to accept the U.S. Supreme Court's Brown vs. Board of Education decision on school desegregation by emphasizing the positive good that could come from racial tolerance and equal opportunity. She not only detested segregation, but those Southern moderates who urged that social change be undertaken slowly or only partially.

Though she had no patience with feminists, Smith believed that Southern women's voices could not be heard. Today Smith is recognized as a graceful and prescient Southern voice during hateful and contentious times, and as a strong voice against gender conventions and limitations. She died of cancer in 1966.

Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977) Hamer was born into a family of 20 children in rural Mississippi, living in a kind of poverty few can even imagine. She married young and continued sharecropping like her parents, living in a wooden shack without running water. So she survived into her 40s when she came into contact with civil rights organizers. She persisted in attempts to register to vote, resulting in her being thrown off her job and out of her home. While participating in sit-ins in the whites-only bus station, she was jailed and sustained permanent injuries from the beatings she received. She helped organize the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and ran on that ticket for Congress. She went with the MFDP members to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 to challenge the seating of the all-white Mississippi delegation. In 1971 she helped found the National Women's Political Caucus.

In whatever cause she worked, she did it for the poor and disenfranchised of society. When asked

Fannie Lou Hamer speaking to the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in Washington, DC, 1965
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why she became an activist, she said, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." She died at the age of 59, and that motto adorns her gravestone.

Rosalyn Carter (1927-) Carter's idyllic middle-class Georgia childhood took a dramatic downward spiral at age 13 with her father's death. Working her way through high school and college, she married naval officer Jimmy Carter in 1946. His naval career ended when he returned to Plains, GA, to take over the management of the family peanut farm. Together they raised four children. From the time he entered politics in 1962, Rosalyn remained a dedicated campaigner, organizer and confidante. Rosalyn Carter followed Eleanor Roosevelt's model of a first lady with her own causes and agendas for social change, both at the state and national level. She was a particular advocate for the treatment of mental illness. In retirement, she has continued to advance programs to combat poverty and homelessness, particularly Habitat for Humanity, and to accompany her husband on worldwide peace missions. Both tough and soft-spoken, Carter remains a true Southern lady.

Barbara Jordan (1936-1996) Jordan was born in Houston to a Baptist minister and his wife who did domestic work to make ends meet. After graduating *magna cum laude* from Texas Southern University, Jordan went to Boston University to study law. She returned to Houston to practice law and in 1966, won a seat in the state Senate, the epitome of a white, male bastion. But her searing intellect and commanding rhetoric prompted the Texas Senate to elect her president *pro tem* during her last term.

Janis Joplin, October 1970
ASSOCIATED PRESS AP

Barbara Jordan
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

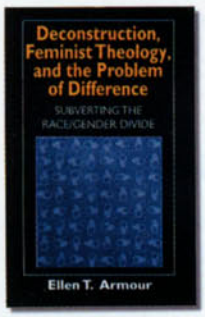
She was elected to Congress in 1972, the first African-American woman from the South to sit in the House. She served on the Judiciary Committee when it held the nationally-televised impeachment hearings of President Nixon. Jordan's deep voice, crisp diction and razor-sharp logic made her a spellbinding keynote speaker at the 1976 Democratic National Convention. She retired from Congress in 1978 and joined the faculty of the University of Texas, where she often taught her classes from a wheelchair as multiple sclerosis stole her strength. In a state where everything is larger than life, so was Barbara Jordan's impact on the South and on the nation.

Janis Joplin (1943-1970) Brash, boozy, bigger-than-life, Janis Joplin grew up in Port Arthur, TX, almost in Louisiana, and she hated it. Completely disinterested in high school and her courses at the University of Texas, she preferred Austin's honky-tonks and the music scene. Finally hitchhiking to San Francisco, she began playing with Big Brother and the Holding Company just as the "hippie scene" made San Francisco a mecca for young people and rock 'n roll. Her raucous stage presence and her throaty blues twists brought sudden fame. Hits like "Ball and Chain" and "Me and Bobby McGee," albums selling millions of copies, magazine cover shots and sold-out concerts never satisfied Joplin's drive for success. She reinvented identities for herself, including the infamous "Pearl"—Southern women sometimes do. The real Janis died of a heroin overdose at the age of 27. Perhaps she doesn't qualify as a Southern woman; she never covered the tough and gritty part of her personality with graciousness and gentility. But not everyone can. R

Deconstruction, Feminist Theology, And The Problem Of Difference

By Ellen T. Armour, Rhodes Associate Professor of Religious Studies. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 262 pp. $45 cloth, $18 paper.

The term "feminism" conjures up the promise of resistance to the various forms of oppression women face. But feminism's ability to fulfill this promise has



been undermined by its failure to deal adequately with the difference that race makes for gender. In this book, Ellen Armour forges an alliance between deconstruction and feminist theology and theory by demonstrating deconstruction's usefulness in addressing feminism's trouble with race.

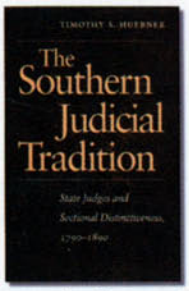
Armour shows how the writings of Jacques Derrida and Luce Irigaray can be used to uncover feminism's white presumptions so that race and gender can be thought of differently. In clear, concise terms she explores the possibilities and limitations for feminist theology of Derrida's conception of "woman" and Irigaray's "multiple woman," as well as Derrida's thinking on race and Irigaray's work on religion. Armour then points a way beyond the race/gender divide with the help of African-American theorists such as bell hooks, Hortense Spillers and Patricia Hill Collins.

The Southern Judicial Tradition

By Timothy S. Huebner, Rhodes Assistant Professor of History. Athens: University of Georgia Press. 288 pp. $45.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, life was difficult in the South and all across this relatively new nation, and the need for law and a functioning judicial system brought tough men to serve in tough times.

In *The Southern Judicial Tradition* Tim Huebner examines the lives and works of 19th-century Southern judges and the emergence of the Southern judicial system. The book explores the effects of regional peculiarities and attitudes on legal development, and takes a look at the lives of Southern judges, both on and off the bench, between 1790-1890.



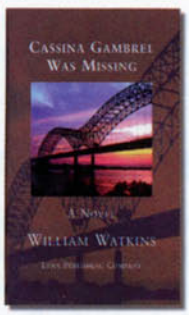
Huebner reveals the tensions that sometimes arose due to loyalties to sectional principles and exposes the myth that Southern judges were more lenient in appealed decisions involving capital crimes, particularly murder.

"Many legal historians have focused attention on the United States Supreme Court," says Huebner. "But during the 19th century, many of the most important legal doctrines flowed from state courts. Unlike today, many state Supreme Court judges were widely known at the time and were important public and political figures."

Cassina Gambrel Was Missing

By William Watkins '82. New York: Lynx Publishing Co. 187 pp. $19.95.

Set in Memphis in the late '70s, Bill Watkins' debut novel is a coming-of-age story that revolves around Southwestern student Jackson Taylor and Cassina



Gambrel, a woman twice his age.

Taylor, a Knoxville native, is working at a downtown Memphis bank the summer after his sophomore year. So is Cassina Gambrel, a glorified valet for the bank chairman and his family. Taylor is naïve, Gambrel is not. A glorious friendship is formed.

Fifteen years after graduating from college, Taylor receives a note from his former roommate Braden O'Brien that "Cassina Gambrel is missing." Taylor, now living in Boston, returns to Memphis where he joins his old friends to search for Cassina. While doing so, they discover the ways they thought they had grown up and the ways they finally do.

Bill Watkins is a free-lance writer and producer who lives in New York. R

RHODES ALUMNI

Hall Receives NEH Medal From President Clinton

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall '65, director of the Southern Oral History Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was one of eight distinguished Americans to receive a National Humanities Medal from President and Mrs. Clinton at the White House this fall. The award was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Among other honorees were writer and journalist Taylor Branch, radio host Garrison Keillor, television news anchor Jim Lehrer and filmmaker Steven Spielberg.

"The 1999 National Humanities Medalists are distinguished individuals who have set the highest standards for American cultural achievement," said NEH chairman William R. Ferris.

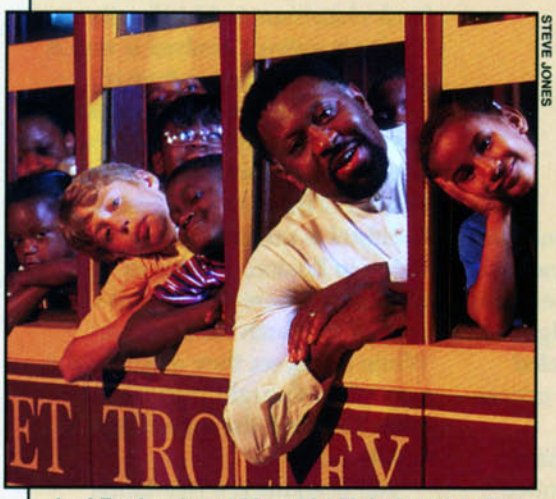
Hall's work, according to NEH, "is an innovative blend of Southern history, women's history, labor history and oral history that has earned her a national reputation for scholarly creativity and excellence; numerous honors from foundations, research centers and prize committees; and professional leadership positions."

Alderson Wins Waterford Crystal Scholarship

Allison Alderson '99, Miss Tennessee in this year's Miss America pageant, received a $3,000 Waterford Crystal Scholarship for Business Management and Marketing. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Miss America contestant.

Alderson, an economics and business administration major at Rhodes who plans to earn a master's degree in business administration, submitted a winning 300-word essay on product branding. Her career ambition, she said, is "to serve as the chief executive officer of a successful public or private business entity."

Frazier Attends World Conference



STEVE JONES

Levi Frazier aboard Memphis' Main Street trolley

Levi Frazier '73 was a presenter at the 51st Conference on World Affairs held last spring at the University of Colorado, Boulder. His topic was new millennium theater. There was also a staged reading of his latest play, *When It Rains*. Frazier was recently in a nationally-aired AutoZone commercial.

Carl Takes Temporary Post at *Nightline*

Air Force Capt. Maria Carl '90 has a temporary post as associate producer of ABC's *Nightline*. She was selected to participate this fall in the Department of Defense's Education with Industry program, a loan executive program whereby Air Force officers spend a year working in an industry related to their career specialty.

Following her assignment at ABC, she'll put the experience to use as chief of media operations for U.S. Air Forces Europe in Germany.

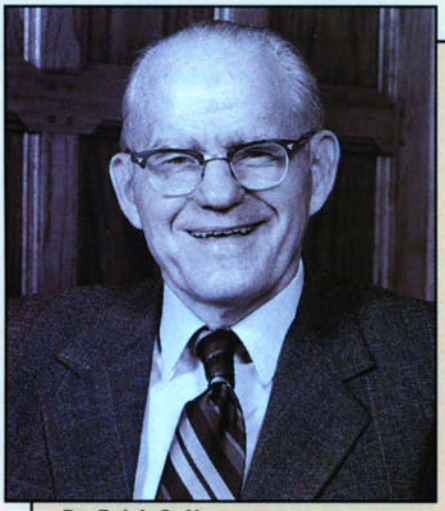
Gilyard Receives Seminary Honor

Otha Gilyard '71 received one of two Distinguished Alumni Awards at Princeton Theological Seminary's annual reunion banquet last spring. He was honored for 25 years of exemplary pastoral ministry in Columbus, OH, and Kalamazoo, MI. A minister in the National Baptist and American Baptist denominations, he is currently pastor of Shiloh Church in Columbus.

The award recognized the depth of his work as a pastor and the breadth of his work as a community leader as well as service to his alma mater, for which he has served as president of Princeton Seminary's Alumni/ae Association and its executive council.

Hanson Heads All-Rhodes Team

Pam Hanson '96 served as a team captain for an all-Rhodes volunteer team at Hands on Atlanta Day's volunteer Serve-a-Thon this fall. The one-day event saw some 13,000 volunteers performing more than 200 community service projects in Atlanta.



Dr. Ralph C. Hon

Dr. Hon Dies

Dr. Ralph C. Hon of Memphis, professor of economics at Rhodes from 1931-73, died Sept. 1, 1999. He was 96.

He has left students with one parting financial lesson: the value of long-term stock investments. The bequest and gifts to Rhodes by Dr. Hon will provide almost $10 million for student scholarships, a nest egg the frugal professor amassed through diligent analysis of the U.S. equity market and by practicing what he preached. The gift will support an average of 50 student scholarships each year, according to Rhodes officials.

The son of a fireman who worked for the Frisco railroad, Dr. Hon was born in Jonesboro, AR, on Jan. 29, 1903. He nearly died at age 16 from osteomyelitis, an infection of the bone. Doctors saved him by amputating his left leg at the top of the thigh.

He learned to walk again with the help of a cane and a prosthetic leg and eventually finished high school and college, going on to earn a master's degree at Harvard and Ph.D. at University of North Carolina. When no one would hire him because of his handicap, he persisted until landing a job as a high school teacher and later principal of a high school in Thayer, Mo.

At Rhodes, he convinced President Charles E. Diehl in 1941 that the college needed to set aside a pool of college funds for merit-based scholarships.

In addition to recruiting and selecting students for these scholarships funded by Rhodes and private donors, Dr. Hon began saving and investing during his teaching days, planning for the day when he could personally provide scholarships for deserving students to attend Rhodes. He and his wife Hazel had no children of their own.

In addition to his faculty salary, Dr. Hon invested the income he received as a nationally renowned labor arbitrator. From the mid-'50s through the mid-'80s, he adjudicated more than 600 labor cases across the country involving a wide range of industries including Union Carbide, Whirlpool, Westinghouse and American Cyanamid. He also spent several years during World War II as a senior financial analyst with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dr. Hon was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership fraternity. He served as president of the Southern Economic Association in 1941 and belonged to the American Economic Association, Industrial Relations Research Association and the Economic Club of Memphis.

In 1972 Rhodes honored him with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in recognition of his leadership and service to the college and community.

Dr. Hon was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church and served on the church's official board as a lay leader.

Williamson, Pounders Win Awards; Pounders Named To AIA Committee

Jim Williamson '68 and Louis Pounders '68, partners in Williamson Pounders Architects of Memphis, have captured two of the 26 1999 American Architecture Awards from the Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design.

The recognized projects were Ballet Memphis and St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paducah, KY. Ballet Memphis also received an AIA Gulf States regional honor citation at the national AIA convention in Dallas.

Williamson, an adjunct associate professor of art at Rhodes, this fall marks his 25th year of teaching architecture at the college.

Pounders is one of 10 architects nationwide named to the national American Institute of Architects (AIA) committee to select the organization's 25-Year Award.

The award, which recognizes architectural design of enduring significance, is conferred on a project that has stood the test of time for 25-35 years. Some past winners have included the Guggenheim Museum in New York by Frank Lloyd Wright and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis by Eero Saarinen.

Alumni Gather

At Vaquero's in New Orleans recently were Yvette Duplechin '98 and Emery Van Hook '98 (seated). Standing: Matt Breaux '99 and Marcie Planchon '98.

Dr. Harold Lyons Dies

Dr. Harold Lyons of Germantown, TN, professor emeritus of chemistry, died Aug. 6, 1999. He was 80. He taught at Rhodes from 1958-89, joining the faculty after having worked as a research chemist in the private sector for seven years. He had long felt the call to teach, he would later say.

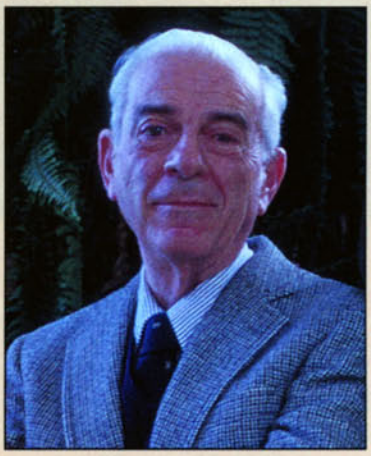
Dr. Lyons, who taught analytical chemistry and biochemistry, was chair of the chemistry department for 10 years. He was named the college's first Schering-Plough Professor of Chemistry in 1985 and served as director of the Schering-Plough Student Research Program in Chemistry at Rhodes.

In 1988, shortly before his retirement, he was the first recipient of the annual Charles E. Diehl Society Award for Faculty Service. He co-authored a 1993 book, *Apocalypse Not: Science, Economics and Environmentalism,* with Ben Bolch, professor emeritus of economics.

In addition to teaching at Rhodes, Dr. Lyons served as a consultant to the Tennessee state medical examiner and the University of Tennessee, Memphis Department of Experimental Surgery. He was instrumental in developing the state's first forensic toxicology laboratory at UT-Memphis and was a professor of pathology and director of the pathology graduate program at UT-Memphis from 1962-85.

An elder at Germantown Presbyterian Church, Dr. Lyons served in the Stephen Ministry there, an outreach program for adults in crisis.

A graduate of City College of New York, Dr. Lyons held M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Oklahoma State University. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and of Sigma Chi, the national honorary science fraternity.



Harold Lyons

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Helen G. Lyons; three sons, Michael Lyons '66 of Memphis, William Lyons '70 of Knoxville, TN, and Christopher Lyons '73 of Centreville, VA; five grandchildren including Laura Lyons '95 and Matthew Lyons '00; and a sister, Miriam Lyons Cebula of Atlanta.

Rhodes Amazon River Excursion

"There must be a strong, natural world, where there are still great mysteries and things we haven't conquered, to make life worth living." —Bill Lamar

Rhodes alumni and friends are invited to join Rhodes biology professor and noted herpetologist Alan Jaslow on a once-in-a-lifetime excursion through the upper reaches of the exotic Amazon basin

July 15-23, 2000. Also leading the trip is Bill Lamar '76, adjunct assistant professor of biology at the University of Texas at Tyler.

You will spend a week aboard a rustic yet comfortable multilevel riverboat as it explores main waterways and tributaries. Spend your days relaxing on the upper deck or walking through the forest, surrounded by the sights and sounds that only the Amazon can provide.

Iquitos, Peru is the point of departure as the riverboat makes its way upstream (south) past the mouth of the Ucayli River and into the Maranon, the headwaters of the Amazon. The boat will move in and out of the side streams and smaller rivers along the route, with frequent stops for hiking, animal viewing and photography. Small boats and canoes will be available to enter hard-to-reach sites. Some passengers may wish to stay on the riverboat, observing birds and wildlife along the river from the covered lounge, while others might try fishing, or hiking.

All rooms are double occupancy. Although the boat is not air conditioned, each room has a ceiling fan, and upper Amazon evenings can be quite cool (in the low 70s) this time of year. Food is plentiful on board, including native fruits, vegetables, juices, fish and meat, all served buffet style. Showers and purified drinking water are available at all times.

Green Tracks provides tour accommodations and will make

all your travel reservations. Founded in 1992 by Bill Lamar and other prominent tropical biologists, Green Tracks is noted for its nature-oriented trips into tropical regions of the world.

Travelers will leave the U.S. July 15 and return July 23. Cost is $1,869 plus airfare. More detailed information can be found at the Green Tracks web site, or by phone, 800-966-6539. Ask for the information packet for the Rhodes Amazon Riverboat Expedition, or contact Dr. Alan P. Jaslow at Rhodes, 901-843-3602. The trip is limited to 17 people, so early deposits are requested.

Your guides

Alan Jaslow, who holds a Ph.D. from University of Michigan, lived for 2 1/2 years in the tropics studying frog biology. At Rhodes he teaches classes in animal diversity, adaptation and communication. He was the 1990 recipient of the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity.

Bill Lamar is a gifted bilingual field naturalist and adventurer who has spent half his life in the tropics. He has been a guide for the BBC, National Geographic and the Discovery Channel, and has written books on animals of the tropics.

Class Notes

By Valerie Witte '00
Bob Arnold '02
Jordan Badgett '03

Rhodes International Alumni Association President
Liz Smith Parkhurst '80
Little Rock

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Jim Turner, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

Henry Williamson has retired from the active ministry. He has served as interim minister at the Batesville, MS, Presbyterian Church and stated supply pastor of the Sand Springs, MS, Presbyterian Church.

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Frank Jackson, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2002

Carol Bradshaw Busbee was recently named registrar of Mississippi College, Clinton, MS. She previously served as registrar of Belhaven College in Jackson, MS, for nine years.

Jim Finley of Everett, WA, is medical director at the Everett Clinic.

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Lyde Ella Conner Lance, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2003

Charles Rich, a professor at Oklahoma State University, recently portrayed Emile de Becque in a community production of *South Pacific*.

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Margaret Rowe Fancher, Ann Clark Quinlen Harris, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Jo Cox Kenny and **Kitty Parker** spent two weeks in Peru visiting **Tom** and **Eleanor Lawrence Geiger**. The two traveled to central and southern Peru, including Cuzco, Machu Picchu, the Nazca Lines and Lake Titicaca.

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Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Linda Harrell Bair, Asheville, NC, has retired from IBM after a seven-year leave of absence. In the interim, she has worked at her favorite fabric store and a local public radio station. She has also done some sewing for a local artist, and her pieced jackets have appeared in the Focus Gallery of the Southern Highland Craft Guild Folk Art Center in Asheville. She has also traveled to London twice to visit friends.

Julia Fleming has been named vice president for development and marketing at the McWane Center, Alabama's science and technology center at Birmingham.

Claudia Oakes has been selected as Development Volunteer of the Year at the Utah AIDS Foundation for her work over the past five years as registration coordinator for the annual "Walk for Life." She was recently elected to a two-year term on the board of trustees of Girl Scouts of Utah.

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Ruth Ann Sadler Haney, President
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Terry Hawkins is currently chair-elect of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents.

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Bette Dale Garner, Ann Gotschall Sharp, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2002

Daniel Hieber is senior sales manager at the Edgewater Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN.

Carol Ann MacCurdy, an English professor at California Polytechnic State University, was one of three faculty to be named a Distinguished Teacher at the school this past year.

Robin McCain, San Francisco, is currently producing a film about reincarnation, the Holocaust and genocide in Tibet, titled *God Wears My Underwear*.

Bob Phillips works as an emergency room physician in various rural South Texas Hospitals while attending graduate school in medicine informatics at the University of Texas at Houston.

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Larry Anderson, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Ed and **Kathy Jorgensen Davis '73** have moved to the Memphis area, where he has joined Pediatrics East.

Kathleen Schardt Searfoss works as a business analyst for Visa USA in Foster City, CA.

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Catherine Dailey Berger, President
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Mary Fracchia works as a digital resources librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Science Libraries.

Andy Scott is director of Housing and Community Development for the city of Greensboro, NC.

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Vickers Demetrio Johnson, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

Jim Dart, New York, recently opened an architecture office in Tribeca. He teaches design at the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture in Newark, NJ.

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Mike Clary, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2002

Paul Ainger, Stockton, CA, is executive vice president of ACLC Inc., a non-profit housing development agency.

Nancy Crowell, North Bend, WA, works as an indexer for Microsoft on MSN.com, the search engine for the Microsoft portal site.

Spur Mangum recently retired from practicing anesthesiology and has entered Loyola University law school in New Orleans.

Class Notes

Jim Watson, president and CEO of Spring Brook Manufacturing Company in Grand Junction, CO, maker of Little Bear Snowshoes, has been nominated as the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

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John Chandler, Gwen Jones Parrish, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Memphis banker **Joe Evangelisti** was recently appointed by Gov. Don Sundquist to the Tennessee State Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities.

Roger Fulton has begun a new career as a financial adviser for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Sugar Land, TX.

Lee McCallum was listed in *Memphis* magazine as a top family practice doctor.
management analyst for Eugene School District 4J.

Mary Ann Weber Hyatt is head of access services at Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington. SEE MARRIAGES

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Deborah Legg Sullivan, Gloria White, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Lana Boatright recently moved to Seattle to attend Western Seminary, where she will pursue a M.A. in counseling.

Eugenia Rizor McGroarty, Fairfax Station, VA, is the COOP (Continuity of Operations Program) manager for the Defense Logistics Agency.

Mark Riley has a new position as director of marketing and recruiting at Cossatot Technical College in De Queen, AR. He has also joined the faculty as an adjunct, teaching at the Philander Smith Management Institute's Adult Degree Completion Program in Little Rock, as well as at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He was formerly director of strategic marketing at Philander Smith College in Little Rock.

Susie Russenberger is assistant vice president of the Ingram Book Company in La Vergne, TN.

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Stacy Abernethy, Kathleen Wills Chandler, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

John Grannan is an associate with Travel Designs in Germantown, TN.

Greg Hughes and his wife Rose recently moved to Portland, OR, to join 800.com, a start-up Internet consumer electronics retailer. He previously worked as a senior buyer for television at Good Guys based in San Francisco.

Katie Kennedy was recently named Trial Judge of the Year in Houston, TX.

Jeff Lane serves as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Tom Daschle in Washington, D.C.

Kevin McLellan is the manager of Internet development at Methodist Healthcare in Memphis.

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Jim Taylor, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2002

Jerry McLellan and **Mary Robbins '81** live in Florence, AL, where he has closed his CPA practice and is now a "house-husband, golf course hacker, boater, fiduciary and renovator of a pre-1900 downtown bank building." Mary practices gynecology with Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates of Northwest Alabama.

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Amy Doville, Tracy Vezina Patterson, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Rebecca Hays Adkins is a family nurse practitioner for Coast to Coast Medical Center in West Memphis, AR. She holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

Beth Boellner, Little Rock, is the co-founder and president of Chakak'uichi, an international nonprofit organization providing medical supplies, clothing and educational supplies to children in remote villages of Central and South America. She is also a teaching associate professional at the University of Arkansas for the Medical Sciences, specializing in breast cancer detection, screening and prevention.

Amy Doville serves as the protocol development coordinator for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Alvin Moore is a measurement systems programmer at Siecor Operations in Hickory, NC.

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Karen Larson, Bev Thomas Williams, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Little Rock cardiologist **Charles Clogston's** Arkansas Heart Group recently merged with Cardiology Consultants of Arkansas "to become the largest cardiology group in the state."

Andy King works as the director of counseling and career services at the University of Tennessee, Martin.

Neal McAtee of Memphis earned accolades for both earnings-estimate accuracy and stock-picking ability for the third consecutive year in *The Wall Street Journal's All-Star Analysts 1999 Survey*. He is an oil service industry analyst and a managing director of Morgan Keegan and a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Scott Patterson has achieved the designation of Certified Financial Planner and has been named a Master Planner by his employer, American Express Financial Advisors Inc. in Memphis.

Mary Mannon Reeves has left her position as Lifestyles editor for the *Tullahoma* (Tennessee) *News* to become director of publicity and programming at the South Jackson Civic Center in Tullahoma. She also writes for pleasure and has published two stories in Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Fantasy Magazine*.

Class Notes

Ed Scott is marketing manager for 3M's Occupational Health & Environmental Safety Division in Bracknell, England. He and his family live in Windlesham, Surrey.

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Amy Donaho Howell, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

Will Albritton has joined the staff of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis as director of outreach.

Paul Eich currently serves as a catapult officer working on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise. He recently returned from a Mediterranean deployment as part of Operation Desert Fox.

Jim and Lori McConnell **Elgin** have moved to Birmingham. Jim, former Rhodes baseball and assistant football coach, has accepted a teaching and coaching position at John Carroll High School, and Lori, former Rhodes women's basketball coach, teaches and coaches at Hoover High School. SEE MARRIAGES

Stasia McGehee of Los Gatos, CA, is doing 3-D animation for Lionhearth Technologies, a company that specializes in Avatar Technology—3-D characters for the Internet.

Steve Singleton is a CPA in Marietta, GA. He holds a master's degree in taxation from Georgia State University.

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Sam Briden, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2002

Alison Abernathy was recently promoted to global manager-communications for Arizona Chemical, a division of International Paper. She now lives in Jacksonville, FL.

Greg Carey has accepted a position as assistant professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA. His first book, *Elusive Apocalypse: Reading Authority in the Revelation to John*, was recently published by Mercer University Press. SEE BIRTHS

Alice McCarthy Finn is a vice president of First American National Bank in Nashville.

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Kate Zeitler Vergos, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2003

Navy Lt. **Jim Denley** serves as a chaplain aboard the USS Ponce. He was featured in July 10, 1999 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* while the ship was underway to Greece to aid Kosovar refugees.

Eddie and **Helen Horn Fincher '89** currently reside in the San Francisco area. Eddie is a post-doctoral fellow in dermatology at Stanford, where he is doing research in molecular biology and gene therapy, and Helen recently joined a private practice in dermatology after completing her residency at Stanford. SEE BIRTHS

Kellie Lartigue, a project manager at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, spent the summer in Benin, West Africa as a consultant to the United Nations World Health Organization's global effort to eradicate polio.

Meg McCully recently received her master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland, and is currently working as an information specialist at the Washington, DC, office of The Boston Consulting Group, an international strategic consulting firm.

Jennifer Gammill McKay is with Interpine in Hattiesburg, MS.

Bo Young has been promoted to vice president of marketing and advertising of Havatampa Inc. in Tampa, FL.

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Bob Coleman, Eileen Ruffin Wood, Co-Presidents
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Susan Shackelford Arnold is general manager, web design, at MindSpring Enterprises in Atlanta.

Pamela Qualls Baker is a broadcast journalism teacher at Lake Region High School in Eagle Lake, FL.

Joe Bandy is an assistant professor of sociology/anthropology at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME.

Brent Carter of Colorado Springs, CO, is a pilot for Trans World Airlines.

Catherine Bolger Graham and her family recently moved from Texas to South Riding, VA.

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Johanna Vandegrift Lehfeldt, President
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Laura Blankenship is a teaching assistant at the University of Arkansas. She completed her M.A. in literature earlier this year and is currently working on her Ph.D. SEE BIRTHS

Lisa Lawrence Daniel of Memphis recently joined Public Financial Management as a senior managing consultant. SEE BIRTHS

Philip and **Margaret Crowe Dyer** live in San Francisco, where they both teach Japanese at George Washington High School. SEE BIRTHS.

Craig Gibson recently began a tenure track position as assistant professor of classics at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Steve Montgomery is a staff psychiatrist at Napa State Hospital in Napa, CA.

Todd Smith was recently promoted to chief accounting officer of Omega Health Systems Inc. of Memphis.

David Tomlinson is sales manager and general counsel at The Foundry of the Shoals in Florence, AL. SEE BIRTHS

Phil Zeni recently moved from Little Rock to Memphis to begin work as an interventional radiologist for Midsouth Imaging and Therapeutics. SEE MARRIAGES.

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Marjorie Thigpen Carter, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

Christi Barr works as a senior legal assistant/assistant office manager

for the Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham law firm in Houston.

Tom Dilworth is vice president of operations at Berman and Company in Washington, DC.

Allison Buell Douglas and her husband Mark have moved to Miami, where she practices internal medicine at Lifetime Aventura and he is doing a retinal surgery fellowship.
SEE BIRTHS.

Stephen Edgerton is a services manager for IBM. He holds a M.B.A. from Arizona State University.

Jim Griffiths of Atlanta is a managing director of business development for CD Ventures Inc.

Jennifer Wachtel Kates is an instructor of English at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. She plans to graduate from Georgia State University in December.

John Krug is a sales manager at AT&T in Charlotte, NC.
SEE BIRTHS

Sherri Arman McDonough recently moved to Hot Springs, AR, where she is an associate with the law firm of Lane, Muse, Arman & Pullen.

Elizabeth Pearce is a Peoplesoft project manager at Metamor Industry Solutions in Atlanta.

Millie Sabbatini of Memphis is an attorney with the Spicer, Flynn & Rudstom law firm.

Lynn Taylor of West Hollywood, CA, works as an editor at Seiniger Advertising in Beverly Hills.

Lee Holcomb Webb is an attorney with the Chattanooga firm of Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan. She holds her law degree from the University of Memphis. SEE MARRIAGES

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SCOTT PEATROSS, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2002

Kelly Agee recently joined the Fraser & Allen law firm in Hilton Head, SC. She received her LL.M. degree in taxation from the New York University School of Law earlier this year.

Chris Emanuel recently completed his pediatric residency in Charleston, SC, and has joined Baptist-St. Vincent's Pediatrics in Jacksonville, FL.

Army Capt. **Jonathan Fowler** is spending his third year posted in Tong Du Chon, South Korea, where he is the commander of 330 soldiers in the Headquarters Company of an armor battalion 10 miles south of the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

Ben Hillhouse completed business school at Emory University in the spring and is now a financial associate for Bristol-Myers Squibb in New Brunswick, NJ, currently working in a finance rotational program in the New York City area.

Brad and **Paige Williams Jenkins '93** have moved to Little Rock. Brad has joined the Lakewood Family Medicine Clinic in North Little Rock and Paige has transferred to the Little Rock office of Arthur Anderson where she serves as director of human resources for the Mid-South practice.

Ellen Thompson is a co-owner/director of Experience Works Lookout Mountain Learning Adventures in Cloudland, GA.

Carl Vest recently completed his residency and has joined Rogers Medical Center in Rogers, AR.

Kathy Williams works as a quality assurance representative for LandAmerica Financial Group in Metairie, LA.

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LYNN CRABB, PRESIDENT
NEXT REUNION: FALL 2003

David Assaf of Coatesville, PA, is a software engineer at Bentley Systems Inc.

Liza Wilson Benner is an assistant editor in the French department at Holt, Rinehart & Winston in Austin, TX.
SEE MARRIAGES

Dani Boyce has been promoted to director of marketing at Dickie Brennan & Co. Restaurant Group in New Orleans. She has also been appointed to the Retail Initiatives Committee of the Downtown Development District for the city of New Orleans.

Nancy Braam is a retail training specialist at the Saturn Corp. in Spring Hill, TN.

Chandlee Bryan is a career counselor at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Tacker Dillman is a manager of business development for Paula York Inc. in Louisville.

Sara Blankenship Dilworth of Falls Church, VA, is a speech-language pathologist for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Joey Dudek graduated magna cum laude from the University of Mississippi Law School in the spring and is with the Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell firm in Memphis.

Vickie Edrington received an M.S. degree in information science from the University of North Carolina in May. She is a consultant with Questra Consulting, a computer software firm.

Beth Chafin Hardin was recently named to the position of corporate controller of Omega Health Systems Inc. of Memphis.

Jennifer Horton is an attorney for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality in Little Rock. She received a master of law degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Charles Mitchell, Germantown, TN, teaches world geography and coaches varsity basketball at Cordova High School.

Greg Palmer of Carrboro, NC, is a financial analyst at Smith Breeden Associates in Chapel Hill.

Britt Rodgers is a graphic designer in Valdosta, GA.

Jennifer Short is a global client services manager at UUNet Technologies in Atlanta.

Allison Wemmers is a licensed medical social worker at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and is working on her license for marriage and family therapy.

Class Notes

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Nancy Turner, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2004

Susan Gabrielson Fulton works as a senior technical writer for the Dazel Corp. in Austin, TX. SEE MARRIAGES

Kathryn Green is a middle school Bible teacher at Grace School in Houston.

Daniel Ivey is the owner of Curbscapes in Athens, AL.

Andrew Jeter is a staff accountant at the Thompson Dunavant CPA firm in Memphis.

Frank Long is an analyst for Andersen Consulting in Atlanta.

Julianna Gentle McKee is the owner of Promotions West in Bozeman, MT. "Not only am I busy running my business, but I have a great new house with a huge garden. I won second place for the best cucumber in the county fair. I also went to Honduras with **Mary Ellen Hamel '95** and 25 high school students for mission work with Habitat for Humanity and St. Martin's Church in Houston."

Brandy Rogers has been named head of public relations and promotions at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis.

Eric Sabatini works as a compensation analyst for the city of Memphis. He recently received his M.B.A. from Christian Brothers University with a 4.0 GPA.

Alicia Swanson has begun her second year of a two-year commitment with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Church in Quito, Ecuador. She is doing mission work with youth and young adults, primarily in Bible study.

Robyn Thiemann currently serves as a special assistant to the solicitor general for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

Tamekia Wakefield is a second year ENT resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She recently completed a general surgery internship in New York. She holds her M.D. degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

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Clyde Henderson, President
Next Reunion: Oct. 20-21, 2000

Amy Asbury works as an agent assistant for International Creative Management in Beverly Hills, CA.

Julia Carruth recently earned her M.B.A. in information systems and management from Louisiana State University. She now serves as a performance and planning analyst for Federal Express in Memphis.

Chris Chappell works as a branch manager for STA Travel in Boston. SEE MARRIAGES

Jennifer Eason is now employed as the social services program supervisor at Adams County Head Start in Commerce City, CO, and as a home-based caseworker for Catholic Charities of Denver. Earlier in the year she traveled to Romania, where she worked in three orphanages researching the effects of play therapy on institutionalized children. When she returned, she graduated from the University of Denver Graduate School in Social Work and the Graduate School of International Studies with two separate degrees.

Mary Margaret Hines is working on a six-month internship as an event coordinator for the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Upon completion of the internship she will receive a master of education degree in sports management from the University of Georgia.

Amanda Kronin is an attorney with Montagna, Klein & Camden in Norfolk, VA, specializing in union representation and workers' compensation.

Emelie Sims Mies resides in Greenbelt, MD, where she is a religion teacher at St. Andrew's Episcopal School and her husband Tim is a researcher for the University of Maryland. SEE MARRIAGES

John Oliphant has been discharged from military service and is currently enrolled in the University of Georgia Law School.

Angela Kreuter Rogers works as a change management consultant at Andersen Consulting in Atlanta. SEE MARRIAGES

Owen Shull is assistant director of athletics at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Katie Terrell is the *Southern Living* editorial production coordinator for Southern Progress Corp. She lives and works in Birmingham.

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Scott Brown, President
Next Reunion: Fall 2001

Joy Al-Jazrawi graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, TX.

Mary Beth Bankson graduated from the University of Memphis this spring with a master's degree in educational leadership and policy studies. She now works as director of student activities at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, MS.

Tom Castelli is an associate attorney in the litigation department of the Atlanta law firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law earlier this year.

Rob Downey was recently promoted to senior lease administrator at ServiceMaster in Memphis.

Emily Flinn received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in the spring and is currently an intern at the universal desk with the *Dallas Morning News*.

Whitney King Fogerty received her J.D. degree with honors from Tulane University School of Law and is now an attorney with the New Orleans law firm of Lewis, Fisher, Henderson & Claxton. SEE MARRIAGES

Kevin Gideon teaches history and government and coaches soccer at Bolton (Tennessee) High School.

Paul Guibao recently graduated from Emory Law School and is working at the Memphis law office of Mac Dickinson.

Jerry Harrington is studying to

become a Catholic priest at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Rebecca Patterson Luter received her M.Div. degree from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in the spring. She was a recipient of the Henry W. McLaughlin Rural Church Award.

Jessica Rainey received her master of science degree in social work from the University of Tennessee in May. She is currently serving as a foster care case manager at the Porter-Leath Children's Center in Memphis.

Heather Plumb Rose works as a youth director for South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Will Seay, Memphis, is director of the MIS department at iXL, an Internet solutions company based in Atlanta.

Jennifer Shepard recently graduated from Tulane Law School in the spring and is an associate with the Luker, Sibal, and McMurtray law firm in New Orleans. SEE MARRIAGES

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CATHERINE CARTER PERRY, ALISON SANTILLO WOODROW, CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2002

Beth Bernard works as a marketing specialist in the sports and event marketing department at Federal Express in Memphis. She received a masters' degree in sports marketing from the University of Memphis earlier this year.

Mark Cheney teaches chemistry and coaches basketball at Faith Lutheran Junior and Senior High School in Las Vegas, NV. He received his teaching certification from Concordia College in Seward, NE. SEE MARRIAGES

Sarah Curtis is a reporter for the *Bay State Banner*, a weekly newspaper in Boston. She received her master's degree in print journalism from Boston University earlier this year.

Macon Davis has been promoted to room service manager at the Grove Park Inn Resort in Asheville, NC.

Amanda Garrigan is media services director at the Bryant Agency in Memphis.

Angela Green recently moved to Austin, TX where she works as a senior analyst for major accounts at Dell Computers.

Denson Henry is a consultant for the Computer Sciences Corp. in Athens, AL.

Christina St. Clair Lynch is director of quality management at Thomas Financial Corp. in Phoenix.

Rob Marus, who now lives in Jefferson City, MO, is director of the Mainstream Missouri Baptists, "an organization dedicated to protecting the Missouri Baptist Convention from fundamentalist control and supporting it in its ongoing mission to reach all of Missouri with the gospel of Christ." For the last two years he was a news writer for *Word & Way*, the weekly newspaper of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Jessica McLaughlin is a production coordinator for Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta.

Mimi Nipper moved to Nashville recently to work as a regional technical coordinator for J.C. Bradford & Co. She was formerly an associate vice president at Morgan Keegan in Memphis.

Nancy Roth works with the counseling center and chaplain at Rhodes. SEE MARRIAGES

John Weeden is a graduate student at the Victoria University of Manchester-Sotheby's Institute in London.

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DAMON NORCROSS, MICHAEL FABER, CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2003

Rob Bell is a public relations specialist for Mangan/Holocomb and Partners Advertising in Little Rock.

Jim Greathouse, Venice, CA, works for Paramount as a stunt man.

Elizabeth Hays is the assistant to the chief counsel for the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in Washington, DC.

Zarina Mason works as an assistant manager at the National Bank of Commerce in Germantown, TN.

Ed Pichon of Lexington, KY, is an engineer at Intertek Testing Services.

Julie Smith is a fourth grade teacher at Bethesda Elementary School in Durham, NC.

Amanda Grebe Tamburrino is manager of marketing and special events for Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood.

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KATE BISHOP, NEETA VENEPALLI, CO-PRESIDENTS

NEXT REUNION: FALL 2004

Dudley Baker is a Latin American business development and customer service associate for Jones Companies Ltd. in Humboldt, TN.

Matt Beck of Alexandria, VA, works as a staff assistant for Kessler and Associates in Washington, DC.

Nancy Brown works in the office of the attorney general in Austin, TX.

Mary Allison Beasley Cates works as coordinator of church related ministries in the chaplain's office at Rhodes. SEE MARRIAGES

Ty Hallmark has accepted the position of assistant director of alumni at Rhodes.

Ginger Laney is an application specialist for Cerner Corp. in Atlanta.

Alok Madan is a research associate at the University of Tennessee, Memphis' Department of Psychiatry.

Alison Nathan is a marketing representative for Smith & Nephew ENT in Bartlett, TN.

Allison Rivera works for Wyle Life Sciences, a NASA contractor, supporting the flight surgeon from a console in Mission Control in Houston. She plans to attend medical school at Baylor College of Medicine.

Class Notes

Alix Roberts is a research associate at the University of Tennessee, Memphis' Department of Psychiatry.

Jaclyn Ross has been promoted to account coordinator at Archer/Malmo Direct in Memphis. She was formerly a marketing research intern.

Kathryn Royster is a customer support consultant at TCS Management Inc. SEE MARRIAGES

For the Record

Marriages

'78 Mark Arnold to Patricia Miller, July 3, 1999.

'78 Mari Trevelyan to Wess Loudenslager, March 27, 1999.

'79 Mary Ann Weber to **Stuart Hyatt '78**, July 15, 1999, Memphis.

'85 Karen A. Larson to Wallace Dean Young, May 1, 1999.

'85 Cosandra Thomas to Fred Martin Jr., April 10, 1999, Memphis.

'86 James Elgin to Lori McConnell, December 1998.

'88 Andrew Fong to Cynthia Sue Yee, May 22, 1999, Memphis.

'89 Clark Tomlinson to Suzanne Alaina Sherrod, July 31, 1999, Thomasville, GA.

'90 Phillip Zeni to Victoria L. Lim, June 26, 1999, Hawaii.

'91 Lee Holcomb to William H. Webb Jr., Aug. 28, 1999.

'91 Kathryn Kinneman to Kenneth Dunham Rich, Aug. 7, 1999.

'91 Will Lybrook to Lorie Shell, Jan. 30, 1999, Atlanta.

'93 Logan Germann to Lela Sanford Whittle, June 26, 1999, Memphis.

'93 Liza Wilson to Daniel Benner, May 15, 1999, Jacksonville, AR.

'94 James E. Blount IV to Heather Danielle Rader, July 31, 1999.

'94 Amy Vivian Coney to Jesse Michael Barrett, Aug. 7, 1999, New Orleans.

'94 Susan J. Gabrielson to **Michael Fulton**, July 31, 1999.

'95 Chris Chappell to Alison Cohen, June 16, 1999, Maui, HI.

'95 Leann Eggers to Matthew Linam, June 26, 1999, Memphis.

'95 Jennifer Erkulwater to **Trent Taylor**, Sept. 11, 1999.

'95 Katherine Michele Federline to Frank Crump Allan, May 8, 1999, Memphis.

'95 Angela Kreuter to Zack Rogers, Dec. 5, 1998, McKenzie, TN.

'95 Beth Rodgers to David Rule Mann, May 22, 1999.

'95 Emelie Sims to Timothy Mies, May 29, 1999, Urbana, IL.

'95 Aubrey Whitaker to James Hart Overstreet, June 19, 1999, Mason, TN.

'96 John Dalton to Charla Jo Allo, June 18, 1999, New Orleans, LA.

'96 Whitney King to William Fogerty, Aug. 14, 1999, Memphis.

'96 Susan Marie Mathis to Wade Gaither, June 12, 1999, Pensacola, FL.

'96 Jenny Phillips to Steven Schroeder, April 17, 1999.

'96 Jennifer Shepard to Justin Kilpatrick, Sept. 4, 1999.

'97 Leslie Beck to **Brett Norman '98**, Sept. 18, 1999, Memphis.

'97 Mark Cheney to Rebecca Amey, June 12, 1999, Wichita.

'97 Jeff Lekarczyk to Lisa McCall, July 10, 1999, Tampa, FL.

'97 Carissa Elaine Lucas to **Zachary Glyn Moore '99**, May 1999.

'97 Nancy Roth to **Bryant Benson**, June 19, 1999, Memphis.

'97 Kayla Strain to Derek J. Melton, June 12, 1999.

'98 Jennie Catherine Wingad to Brian Christopher Adams, Aug. 28, 1999.

'99 Mary Allison Beasley to **Andrew Paul Cates '98**, July 10, 1999.

'99 Kelly Gill to Anthony C. Laudon, June 12, 1999.

'99 Kathryn Royster to Antony Boshier, May 29, 1999.

'99 Elizabeth Sellari to Matthew Steiner, July 17, 1999.

Births

'79 Paul and Susan **Brown**, a son, Turnor Joseph, Aug. 16, 1999.

'81 J.D. Stahl and **Sarah Windes**, a son, Hans Walters Stahl, June 15, 1999.

'82 Chad and **Susan Murray Cartwright**, a daughter, Cara Beth, June 16, 1999.

'82 Rob and Stephanie **Threlkeld**, a son, Joseph Michael, April 22, 1999.

'83 Bob and **Lynn Stapleton Koch**, a daughter, Caroline Emily, July 18, 1999.

'84 Richard and **Karen Joyce Arkin**, a son, Brian Jordan, Dec. 17, 1998.

'85 Joel and **Becky Mosby Halvorson**, a son, Benjamin David, June 1, 1999.

'85 Terry and **Mary Mannon Reeves**, a son, Michael Thaddeus, Dec. 2, 1998.

'86 Ray and Karen **Barfield**, a daughter, Alexandria, May 5, 1999.

'86 Alex and **Laura Finley Shore**, a son, Jeremy Robert, Jan. 6, 1999.

'87 Greg and **Laura Briscoe Carey '88**, a daughter, Emily Hope, Feb. 18, 1999.

'87 Curtis and **Alice McCarthy Finn**, a son, Chapman Davis, Aug. 7, 1999.

'87 Doug and **Laura Richens Garrison**, a son, Luke Fayton, June 25, 1998.

'87 Todd and Melanie **Speed**, a son, Luke McSween, July 21, 1998.

'87 Bob and **Melissa Eubanks Staley '89**, a son, Robert Edward, March 12, 1999.

'88 Shawn and Macie **Carder**, a son, James Clay, Sept. 29, 1998.

'88 Eddie and **Helen Horn Fincher '89**, a daughter, Eden Montgomery, July 26, 1999.

'88 Vernon and **Kristin Dwelle Hurst**, a son, Riley, April 30, 1999.

'88 Russ Wigginton and **Anita Davis '90**, a son, Ryan Davis Wigginton, July 18, 1999.

'89 Roger and **Reagan Roper McNeil '88**, a son, James Roper, March 25, 1999.

'89 Paul and **Leslie Rea Quirion**,

a son, John Paul, March 21, 1999.

'89 Keith and **Paula Stromsdorfer Sengl**, a daughter, Jordyn Elizabeth, April 26, 1999.

'89 William and **Cary Tynes Wahleim**, a daughter, Carolyn Dickinson, Feb. 1, 1999.

'90 Doug Blank and **Laura Blankenship**, a daughter, Stephanie Lynn Blank, June 7, 1999.

'90 Jay and **Lara Dunn Chesshir**, a son, James William III, Nov. 18, 1998.

'90 Don and **Jennifer Gray Chickering**, a daughter, Graylen Ray, April 21, 1999.

'90 Todd and **Lisa Lawrence Daniel**, a daughter, Lauryn Olivia, April 2, 1999.

'90 Will and Alicia **Davis**, a son, Connor Hutchison, April 15, 1999.

'90 Philip and **Margaret Crowe Dyer**, a daughter, Jessica, Feb. 21, 1999.

'90 Mike and Darla **Sims**, a son, Christopher Hale, Aug. 30, 1999.

'90 David and Leslie **Tomlinson**, a daughter, Eloise Virginia, Aug. 13, 1998.

'90 Peter and **Ann Hollingsworth Weeden**, a son, Samuel Bellenoit, July 20, 1999.

'91 Mark and **Allison Buell Douglas**, a son, Jack Bradley, March 17, 1999.

'91 John and Carole **Krug**, a son, Jake, April 13, 1999

'92 Don and **Laura Landers Duke**, a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, Aug. 7, 1999.

'92 David and **Aiveen Killian Kahalley '93**, a daughter, Annabelle Louise, May 10, 1999.

'92 Mark and **Heather Dorris Miller '93**, a daughter, Caroline, Aug. 4, 1998.

'94 Chris and **Rachel Nelson Gilreath '95**, a son, Andrew Hamilton, June 30, 1999.

'95 John and Claire **Coutrado**, twin sons, Jacob Joseph and Hayden John, Aug. 5, 1999.

'95 Bryan and Michelle **Creech**, a son, Austin David, July 9, 1999.

Obituaries

'28 Virginia Hogg Hurt of Nashville, TN, formerly of Memphis, Aug. 5, 1999. She was an Episcopalian, a member of the Rose Society, Memphis Garden Club, King's Daughters and St. Mary's Convent in Sewanee, TN. The widow of Oscar Hurt, she leaves two daughters, a son, two sisters, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

'31 Harold F. Ohlendorf of Osceola, AR, Aug. 24, 1999. He was the owner of Ohlendorf Farms, president of Ohlendorf Investment Co. and former chairman of the board of First National Bank of Osceola and West Memphis, AR. He served as president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau for 16 years, and was a member of his local school board for more than 50 years. In 1998, he pledged a $6 million gift to Rhodes that resulted in the naming of Ohlendorf Hall on campus. He was instrumental in bringing to Osceola 11 major industries that employ more than 5,000 workers. He served on the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and was also a member of the Osceola Development Committee, board of governors of the Mississippi County Hospital Systems, advisory committee and board of trustees of Arkansas College (now Lyon), Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Governors. He also served on the board of governors of the Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Co. Among numerous awards Ohlendorf received were: Arkansas Master Farmer Award, Outstanding Citizen Award of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce and Man of the Year for Service to Agriculture in Arkansas. He also received honorary degrees from Rhodes, Arkansas College and the University of Arkansas. He leaves his wife, Bruce; two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'32 Frances Durham Etter of Memphis, Aug. 14, 1999. Co-founder of Coleman-Etter Realty, she pioneered the opening of the real estate business to women. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for more than 30 years, a founding member of the Woman's Exchange, president of the Women's Council of the Memphis Board of Realtors in 1965, and a member of the local Society of Entrepreneurs. The widow of Dr. C. Barton Etter, she leaves two daughters, Elizabeth E. Thomas of Chattanooga '57 and Jenks McCrory of Memphis; a son, Charles Barton Etter Jr. of Lithuania; and a brother, Thomas H. Durham Jr. '46 of Memphis.

'33 Nell Davis of Laurel, MS, June 30, 1999. She was a member of First Trinity Presbyterian Church and served as head librarian and director of the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art for 35 years. An avid historian, she was a member of the Laurel-Jones County Historical Society and co-author of *A Pictoral History of Laurel*. She was the recipient of the 1999 Community Service Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Laurel Diana Award. She leaves two brothers, seven nieces, one nephew and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews.

'36 Curtis F. Johnson of Memphis, formerly of Midnight, MS, July 29, 1999. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a former director of Planters Bank and Trust Company of Mississippi and the Delta Council. He leaves his wife, Nancy Warden Johnson; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Johnson Johnston of Columbus, OH; a son, David W. Johnson '77 of Little Rock; two brothers, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

'36 Murray O. Rasberry of Helena, AR, Aug. 7, 1999. The organizer of Mid-South Sales Inc. and a partner in Delta Butane Gas and Fertilizer Company, he also founded the Helena Insurance and Real Estate Company and Capitol Old Line Insurance Company and was president and principal stockholder of Planters National

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Bank in Hughes, AR. He served on the boards of several area banks and business organizations, including the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Helena Rotary Club and a deacon and elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Helena. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Mary Helen Gilliam Rasberry; two daughters, Murray "Munnie" Rasberry Jordan '65 and Mary Helen Rasberry Benton, both of Helena; a brother, William Clinton Rasberry '30 of Shreveport, LA; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

'37 Douglas H. Johnston of Memphis, Aug. 28, 1999. Retired operation manager of Orgill Brothers Co., he leaves two daughters, a son, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'37 Kalford C. Ratcliff of Laurel, MS, June 2, 1999. A retired attorney, he was a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, a trustee of the Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art and past president of the Kiwanis Club. He was a former trustee of the YWCA and a Citizen of the Year in 1980. He also served as a member of the Mississippi State Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Foundation. A World War II Army veteran, he was a security officer for the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany. A former trustee and elder of First-Trinity Presbyterian Church, he leaves his wife, Mary Terry Ratcliff; two sons, John G. Ratcliff '66 and David M. Ratcliff; and six grandchildren.

'38 Charlotte Drake Chappell of Memphis, July 27, 1999. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church as well as King's Daughters and Sons, the Exxon Retirees Club and Gotten Wood Garden Club. She leaves her husband of 59 years, Porter Chappell '37, a daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'39 Val J. Huber of Shrewsbury, PA, Feb. 6, 1999. Retired controller of the Joseph E. Seagram Co., he was the widower of Winifred R. Hubner. He leaves a son and a daughter.

'39 Robert F. Leake of Tupelo, MS, August 1998.

'39 Palmer M. Simpson of Houston, June 24, 1999. Retired manager of the Houston Gulf Coast Division of the American Red Cross, he was a 35-year veteran of the Red Cross. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Eloise Whitley Simpson; a son, Palmer M. "Marty" Simpson Jr. '70; and two grandchildren.

'40 Nancy Donelson Aste of Memphis, Aug. 29, 1999. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, she served as a board member of the Dismas House, and was a member of Woman's Exchange and the Le Bonheur Auxiliary. She leaves her husband, Dr. J. Malcolm Aste, a son, a brother and two grandchildren.

'40 Everett C. Mobley of Memphis, July 9, 1999. A retired physician, he served on the senior staffs of Methodist, Saint Francis and St. Joseph hospitals, and was awarded a 50-year plaque from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society in 1994. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a member of Union Avenue United Methodist Church, where he was a choir member and served on the board of stewards. A 33rd-degree Mason, he leaves his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth Mullins Mobley '40; two sons, Everett C. Mobley, Jr. '73 and Joseph W. Mobley '76; and a grandson.

'42 John C. Flaniken of San Diego, CA, July 26, 1999. A retired radiologist, he founded the X-Ray Medical Group in La Mesa and El Cajon in the 1950s. He served as chief of staff at Grossmont Hospital from 1972 to 1973, and on the board of trustees for the San Diego Foundation for Medical Care. He leaves his wife, Peggy Flaniken, a daughter, five stepchildren, a sister, a grandson and 12 step-grandchildren.

'42 Daniel E. West of Memphis, June 30, 1999. Founder of Dan West Garden Center, he was a member of the East Memphis Exchange Club, where he worked for 47 years for the Child Abuse Prevention Center and helped found the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf. He also served on various fund-raising commitees at Rhodes and was an avid supporter of the college. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of Germantown United Methodist Church. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Foster West '42; and two daughters, Elizabeth "Cissy" Whittaker and Marguerite West Casparian.

'49 Jean Ellingson Westerman of Baytown, TX, June 30, 1999. An active member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as deacon and elder as well as church school teacher. She leaves her husband of 42 years, Lowell Westerman, three sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and a brother.

'62 James A. Thomas III of Memphis, June 30, 1999. Chairman of NewSouth Capital Management Inc. and a Rhodes trustee, he was chairman of the Memphis Redbirds Foundation. He also served on the board of directors of numerous businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations including the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association and the Memphis Zoo. A philanthropist and tireless fundraiser, especially for Rhodes, his name is in the Benefactors' Circle in the Cloister of Palmer Hall and on the Ashner Gateway at the beginning of Thomas Lane. He leaves his wife, Nancy Hill Thomas, two daughters, a stepdaughter, two stepsons, a sister, Canon Thomas Hall '67, a brother and his mother Frances Weatherall Thomas '36.

'73 Stephen D. West of Memphis, July 10, 1999. A member of Buntyn Presbyterian Church, he leaves his mother, Jean Alexander West, and a sister, Amy Susan West.

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