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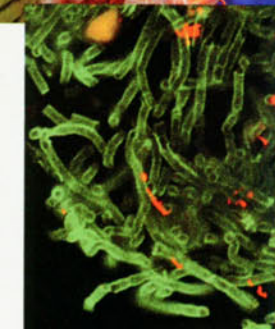
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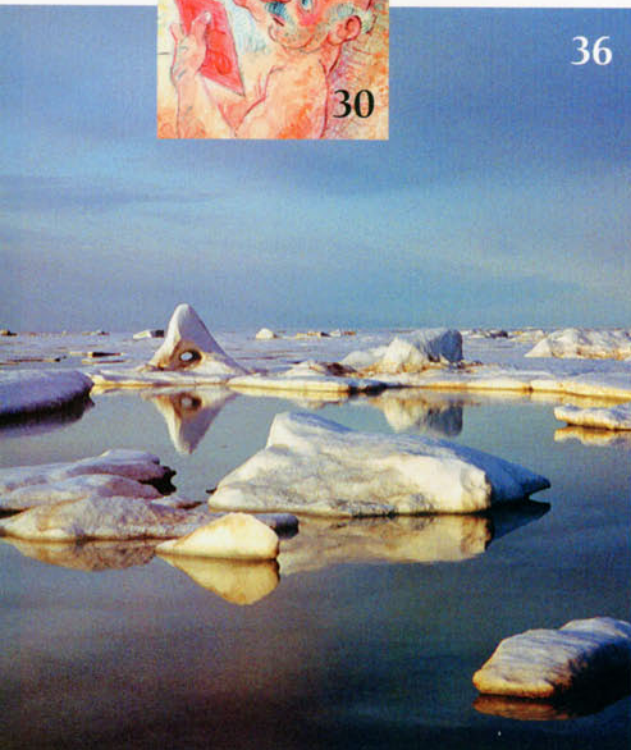
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For the last year six Rhodes students have engaged in important research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the new Summer Plus program, a partnership linking the hospital and Rhodes. Pictured here with St. Jude patient Makayla Woods, age 4 (in the wagon), are: Kimberly Bartmess '04 (kneeling) and (left to right) Christine Dietz '02, Forrest Busler '02, Crescent Rowell '03, Marian Butcher '03, and Emily Cunningham '03.

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The Rhodes Community at Work

By President William E. Troutt

New dimensions to the Rhodes community have been defined this semester, new strengths and new resolves. On page 2 you'll read how a group of concerned students pulled the entire campus together in February to take a stand against racism. And I want to share with you some of the new ways of doing business at Rhodes forged in January at the college's first-ever trustee-faculty retreat.

The idea for a retreat of faculty and trustees was one of the best ideas we picked up from last year's trustee meeting with Pomona College trustees and faculty. They talked about how their periodic trustee-faculty retreats have helped build strong working relationships and increased understanding of college issues at every level. When Spence Wilson, our board chair, offered to host a retreat for Rhodes at his Orlando property, I saw this as an excellent opportunity for our faculty committees who are working on our planning initiatives to share their ideas with our trustees.

Months of research, collaboration, and dreams led to stimulating discussion of exciting possibilities (95 at last count) of how to enhance the Rhodes experience. The wide range of ideas included more creative ways to connect students with Memphis, changes in the required curriculum to allow students greater opportunities for study abroad, more undergraduate research opportunities, and the creation of a collaborative teaching

and learning center for the new Paul Barret Jr. Library, to name only a few.

Just as exciting were the personal observations: faculty sharing their passion for teaching; students remembering life-changing experiences inspired by their teachers; trustees explaining why Rhodes is "their college, too."

A common vision is beginning to develop, one that will propel us forward as we work to advance opportunities for student research, scholarship, and creative activity; to augment the way we mentor students; to rethink the curriculum; to recruit and retain the best faculty; to enhance Rhodes' residential experience; to intensify the thought-provoking atmosphere we provide; to support students by innovative technology; to improve library resources; to connect students with Memphis; and to expand opportunities for study beyond Memphis.

Following the retreat and in an effort to get an experienced, external perspective on our planning initiatives, I invited Rich Morrill, chancellor of the University of Richmond to confer with the Planning Steering Committee. His experienced view of college planning helped us see even more opportunities for aligning and coordinating our energies and re-



President Troutt

sources to enhance the experiences we provide students.

Our next step is to integrate planning initiatives into a comprehensive future agenda for Rhodes. At the April Board meeting trustees reviewed the Planning Steering Committee's work and made suggestions that will be incorporated into a larger plan for Rhodes, including diversity task force recommendations, enrollment management, and the campus master plan. In October, the Board of Trustees will approve the plan to transport Rhodes into a new stratum of excellence.

It is exciting to see the new alignment of energy, the new discussion, and the new partnerships forming among all members of the Rhodes community. Together, we are beginning to envision a stronger community where everyone works toward the same aspirations and dreams. 24

Rhodes Responds to Issues of Intolerance

Several racial incidents at Rhodes this winter have prompted students, faculty and administration to take a good look at the racial climate on campus and to consider ways to improve racial understanding, tolerance and diversity.

In early February the cars of two African-American women students were vandalized, one with a racial slur scratched on it; the other with a deflated tire. It was not clear whether the slur was scratched onto the car on campus or off. Then three African-American female students found derogatory mail in their campus postal boxes. The perpetrator(s) had written negative messages on the back of Black History Month posters before sending them. A racial slur was also discovered on the wall of a campus residence hall.

Additionally, a number of African-American students expressed concerns about more subtle forms of prejudice. One example given was a professor singling out a black student in class to pro-

vide the "African-American" perspective on an issue (as if one student could represent an entire race).

The college engaged a private firm to investigate the racial vandalism, believed to be the actions of a few. President Troutt sent a letter to the campus community, emphasizing that "racial intolerance is inconsistent with the academic mission of the college and is therefore unacceptable." And students, faculty, and staff united to express outrage over the hurtful actions against several of our African-American students.

A student-organized campus rally on February 15 invited the campus to come and take a stand against "acts that undermine diversity, equality, and basic respect for one another." From 600 to 1000 students, faculty, and staff attended as well as most of the major Memphis media.

At the rally, which was held in the Frazier Jelke Amphitheatre, student organizers presented a petition recommending six

actions they felt the college should take to bring about positive change on campus. Those recommendations included public opposition to all bigoted speech or actions on campus; expansion of the racial diversity of our faculty and staff; creation of a Dean of Multicultural Affairs position to improve the racial atmosphere on campus; the inclusion of statements within our admissions literature that "deter and dissuade intolerant students from applying;" a public review of current financial aid policies and their effect on the recruitment and retention of African American students; and the pursuit of new funding for these initiatives by a Board of Trustees committee devoted to diversity issues.

Finally, the petition asked faculty to take an active leadership role in all these efforts. The petition was subsequently signed by 689 people.

According to Jon David Willingham '04, one of the petition organizers, the group that wrote the petition "was one of the most diverse of which I've found myself a part since coming to Rhodes. It took a long time for our group to produce a document behind which all of us could stand and support....This is going to take a long time."

A second, separate document of recommendations—many of them similar to those in the general student petition—came from the Black Student Association. The BSA additionally called for diversity training for the campus community, a grievance procedure for issues of racial/ethnic discrimination, and curricular innovations to promote diversity and multicultural education. The BSA maintained that the problems go beyond a few isolated examples of racial vandalism. They believe Rhodes needs "sustained, systematic, structural change."

Faculty also weighed in on the topic of racial tolerance and diversity, first at the rally and later in the classroom. One week after the rally, classes were canceled for two periods to allow students

Praying for Peace

An interfaith group from the Memphis community has organized a series of monthly services and prayers for peace in 2002. Hosting the services are congregations of several faiths, united in their commitment to peace and the healing of multi-faith relationships. In addition to conducting prayer services, the group recently gathered to bless a shipment of medical supplies collected by United Way and bound for Afghanistan.

Rhodes chaplain Billy Newton '74 represents the college as a member of the Memphis Multi-Faith Steering Committee.



Chaplain Billy Newton '74 with Harish Vishria of the National Conference for Community and Justice at interfaith service at the India Cultural Center and Temple in neighboring Eads, TN

and faculty to talk about issues of intolerance and diversity.

The administration takes seriously the concerns raised by the rally and petitions. A letter to the campus community from top administrators, including President Troutt, asked: "Does the Rhodes community have a genuine commitment to addressing the needs of minority students? Do we fully support the social, developmental, and educational experiences of minority students? Are we fully committed to doing all we can to meet the goals that were identified by our own Diversity Task Force?"

"We must treat each other with respect," the letter continued. "We need not agree with all that is expressed; however, we must ensure that our campus is a place where freedom of inquiry is encouraged, ideas are addressed with

care, and each person has value."

Since the rally the college has engaged nationally-known diversity consultant Myrna Adams, former vice president for institutional equity at Duke University, to work with the college on these issues. She has already made a trip to campus, visiting with students, faculty, and administrators March 11-13, and is making long-term recommendations to the college. Furthermore, the Dean's Council, the chief operating body on campus, has been asked to make the issues of tolerance and diversity an operational priority of the college and to establish task forces to monitor current conditions and recommend changes.

The college administration has also acknowledged the need for a more diverse administrative perspective to implement successfully the recommen-

dations received. The college will be working in the days ahead to consider various staffing options at the senior level. The Rhodes Board of Trustees Committee on Diversity, organized in January, 2000, will continue to be involved in discussions of these current issues on campus.

An editorial in Memphis' *Commercial Appeal* commended the college on its response to these incidents: "...it is important that an institution of higher education, dedicated to freedom of inquiry, makes clear that there is no place in that process for racial and ethnic bias and disrespect. Other local institutions may want to ask themselves the same questions about the depth of their commitment to promoting diversity and combating discrimination that Rhodes College is confronting, as a community."

Troutt Named Chair-Elect of ACE

President William Troutt has been named chair-elect of the Washington, DC-based American Council on Education. Founded in 1918, the 1,800-member organization describes itself as "the nation's coordinating higher education association." Troutt will assume his one-year term as chair in 2003.

ACE is a forum for the discussion of major issues related to higher education and its potential to contribute to the quality of American life. The council maintains both a domestic and an inter-

national agenda and seeks to advance the interests and goals of higher and adult education in a changing environment. ACE provides leadership and advocacy on important issues, represents the views of the higher and adult education community to policy makers, and offers a variety of services to its members.

Troutt served as chairman of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, an 11-member panel charged with addressing public concerns about rising college prices. The commis-

sion's findings and recommendations, which received both bipartisan congressional support and the endorsement of the higher education community, served as a guide for the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1998. He also served as chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) in 2000 and currently is on the board of directors and executive committee of the American Council on Education.

Rhodes Receives Mellon Foundation Grant

Rhodes is the recipient of a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that will pair the college with another institution to provide professors at both colleges an opportunity to begin a study of long-term career development and support for faculty.

Rhodes is partnered with Furman University in Greenville, SC, in a third round

of the Mellon initiative. Other institutions in the third round include Vassar and Middlebury, Scripps and Harvey Mudd, and DePauw and Denison. In fall 1999 the foundation invited the first round of seven colleges to pursue this collaborative effort, pairing Carleton and Macalester, Barnard and Wellesley, Haverford and Swarthmore, and including Bryn Mawr.

Following the invitation from the Mellon Foundation, Rhodes and Furman met to collaborate on the planning grant proposal. The one-year planning grant requests \$76,000 from the Mellon Foundation to finance five meetings between Furman and Rhodes over the course of the 2002 calendar year. During this time, the two liberal arts institutions will conduct four work-

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shops, two on each campus, as well as one panel discussion to be held at a neutral location for the purpose of writing an implementation grant.

In order to facilitate faculty development, the workshops will focus on four separate phases of a faculty member's career: initial appointment to tenure review, the period immediately following tenure, the time just before promotion to professor, and before and after retirement. By centering on these four periods, Rhodes and Furman hope to establish a dialogue between the faculties at each school, select specific programs that both might initiate to address the needs of each group of faculty, and prepare a four-year implementation grant proposal. In each workshop there will be five faculty from both institu-

tions; four faculty will represent one stage in a career and one will represent the ensuing stage to keep a focus on development over time and continuity of perspective.

Furman and Rhodes have budgeted funds in the proposed planning grant to allow for external consultants if a particular stage of the professorial career needs to be discussed with expert assistance. In addition, funds are available for the consultants to visit other Mellon Round III institutions.

Following this year's dialogue with Furman, the two schools will draw from the discussions in the four workshops to write an implementation grant proposal that will apply to the goals brought about in the planning period. Both campuses will draw from the lump sum awarded over four years.

"I would suspect that our final grant would have a hefty component in it that talks about mentoring relationships between senior faculty and junior faculty, or faculty development through seminars and workshops," said Robert Llewellyn, Rhodes' dean of the college. "We may be able to support a collaborative teaching and learning center, which is something we need, and something Furman already has. That would give us a chance to put some things in place, and then institutionally, we would be able to pick that up and carry it on."

Currently, Dean Llewellyn is working with Furman dean A.V. Huff to begin planning activities that will consider models for enhancing the long-term faculty development program.

Jena Balton Granted Watson Fellowship

Senior Jena Balton has been awarded a \$22,000 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for 2002-03. Balton, Rhodes' first Watson recipient, is one of 60 fellows chosen from 183 nominees from 50 top U.S. colleges and universities. Recipients will spend a year of focused independent study and travel abroad after graduation. Balton's project, titled, "Representing Women: A Photodocumentary Project of Southern Africa," will take her to South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Botswana.

"Being chosen to participate in the Watson Fellowship Program is quite an honor for Rhodes and an extraordinary opportunity for our students," said Rhodes President William E. Troutt. "We are extremely proud of all our students who participated, and delighted that Jena is our first Watson Fellowship recipient."

The Thomas J. Watson Foundation, named in memory of the founder of IBM, inaugurated the fellowships in 1968 to give college graduates of unusual promise the freedom to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad following their graduation. Over the years, the foundation has granted more than 2,000 fellowships and some \$27 million in stipends.

"I chose the location in southern Africa because my mother lived there for some time when she was in high school, and my grandfather (long dead before I was born) was an architect there," said Balton. "I heard stories of life during apartheid, and was particularly fascinated by my mother's and grandmother's accounts. As an art history major, visual representation was the most valid way for me to explore postapartheid conditions. As a woman interested in issues of gender, I thought gender would be an interesting way to limit what my focus was. Immediately, the most important thing about my project becomes that it is me doing the viewing. As my prejudices, opinions, and backgrounds will intrinsically be connected to my final images, it should be impossible to focus only on my destination and image subject when thinking about the work."

Rhodes' Watson selection committee included Kathleen Doyle, assistant pro-



Jena Balton '02

fessor of foreign languages and Rhodes' Watson liaison officer; Michael LaRosa, assistant professor of history; Carolyn Schriber, associate professor of history; Kenneth Morrell, associate professor of foreign languages; and Bradford Pendley, associate professor of chemistry. Students were invited to submit project proposals last fall. The

selection committee read the proposals and interviewed the students individually before recommending four candidates for fellowships. The other three were:

Jessica Skyfield: "The Killing of Our Cousins: An Interdisciplinary Study of Gorillas' Demise;" Cameroon

Vinay Madan: "Healing the Mind, Body, and Spirit with Traditional Medicine;" India, China, Japan, Tibet Autonomous Region

Josh Wilmsmeyer: "The Soul of the Sport: Finding Baseball;" Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, United Kingdom, Australia, Italy.

David Ramsey Recognized for Service

David Ramsey '61 has been named distinguished service professor of music at Rhodes. The non-tenure appointment was made in recognition of Ramsey's long service to the college and outstanding accomplishments. It places him in the three-year evaluation cycle for merit increases in salary enjoyed by tenured faculty.

Ramsey, who holds a master's degree in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music in New York, began teaching at Rhodes in 1965. A decade later, he joined the faculty full-time. He is organist-in-resi-

dence, associate conductor and accompanist for the Rhodes Singers, and principal keyboard accompanist for the Rhodes MasterSingers Chorale.

Known as an accompanist for area singers, instrumentalists, and choirs, Ramsey has also served as organist at Memphis' Church of the Holy Communion, St. John's United Methodist Church, and his current post, First Presbyterian Church. Outside the sacred confines, he is organ-



David Ramsey

ist for the Memphis Redbirds AAA baseball club.

Term Two Brings Notable Speakers

In January, renowned photojournalist Ernest Withers held a conversation with students at the college's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. Two other famous speakers visited Rhodes this winter—Texas Republican Senator Phil Gramm,



Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz

a Seidman Town Hall Lecturer who spoke on "The American System: Nothing Like It in the World," and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, who was the keynote speaker at the 15th Annual Institute on the Profession of Law at Rhodes' Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning. Dershowitz spoke on "Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism."

In the spring Argentine Nobel Peace Prize winner and human rights activist Adolfo Pérez Esquivel spoke at a PeaceJam conference on campus for high school students from four Southern states. PeaceJam, an international program, brings youth and Nobel Peace Prize laureates together to promote world peace.

Other Seidman Town Hall Lecturers were Boston College political science professor Allen Wolf, who spoke on "Real Religion: How Americans Practice Their Faith," and Gregory Pence of the University of Alabama's School of Medicine and Department of Philosophy faculty, whose topic was, "Who's Afraid of Human Cloning?"

"Awash in a Sea of Religious Pluralism" was the topic of Gilliland Symposium speaker Martin Marty, University of Chicago professor emeritus, Lutheran minister, senior editor of *The Christian*

Century, and director of the Pew Foundation's Public Religion Project.

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Senator Phil Gramm

His Shtick is Stick that Walks, Talks Physics



Jack Taylor's walking cane

Alumnus and longtime Rhodes Physics Professor Jack Taylor, class of '44, may have retired in 1992. But he's never stopped teaching.

Dr. Taylor's latest tool for spreading the physics gospel is a stick of ingenuity: a six-sided walking cane that delivers a powerful pedagogical punch while delivering its owner to another engagement.

Created by the professor himself to help students “understand the universe,” the stick bears what Dr. Taylor believes are the central equations, laws, and concepts of physics. Albert Einstein is there. So is Niels Bohr, who explained the periodic table of the elements in 1922. Cambridge University’s Cavendish Laboratory is there (that’s where the nucleus was discovered) as is Johns Hopkins University (where Dr. Taylor earned his Ph.D.)

The list of its contents goes on: evidence for the spin of the electron, key ideas of quantum mechanics, phenomena that classical physics cannot explain, and the important role in physics played by inventions like the precision screw and its lapped nut or the cylinder and piston. There is the Creed of the Physicist—"Things are as they behave"—and the motto of the Royal Society of England (early physicists): "Nullius in Verba,"

loosely translated from Latin as "there is nothing in words," i.e., the answer comes from the laboratory, not books.

The stick even includes a bit of levity: RMS, recognized in physics parlance as Root Mean Square, becomes “Read My Stick.” “I knew that I would be taking the stick to the barber shop and someone would ask, ‘what is that?’ I would tell them to go ‘read my stick.’” Dr. Taylor quipped.

Campus observers might have noticed the walking stick in the portrait of Dr. Taylor that has been displayed prominently in the refectory's Neely Hall since 1998, a part of the Rhodes Distinguished Faculty Portrait Series. In truth, the walking stick pictured there was simply a paper model.

At the time that Dr. Taylor sat for the portrait by Memphis artist Tom Donahue, the genuine article was still a work in progress, so the professor made a paper model glueing on his "text." It took Dr. Taylor three years to determine what to include on the stick and what to discard. And once he did, there was the dilemma of how to squeeze so much information (2,952 letters of the alphabet, numbers and mathematical



symbols) onto a stick of reasonable diameter and length.

It became clear to the professor he would not be able to carve this amount of information into wood with a knife, as he had wanted to do originally. A week before the portrait's formal unveiling, Dr. Taylor's son, Harold, found an engraving machine that could do the job. Dr. Taylor had his walking stick in time for the Homecoming Day portrait presentation in Hardie Auditorium.

The 3-foot stick is made of sections of blonde hardrock maple glued to a metal frame and topped with a 2-inch diameter reflecting steel ball (called an "All Sky Camera"...gaze into it and you can see 360 degrees).

Past students of Dr. Taylor's will not recall him ever using a cane. A year after his retirement, the professor suffered a stroke that left his left leg partially paralyzed. The following year Taylor, once an avid tennis player, began losing cartilage in his right knee. "It was clear to me that a walking stick was very likely going to be a part in my life," Dr. Taylor recalled.

The walking stick normally resides in Dr. Taylor's library at home, along with 3,000 physics books, photographs of famed physicists and assorted "toys" that he uses to demonstrate the laws of physics to curious visitors. Sometimes he takes the walking stick with him on his weekly visits to the physics department on campus. "Students continue to have an opportunity to study my stick," said Dr. Taylor, admitting that it's tough for him to stay away from the college, despite the difficulty he has walking.

A little separation anxiety is to be expected considering Dr. Taylor spent four years as a student at Rhodes and 36 years as a teacher. He was such a good teacher, in fact, he received the 1978 Pegram Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Physics from the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society.

Retirement Celebration Honors Templeton

Colleagues and friends of Loyd Templeton '56 gathered in the Bryan Campus Life Center this winter to honor the college administrator at his retirement after 33 years of service to his alma mater.

Templeton was named director of development at the college in 1968, leaving a promising career in advertising with the New York firm of Kenyon and Eckhardt Inc., where he was copy chief for Lincoln Continental automobiles and writer for various national accounts. His role at the college, according to former President David Alexander, who persuaded him to return to his alma mater, was to interpret and communicate the institution's identity and mission.

Templeton went on to serve as director of communications and special events and as special assistant to Presidents Bowden, Daughdrill and Troutt. He was instrumental in the founding of the McCoy Theatre, McCoy Visiting Artists Program, Moss Art Lecture Series, and the Springfield Music Lectures. He is known for the integral role he played in the architectural and interior design of new campus construction during his tenure.

He is a past recipient of the Algonon Sydney Sullivan Award for selfless service to the college and the McCoy Theatre Award for his many contributions to the theatre.

The Rhodes Board of Trustees recognized Templeton at its fall 2001 meeting with the presentation of a citation that hailed him as "Dean of Decorum, the Guru of good taste and style...the Mas-

winter party was a message from former college president David Alexander '53 who said, "I cannot fail to shout from the tower tops that it was I who brought you into a position from which you have bur-nished the glories of the college....Your contributions to our beloved alma mater rank you among the greatest of the suc-cessors of the founders."

In a videotaped message, former

president James H. Daughdrill Jr. reflected on Tem-pleton's long career: "He was a gifted communicator, a loyal friend, confidant and counselor, and he loved and embodied the core val-ues of the college. I don't know what more you can ask than that."

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Spence Wilson announced that in recogni-tion of Templeton's support of the arts at Rhodes, the board had voted to establish the Loyd Templeton Endowment for Choral Per-formance. The fund will

cover such expenses as providing orches-tras for the Rhodes MasterSingers Chorale. Contributions to this special endowment may be made through the Office of Development.

President and Mrs. Troutt presided over the presentation of a portrait of Templeton painted by artist Tom Donahue. Templeton and his wife, the former Peggy Ross '57, unveiled the painting, which will become a perma-nent part of the college's art collection.

President Troutt noted that Temple-ton will continue to serve as a college consultant on special projects. "This is not a farewell party," Troutt said. "It is a fare foreword celebration and we are so pleased that you will be continuing to lend your expertise and talents to this college you love so dearly." ❧



Loyd Templeton '56 (left) and President William Troutt beside portrait by artist Tom Donahue

ter of Rhodes' Ceremonies, the Cecil B. DeMille of college commencements and convocations, presidential inaugurations and board events...the poet laureate of Rhodes College publications."

Among the tributes paid him at the

Buckman Receives Honorary Degree

Rhodes Trustee Robert H. Buckman received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from North Carolina State University in December. He was recognized "for his vision in integrating technology into the workplace far in advance of his business competitors."

Buckman is chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of Memphis-based Bulab Holdings Inc.





The St. Jude Connection

By Helen Watkins Norman

Photography by Justin Fox Burks, Kevin Barré
and Steve Jones

A shiny metal sink stands sentry just outside Joanna Traylor's room on the Bone Marrow Transplant floor of Memphis' St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Rhodes student Leila Sahni knows the routine: A vigorous hand-scrubbing is standard procedure before entering the room of an immunity-suppressed cancer patient.

Sahni, a first-year student, has been a volunteer at St. Jude since last fall. More important, she has been Joanna's special friend since the 2 1/2-year-old arrived last month.

Sahni bounds into the room with a smile, ready to spend a wintry Saturday afternoon with the toddler, who is tethered to an IV. Two weeks earlier Joanna had a bone marrow transplant in an effort to eradicate the tumor in her chest. She has neuroblastoma, which accounts for 7 to 10 percent of all childhood cancers and 50 percent of all malignancies found in infants.

Leila Sahni '05 with bone-marrow transplant patient Daniel Schrieber, 5, of Ohio in the North Clinic Playroom at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Despite her illness, Joanna is a typical 2-year-old, ready for action. Within minutes the patient and volunteer are sitting on the floor, engaged in a fierce squirt gun battle, using syringes as their weapons. Then they're off. Joanna toddles out into the corridor in diapers, shirt, Winnie the Pooh tennis shoes and the turquoise mask that keeps her from inhaling others' germs (she wears it whenever she leaves her room). Sahni follows, maneuvering the IV pole with one hand and with the other, clutching balloons that Joanna retrieves along the way.

"Joanna loves Leila," said the patient's mother, Tammy Traylor, a shift leader at the Shoney's in their Louisiana hometown. "When I saw them playing together the first time, I felt OK about leaving Joanna with Leila. I'm glad we have someone like her working here."

Sahni, who grew up in England, spends four hours a week volunteering at St. Jude, staying with the young patients and giving their parents a short break from the constant care of their hospitalized children. She is one of a rapidly growing body of Rhodes students doing volunteer work or research at the world-renowned hospital, a leader in the research and treatment of catastrophic illnesses in children, especially cancers.

The ranks of Rhodes students who volunteer at St. Jude and its related facilities have climbed to about 30 in the last 10 years. No other Memphis college comes close to Rhodes in providing such support. What's more, there's now an established gateway for students to enter into significant research at the hospital with the introduction of the Summer Plus Research Program. The program pairs Rhodes students



with St. Jude researchers for a summer of full-time research followed by an academic year of part-time research.

Both the volunteer work and the research provide ways for students to learn about medicine and health care, learn about themselves, and contribute meaningfully to the lives of those in need.

In the Beginning

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in Memphis by Danny Thomas. During the Depression, Thomas, then a struggling entertainer, was in a Detroit church and saw a statue of St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless causes. Thomas prayed to St. Jude, seeking direction about his life as an entertainer. "Show me my way in life and I will build you a shrine," Thomas pledged. A few weeks later he was named the headline comedian at the popular 5100 Club in Chicago.

In February 1962, after achieving success in television and film, Thomas fulfilled his promise to St. Jude by opening the hospital. Since then the hospital has distinguished itself not only as a world-recognized leader in the treatment of pediatric cancers and other childhood diseases, but also in its humane approach toward patients and their families.

St. Jude covers all treatment costs not covered by insurance and total costs when insurance is unavailable. It also pays to transport patients to the hospital and then assists patients and families who need it with housing and food while

they are in Memphis for treatment. Over the years St. Jude has treated more than 18,750 children from 60 different countries.

When St. Jude started 40 years ago, Peyton Rhodes was president of the college, Rhodes' enrollment was 880 (it is now about 1540), internships and research opportunities at nearby hospitals did not exist, and the undergraduate research that did occur in the sciences was centered primarily in physics and often revolved around the study of eclipses.

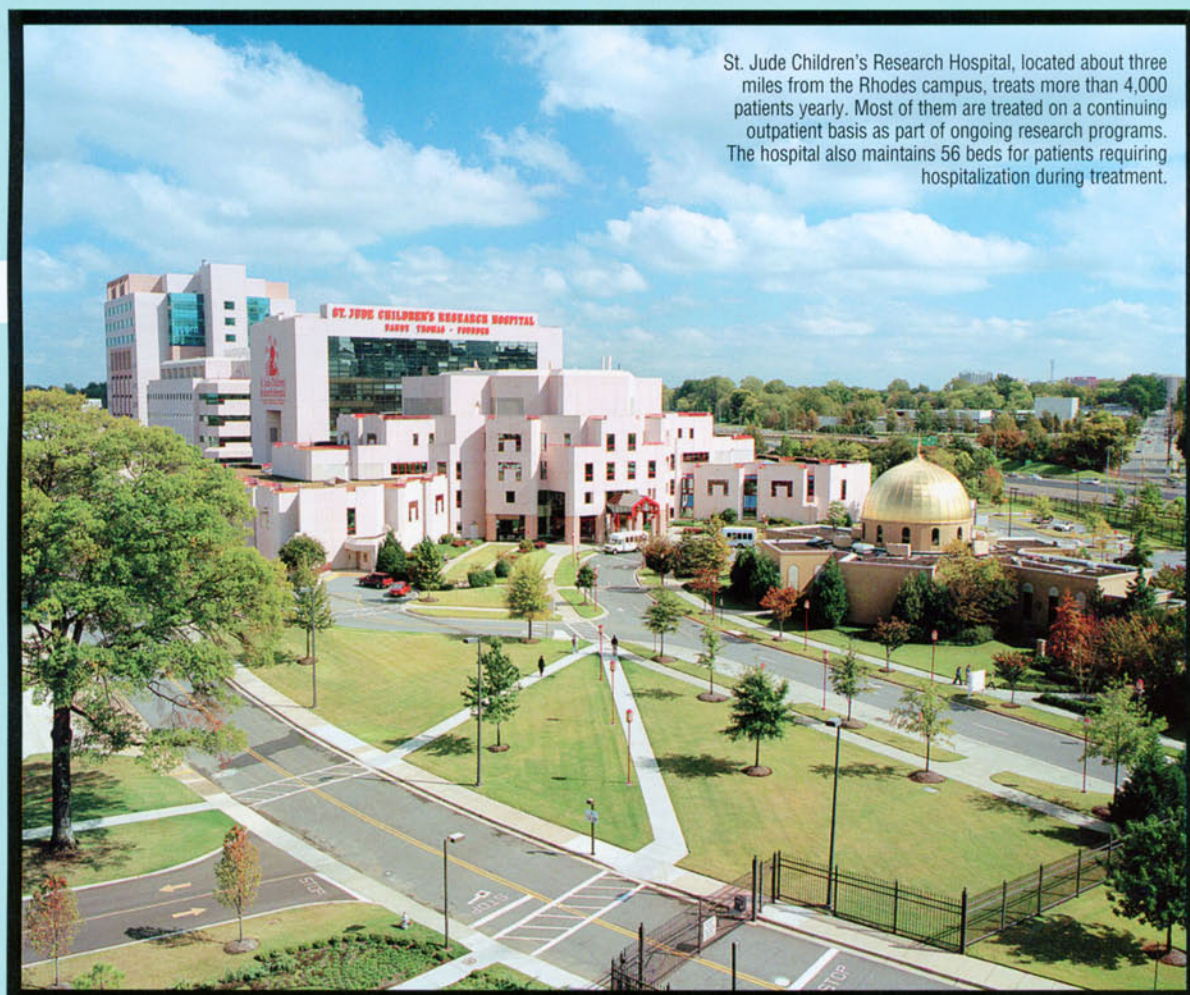
By the early 1970s, however, the college's relationship with St. Jude was beginning to form.

That was when two Rhodes biology professors—Bobby Jones and Charlie Warren—got summer research appointments in the biochemistry department at St. Jude. Jones, who is now retired, did research on the genetic causes of dental caries, or cavities.

St. Jude's William Walker, Ph.D., a member of the immunology faculty and the associate director for academic affiliations in the academic programs office, said he became good friends with Warren (later the academic dean



Jay Blundon, associate professor of biology, shown in the laboratories at St. Jude where he has studied the electrical signaling that goes on in special nerve cells that are involved in memory formation.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located about three miles from the Rhodes campus, treats more than 4,000 patients yearly. Most of them are treated on a continuing outpatient basis as part of ongoing research programs. The hospital also maintains 56 beds for patients requiring hospitalization during treatment.



The Summer Plus program matches Rhodes students with research mentors at St. Jude for a summer plus an academic year of research. Pictured here with St. Jude patient Makayla Woods, age 4 (in the wagon), are the 2001-02 participants from Rhodes: Kimberly Bartmess '04 (kneeling) and (left to right) Christine Dietz '02, Forrest Busler '02, Crescent Rowell '03, Marian Butcher '03, and Emily Cunningham '03.

at Rhodes) because "he played third base on the St. Jude softball team and I played shortstop." Out of that relationship grew an interest in finding ways to have Rhodes students spend time at St. Jude, he said, especially those interested in going to medical school or into biomedical sciences.

Prof. Warren began bringing a half dozen or more students over to the hospital, and Dr. Walker would spend a morning with them, talking about immunology or cancer.

In the late 1980s, before Rhodes' current molecular biologist Gary Lindquester arrived on the scene, a group of virology faculty from St. Jude taught a molecular biology course at the college. And St. Jude's efforts to help Rhodes

did not stop there. In 1988, Allan Granoff, Ph.D., chair of virology and molecular biology and deputy director of the hospital, helped Rhodes secure a major grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. It funded undergraduate research and an outreach science program for area high school students.

Individual students also began taking part in the extensive research going on at St. Jude. In the 1970s, '80s, and '90s, no formal programs linked the two institutions, but professors sometimes set up research experiences at St. Jude for their top students.

Rhodes Professor Terry Hill, for example, arranged for Steve Threlkeld, class of '86, to do his senior year honors

research at St. Jude. Threlkeld worked there with Robert Webster, one of the world's leading influenza specialists. Threlkeld's research involving RNA sequencing was published in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

"It was my first serious science experience, and it was terrific," Threlkeld claimed. The experience had a powerful

impact on his life, he maintained: It led him to the field of clinical infectious diseases. He attended medical school at University of Alabama, Birmingham, working summers at St. Jude. After finishing his residency at Harvard, Threlkeld returned in 1997 to Memphis, where he is now a physician with Infectious Disease Associates of Memphis.

A New Chapter for Student Research

A year ago the research relationship between Rhodes and St. Jude changed. The good friendship between the two institutions blossomed into a more formal partnership called the Summer Plus Program. Organizers hope it will become a long-term offering, a decision dependent on securing permanent funding for the program.

Summer Plus provides annually for about six Rhodes students (in chemistry, biology, physics or psychology) to do research at St. Jude for a summer "plus" an academic year. Students are selected on the basis of their academic record and letters of recommendation from faculty. After interviews with potential research mentors, students are paired with mentors. The students work in the areas of infectious diseases, molecular biology and pharmacology, genetics, neurobiology or radiation, and they receive stipends for the summer.

The first group of participants spent 12 weeks last summer living on Rhodes' campus and working 40-hour weeks

in cutting-edge laboratories at St. Jude. They learned basic research techniques like how to make chemical solutions, extract cells from animals, and feed and grow cells. They learned how to use the sophisticated equipment that fills the St. Jude labs. But most of all they learned what true research is really like.

After the summer the students continued their research at St. Jude throughout this past academic year, working about 10 hours a week and earning academic credit. Organizers hope that some of the participants will remain at St. Jude doing research an additional summer or academic year.

Recently the college selected its second class of Summer Plus participants. The six new participants will begin their research in May.

The stage was set for Summer Plus four years ago when Rhodes Associate Professor of Biology Jay Blundon happened to meet a prominent St. Jude official whose son was considering attending Rhodes. "He expressed his immense satisfaction with the Rhodes students who had come to work

D Clinic waiting room



Sheryl's Playroom, located in the medicine room where patients receive chemotherapy, is dedicated to Sheryl Nienhuis, the late wife of St. Jude director Arthur Nienhuis, MD.





Alanna Flax-Clark '05 and cancer patient Jesus Pineda, 6, of Venezuela in the play area of the St. Jude Medicine Room

at St. Jude over the years,” said Blundon. He wanted to explore the possibility of “a more formal collaboration” between the two institutions. Shortly thereafter, when Rhodes’ new president, William Troutt, arrived on the scene, he called Blundon to talk over the possibility of such a partnership with St. Jude.

Increasing the college’s connections to Memphis is one of the goals the president has set for Rhodes, and is an area where a task force is currently at work.

President Troutt subsequently met with Arthur Nienhuis, M.D., director of St. Jude. The two leaders established a joint committee of Rhodes and St. Jude faculty to develop collaborative initiatives between the two institutions. One result of their work was the formation of an interdisciplinary senior seminar on “Cancer Research and Treatments” led by visiting St. Jude faculty. Among the eight guest lecturers teaching in the course last fall was Peter Doherty, Ph.D., Nobel Prize winner and chair of the immunology department at St. Jude.

The other initiative that emerged was the Summer Plus Program.

“What makes (the Summer Plus Program) a winning proposition for St. Jude is two-fold,” said the hospital’s William Walker. “First, the Rhodes students are very bright

and highly motivated,” he explained. They provide good research assistance to an investigator. And they have good relationships with their mentors. In anonymous interviews he conducted this spring, he found “the students have raved about their mentors.”

Second, “we have the potential to establish a long-term relationship, and that is critical,” Walker stressed. Even if only one or two out of 50 participants get turned on to biomedical research and decide to return eventually to work at St. Jude, “that would be a great thing,” he said.

For Rhodes, the benefits are equally tantalizing.

Thanks to the Summer Plus Program, students have the best of both worlds, according to Rhodes Associate Professor of Psychology Robert Strandburg, who coordinates collaborative programs with St. Jude. “They have all the advantages of a small liberal arts college—small classes, intense interaction with faculty—plus the advantages of a major research institution.”

For Forrest Busler, a senior biology major from Lewisburg, TN, participating in the program has confirmed his commitment to medicine and steered him toward a specialty in oncology. Busler has been investigating alternative splice forms of a gene that regulates programmed cell death.

Emily Cunningham, a biology major/psychology minor



from Kansas City, MO, said she has been able to do things in the laboratory “that most graduate students don’t get to do.” She has been working on a strand of DNA used to create a genetically altered strain of mice. It’s part of research on an aggressive type of brain tumor.

“There were times when we got results that were not what we expected,” Cunningham conceded. But her mentor, Suzanne Baker, Ph.D., of the developmental neurobiology department, helped her realize that “you actually learn more from your mistakes than from your accomplishments.”

“Science is messy,” Rhodes Professor Strandburg agreed. “Most experiments start in one direction and end up some-

where else.” Through the successes and failures of these experiments, he said, students learn “to ask better and better questions.”

Crescent Rowell, a junior chemistry major from Florence, AL, said the program has taught her perseverance. “There is always another option. If something does not work, you try something else and you keep doing this until you find what does work,” she said. Rowell’s research in molecular pharmacology has focused on increasing cell sensitivity to chemotherapy.

“To do research you have to have an incredible amount of tolerance, patience, and ingenuity to reinvestigate, rethink

The three-mile route from campus to St. Jude is well-traveled by Rhodes faculty these days. An increasing number of them are aligning themselves with research efforts at St. Jude.

Jay Blundon, Rhodes associate professor of biology, has done research at St. Jude studying a protein (neuronal interleukin-16, or NIL-16) that is found in the hippocampus and cerebellum regions of the brain.

Learning and memory take place in these two regions. He has been examining what role this protein might play in learning and memory. The work took place during his 2000-01 sabbatical and continued this past academic year.

Dr. Blundon teamed up with Cornelia Kurschner, Ph.D., a molecular neuroscientist at St. Jude. Blundon's expertise in electrophysiology provided a nice complement to Dr. Kurschner's research specialties.

"In electrophysiology you record the electrical activity of the cell with tiny probes," Blundon explained. He has studied the electrical signaling going on in special nerve cells that are involved in memory formation. He compared these neurons in two types of mice: a regular, wild mouse and a genetically altered mouse which lacks the NIL-16 protein.

More recently his work has incorporated an experiment conducted on these same two groups of mice by one of his students, Katie Cox '03. Cox tested how well the mice (the regular mice and the strain of mice lacking the NIL-16 protein) would remember a maze response they had learned the week before. The experiment showed the regular mice had better spatial memory than the mice lacking the NIL-16 protein.

This summer Blundon will study the electrical activity between isolated neurons from these two types of mice. He will be examining the precise nature of this NIL-16 protein's influence on the communication between nerve cells in the cerebellum and hippocampus during the formation of memories.

Investigations like those of Prof. Blundon can pave the way for research into the molecular processes underlying neurological or psychiatric disorders.

Here is a sampling of other Rhodes faculty connections to St. Jude:

- Gary Lindquister, associate professor of biology, will be continuing his research on the genetics of the herpesvirus during a sabbatical at St. Jude next year. Herpesviruses are members of one of the largest virus families. They cause chicken pox, shingles, mononucleosis, roseola, and various cancers. (For example, the Epstein-Barr virus, a herpesvirus, is linked to Burkitt lymphoma in South African children and nasopharyngeal carcinoma in Asian populations.) Lindquister will be studying the role of the virus in tumor formation, using a mouse model of the virus.

- Brad Pendley, associate professor of chemistry, is one of a team of physicians, engineers, scientists, and students who are collaborating with Elaine Toumanen, Ph.D., chair of infectious diseases at St. Jude. Their goal is to design a sensor that will detect hydrogen peroxide produced by a bacterium that causes streptococcus pneumonia. The team is looking for a way to detect the presence of these bacteria before the onset of clinical symptoms of pneumonia. That way the immune-compromised patients at St. Jude won't become really ill before they can be treated.

- Mary Miller, assistant professor of biology, is collaborating with Brenda Schulman, Ph.D., a research associate in structural biology and tumor cell biology at St. Jude. Prof. Miller has been looking at special proteins that are important in regulating cell growth and division. Disruptions in the normal cell cycle can lead to cancer and birth defects.

- Ann Viano, assistant professor of physics, did two years of postdoctoral work at St. Jude in the late '90s, studying MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) on patients with metallic implants. That work led her into the field of biomaterials, which is now her research focus.

Faculty Make their Mark

and rework an experiment," said senior Christine Dietz of Woodlands, TX. There were eight people in her lab group at St. Jude, and every Monday the group met to discuss one member's project. "Even if my project wasn't working, I could learn about other people's projects. That group became like a family." In her research Dietz looked at the structure of an antibody and how that structure relates to the function and stability of the antibody itself.

For Marian Butcher, a junior from Baton Rouge, LA, there is an essential distinction between doing research at St. Jude and conducting experiments for a class. "It makes a difference that (the St. Jude research) has a purpose," said the biology major. "Eventually it will lead to better ways to treat cancer patients." Butcher's research has focused on the Epstein-Barr virus (the virus that causes mononucleosis) and its link to Burkitt lymphoma, a rare form of cancer that is prevalent in the equatorial belt in Africa.

For Kim Bartmess, a sophomore biology student and the youngest of this year's participants, the prospect of saving lives is not at all far-fetched. Bartmess, working with infectious disease specialist Jon McCullers, M.D., has done research studying why the influenza virus predisposes individuals to bacterial pneumonia. Her research involved one of the new flu drugs, Tamiflu (Oseltamivir), which, if taken at the onset of symptoms, is effective in reducing the strength and duration of influenza.

During her recent work at St. Jude she made a surprise discovery about the drug and its effect on bacterial pneumo-

nia. "We're extending her research," noted Dr. McCullers, "and if we're right, it's going to be a very big thing because it means we could have a drug that will help prevent what is the sixth leading cause of death—influenza and pneumonia."

Bartmess presented her research this summer at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Pediatric Research and won first place in her section at the regional meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

"I honestly thought I was going to hate research. I thought it was going to be tedious," said Bartmess, "But it's a lot more interesting when you learn the background of what you're doing and why you're doing it and when you get to see results," she continued. "I now understand what research is all about and how to go about defining a project and carrying it through."

In addition to the Summer Plus program, an increasing number of Rhodes students have taken part in St. Jude's Pediatric Oncology Education (POE) program funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute. Last summer there were 11 POE students from Rhodes, according to Suzanne Gronemeyer, Ph.D., associate director of academic programs at St. Jude. This highly-selective summer program, open to undergraduates as well as graduate and medical students nationwide, provides biomedical and oncologic research experience.

In addition to doing research with a mentor, POE trainees attend lectures designed specially for them. Rhodes' Summer Plus students got to participate in these as well.

Providing Help and Hope through Voluntarism

A small sign sits on the reception desk in the lobby at St. Jude. "Believe in miracles," it reads. "They can happen to you."

Rhodes students began experiencing the miracle of St. Jude in the late 1980s through the college's longstanding Kinney Program, which matches students with volunteer needs throughout the community.

The earliest Rhodes volunteer efforts at St. Jude were assigned primarily to the hospital gift shop. "St. Jude staff knew how difficult it could be for college students to confront issues of suffering and death that they would certainly experience," explained Rhodes Chaplain Billy Newton. But a former Rhodes student changed that.

Phuong Nguyen ('96) entered Rhodes in the fall of 1992, and she wanted desperately to do meaningful volunteer work at the hospital. Her best friend from high school had been a St. Jude patient, and Nguyen (pronounced "Win") had a proven high school track record of community service. She was among Rhodes' first class of Bonner Scholars, a scholar-

ship program for students who want to be heavily engaged in community outreach.

"Phuong talked her way into the hospital to work closely with children as a mentor and companion and demonstrated how Rhodes students could give valuable support," said Chaplain Newton.

"Basically I asked them every other day for about a month," Nguyen recalled. "I would give them 50 million reasons why I was qualified to work there." They got tired of saying no, she joked, and finally assigned her to the play and learning center to work with children undergoing outpatient or inpatient treatment. Sometimes, when patients would request it, she would also accompany them to their chemotherapy treatments.

Since Nguyen, an increasing number of Rhodes students have chosen to do service at St. Jude and its sister facilities. Seventeen students volunteer at the hospital. Seven work at Target House, a complex of apartment-like guest suites for long-term St. Jude patients (living in Memphis three months or longer while being treated) and their families. Five more



North Clinic waiting area

tently strong. "Rhodes is so supportive of community service whereas other colleges don't give out the same message. Students at Rhodes know, 'my college takes this seriously.'"

The other reason for the growth in volunteers is the innate appeal of St. Jude to someone who yearns to help.

"I think students are attracted first by the tremendous need they must perceive among children and families who are treated at St. Jude,"

Chaplain Newton said. "Second, when they walk in the door, they experience the very unexpected atmosphere of joy and encouragement."

Mickey Mouse dance music permeates the play area of the medicine room where St. Jude patients receive chemotherapy. First-year Rhodes student Alanna Flax-Clark is there, playing with several children who are in the process of receiving their regular chemotherapy treatment. She watches and gives approval as one young girl creates worms of pink Play-Doh hair for a small doll while medicine drips into her body from a nearby IV. Another child asks Flax-Clark to retrieve a game from the toy closet. Yet another gets the Rhodes student to help her pound the keyboard of the Talking Whiz Kid Power Mouse Deluxe.

"This experience has given me a great appreciation for the hospital and what they do for their patients," said Flax-Clark. "(St. Jude) wants kids to be able to lead normal lives here." And that means plenty of opportunities for play and diversion.

St. Jude was one of the reasons Flax-Clark decided to attend Rhodes. As a high school student living in Granada Hills, CA, she first heard about the hospital on the nationally-televised St. Jude telethon. Then when she visited the college and learned of all the opportunities for Rhodes students at St. Jude, it helped persuade her to enroll.

Student Leila Sahni confirmed that it's "sad sometimes"

work at Ronald McDonald House, for patients and families who require housing from eight days to three months. And these numbers do not include the less regular volunteers who may drop in once a month or a semester.

Delta Delta Delta sorority at Rhodes has adopted St. Jude as its philanthropy. It sponsors events there regularly. There is also the Micah 6 Project, an outreach partnership between Rhodes and Evergreen Presbyterian Church that provides mentoring and recreation opportunities for patients and families staying at Target House.

Moreover, for the last several years the Music Academy at Rhodes has provided weekly piano and guitar lessons for patients and their families.

The volunteer numbers at St. Jude have climbed for several reasons. First, voluntarism is up across the board at Rhodes, triple what it was 10 years ago. The college's Bonner Scholarships, begun in 1992, and the Burch Scholarship Program, begun in 1997, have channeled into Rhodes a group of bright, energetic students who make a four-year commitment to voluntarism. It was Bonner Scholars, in fact, who launched the Micah 6 project at Rhodes. The leadership of Burch and Bonner Scholars has had a ripple effect across campus, attracting additional students to volunteer work.

Kathryn Berry, director of volunteer services at St. Jude, said that the volunteers they get from Rhodes are consis-

doing volunteer work at St. Jude. Joanna—the toddler Sahni visited on the Bone Marrow Transplant floor—is more energetic now after her transplant. But she was listless and would fall asleep on Sahni's lap when she first arrived. "(St. Jude) is their best chance."

"You get attached to the kids," said sophomore Jennifer Richelson, a Bonner Scholar who spends three to five hours a week at Target House. It's a good thing when patients and their families leave Target House for home, but it's hard to see them go, she noted. "It's also hard when kids aren't doing well," she said. Sometimes the patients she gets to know are too sick to come down from their apartment in Target House.

Richelson's service at Target House consists of throwing monthly birthday parties, making crafts and horse-playing with the patients and their brothers and sisters. Once she dressed up in a six-foot inflatable Snuggles the Bear costume for a Target House party featuring special guest, skater Tara Lipinski.

In addition to spending time at Target House herself, Richelson keeps a mailing list of fellow Rhodes students interested in working at the facility and mails them notices whenever a volunteer event is to occur. "I've never been in an atmosphere," she said, referring to Rhodes, "where so many people volunteer."

For Rhodes student volunteers at St. Jude, the rewards are great. Well-trained by the St. Jude staff, the volunteers get to satisfy what for many is a strong need to serve. They get to try out the field of medicine: Many are interested in pur-

suing careers in health care. And they get to move beyond their own personal needs and experience the needs and desires of another.

"Those kids made you realize your problems weren't so large—the test that you are getting ready to take, the hours that you had to spend writing a paper," said alumna Phuong Nguyen, recalling her experience at St. Jude in the early '90s. "You started to focus not on their disease but on the way they're always so happy," said Nguyen.

Her positive experience at St. Jude led her to pursue health care as a career. An international studies major at Rhodes, she is now a quality assurance analyst for a health care software company based in Nashville. She telecommutes from Indiana where she lives with her husband.

Over the years scores of Rhodes students have made a difference in the lives of St. Jude patients. But one student stands out.

Alexis Best, class of 1997, lived and breathed the Kinney Program. A Bonner Scholar and a participant in Rhodes' Bonner-Americorps Program in the mid-'90s, Best was on a trip to Nashville to be inducted into Americorps, the domestic version of the Peace Corps, by then-Vice President Al Gore when she became ill. The diagnosis was cancer, and Best was soon hospitalized at St. Jude. Even as a patient undergoing chemotherapy, Best continued her commitment to service.

"In the last year of her life," said Rhodes Chaplain Billy Newton, "she became an inspiring mentor, tutor, companion, and day-to-day joy for the children of St. Jude." ❖

Sorority Finds New Way To Give

Delta Delta Delta sorority members aren't just lending a hand to the children of St. Jude. They are lending two arms. Members of the sorority are donating platelets, the portion of blood most needed by cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. From a donor's arm, blood is drawn and the platelets separated out. Into the donor's other

arm, red blood cells and blood fluids are returned. The whole process takes about two hours.

Hearing of the St. Jude patients' need for platelets, senior Becca Edwards, outgoing philanthropy chair for Rhodes' Tri-Delta chapter, organized a blood drive on campus. From January to mid-April Delta Delta Delta sorority members donated 44 units of blood and platelets. Students from other campus fraternities or sororities donated an additional 15 units. Organizers expect the donations to climb in the remaining weeks of the spring semester.

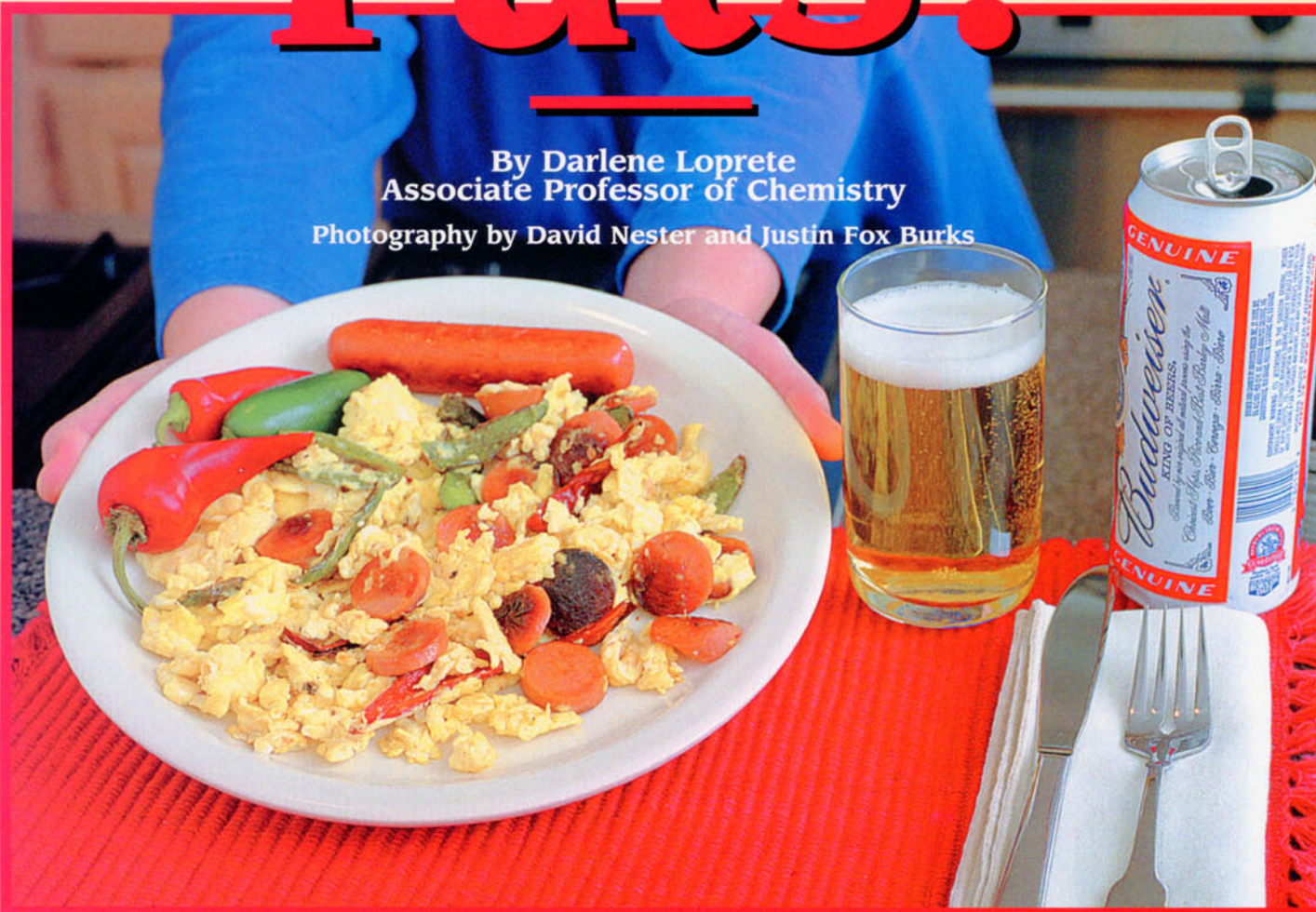
Platelets have a shelf life of only five days, so St. Jude has a constant need for donations, according to Jacqueline Heyward, donor recruiter for the St. Jude Blood Donor Center. Each unit donated saves the hospital \$500 to \$700. At that rate, Rhodes students have already saved St. Jude between \$29,500 and \$41,300.

"Hopefully, this drive will continue annually and grow," said Edwards, noting that St. Jude is Tri-Delta's national philanthropy. She envisions Rhodes fraternities and sororities competing in the platelets drive in the coming years.

What's all the Fuss about Fats?

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Fats in our diet play important roles in our bodies. We rely on them for protecting our cells from the external environment, making our sex hormones, and providing us with energy. However, too much fat in one's diet can lead to an increased risk of

coronary heart disease. The solution seems easy—eat less fat and avoid problems with your heart, right? Well, it's not that simple.

Take, for example, my great uncle—Louie Russo. For breakfast he fried hot peppers and hot dogs in olive oil, then scrambled some eggs

and consumed the entire meal with a Budweiser. He lived to be 95 years old. So how did Uncle Louie live so long when he consumed about 56 grams of fat for breakfast alone when the current recommendation says that we should eat a total of 65 grams of fat per day? He probably had good

genes. The contribution that our genes make to our health can be significant. In Uncle Louie's case, probably the combination of good genes, an active life (he was a fisherman who lived on the Jersey shore), and a diet high in fish enabled him to live a long, productive life. However, some people aren't so fortunate. They eat a low-fat diet and still have high cholesterol.

What does the cholesterol number tell you?

The cholesterol number that your doctor measures is not really a measure of cholesterol but a measure of triglycerides, the major storage form of fat, and lipoproteins—particles that contain proteins, fats, and cholesterol. The lipoproteins come in three varieties: VLDL, LDL, and HDL.

VLDL has the job of transporting triglycerides through the blood to body tissues. When VLDL loses some of its fats it becomes LDL. A high level of LDL in the blood increases the risk of fatty deposits forming in the arteries, which can increase the risk of a heart attack. Therefore, LDL is known as the "bad" cholesterol. HDL acts like a garbage truck picking up the fatty deposits LDL has left, therefore it is known as the "good" cholesterol. According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), you should strive for a total cholesterol number of 200 or less. In addition, your "bad" cholesterol should be under 130, your "good" cholesterol should be higher than 35, and your triglycerides level should be below 200. These numbers add up to more than 200. This is because the total cholesterol is calculated the following way: $\text{Total} = \text{LDL} + \text{HDL} + \text{triglycerides} \div 5$. Therefore, in the the above recommendation the

total is: $130 + 35 + 40 = 205$.

The cholesterol level was originally thought to be the most important factor for determining the risk for coronary heart disease (CHD), but the current thinking is that the levels of "good" and "bad" cholesterol play a more significant role. The higher the "good" cholesterol, the lower the risk of CHD. Also, the lower the "bad" cholesterol, the lower the risk of CHD. So we can use the following scheme as a general guide for risk assessment:

High "good" AND Low "bad"
= lowest risk

High "good" AND High "bad"
= moderate risk

Low "good" AND High "bad"
= greatest risk

The contribution by the triglycerides is not in these equations because it is not clear whether high triglycerides alone increase an individual's risk of heart disease. It is common for people with high triglycerides to have low "good" cholesterol or high "bad" cholesterol.

I wonder what Great Uncle Louie's cholesterol level was—I doubt he ever went to see a doctor, let alone had his cholesterol checked!

What contributes to high cholesterol?

You might think that your intake of cholesterol would be the most important contribution to your cholesterol level. This is not the case. Studies have shown that saturated and unsaturated fats have a greater impact on your cholesterol level than the amount of cholesterol consumed. There are three main types of fatty acids (fats): polyunsaturated, monounsaturated, and saturated. The

terms "saturated" and "unsaturated" refer to the chemical composition of the fat. A saturated fat is just that—saturated with hydrogen atoms, that is, they fill every available space in the molecule. An unsaturated fat has "holes" or "slots" in the molecule where there are fewer hydrogen atoms. If an unsaturated fat is monounsaturated it has only one "hole," where if it has two or more "holes," it is termed "polyunsaturated."

Polyunsaturated fats are the major components in certain vegetable oils and seafood. They come in two varieties: omega-3 and omega-6. Research has shown that omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fish such as salmon and mackerel as well as in soybean and canola oil, lower both the "bad" cholesterol level and triglycerides. The Eskimo people of Alaska and Greenland have diets high in fat and cholesterol, yet their heart disease rate is very low. The staple food in their life is fish that is rich in



Darlene Loprete

omega-3 fatty acids. Researchers do not recommend dietary supplements containing concentrated fish oil because there is not enough evidence that “pills” offer the same benefits as the natural source of omega-3 fatty acids, nor are the long-term effects known. The information about omega-6 fatty acids is less clear. Some studies have shown that it reduces the “bad” cholesterol as well as the “good” cholesterol.

Monounsaturated fat is the main fat in olive, canola, and peanut oil. Research has shown that these fats reduce the “bad” cholesterol level without reducing the “good” cholesterol. People in the Mediterranean consume large amounts of olive oil and do not have a high rate of heart disease.

Saturated fats are found in meat and dairy products as well as prepared foods like doughnuts and potato chips. Foods with a high saturated fat content tend to be solids at room temperature—like lard or Crisco. Cheeses that are “hard” contain more saturated

fat than softer cheeses. Saturated fats raise the “bad” cholesterol level in your blood. However, foods containing saturated fats resist spoilage and help thicken foods—some useful characteristics for manufacturers. So eliminating saturated fats altogether from foods would not be desirable for either the consumer or the manufacturer.

Food manufacturers try to strike a balance between preserving a food and maintaining its unsaturation by employing a process called partial hydrogenation. Oils are “hardened” or made more saturated by adding hydrogen atoms in those “holes” in the unsaturated fats. Some polyunsaturated fats become monounsaturated fats and some monounsaturated fats become saturated fats. While this process of partial hydrogenation is effective in preserving and hardening foods, it also creates chemicals called trans fats, which are similar to saturated fats in their properties. These fats have been shown to raise the “bad”



Darlene Loprete recreating Uncle Louie's breakfast

cholesterol and may lower the “good” cholesterol. Currently food labels do not list the amount of trans fats, but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a proposal that would add them to nutrition labels.

At the left is a guide you may find useful for monitoring your intake of trans fat. Try to avoid stick margarine and vegetable shortening. I am surprised that pound cake is so high in trans fat. Before looking at this chart I would have chosen pound cake over a doughnut, but now I know better.

Butter vs. margarine: the battle between trans and saturated fat

There has been considerable discussion over the years about whether you should eat butter or margarine. With trans fats entering the scene it appears that the discussion has subsided—at least for now. Since trans fats act like saturated fats by raising the “bad” cholesterol, one has to consider the total contribution of both saturated and trans fats. As seen from the chart on the right, butter is still the worst for you since the total grams (saturated

Trans Fatty Acids (*) in One Serving of Selected Foods

Food	Trans Fatty Acids
grams/serving	
Vegetable shortening	1.4-4.2
Margarine (stick)	1.8-3.5
Margarine (tub, regular)	0.4-1.6
Salad dressings (regular)	0.06-1.1
Vegetable oils	0.01-0.06
Pound cake	4.3
Doughnuts	0.3-3.8
Microwave popcorn (regular)	2.2
Chocolate chip cookies	1.2-2.7
Vanilla wafers	1.3
French fries (fast food)	0.7-3.6
Snack crackers	1.8-2.5
Snack chips	0-1.2
Chocolate candies	0.04-2.8
White bread	0.06-0.7
Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals	0.05-0.5

(*)Fatty acid data from USDA food composition data, 1995

COMPARISON OF MARGARINES AND BUTTER (*)

Product	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Trans Fat	Saturated and Trans Fats
Butter	10.8	7.2	0.3	7.5
Margarine, stick (82% fat)	11.4	2.3	2.4	4.7
Margarine, stick (68% fat)	9.5	1.6	1.8	3.4
Margarine, tub (80% fat)	11.2	1.9	1.1	3.0
Margarine, tub (40% fat)	5.6	1.1	0.6	1.7

(*)Butter values from FDA Table of Trans Values, dated 1/30/95. Other values from USDA Composition Data, 1995

plus trans) per serving is 7.5. Stick margarine follows butter. Your best bet is to choose a margarine—the softer the margarine, the less total fat and trans fat it contains.

The bottom line

The recommendation of the FDA is to remove as much of the saturated fats from our diets as we can. This will lower our risk of heart disease.

This means selecting plant foods, fish, vegetables, and grains over animal and dairy products. It is difficult to remove saturated fats from your diet completely—at least it is for me. There is nothing like a cool, tropical drink on a hot summer day—piña colada! Unfortunately, it is just about the worst thing for you. Those tropical drinks made with coconut oil (like Coco Lopez) contain 12 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon—a coronary nightmare. But maybe we could learn a little from Uncle Louie. The olive oil in which he used to fry his peppers and all the fish he ate may have been heavy in fat, but it was the right kind—monounsaturated and omega-3

fats—not a bad way to live (I can't seem to justify the hot dog).

How much fat should I eat?

The typical American diet is high in fat. Dietary data from the American Dietetic Association shows that women eat 67 grams and men consume 96 grams of fat in a day, when the recommended amount is no more than 65 grams. There is a large body of evidence that shows that a diet high in animal fats leads to high cholesterol level, which is linked to an increased risk of a heart attack. Therefore, Americans need to decrease their fat intake, especially the amount of saturated fat.

Health experts recommend that 30% or less of your caloric intake be from fat. This means consuming about 65 grams of fat per 2,000-calorie diet. If you eat 3,000 calories a day then you should increase the number of fat grams to 97 grams. In addition, the number of grams of saturated fat, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat, needs to be monitored. Consume 7 or fewer grams in saturated fat, and

the other 58 grams of fat can come from a combination of monounsaturated fat and polyunsaturated fat with a slightly higher proportion of the monounsaturated fats.

Not all high-fat diets are associated with a risk of heart disease. People living on the Greek island of Crete have very low rates of heart disease despite their high-fat diet. That's because their dietary fat comes primarily from olive oil, which is high in monounsaturated fat that tends to lower the "bad" cholesterol and maintain reasonable levels of the "good" cholesterol.

The difficulty in following these recommendations is that fats just plain taste good! Ice cream has a creamy texture because of the fat content; fried catfish is crisp because it is fried in fat. And chocolate—how can one ignore that very essential "food?" Giving all these up isn't easy. How can one strike a balance between the foods you love and keeping the fat content in your diet down? Keep track of the number of grams of fat you consume. Remember: No more than 65 grams per day per 2000-calorie

rie diet and very little saturated fat—7 grams or less. There are some very useful Websites that give fat content of food (I got Uncle Louie's breakfast from www.caloriescount.org/cgi-bin/Enhanced_calcalc/enhanced_calcalc.cgi).

Also, you can couple high-fat foods with fat-free foods. Maybe with the fried catfish add some vegetables and a baked potato (without butter, sauce, or bacon fat!). Or choose an item that is fat-free or low-fat. Below are some definitions from the FDA that may help you pick and choose foods low in fat from the label.

Fat free: less than 0.5 g of fat per serving

Low fat: 3 g or fewer per serving, and if the serving is 30 g or less or 2 tablespoons or less, per 50 g of the food

Reduced fat or less fat: at least 25 percent less per serving than reference food

Reduced or less saturated fat: at least 25 percent less per serving than reference food

These terms can be used to describe the fat content of meat, poultry, seafood, and game meats:

Lean: less than 10 g fat, 4.5 g or less saturated fat, and less than 95 mg cholesterol per serving and per 100 g

Extra lean: less than 5 g fat, less than 2 g saturated fat, and less than 95 mg cholesterol per serving and per 100 g

Making healthier meals

It seems easy to lower our fat intake, but once you start counting, things balloon quickly. I found the following tips from the NIH Website that might help reduce the fat content of your meals yet keep them tasty. Unfortunately, sometimes these ideas won't work. For example, when baking cookies, butter is essential for taste and texture—margarine just doesn't cut it. Also,

cooking with fat-free cheese can ruin the texture. When making potatoes au gratin, I found that the low-fat cheeses created a lumpy consistency instead of the creamy texture it would be if I had used regular cheese. If you don't care about the appearance of the food, then the low-fat cheese is fine. Experiment and see what you think.

Tips on how to make healthier meals

- Try fat-free (skim) milk or low-fat milk (1%) milk
- Only buy cheeses marked "low-fat" or "fat-free" on the package
- Choose to eat fruits and vegetables without butter or sauce
- Serve rice, beans, cereals, pasta, whole grains (e.g. couscous, barley, bulgur, etc.)
- Choose lean cuts of meat, fish, and skinless turkey and chicken

Recipe substitutions

- Use two egg whites for each whole egg, and margarine or oil instead of butter
- Use light mayonnaise instead of the regular variety
- Use nonfat yogurt instead of sour cream
- Use low-fat cheese instead of regular cheese
- Use 1% milk instead of regular milk
- Use fresh poultry, fish, and lean meat rather than canned or processed types

Meal tips

- Make meatloaf with ground turkey



Shopping in the good food aisle

- Make tacos with skinless chicken breasts
- Cool soups and gravies and skim off fat before reheating
- Try putting salsa on a baked potato instead of butter (or my favorite—add a can of low-fat cream of mushroom soup to the potato)
- Make a spicy baked fish—season with green peppers, onions, garlic, oregano, lemon, or cilantro rather than frying it
- Eat fruit for dessert, instead of pie or cake

One of my favorite low-fat snacks is microwave popcorn. Orville Redenbacher's popcorn (Smart Pop, 94% fat free) has 220 calories and about 4 grams of total fat in the entire bag with 0 grams of saturated fat. Orville Redenbacher's Movie Theater Butter popcorn has 480 calories and about 36 grams of fat in the entire bag, with 7.5 grams of saturated fat (the other 28.5 grams come from monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats). Therefore, the Movie Theater Butter popcorn contains your entire saturated fat intake for the day and more than half of the recommended fat intake for the day! And to make it worse, the Movie Theater Butter popcorn yields 3 cups less popcorn than the Smart Pop. I guess that is why they call it "Smart Pop." 🍿

TRACKING ANTHRAX

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66

Photography by Bob Wells '64

Columbus Day—Monday, Oct. 8, 2001. Like many Atlantans, John Jernigan '82, had the day off. It was the end of a long weekend he'd enjoyed with his family—wife, Laura Hollandsworth '84, and their three sons, Will, 3; Jeffrey, 7; and Ben, 9. In one second's time, a telephone call from his boss turned the peace of that balmy day into a memory. "I need you to be in Florida in three hours," she said. And with that, John A. Jernigan, M.D. of the National Center for Infectious Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was off to investigate his first case of anthrax.

Anthrax, an infectious disease caused by the spore-forming *Bacillus anthracis*, can occur in three forms: cutaneous, inhalational, and gastrointestinal. Jernigan, who had been appointed head of the CDC's clinical investigations team in Florida, was after the inhalational variety that had killed the photo editor of a supermarket tabloid three days before. In the days to come, another tabloid employee would test positive for the disease. The anthrax had come anonymously through the mail.



John Jernigan '82 studies x-rays of anthrax victims from the bioterrorism-related outbreak last fall

Also through the mail, cutaneous anthrax, the kind that enters the body through a cut on the skin, had made the rounds of television network news offices in the northeast. To the south, the inhalational variety was just getting started: In Washington, DC, Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy received letters containing the bacteria-laden white powder that would shut down post offices as well as entire House and Senate office buildings.

Where was it coming from? There had been only 18 inhalational anthrax cases in the U.S. in the last 100 years, the latest ones, 25 years ago, when several textile workers were exposed to contaminated imported goat hair. These new cases, though, coming on

the heels of the Sept. 11 attacks, screamed terrorism, and the postmarks on the anthrax-bearing envelopes were only leading investigators up blind alleys.

Jernigan's work was just beginning. In one month's time he would investigate and treat not only the victims in Florida, but also postal workers in Washington, DC, and the lone case in Connecticut that took the life of an elderly woman. Beside him much of the time would be agents of the FBI.

In each place, Jernigan headed a team of CDC doctors, local public health officials and health care providers, clinically evaluating all the patients who potentially had been exposed to the bacterium that causes anthrax.

"Local hospitals and physicians' offices were deluged with ill people who may have been exposed to anthrax bacteria. Our job was to help local health care providers quickly sort out those who might have had anthrax from the many worried patients with unrelated illness or symptoms," Jernigan explained. One obstacle to the investigation was that flu season was coming on, and flu symptoms can be similar to those of early inhalational anthrax.

How anthrax works

"One of the unique things about the germ that causes anthrax is that it can form spores, which are a form of the bacteria that can lay dormant in the environment and resist extreme temperatures, even dehydration," explained Jernigan. "They're very hardy. They can exist on environmental surfaces or in an envelope or a weapon for years and still be viable. When a patient inhales these spores, they travel deep into the terminal air sacs in the

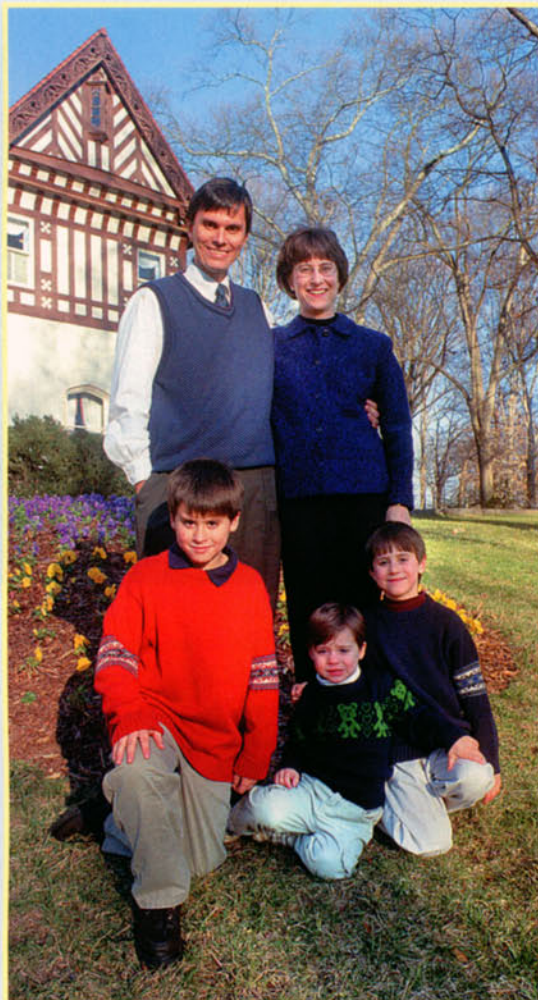
lung—alveoli—where they're engulfed by a form of cell called a macrophage and transported from the lung into what's called the mediastinum, which is the space between the lung and chest that harbors all the vital organs. Once the spore's engulfed, it actually begins to germinate. The spore sort of wakes up from its dormant phase and enters an active phase where it turns back into the growing, dividing form of the bacteria. In this more active form, the anthrax bacteria produce toxins. As the bacteria continue to replicate, the toxins and the bacteria spread to the bloodstream and other organs in the body. It's the action of the toxins that is believed to cause the illness itself, which most often leads to death in untreated cases."

Treatment

Thanks to the CDC's rapid response and state-of-the-art technology and treatment, inhalational anthrax mortality during the outbreak was lower than expected, based on historical experience. Six of the 11 people who were infected survived. So did some 5,000 people who took antibiotics in the wake of exposure, according to the March 8, 2002, issue of the journal, *Science*. Jernigan and his colleagues, who believe the six survivors should experience complete recovery, plan to follow them over time to make sure there are no long-term residual effects from the infection.

Jernigan credits early recognition of the disease and "combination antibiotic regimens built around one of two key antibiotics, ciprofloxacin and doxycycline" in saving lives. "We think it may be beneficial to use one of these key antibiotics, and add one or two others on top of that," he said.

"The recommendations we made were based on a number of factors, including what evidence there was in the literature, which was not much since



The Jernigans, with sons Ben, Will, and Jeffrey at Atlanta's Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

this is such a rare disease, the results of lab testing of the anthrax bacteria we isolated early in the outbreak, and our working knowledge of how these antibiotics are used in treating other illnesses."

Back home for three days after the Florida investigation, Jernigan thought he was "done with anthrax-related travel," although he was still working 18-hour days analyzing the observations his team had made in Florida. Then it happened again. A late Saturday afternoon phone call came. Health authorities suspected that a postal worker in Washington, DC, had contracted inhalational anthrax.

"I was told to be at a private airport by 7 p.m. to board a CDC-

chartered jet that would take us straight up there," Jernigan recalled. "When we arrived, we were escorted by a state trooper to the hospital so that we could interview and examine the patient, who turned out to be the first of the postal workers with inhalational anthrax. We left the hospital for the hotel in the wee hours of the next morning."

Ten days later, after an additional eight cases of inhalational anthrax had been identified in DC, Jernigan was called back to Atlanta with an urgent assignment: Put all the data his team had collected into a scientific paper on the clinical presentation of inhalational anthrax.

"We felt that it was a public health

emergency to get that out there very quickly so that clinicians would be better equipped to recognize potential anthrax cases. The paper was published eight days after my return."

The third trip—to Connecticut—also began with a sudden phone call and departure.

"I got the call about 4 p.m. on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and by 8, was on a CDC-chartered jet to Hartford," Jernigan recalled. "On that particular occasion I suspected a false alarm. The Connecticut state health department had tentatively made the diagnosis of anthrax by doing a test on the bacteria that were growing in the woman's bloodstream. However, our

CDC laboratories had not yet confirmed the result. The decision was made to send the team up there before the confirmatory testing at CDC was complete. The testing was actually being performed while we were in the air. We had had previous alerts that turned out to be false alarms when outside labs had incorrectly diagnosed anthrax, and I thought this was surely one of those cases. After all, why would a 94-year-old lady from rural Connecticut be the target of a bioterrorist's attack? It just did not make sense from what we knew at the time. I sincerely thought that the confirmatory tests would turn out to be negative and we would get back on the plane and come home for Thanksgiving.

"When we got to the hotel late that night, I spent about two hours on a conference call involving CDC officials, state and local health department representatives, and postal representatives. While we were on the call, we got word that the bacteria in the patient's bloodstream were, in fact, anthrax germs. After about three hours of sleep, I went to work the next morning on the investigation. Thanksgiving at home with the family was not to be. Rather, the investigative team gathered for a late-night Thanksgiving meal in what must have been the only place open in Hartford—a small Chinese restaurant."

On the road

"At each site I spent a lot of time driving around," Jernigan said with a weary laugh. "Although the exposures to the anthrax bacillus were focused in a few geographic locations, people sought care in hospitals that were spread out all over the place. For example, in the Florida investigation, one of the patients was hospitalized in Miami—about an hour's drive from where we were stationed in West Palm Beach. I tried to see the patient daily, so I spent

a lot of time driving back and forth from Miami to many other hospitals in South Florida to rule out anthrax in other patients with suspicious illnesses.

"In Washington, DC, the patients were spread throughout DC, Virginia and Maryland. In the Connecticut investigation, the patient lived in a rural area about one hour south of Hartford, where we were based at the Connecticut Health Department.

"Also, one of my jobs in the Connecticut investigation was to interview all the physicians the patient had seen in the two months prior to her death and perform environmental sampling in their offices to look for possible evidence that she may have been exposed to the anthrax bacillus in one of those settings. We also investigated every place she had been in the two months prior to her illness—including all the automobiles in which she had ridden.

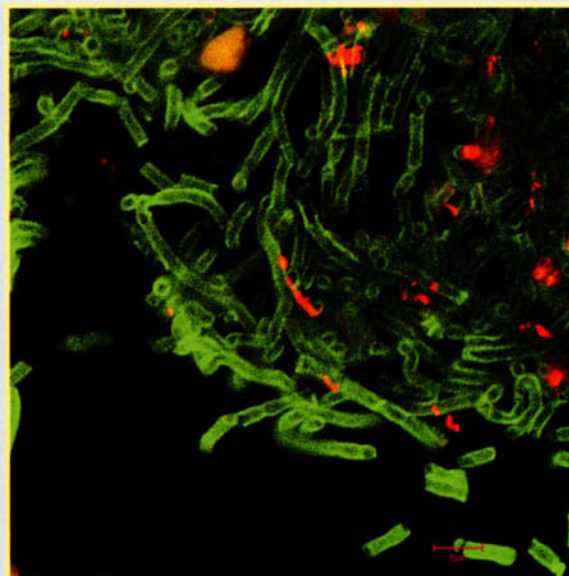
"At the hospitals I interviewed and examined patients and family members, collected specimens, reviewed medical records and x-rays. In DC, we also visited with the medical examiner to review autopsy findings from the patients who had died of anthrax. We felt a great urgency to establish a diagnosis (anthrax or not) of ill patients who had been potentially exposed, not only to ensure that proper treatment could be promptly initiated for that particular patient, but also because new cases might reveal epidemiologic clues that would help us better understand the outbreak and control it more rapidly.

"The pace during those weeks was exhausting. We worked from early morning until late at night or early morning again, and at times through the night. I lost 15 pounds in one month. One night in Connecticut was particularly wild. It was late and we were reviewing some of the information gathered during the day. We learned that an elderly man in the an-

thrax patient's neighboring community had been found dead in his home, which was on a postal delivery route that we suspected may have received some contaminated mail. Could he have died of anthrax? If so, the implications for the investigation would have been huge. Waiting until morning to know the answer was not an option. After a number of phone calls (including one to the governor's office), an emergency autopsy was arranged. Shortly thereafter I found myself speeding through the dark streets of Hartford behind a state trooper's car. He was escorting me to the medical examiner's office so that I could attend the middle-of-the-night autopsy. After the procedure, I left the medical examiner's office with a cooler containing specimens from the autopsy, and sped to the airport to meet a waiting jet that was chartered to carry the specimens back to the CDC in Atlanta for immediate analysis. As it turned out, it was a false alarm. The man had died of natural causes, not anthrax."

The FBI

"Because of the criminal nature of these illnesses, we teamed up with the FBI on many occasions," Jernigan said. "In some cases, FBI agents accompanied me when I examined patients in the hospital. I spent one whole day in a Connecticut state trooper facility that the FBI was using as a base. We were getting the FBI's help in tracking down any recent personal contacts the patient had had. These contacts were interviewed to get information that was helpful not only from a medical/epidemiological point



of view, but also to aid the criminal investigation. Additionally, because many of these people had been in the patient's home or shared other spaces with her, we tested them to see if they might have also been exposed to the anthrax bacillus. I'll tell you, spending the day in a crowded room with about 20 FBI agents was a new and interesting experience for me!

"Although there were some initial rocky starts and stumbles, I think generally the CDC and FBI have worked very well together. Another interesting experience was having FBI agents shadowing me into patients' rooms for examinations. They felt that data I gathered in the course of my examinations might be important in the criminal investigation. Each patient was potentially a victim, and medical records and specimens could be evidence at a trial someday. In medicine, when you interview patients for the first time, you get as much of their history as you can, but often you think of questions the next day or later on that you forgot to ask. Or, when you get a certain lab result or other clinical data back, you think of other questions about their history that you want to go back and try to

clarify with them. The FBI doesn't like you to interview people more than once because if they say anything inconsistent in the two interviews it diminishes their reliability as witnesses. If it's in their medical record that they started coughing on Tuesday and you go back the next day and they say, 'Well, I've been thinking about it, doctor, and I really believe I started coughing on Monday,' some lawyer in court may try to say this person's testimony is not reliable."

Few are chosen

Jernigan was chosen to head these missions for some very good reasons.

To begin with, his job title is Chief, Interventions and Evaluation Section, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

ly, following his residency. A fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Virginia followed.


"In 1994 I came to Emory University, down the street from the CDC. I was on the Emory faculty, mainly doing epidemiology of health care-associated infections. I worked with the CDC on collaborative projects, became interested in the public health side of things, and while I still have a faculty appointment at Emory, I formally made the transition to the CDC a year ago."

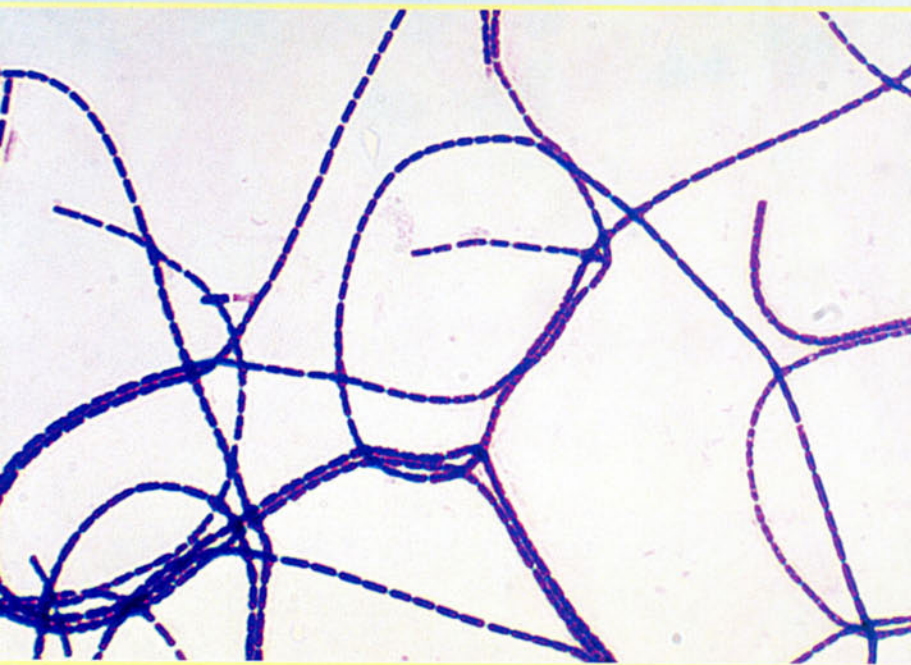
Another reason Jernigan headed the CDC anthrax investigation teams is that he is a member of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, one of the seven uniformed services along with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

my seven-year-old thought it was exciting; and my nine-year-old was angry about my absence. It was hard on Laura, but we looked at it as if I had been drafted. I felt in a way that I was defending my country. As a member of the Commissioned Corps you're basically on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Very rarely are people at my level called up for emergency travel duty. When I joined, people said, 'Oh, I've belonged for 25 years and have never been called up.' And there I was just a few months after I'd joined!"

Back to work

Anthrax investigations and data analyses are still going on, said Jernigan, though "things have died down a lot because we haven't had any more cases since the identification of the elderly Connecticut woman." He is easing back into his work in the CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion and writing a case report on the Connecticut woman for the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"There's so much we learned," said Jernigan, referring to a wealth of invaluable information gained from the tragic experience, including new knowledge of how inhalational anthrax affects the human body and how better to diagnose and treat it. And while the awareness of anthrax among physicians and patients has been raised considerably in the worldwide medical community, Jernigan said, "One of the greatest lessons we learned was the critical importance of communication and coordination among primary care providers and health care and public health institutions in responding to a crisis like this. We also know now how much work we need to do to develop further these crucial links that will help us respond rapidly if something like this should happen in the future." 



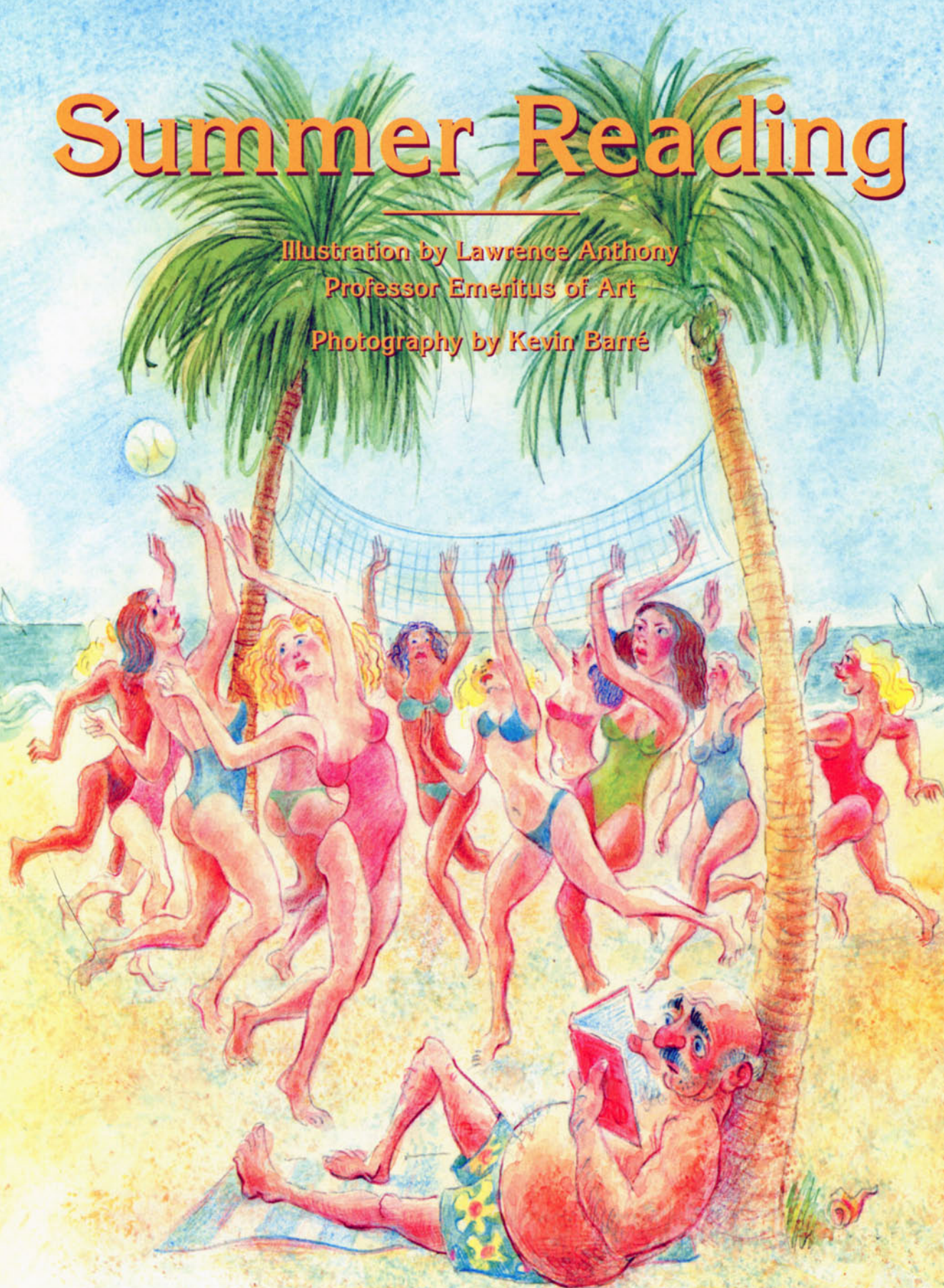
Jernigan became interested in infectious diseases while a medical student at Vanderbilt, then during the year he and wife Laura spent in Kenya as a doctor and a minister, respective-

"The single most difficult aspect of this whole thing for me was suddenly being uprooted from my home and family for those weeks. My three-year-old didn't know what was going on;

Summer Reading

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One of the novels I've liked best in recent years is *The Gravity of Sunlight* by Rosa Shand. It's the first novel by a charming author from South Carolina, whom I met at MacDowell, the artists' colony in New Hampshire. Rosa lived in Uganda for 10 years and her novel is set there. It reveals the inner life of a young woman living with her husband among the expatriates in Kampala in the '70s. It's luminous, richly evocative prose. It creates a densely textured, palpable setting; it's a love story that avoids a sense of pat answers.

I'm fascinated by other cultures, and another novel I've found compelling is Keri Hulme's *The Bone People*, which won a Booker Prize. Set in New Zealand, it's an emotionally wrenching novel whose leading character is of mixed Maori and European ancestry. Kerewin befriends a feral boy, whose foster father treats him with a brutal love. At times the novel is excruciating in what it reveals, but it also explores Kerewin's inward journey and the space between cultures.

Another novel that provides an exploration of culture is Naguib Mahfouz's *Palace Walk*, the first of his Cairo Trilogy. It's the panoramic story of a family, with its generational and gender divisions.

Egyptian author Yusef Idris conveys a powerful sense of the reality of Egyptian life. I recommend *The Cheapest Nights*, a selection of his stories. His work is difficult to find, but worth tracking down.

I grew up outside New York, and thus I am always interested in reading work based in a Southern setting. Several years ago Steve Yarbrough, originally from Mississippi, read in our Writers Reading Series, and I recommend his novel, *The Oxygen Man*, which is set on and around a catfish farm. It engages in an exploration of personal history in the lives of two characters, a brother and sister.

Another reader from our series whom I recommend is Steve Stern

'70, whose most recent collection of stories, *The Wedding Jester*, is utterly charming, in its use of inverted syntax to convey the speech of orthodox Jews in Memphis' Pinch district. Who else could come up with similes as colorful as "the wind like a flock of mice running wild in his clothes," or "the wind...was also blue, ice like a silver foil at its edges."



Tina Barr at Burke's bookstore in midtown Memphis

When I first came to Rhodes I read Peter Taylor's work, including *The Old Forest*, which has always meant that my walks in Overton Park have had special resonance.

I've wanted to teach some women novelists, including the British writers Barbara Pym and Elizabeth Bowen. I love their incisive tone, their sense of social portraiture. Among my favorites are Bowen's *The Heat of the Day* and *Eva Trout*, and Barbara Pym's *Sweet Dove Died*.

I'd include in this grouping from the 1930s, '40s and '50s the expatriate Djuna Barnes' *Nightwood*, with its dense, textured, almost baroque style and in-wrought vision. This is a very literary novel, with what Eliot called "a quality of horror and doom very nearly related to Elizabethan tragedy."

I have a strong preference for styl-

istic density, but I have to admit that one of my favorite stories is Hemingway's "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," a five-page story I've been known to read aloud to people over the phone.

As a poet, my current favorite contemporary is Pulitzer prize-winner Yusef Komunyakaa, who read in our Visiting Writers Series in 2000 and is scheduled to read again in February 2003. He is an African-American poet originally from Louisiana. He's written extraordinary poems on jazz, race, Vietnam. His selected work is included in *Pleasure Dome*.

I also recommend *Different Hours* by last year's Pulitzer Prize-winner in poetry, Stephen Dunn. These poems would appeal to a wide audience.

A writer on nature, Lia Purpura is an up-and-coming young poet, whose book, *Stone Sky Lifting*, is a lyrical pleasure.

This spring I taught *The Visible Man* by Henri Cole, a poet whose work reflects a personal narrative revealed in carefully-crafted poems influenced by Elizabeth Bishop, James Merrill, and Robert Lowell. Cole read at Rhodes this spring.

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The Enchanted Braid by Osha Gray Davidson is both an entertaining and enlightening book about coral reefs. Students in my coral reef ecology course are surprised that they actually enjoy reading a required text. As described on the book jacket, "Like a coral reef, *The Enchanted Braid* is itself a rare hybrid, a graceful combination of aesthetic appreciation, scientific inquiry, and environmental manifesto." This is a perfect summer read for anybody who dives or snorkels in tropical oceans.

If you have spent any time in the Ozarks, have had even a passing interest in beekeeping, and/or appreciate the changes of seasons, then the book *A Country Year: Living the Questions* by Sue Hubbell is for you. The author lives alone in the rural Ozarks and is a

commercial beekeeper. She has recorded the changes in the flora and fauna with which she intimately lives, as well as her own changes. Everyone to whom I have lent this book has rated it highly.

If you are interested in a more historical perspective, *Discovering the Unknown Landscape* by Ann Vileisis is an in-depth and broad treatment of the history of America's wetlands. This is an important book for those of us who live in western Tennessee where wetlands and rivers are important natural habitats needing protection. The author takes the reader from colonial views of swamps as evil and "dismal" to current wetland legislation and restoration efforts. If you have had parents or grandparents who grew up near wetlands, this book will help give you insight into how their views were shaped.

While Vileisis zeros in on wetlands,

think a motivating force for Wilson is revealed when he quotes the Senegalese conservationist Baba Dioum: "In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught."

The latest challenge to evolution's primacy in the nation's classrooms, the idea of intelligent design, has been in the news lately. If it has been a long time since you have thought about evolutionary ideas, you may want to read Richard Dawkins' *The Blind Watchmaker*. Dawkins develops the argument that the evidence of evolution reveals a universe without design. His clear description of Darwinism and direct confrontation with objections to Darwin's theory will allow you to evaluate the propositions of intelligent design. This book will be a good one to read on the porch at night as the cicadas buzz.

rowful leave of his household every morning because he was setting off to his prayers. He told his family how to dispose of his manuscripts if praying should kill him. A ritual slaughterer, similarly, every morning bade goodbye to his wife and children and wept as if he would never see them again. His friend asked him why. Because, he answered, when I begin I call out to the Lord. Then I pray, 'Have mercy on us.' Who knows what the Lord's power will do to me in that moment after I have invoked it and before I beg for mercy?"

I am intrigued by such succinct statements of deep realities and by the immediacy, indeed, the urgency, of the moments they embody. For this reason, I often turn to volumes of collected short works by a single author for summer reading.

For stories featuring the tension between culture and identity, I recommend *Five Short Novels* by Doris Lessing. The characters in these stories mirror Lessing's own struggle to reconcile discrepancies caused by conflicting notions of personhood. With the promise of wealth, Lessing's family joined a British colony of settlers in Zimbabwe (then Southern Rhodesia) in 1925, when she was just six years old. Her memories of growing up in Africa color the vivid, detailed descriptions of the daily life of her characters and probe the nature of injustice and racial inequality.

Tales about religious belief, freedom, and integrity in the American South can be found in *Flannery O'Connor: Collected Works*. Included here are "Wise Blood," "A Good Man is Hard To Find," and "The Violent Bear It Away." These stories, which should be read together, each makes a distinctive claim about the depths of human triumph and weakness.

Where Is Here?: Stories and *Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?* by Joyce Carol Oates are two collections that confront the basic human quest for meaning and intelligibility. In both volumes, Oates, a full-time professor and writer who



David Kesler on the Ghost Section of the Wolf River, Fayette Co., Tennessee

Edward Wilson in *The Diversity of Life* gives a broader perspective about the loss of habitats and species. This book is more than a listing of human impacts. It also discusses the origin of species, the forces of evolution, and adaptive radiation. It ends with a description of an environmental ethic. I

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In *The Writing Life*, Annie Dillard observes:

"I admire those eighteenth-century Hasids who understood the risk of prayer. Rabbi Uri of Strelisk took sor-



Bernadette McNary-Zak and children Elizabeth and David, at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church playground.

hails from upstate New York, compels and empowers the reader to evaluate alternative ways of understanding.

For tales that address the nature of human emotion, I recommend *Nine Stories* by J.D. Salinger. Salinger's characters are endearing and their stories are haunting. Of particular note is the opening story, "A Perfect Day for Bananafish," which recounts the final days of Seymour Glass, a child prodigy who struggles to find his place in an ordinary world. Salinger unveils the complicated life of Seymour through the voice of Seymour's younger brother, Buddy Glass, in a separate volume of stories, *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters, and Seymour: An Introduction*.

For travel reading with a child over the age of six, I recommend *The Ch'i-Lin Purse: A Collection of Ancient Chinese Stories* retold by Linda Fang. Here are eight stories that should be shared and relished. The characters are as memorable as the wisdom contained in their tales. The title story, in particular, about two brides who are married on the same day and

their brief, life-changing encounter while each journeys to her new home holds a timeless lesson about the consequences of our actions.

Russell Wigginton **Assistant Professor of History**

Never Die Easy: The Autobiography of Walter Payton, Walter Payton with Don Yaeger. Typically I am disappointed in sports autobiographies, especially those written with the assistance of a journalist, but this powerful book will bring tears to the eyes of anyone who reads it. Payton, better known as "Sweetness," embodies all that is good about sports. Humble, hard-working, and family-oriented, Payton served as a role model for all athletes and non-athletes alike. Although written with an anecdotal style that takes some getting used to (conversation with 25 friends, family, and teammates), this book wastes no time demonstrating the monumental influence that Payton had on everyone with whom he came in contact, and many who never knew him. My only complaint is that it reads too fast; I intended to read it over a two-week vacation but read the entire 268-page book in less than two days.

The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Malcolm with Alex Haley. This book seems to have dropped off the "must read" lists in the last 10-15 years. Many people attribute its fall in popularity to questions of authenticity, but few question its ability to complicate a figure usually dismissed as a "preacher of hate." This book should be required reading for all entering students at Rhodes. Often overlooked, the early chapters when Malcolm discusses the death of his father, who was a follower of black separatist Marcus Garvey, and his subsequent troubled years as a child in Nebraska and Michigan, are perhaps the most compelling in the book. It is here where Malcolm's anger and frustration with American hypocrisy manifests itself, leading him to a life of crime and incarceration. His conversion to the teachings of Elijah Muhammad, eventual break with the Nation of Islam, and revision of his beliefs after a trip to Mecca capture Malcolm's personal and philosophical growth as a freedom fighter in the 1960s.

The Souls of Black Folk, W.E.B. Du Bois. Written by the preeminent African-American scholar of the 20th century, this 1903 classic is the starting point for anyone seeking to understand what Du Bois calls "the



Russell Wigginton and son, Ryan, in Burrow Library

problem of the 20th century—the color-line.” In this series of 14 essays, Du Bois’ amazing insights as a sociologist, historian, novelist, and political activist capture the essence of black thought. Although his most famous essay is a rebuttal of Booker T. Washington’s autobiography, *Up From Slavery* (1901), Du Bois’ explanation of the African-American’s “double consciousness,” as an American and a Negro, continues to stand the test of time. This book speaks to my “souls.” I reread it every summer for intellectual and personal inspiration. And if that’s not endorsement enough, writer and poet Langston Hughes once stated, “My earliest memories of written words are of those of Du Bois and the Bible.”

North of Slavery: The Negro in the Free States, 1790-1860, Leon Litwack. I had to include one “real” history book! This eloquently written and informative study sheds light on the experiences of African Americans in non-slaveholding territories. First published in 1961, Litwack’s study has had “lasting power” despite the enormous amount of slavery-related literature written in the last 40 years. Litwack captures the underemphasized points that not all blacks in the 19th century were slaves and, despite holding freed status, northern blacks faced severe social, political, and economic limitations. Thus he dispels the “good versus evil” contrast typically associated with the North and South. Reading this book will force you to reconsider your perceptions of the role of race in the 19th century.

The Coming of Age in Mississippi, Anne Moody. This important book helps personalize the Civil Rights movement for the previous generation of freedom fighters. First published in 1968 when she was 28 years old, the book shares Moody’s powerful story of growing up poor, black, and female in rural Mississippi in the 1940s and 1950s. The bitter memories of Moody’s childhood capture the reader from the very beginning. Her stories of the vivid

horrors of systemic racism coupled with violent retaliations when blacks “got out of their place” are reminiscent of the days of slavery. But Moody doesn’t leave the reader thinking that African-Americans accepted their victimized status; rather she demonstrates how countless numbers of black Mississippians were able to endure and challenge the longstanding racial inequalities of Southern society. Moody herself was one of Mississippi’s original protestors at the Woolworth’s in Jackson, and she initiated a voting registration drive in Canton. She probably wouldn’t describe herself as a heroine, but I can think of no better word to describe Anne Moody’s spirit and willingness to put a face on the people who displayed immeasurable courage and conviction during a time of racial tumult in America.

Margaret L. Woodhull **Assistant Professor of Art**

For me summer is a chance to get to the books that I stack up on my nightstand all year long in the hope of “reading a chapter before I go to sleep....” Famous last words. Among my favorites over the last few years have been several memoirs and novels by various British and American authors. In particular, two by Wallace Stegner, *Angle of Repose*, winner of the 1972 Pulitzer Prize, and more recently *Crossing to Safety*, top my list of recent reads. Perhaps they appealed because his characters are often professors or involved in academic life themselves. The narrator in *Angle of Repose*, Lyman Ward, is a retired history professor whose tale moves us between 1970s California and the 19th-century world his artist/writer grandmother creates for him as he edits her personal papers, weaving together a biography of her life from young womanhood in New York to marriage with a clever and ambitious young engineer whose sites are on the American frontier. Stegner’s *Crossing to Safety*, his last novel, traces the

longtime friendship of two academic couples who meet for a final visit before one of the group succumbs to cancer. It is both a profoundly reflective story and one that forces the reader to contemplate the bonds of love, marriage, and the events that strengthen and undermine them.

As a Texan, I couldn’t resist reading Mary Karr’s *The Liar’s Club* last summer. Karr, now on the English faculty at Syracuse University, grew up in East Texas and her book is a memoir of her rough and tumble childhood there. The daughter of hard-drinking—often psychotic—parents, Karr’s self-portrait of survival by strategic pluckiness and an iron will is both hilarious and poignant. In the end, I found myself vacillating between wanting to grab the child and run, and thinking, “Thank God I never crossed that 8-year-old’s warpath!”



Margaret Woodhull at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

Though it’s been years since I’ve read it, Beryl Markham’s *West with the Night* remains a real favorite of mine. Markham is well known to fans of aviation history as a remarkable aviatrix. A Brit who grew up in East Africa, she became famous as the first person to fly alone across the Atlantic

ocean from the East to the West in 1936. Like *The Liar's Club*, the book is a memoir of Markham's life in Africa, but it goes beyond that, falling also into the genre of travel literature.

Recently, my uncle, who knows that my passion for mysteries competes with my love of the ancient world, sent me a copy of *Come, Tell Me How You Live* by Agatha Christie Mallowan (better known to most of us as simply Agatha Christie). I was surprised to find that it wasn't a mystery, but a memoir by the famous mystery writer of her travels with husband and noted archaeologist Sir Max Mallowan. The Mallowans traveled extensively in the Middle East while Sir Max excavated there. Christie's memoir traces many of their experiences. After reading this, it became clear how books like *Murder in Mesopotamia* got their settings.

Finally, on the heels of Agatha Christie, I would be remiss if I didn't include a good mystery for summer reading. My newest favorite author is Elizabeth George. In the manner of many a good British mystery novelist, George has recurring heroes and heroines—namely Inspector Detective Thomas Lynley and his principal sidekick, Barbara Havers. George's pacing is fast and her characters always show psychological insights that make them very accessible and engaging. Any of her books is good fun, but I recommend starting at the beginning and following the characters as they grow and develop through her most recent novel, *A Traitor to Memory*. Happy reading.

Patrick Shade Assistant Professor of Philosophy

I offer three kinds of recommendations: one conventional, a second a bit less conventional, and a third rather odd. The first consists of three books by John Steinbeck. *The Grapes of Wrath* is a rich book that weaves together themes of hope and despair, community, technology, social justice, and the American dream. Read it, at the very

least, to encounter the wonderful character of Ma Joad. Two other Steinbeck books, *The Pastures of Heaven* and *To a God Unknown*, are books I haven't read in years, yet their imagery is still strong in my mind. Steinbeck is a master of showing the depth—and potential for tragedy—in the lives of common people.

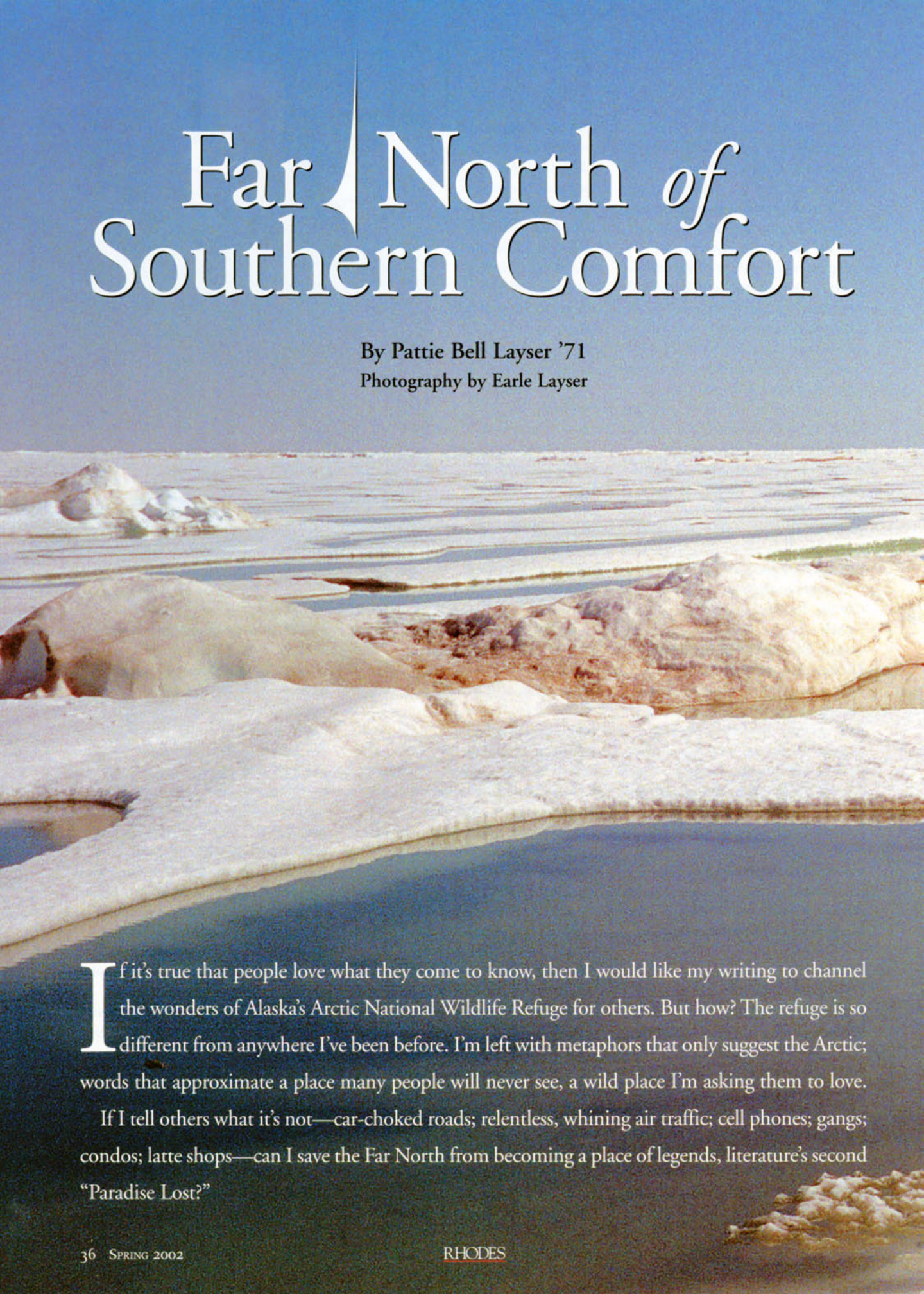
On the less conventional side, I recommend the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling, especially the first and third. These are not just children's books. I take great pleasure reading them, especially for the manner in which Rowling paints Harry as a less-than-perfect person. She explores the complexities of human desires, as well as the force of history and our past. Some folks expect little more than entertainment from popular books, and while these books do indeed make for pleasant reading, I find in them different layers, woven into one another, especially when I consider their potential connections with great classics (for example, those taught in the "Search" course). The British title of the first is *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, and there are connections to Plato's *Phaedo* and *Republic* in the book. (Thumbs down to the American publisher who thought to change the title to *Sorcerer's Stone* and obscure these links.) The third book, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, is richer in its characterization than the others and provides vivid illustrations of, and important lessons in, the virtues that regulate (or should regulate) our emotions and desires. Read the last few chapters and perhaps you'll see what I mean.

My final recommendation is to



Patrick Shade

read the libretto of an opera as you listen to it. Adults don't often read books out loud, let alone listen to opera, but the feelings and insights which such music offer should be a staple in every educated person's diet. (An additional bonus is encountering foreign languages in a user-friendly environment, since most CDs offer the libretto in both its original language and translation.) Mozart operas, notable for their celebration of classic themes, include *Don Giovanni* and *Die Zauberflöte*. Hearing Verdi's *Otello* provides an intriguing counterpoint to Shakespeare's play. I also recommend Wagner's *Das Rheingold*, both his shortest and most philosophic work (again, on the nature of desire). *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, perhaps the greatest of all operas, is a comic masterpiece that blends a music competition and romance with social reform. Wagner here flawlessly integrates the pensive and insightful with the lighthearted and joyful. The final scene synthesizes the work's many different themes (both musical and philosophic) into a surprisingly powerful unity. 🍷



Far North of Southern Comfort

By Pattie Bell Layser '71

Photography by Earle Layser

If it's true that people love what they come to know, then I would like my writing to channel the wonders of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for others. But how? The refuge is so different from anywhere I've been before. I'm left with metaphors that only suggest the Arctic; words that approximate a place many people will never see, a wild place I'm asking them to love.

If I tell others what it's not—car-choked roads; relentless, whining air traffic; cell phones; gangs; condos; latte shops—can I save the Far North from becoming a place of legends, literature's second “Paradise Lost?”

STRAIGHT UP TWELVE. UNDER A DOUBLE RAINBOW.

All of us are muffled in wool and fleece, corralled into a tight circle. The red-violet faces we turn toward Bill are emblazoned from a week's exposure to sun, wind, water, and cold.

"We guides have a tradition," Bill explains, as he pours from a velvet-shrouded bottle. "We toast this place each time we make it to the Arctic Ocean."

In complete accord, 12 gloved hands raise plastic verdigris mugs of fine port, straight up to the midnight sun.

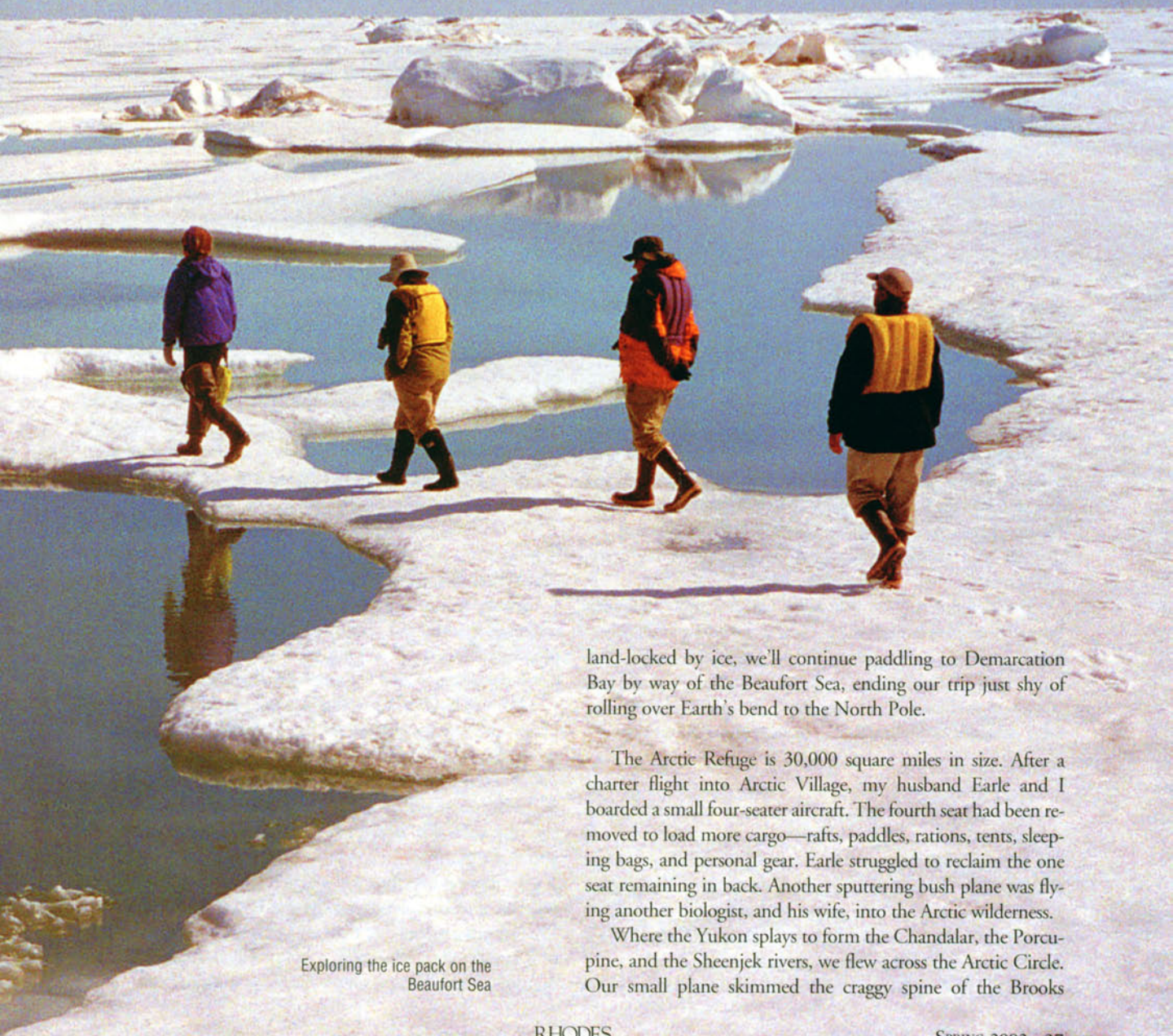
"To the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," Bill intones, "God bless this land and keep it wild."

Our "Here! Heres!" hang ragged above us, captured in clouds of cold condensation. Moist eyes are common. Maybe from the cold, but probably not.

Our emotion is quiet, and unapologetic. Only those who are passionate about wild places make this trip—people who realize that if the land is sensational, no rhetoric is needed.

At one time I wondered why anyone would travel to the Arctic. But then, once upon a time, I assumed Paradise was tropical. Now for me, the Arctic is one of two places on Earth that surpasses what the Romantics among us dream. Something about its primordial beauty lends itself to reminiscing, a process not unlike poetry.

It has taken us seven of our scheduled 11 days to paddle the Kongakut River from the Arctic Circle to the Arctic Ocean. We've paddled past riparian thickets, cold desert, river-laced coastal plains, and *aufeis* to an ocean consumed by ubiquitous phantoms of ice, studded with seals and polar bears. If not



Exploring the ice pack on the Beaufort Sea

land-locked by ice, we'll continue paddling to Demarcation Bay by way of the Beaufort Sea, ending our trip just shy of rolling over Earth's bend to the North Pole.

The Arctic Refuge is 30,000 square miles in size. After a charter flight into Arctic Village, my husband Earle and I boarded a small four-seater aircraft. The fourth seat had been removed to load more cargo—rafts, paddles, rations, tents, sleeping bags, and personal gear. Earle struggled to reclaim the one seat remaining in back. Another sputtering bush plane was flying another biologist, and his wife, into the Arctic wilderness.

Where the Yukon splays to form the Chandalar, the Porcupine, and the Sheenjek rivers, we flew across the Arctic Circle. Our small plane skimmed the craggy spine of the Brooks



Mountain Range, 720 miles of spectacular glaciated peaks rising like ranks of sentinels empowered to guard treasure. We flew for 1 1/2 hours above unnamed peaks, looking down at a tangle of rivers unknown to us. Running bands of velvet-antlered caribou flashed beneath us, and Dall sheep crested the summits.

Dropping into a tight canyon, our plane was juggled violently by thermals. From the air I saw rocks. Bedded deep. Under water. Our plane bounced down on a stretch of sand pebbles beside the broad-shouldered, blindingly clear Kongakut River. The bush pilot jury-rigged his rock-chipped prop and left us there, 260 miles northeast of Fairbanks and the last tourist services. Wild space stretched 360-degrees around us. For me, it was "*coup de foudre*"—love at first sight.

Our complete rafting party numbered the two of us, three other couples, a bachelor, and three river guides. Ages, careers, hometowns, and predilections were a mixed bag, but by the night we toasted the Arctic Refuge, we'd become a cohesive Dirty Dozen.

We launched our three rafts on June 22, 2001. Daylight 24/7 gave us time for both paddling the river and hiking its shores. None of us missed the dark of night. Seeing the Arctic was as close as we could come to seeing Earth as it was in the beginning.

Our guides encouraged us to wander individually or as couples, rekindling for ourselves the intimacy of discovery. They characterized the landscape as neither terrifying nor benign. Its truth was that of all wild places: In the Far North, nature cradles the spirit without coddling the person. One manages oneself instead of managing the land.

They handed us each bear spray and a whistle, modeling how they prepare to meet the land on its own terms. They suggested ways of handling situations we might encounter, challenges requiring more raw power and intelligence than the task of taming wild land. The terms of our survival were clear: The land demands self-reliance. Its ultimate rewards were equally clear: Self-reliance is liberating. It's Freedom.

Although I roamed far outside of any comfort zone I recognized as my own, I felt very much at home from the start of this trip. The land was new to me, but I seemed to recognize the place. I felt secure, peaceful. And incredulous. Nothing I'd read before my departure prepared me for the myriad life forms I encountered. Arctic flora and fauna are abundant and range in size from Lilliputian to colossal.

On the first night, a bachelor herd of caribou surrounded

our encampment. We crouched low, camera-stalking the 'bou. Their velvet antlers crowned their heads with the most startling blackness I'd ever seen. They circled nervously, their gait repetitive: stop-feed, trot-ahead, stop-snatch a bite, trot-ahead until our breaths spiraled with their movement.

When morning dawned clear and warm, my husband and I climbed a nameless peak. The scale of the land made gauging distance difficult. We gained almost 3,000 feet in the first two hours and then scrambled up scree—the loose rocks—covering the upper third of the mountain. The mountain's far side exposed newly-green meadows and the first flowering of wild color. Generous rewards.

From the summit's sunlit snow fields to the braided rivers below, the south slope's alpine meadows bloomed with lupine, vetch, and anemones, with burgeoning blueberries and low-rise cranberries. I longed for a flower press, if only for the ankle-high rhododendrons that painted a vast meadow fuchsia.

As we descended, the binoculars of others who had bagged the peak later revealed a black wolf shadowing us down the cascading flowers. This black wolf was denning with a white one on the hill across river from camp. That night the guides would roust us from sleep to watch the white wolf chasing caribou. He herded the 'bou, running them in and out of our field of vision for a long time, but ultimately, the white wolf returned to his den empty-handed.

Every day of our trip, wolves and wildflowers, fragility and drama, lent a bit of alchemy to the wilderness, a passionate mortality to the Arctic Refuge.

At each new campsite, our group's adrenaline-fueled vigilance mellowed slowly into a calmer, educated wariness. Every day we practiced "No-Trace" camping, while the grizzlies around us dug cavernous holes, rooting out ground squirrels to eat.

During a layover day in the Refuge's northern 1002 coastal plains, the calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, my husband and I went hiking. I was singing our warning, "*99 bottles of beer on the wall...*" as we crashed through willow wisps in the direction we had sighted last night's grizzly bear—probably the same griz who'd left fresh tracks 20 paces from our tent as we slept.

We made it into the open where it felt safer to linger, to explore silvered lavender pasque flowers and multi-hued lichens. We claimed a picnic spot high on a dry, shale ridge at the head of a broad valley. Magically, a lone caribou appeared on the opposite ridge, like an actor on cue. After a dramatic pause, the

bull dropped down to a historic game trail cut into the earth by two million years of migrating 'bou. Moments later, a single cow and calf assumed his position on high, and after some minutes more, the two followed him down into the valley.

Three times, a golden eagle circled the vacant ridge. In the next heartbeat, a swell of cows and calves lined the highland. We watched as tsunamis of 'bou rolled over the ridge top, each surge of mothers and young replaced by another. I counted more than 1,000 cows and calves, some of the babes still the ruddy color of newborns. Moms ran so close to their offspring that it looked as if we were watching a rushing herd of six-legged 'bou. We were close enough to hear their bleats, grunts, and clicking hooves—the sound of elastic ligaments in their feet rasping over the bones in their hooves.

Caribou migrate an average of 2,700 miles annually to return to their ancestral birthing grounds in the Refuge. Young 'bou are on the move within an hour or two of birth and gain a pound a day to outgrow vulnerability quickly. With good timing, at some point on this excursion, we would encounter thousands of the Arctic's 130,000 to 150,000 caribou, running shoulder to shoulder across the Arctic Refuge. But at that moment, I couldn't imagine a number greater than those running in front of me. One thousand 'bou were enough to show me the wonder of Creation.

By the time my memory of the cows and calves was several days old, I had seen 10,000-20,000 caribou on the coastal plain. And under a warm, blue sky, I had studied tiny, pale-gold arctic poppies.

While I was there too early for sighting bowhead and beluga whales, I shared the shore with a multitude of nesting sea birds. Birds from four continents—tundra swans, snowy owls, eiders, harlequin ducks, migrating snow geese, and nearly 180 more species of birds—nest in the refuge, and hundreds of thousands of chicks fledge along its coastline each year. Our group was the only audience for this, yet another spectacular nativity pageant, and we left the coastal plains reluctantly.

As we traveled farther, conditions changed. Daytime temperatures seemed a waking dream next to the evenings' abysmal lows. The Arctic cold was eviscerating the night before we reached the ocean, our coldest of the seven nights past. Clothes that touched the side of the tent froze there. But morning's light pushed back the icy mist. When night's lingering cold burned off hot and bright, the tent became a sauna, and the sleeping bag, an oven.

While we'd slept, Bill had been monitoring the river's depth. By morning, the Kongakut had risen four feet. Nine musk ox silhouetted on the river break made it hard for us to leave, but we broke camp and started our day paddling open

channels of fast-moving water.

More fog rolled in faster than we could paddle and hung trapped between towering *aufeis*, the blue-striated ice banked high above both sides of our vessels. Rafts behind the first vessel looked blurred and out of reach, like an expedition from the distant past.

Chunks of renegade *aufeis* had calved from the mother lode of pack ice stretching shore to shore. Bill was choosing from among cracks, not channels of water, to lead our rafts through the flat, gray mist ahead. For runaway seconds, gusts of frigid air flapped away the fog to reveal an iceblink, a luminous appearance near the horizon, caused by the reflection of light from distant formations of ice. Reality shimmered like a far-away mirage.

A deafening *WHOMP*, the startling thunder-boom of another ice island that crashed off the mainland alongside of us, seasawed our rafts. We paddled hard toward stationary ice and mounted it to scout our options.

Squinting ahead, Bill decided our fate. "We'll have to go down a *little* waterfall, but we can go forward."

Our day was surreal. Glaucous gulls with titan wingspans sculled the icy air. We followed these harbingers to the Arctic Ocean where night bloomed salmon-colored, streaked generously with the blue-violet tint of larkspur.

We pitched our tents on Siku Lagoon's Icy Reef.

Across the water on one side, eight couples from the perhaps 100 pairs of tundra swans remaining in the Arctic were nesting. Across the pack ice on our far side, mustached and ringed seals were lolling in the midnight sun. I banked all these rich images. If ever life seems impoverished, these memories will sustain me.

Icy Reef looked like a maze of giant Pik Up Stix, littered with the first wood we'd seen on our trip. Immense weather-bleached logs had drifted from Canada's McKenzie River, traveling more than 200 miles on the Arctic Ocean to lodge scattered at our feet. Some chunks of wood we buried in the gravel to serve as dead-man anchors for our tents. Some pieces we used to build a communal fire, realizing a fantasy we'd entertained for seven cold nights.

When a fleet arctic fox pulled us to the lagoon's windswept point, we saw our first set of polar bear tracks—their size, enormous; their impact on us, greater. Ice bears were perhaps our greatest danger. Unlike the omnivorous grizzly bears, polar bears are pure carnivores. They can be encountered on land or in the water. Strong swimmers, polar bears have been sighted 250 miles from any land mass.

Forty thousand ice bears live below the North Pole worldwide, and the Refuge houses America's highest density of land-denning polar bears. Giving birth there in the dead of winter, polar bears are hardy, but vulnerable to people's actions. They will abort or abandon their cubs if they're disturbed.

Several mornings later, we Dirty Dozen portaged three heavily loaded rafts far enough for our bodies to store their own memories. We worked together, and no one complained.



Already, the 12 of us had faced river stranglers, exposure, undercut ice, grizzly and polar bears. I remembered that Freud believed one's personality develops in response to risk. Certainly that must be true for groups as well as individuals.

Much later, from the top of a *pingo* (a tall cone of earth with a core of solid ice induced by frost action), we could see that the water in Demarcation Bay was completely plugged by ice. We paddled upstream, returning to Icy Reef after a long day. We would have to clear 1,000 feet of make-do runway. Tomorrow.

July 1, the bush plane returned for us. It roared and sputtered, coughing as it flopped down on sand and flying gravel. It had gulped, swallowed whole the Arctic's irreplaceable *stillness*, never appreciating that it, like us, had touched the Earth again.

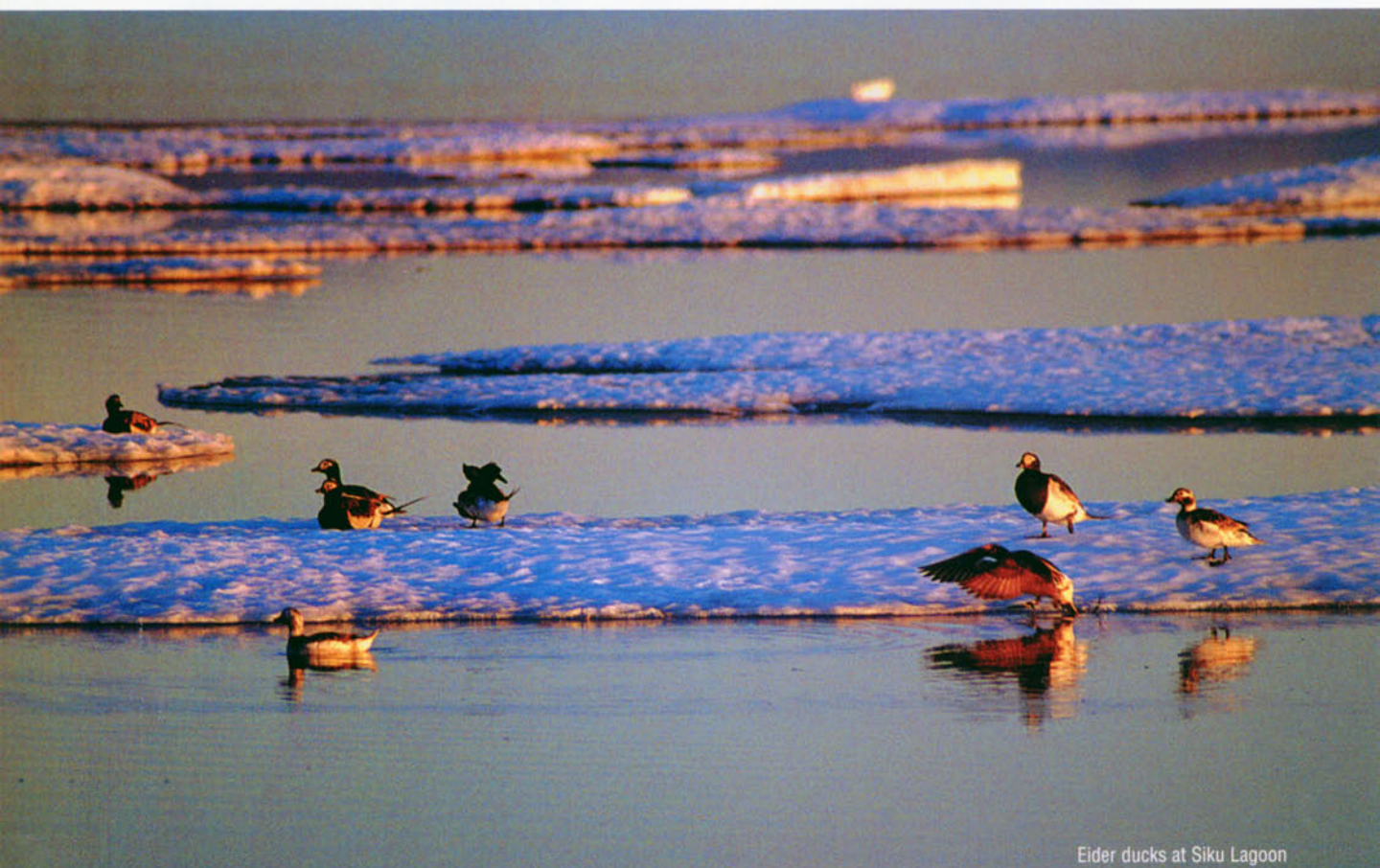
Four nights before, I had wondered, "What does it take for people to attain a grandeur of stature equal to the Arctic's primordial splendor?"

Flying back to Fairbanks, I rubbed smudges from a bigger and bigger circle of window. Somewhere over the Brooks Range, I found the answer: A love of place.

From their home on the west slope of the Tetons, Earle and Pattie Bell Layser ('71) enjoy the outdoors and write freelance.

Earle and Patti Bell Layser
in Grand Teton National Park

Both are widely published in magazines, journals, newspapers, anthologies, and periodicals that focus on adventure travel and ecotourism, history and heritage, art and interior design, and global biodiversity and conservation. 24



Eider ducks at Siku Lagoon

Rhodes Race Named for Alumnus Mike Cody

Mike Cody knew he was being followed. As he ran from his downtown Memphis office to his Midtown home, a car would speed up as he did. Thoughts were also racing through his mind.

As United States attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, Cody '58 had been handling organized crime cases.

"I was dealing with folks who could scare you," said Cody. He began to run as hard as he could. As he turned into a cove, the car came after him.

The car was a taxi waiting for a fare. The driver had been clocking Cody with his speedometer. Cody had reached speeds of 20 miles per hour.

People are still following Cody. He's run the Boston Marathon 13 times, including 1981 when he finished with his best time (2 hours, 48 minutes, 50 seconds). He's run 10 Memphis Marathons and has run more than 65,000 miles in 50 years.



Mike Cody '58 runs the good race

In February, the Rhodes Annual Four-Mile Classic was renamed the Mike Cody Four-Mile Classic.

"He exemplifies what we hope our runners will accomplish in their contribution to Rhodes and the running community at large," said track coach Robert Shankman '80.

Cody, a partner in the law firm of Burch, Porter & Johnson, was a member of Southwestern's first cross-country team in 1954 and set records in the 880-yard run (1:58) and mile (4:26).

Cody was named the Tennessee Inter-

collegiate Athletic Conference outstanding track and field athlete in 1957 and has been inducted into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame and Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

On naming the Rhodes race in his honor, Cody said, "To tie in with a college that did so much for me in

my formation and direction was real special. I can't compare it to having children and getting married, but it's way up on my list of things that have been special."

Cody won his age group at his race, with a time of 29:22.

He also won the Memphis Bar Association's highest honor in the winter, the Jerome Turner Lawyers' Lawyer Award, given annually to a member of the bar association who has practiced law for more than 15 years and who during that time has exemplified the aims and aspirations embodied in the *Guidelines for Professional Courtesy and Conduct*.



Coach Robert Shankman '80 with Mike Cody mask

Softball Complex Gets \$150,000 Renovation

When a 10-inch rainfall hit Rhodes in December, David Hicks feared that the softball field would be underwater.

"It was the only dry spot on campus," said Hicks, the director of the Bryan Campus Life Center and overseer of outdoor athletic facilities.

Included in the \$150,000 renovation of the softball complex was construction of a concrete drainage swale and the engineering of the softball

field to raise it two feet. These changes improved drainage at a site that had been prone to flooding.

The softball complex, constructed on the same site as the old field in the northeast corner of campus, opened in time for Rhodes' first game on Feb. 16.

A new irrigation system, landscaping, construction of home and guest dugouts, a bullpen, an electronic scoreboard, new bleachers, wind

screens, fencing capping, and professional speakers for a public address system were among renovations.

Rhodes began its varsity softball program five years ago and last season finished second in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Overall, Rhodes was 19-9. The Lady Lynx have been among the top three teams in the SCAC the last three seasons.

Mens' Soccer Goes to the Head of the Class

Rhodes' soccer team has gone to the head of the class. Rhodes was recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas as having the best team grade point average in Division 3 for the 2000-2001 school year.

The Lynx had a 3.39 GPA. Northwestern University, a Division 1 school, had the highest GPA, 3.52.

Four players who were on the team also made the NCAA/adidas All-Central Region team three times: Matt Prewett, David Wishnew, Terry Tansill, and Josh Klein. All graduated in 2001.

"That was the most talented group of players I've ever had," said Andy Marcinko, Rhodes soccer coach for the past 11 years.

Prewett and Wishnew were all region scholar athletes, and Wishnew was twice an academic All-American.

It was the fifth straight season Rhodes has received a Team Academic award. There were 51 schools in the NCAA and NAIA that qualified for the award. A team must have at least a 3.2 grade point average for the year.

"It shows our players are true student athletes. It shows their commitment and dedication to pursuing goals outside of athletics," said Marcinko.

Two seniors from the 2001 team, Nick Reed and Matt Manoogian, were named All-Central region. They were also All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference along with Mike Phillips, a sophomore midfielder from Birmingham, and

Justin Sampson, a freshman forward from Marietta, GA, who was also named SCAC Freshman of the Year.

Reed, a center/midfielder from College Park, GA, scored 11 points and Manoogian, a goalkeeper from North Attleboro, MA, had 71 saves.

"He dominated the goal-keeper box better than any keeper has the past four years," said Marcinko.

Reed and Manoogian said communication keyed success.


"It doesn't take 11 guys with great skills. It takes 11 guys with the same goal," said Reed.

Manoogian said, "Soccer tests you mentally and physically. It takes communication with the other guys. They

have to have confidence in you that you'll make a big play."

Reed and Manoogian each went on Marcinko's last foreign trip to Germany and Austria in 1999. From Aug. 1-13 this year, Marcinko will take 19 players to play exhibition games in Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia.

In another soccer development, Rhodes defeated the University of Memphis for the first time. The Lynx topped the Tigers 1-0 in the Memphis Cup tournament in February. Earlier, Rhodes had defeated Christian Brothers University 1-0 in the tournament.

Rhodes goalkeeper Adam Guzzo, a freshman from Birmingham, was named the tournament's MVP. 



Matt Manoogian '02, Coach Andy Marcinko, and Nick Reed '02

Nominations Open for Faculty Portrait Series

When thinking back over your days at Rhodes, is there one professor who stands out above the rest? Did you have a professor who changed your outlook on life, or made you see the importance of a liberal arts education? If so, we want to hear from you!

Since Dr. Raymond Cooper's portrait was unveiled Oct. 25, 1986, portraits of 15 more faculty have been added to this series upon nominations from their former students. All portraits are displayed on the walls of the refectory where they remind us of our college's tradition of "truth, loyalty and service" as embodied by these great teachers.

Alumni are invited to submit nominations for faculty members whom they believe should be honored in the

portrait series. The portrait of the 2002 honoree will be unveiled during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 25-27.

If you wish to nominate a faculty member for this honor, please visit the Alumni Website at www.rhodes.edu/alumni, or prepare a statement that includes the following information: name of the nominee; your name, class year, address and daytime phone number; and a brief statement about the faculty member that would be helpful in the college's consideration of your nomination. Please fax your written nomination to the Alumni Office at 901-843-3474 or send it to: Rhodes College Alumni Office, 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112.



Dean Jameson Jones '36, subject of the latest painting in the Faculty Portrait Series

Sailing Away to Costa Rica

Alumni and friends explored Costa Rica and Panama in early December aboard the Yorktown Clipper. Also aboard was Frank Mora, associate professor and chair of the International Studies Department at Rhodes, who led discussions on Central America and the Panama Canal.



The Rhodes crew, left to right: Jenna Goodloe, Rhodes director of annual giving, John Griggs '73, Anne Caldwell '51, Clare Ralston Griggs '74, Al Taylor '87, Kassie Taylor '90, captain of the Yorktown Clipper, Martha Ellen Davidson Maxwell '51, Scott Howard '73, Bridget Jensen, Shirley Colomb, Cammie Colomb '84, Sarah Loaring-Clark Flowers '51, Prof. Frank Mora.



Sarah Loaring-Clark Flowers '51 handles Costa Rican fauna



Cammie Colomb '84 and Shirley Colomb on their way to the Darien Jungle in Panama



Al '87 and Kassie Sprague Taylor '90 at a waterfall in Costa Rica

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Dear Classmates,

Do you realize our 60th Class Reunion is coming up? Homecoming will be here before we know it, so it's time to start planning! You'll be hearing from Rhodes of course, and from our own planning committee headed by **Annabelle Paine Whittemore**, president, **Charlie Reed**, and **Russel Wiener**. But we want to hear from you, too, so please write or call and bring us up to date!

Annabelle has joined me here at Trezevant Manor, having moved in just before Christmas. I came last June. For you out-of-towners, Trezevant's a life-care community. We love living here with lots of good company and so much going on that one of my daughters says it's like being on a land cruise! In addition to all the weekly choices, for instance, I've taken two Rhodes classes offered right here!

Conrad and **Jo Gilfillan Seabrook** live here too, as do Roane and **Betsy Fautleroy Waring '43**. **Betty Jeanne Claffey Hoyt** and **Demetra Patton Quinn '43** are signed up for apartments as soon as they're available, and **Gwen (Robinson) Awsumb '37** joined us in February. In fact, there are so many alumni residents we could open an alumni chapter of our own if we ever decided to. We even have a Rhodes professor, Julian Darlington, who taught biology to some of our children.

But we're not the only show in town. Ask **Vive Walker Montgomery** who moved into a new state-of-the-art complex on Park Avenue near Dixon Gallery & Gardens. She's positively euphoric.

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Kathryn Martin Jones spent two weeks last Christmas in French Polynesia.

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Congratulations to **Arch Turner**, who married Antoinette Moen, Jan. 15, 2000. She is a fashion model from Paris, who grew up in Minneapolis. The couple lives in a retirement park in Santa Rosa, CA. Arch reminds us that this is the county seat of Sonoma County, where many famous wines are produced.

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Mac Turnage recently co-authored a book with his wife, Anee Shaw Turnage, on cancer and survivorship, *Grace Keeps You Going: Spiritual Wisdom from Cancer Survivors*. The book is published by Westminster/John Knox Press.

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Alan and Anne Dean Babin '52 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Collierville (TN) United Methodist Church in November 2000. He is active as a volunteer instructor and leader for the AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Program classes in Collierville and Germantown. He also works with the Collierville Crime Stoppers and other missions. Anne is serving as president of the Memphis Branch, National League of American Pen Women and is editor of three newsletters: the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Tennessee, the Memphis McKendree District United Methodist Women, and the Marshall County, MS, Genealogical Society. They have five grown children, 11 grandchildren and a step-grandson.

Richard Dixon gave a speech, "History of Little Rock Junior College," to Arkansas Pioneers, Pulaski County Chapter, this spring.

Bob Montgomery is celebrating the publication of his book, *The Lopsided Spread of Christianity* (Prager, Greenwood Publishing Group). Also, he has established a website, www.sompsite.com, with the purpose of advancing knowledge of the sociology of missions.

Younger Than Springtime



Mary Moore Smith

Mary Moore Smith '31 of Edmond, OK, celebrated her 92nd birthday Oct. 4, 2001. Pictured when she was a mere 91 on her balcony at the senior retirement village where she lives, she says, "I am in good health and enjoying life."



Class of '51 Marks 50th Reunion

The class of '51 celebrated its 50th reunion at Homecoming.

By the numbers, they are:

1. Bill McClure. 2. Walter Lazenby. 3. Toby Bunn. 4. Pat Cooper Richardson. 5. Bill Giddens. 6. Lester Crain. 7. Vivienne Chilton McLean. 8. Mary Louise Barton Prichard. 9. Jim Springfield. 10. Bob Richardson. 11. John W. Thomas. 12. Christy Morgan. 13. Francis Nix Morgan. 14. Milton "Red" Wray. 15. Stanley Taylor. 16. Dee Adams. 17. Frances Crouch Perkins. 18. Betty Lott Lauffenberger. 19. Jim Clay. 20. Carol Heyer Smith. 21. Gus Bell. 22. Norma Maddox Bell. 23. Tony Elizondo. 24. Bill Durbin. 25. Barbara Howell Hamilton. 26. Woody Morris. 27. Sarah Loaring-Clark Flowers. 28. Martha Gullede Clark. 29. Eleanor Clark Miller. 30. Jim McDonald. 31. Helen Twist Thomas. 32. Mary Catherine Lynn Hitchings. 33. Martha Ellen Davidson Maxwell. 34. Mary Jack Rich McCord. 35. Anne Caldwell. 36. David Thomas. 37. Lonnie Stanford. 38. Charles Ping. 39. Charles Smith. 40. Bill Brazelton. 41. Marilyn Green Briggs. 42. Nancy Hill Fulmer. 43. Jeanne Roberds Burrow. 44. Helen Deupree Brandon.



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After teaching at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis for 12 years, **Mary Catherine Lynn Hitchings** is now a realtor with French & Co. She has a great love of English antiques and is planning a trip to England and Scotland to acquire them. She is a member of the choir at Independent Presbyterian Church and enjoys spending time with her grandchild.

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Rodgers Menzies is a designer at Headley Menzies Interior Design, formerly Rodgers Menzies Interior Design, in Memphis. He has been inducted into the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center Hall of Fame for his achievements and commitment to the design industry.

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Technical consultant **Bill Callicott** of Suitland, MD, is out of retirement again, planning a new generation of weather satellites.

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Robert and Carolyn Caldwell Rogers '58 are building a house in Gallatin, TN, near their daughter and her family. Robert is retired after 35 years in the ministry and Carolyn retired after 26 years of teaching. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

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Martha Sigler Guthrie is a professional watercolorist with a studio in the French Quarter in New Orleans. In 2001 alone, she received the Pulsifer Award for the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors,

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Blick Award for National Watercolor Oklahoma, Grumbacher Gold Medal Award at the Southwestern Watercolor Society National Exhibition in Dallas, and the Edward DuPont Memorial Award for the Louisiana Watercolor Society National Exhibition. Her works appear in permanent collections in Missouri, New Orleans, and Dallas.

Last October, **Paul Thompson** was the priest-in-residence at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St. Barth's, French West Indies. Paul has retired on Cape Cod.

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Pat Oberbillig Bogan has taught in Memphis City Schools for the last 27 years, 24 as an English-as-a-second-language teacher at Bruce Elementary. She is currently president of TheatreWorks board of directors and secretary of Playhouse on the Square board of directors. Pat has eight grandchildren.

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The Davis (CA) Human Relations Commission and City Council honored **Bevo Finch Ballard** with a 2001 Thong Huynh Memorial Award last fall. She received The Humanitarian of the Year Award, which recognizes people who address the needs of specific groups within the community in the areas of health, human services, housing and employment. She teaches English at Davis Senior High School.

Sharon Gaskill has retired after 20 years of service to Georgia Tech as a computer systems analyst.

Peggy Hiller Harris retired from teaching in Savannah, GA, in 1998 and is now a tutor through the United Way Agency, teaching one section of algebra. She spends much of her

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time in her garden.

Since his retirement from Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology, **Jim Webb** has become president of a small publishing company, Great Potential Press Inc., in Phoenix. The company publishes books for parents and educators of gifted and talented children. Classmates and friends can visit his website at www.giftedbooks.com.

Dick Baldwin Retires



Dick Baldwin

Dick Baldwin '58, executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Memphis since 1996, retired this winter after 36 years in the ministry. Actually, he "flunked retirement," he told *The Commercial Appeal*. Baldwin is serving as part-time interim pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cordova. This fall, he plans to teach a course in religion at Christian Brothers University.

With B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Union Theological Seminary (now Union-PSCE) and his doctor of ministry from Vanderbilt Divinity School, Baldwin served pastorates in Tennessee and Texas. He was minister of Evergreen Presbyterian

Church in Memphis before taking the helm at Memphis Presbytery.

A captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve after 30 years of service, he held membership on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), was a member and moderator of the PCUSA's General Assembly Advisory Committee on the Constitution, and recently assumed the responsibility of serving as stated clerk of the Synod of Living Waters.

Baldwin and his wife, the former Mary Allie McColgan '61 of the British Studies at Oxford program, are the parents of three children, Amy Crockett '89, Allie Scott, and Robert '93.

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George Awsumb, who had a heart transplant on July 25 and came out of ICU Sept. 11, is now doing much better. He drives with his wife each day to the Heart Center in Rome, GA, where he walks on the treadmill for 3/4 of a mile, plus does other exercise. George hopes to teach three humanities courses next fall at The Darlington School. He would also like to thank **Jim Curtis**, from the class of 1960, for driving from Atlanta on a number of occasions to serve him communion during his illness.

Les Smith and his wife are planning to open a cafe in Covington, GA, 20 miles east of Atlanta, in early June. If any of you are traveling in that area be sure to stop at The Personal Chef Cafe, Catering and Cu-

riosity Shop. At least two, if not all three of Les's children will work on this family project.

Ed Henderson and his wife recently had a nice visit in Nashville with Emma and **Jack Thompson**. Ed is stepping down as chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at LSU next year, a position he has held for 23 years. He will continue to be a full-time teaching professor in the department. Next fall he will be the Sternberg Honors Professor, a rotating professorship for those who teach in that program. Ed also works part-time as director of program development for the St. James Center for Spiritual Formation, a program of St. James Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge. Ed's wife, Tricia, is a speech therapist and professional director at the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation.

Bob Barret currently serves as co-

ordinator of the Ph.D. program in multicultural counseling at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Bob continues working in his clinical practice and will complete his last year on the governing council of the American Counseling Association in December. Last September, Bob participated in a 200-mile bike ride from Charlotte to Myrtle Beach, SC. The adventure was a fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

John Frazer, the owner and manager of The Frazer Funeral Home in Warren, AR, recently took a trip to South Florida. On the way, he stopped in Theodore, AL, and had a great visit with **Stewart Thames**. He said Stewart did not look as if he had aged a day. Stewart is the senior vice president trust officer for Regions Bank in Mobile. John is board chairman of the Warren Bank and Trust.

Bill Howard is a semi-unretired actuary living in Reston, VA. He visited his 86-year-old mother recently in a retirement home in Jackson, MS. While there, he also visited **Marilyn Davis Hughes'** 95-year-old mother. Bill enjoyed going back to school recently to take a course in music theory.

Allen Hughes and his three artistic sisters each entered 20 beautiful pieces of art in an exhibition at the Stanford Art Gallery in Nashville in early March. His sisters live in Nashville, Walls, MS, and Charleston, SC.

Bob Taylor is involved in pharmaceutical sales and lives in Corbin, KY. His wife, Barbara, owns a preschool and gives private piano lessons. Bob says they have had a wonderful time raising three great kids. Hillary, their oldest, received her doctorate in pharmacology from the University of Kentucky last year. Ryan graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington and will receive his master's degree in taxation from Northeastern University in Boston in May. Erin, their youngest child, is a freshman at Georgetown.

If you need any extra golf balls, you need to contact **Sam Drash**. Last year, he and Ginny moved into a new townhouse overlooking a nine-hole (formerly 18-hole) public golf course.

Their home rests on what used to be the upper nine holes of the larger course. So far, Sam has found 60 golf balls in his back yard and the property between it and the golf course.

Ron Holland is acting assistant regional administrator for General Services Administration Federal Technology Service in the Southeast Sunbelt Region. He lives in Palmetto, GA.

Mary Elizabeth Streete of Memphis is a psychotherapist in private practice at the Colonial Counseling Center. For "fun and profit," she keeps a booth at an antique mall and loves to hunt at yard sales, remaking and refinishing her treasures.

We want to apologize for an error in the Winter 2002 issue of *RHODES*. It stated that Bunky Haigler Davis was voted the Teacher of the Year at Spring Hill College in May 2001. Bunky Haigler is the sister of Margaret Haigler Davis. It was Margaret, not Bunky, who was Teacher of the Year at Spring Hill College. We apologize for the error.

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Ran Pickell retired last summer as an electrical engineer at Solutia Inc. Since then, he and his wife have enjoyed trips to Williamsburg, VA, to see their daughter, **Elizabeth Shaye-Pickell '89**. They also traveled to King, NC, to see their son and daughter-in-law and four-year-old grandson.

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Bill Barnwell's fifth novel, *The Scheme-of-the-Month Club*, was recently published by Authors Choice Press.

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Also, she is president of the Southern Historical Association and

A Little Gest of Robin Hood

Singer/songwriter Bob Frank '66, who lives in El Sobrante, CA, recently released a CD titled *A Little Gest of Robin Hood*, containing a 600-year-old ballad printed in late Middle English by Wynkyn de Worde in the 1500s. Bob translated the 456-verse ballad into modern English and accompanies the spoken lyrics on his guitar. He memorized the entire work and performs it in about an hour and a half. He says that English professors in the U.S., Canada, and England use the CD and his written translation in classes.

"All I knew was, I was infatuated with this old poem," he says. "I wanted to be able to read it whenever I felt like it. I wanted to be able to read it to my children. And I didn't want to have to look up every other word when I did it. Besides," he says, "if it hadn't been for John Benish (one of my Rhodes English professors) this probably never would have happened. So don't blame it on me."

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the president-elect of the Organization of American Historians. Jacquelyn has a collection of articles forthcoming from the University of Illinois Press.

Bob Sessum, rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, KY, has been appointed chair of the Resolutions Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council which will meet in September in Hong Kong. The Council is a representative body made up of all the 38 Anglican provinces in the world.

Teri Tidwell Hornberger has two new grandchildren. "My daughter, Shelby, had our second grandson Oct. 29, 2001, and my son, Wes and his wife, had their first child, a little girl, Abby, Jan. 24, 2002. Wes was the associate editor of the film *Black Hawk Down*, which was nominated for four Academy Awards."

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A liaison with CERES (Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies), **Joyce Malone Wilding** of Kingston Springs, TN, is also a member of the national committee of the Episcopal Environmental Network and the green marketing team for TVA's Green Power Switch program. She was one of 10 people who received a power appreciation award

from the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

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Eric Wilson is director of the Golf Academy of the Carolinas, a nationally-accredited two-year vocational college with more than 200 students. He was one of 43 PGA members of 26,000 to receive PGA specialty certification in teaching and was selected by *Golf Digest* as one of the top instructors in the country for 2000 and 2001. Chairman of the Special Olympics Golf Committee, he traveled to South Africa in 2000 to train more than 40 South African Special Olympics golfers and golf coaches. Currently, he is enrolled in the doctoral program at Capella University pursuing a Ph.D. in adult education.

Hayes Aids Ole Miss Memorial

Seattle artist Randy Hayes '66, a native Mississippian, is a member of the jury to select an artist for a civil rights memorial at the University of Mississippi. The artwork, which will highlight the conflicts and achievements of the state's civil rights struggle, will be located in the center of campus, on the plaza between the Lyceum and library.

Hayes' paintings were recently included in an exhibition at the Boise Art Museum.

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Last fall, **Mahlon DuPree** was elected to the board of directors of the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, CA. He is a quality assurance analyst for Amerisource Bergen Inc. in Orange, CA.

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Anne Hord Calhoun is the director of Women's Medicine, The Headache Wellness Center in Greensboro, NC. She has published two journal articles this year on migraines and is preparing two more. She is married to veteran actor Ronn Carroll, who was seen on *Dawson's Creek* in November and returned to Broadway in *Oklahoma* this season. Anne and Ronn have two daughters, Amy, a freshman at New York University, and Rebecca, who is 12.

Randall Mullins is cofounder of New Creation Community, an alternative ecumenical faith community in Seattle.

An anthropology professor at Georgia Southern University, **Richard Persico** won the GSU Award for Excellence in Instruction.

Superintendent Mitchell Steps Down

Jim Mitchell '68, superintendent of the 45,000-student Shelby County (TN) Schools from 1997-2002, retired in February, ending a 33-year career of educational service. He began as a teacher in the county school system after graduating from Rhodes.

Mitchell leaves an admirable and lengthy list of accomplishments from his five-year tenure, including reducing class sizes, keeping teachers' salaries at the highest level in Tennessee, overseeing standardized test scores that have exceeded state and national averages, and earning a prestigious What Parents Want Award from the School Match Inc. database firm every year for five years.

All his goals, he said, were achieved with annual operating funding revenue that fell more than nine percent below the state average.

Mitchell agreed to serve as a consultant to a task force organized by Memphis Mayor W.W. Herenton concerned with freezing city-county school boundaries and a single-source funding plan.

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Frances Foster is a technical writer for ENI Technology Inc., a computer-related manufacturing company in Victor, NY. Two years ago, Frances and her husband, Enrique, moved into a house on top of a wooded hill in a "lovely town near Rochester."

Nancy Lenox is self-employed as an interior designer and event planner at Leave it to Lenox, in Dallas. In addition, she is a registered nurse in surgical and post-anesthesia care. In July, she spent four weeks at Cité Internationale des Arts, "savoring Paris," she says. While there, she watched her fellow Texan, Lance Armstrong, win his third consecutive Tour de France.

Susan Van Dyck is an elementary music teacher at the University of Memphis Campus School. Last fall, she prepared the children's chorus for Opera Memphis's production of *Turandot*. Also, for the last nine years, she has been the director of the Music Academy Children's Chorus at Rhodes.

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A sculpture by **Erin Stukey Johnson** has been accepted to the permanent collection of The Jane Voorhes Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University.

Chris Lyons has retired from the U.S. Foreign Service and now works as a consultant in Washington, DC. In his last post he served in diplomatic security at the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City.

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Betsy Hammet is a botanist for the U.S. Forest Service in Sandpoint, ID. She was promoted to zone botanist in 1999, managing rare plant populations, noxious weed infestations, and native revegetation projects. In 1998, she traveled to the mountainous regions of Nepal, to Peru and Bolivia in 2000, and to the European Alps in 2001.

Bryant and Margaret Olsen McCrary '73, of Gulfport, MS, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary in the fall. They have three sons, Jeff (21), Sean (18), and Jordan (16). After 20 years of practicing medicine, Bryant has just gone off his "call schedule" for his six-member pediatric group and is now the senior partner. He has been instrumental in starting clinics staffed by RNs in each of the Gulfport public schools and continues to oversee that program as medical director. Margaret continues to volunteer for several organizations the Gulfport area. She was named volunteer of the year in the elementary school their children attended, and has helped establish a parent newsletter published quarterly for parents of the students at Gulfport High School.

Hugh McKinnon recently was appointed "of counsel" with the Michigan committee on state taxation. He received his L.L.M. in taxation from Wayne State College of Law. He resides in Farmington Hills, MI, where he is an attorney for General Motors Corp.

Anna Stuart is now director of music and worship ministries at Cannon United Methodist Church in the northeast metropolitan Atlanta area.

Steve Thomas is now interim associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, TN, serving the church in which he grew up and was ordained. He graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2000 with a master of divinity degree. He writes that his wife, Paula, is the program secretary for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. His son, Charles, is a freshman at the University of Tennessee and his daughter, Elyse, is a junior at Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, TN.

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Vincent Astor appeared last fall in an interview on the Lifetime channel's *Beyond Chance*, discussing the ghost of the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis. In addition, he donated artifacts to the Pink Palace Museum that were used in the Mallory-Neely house Christmas exhibition.

John Johnston is senior business consultant for Shell Oil Co. in Houston.

The board of directors of Haverly Furniture Companies Inc. named **Vicki Gilmore Palmer** a director. Vicki, who is senior vice president, treasurer, and special assistant to the CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., also serves as a director of Rhodes, Spelman College, Woodward Academy, and First Tennessee National Corp.

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Jerre Birdsong was recently named vice president and treasurer for Ameren Corp. in St. Louis. Jerre, who has been with the company nearly 25 years, is a member of the board of the YMCA of Greater St. Louis and the St. Louis Equity Fund. He serves as president of Housing Revitalization Inc. and as board member and treasurer of Citizens for Missouri's Children. He and his wife, Gayle, have two children and reside in Webster Groves, MO.

Ted Eastburn and Deborah Mann, who married in 1997, have a son, Isaac, born March 12, 2001. Ted is a senior partner at Pikes Peak Cardiology and was elected to the Colorado Springs City Council in 1999.

Nancy Ferrell is a personal computing coach in Seattle. When she moved there in 1997, she began mountaineering study and has climbed in the Pacific Northwest Cascades, Swiss Alps, Hawaiian volcanoes, Argentine Andes, and Yosemite. She has plans to take on the Canadian Rockies and Mt. Fuji in

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2002 and Kilimanjaro in 2003.

Raymond Fitzgerald was recently named controller for Laser-Pacific Media Corp.

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Shelby County General Sessions Criminal Court Judge **Joyce Broffitt** has been named to the board of directors of Youth Villages.

Melanie Hart Riley is keeping up with her French through the local French Club in Little Rock and correspondence with friends. She teaches Spanish as a volunteer at her sons' parochial school.

Bill VanCleave is director of procurement and materials management for University Station at Tulane in New Orleans.

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Mary Tuck Carter is now a counselor for Memphis Recovery Centers.

Mary Crawford and Calvin Mew married Oct. 20, 2001, in New York.

Bronwyn Larsen and Ronald Clark West were married Nov. 3, 2001.

Don Ramier works as the technical writer for Geobot Inc., a software integration company in Memphis.

Charlie Richardson is coaching marathons and running ultramarathons (30-, 40-, and 50-mile trail runs). He works as a marketing manager for Lucent Technologies in Atlanta.

Jane Terry is busy being a full-time mom with two-year-old twins, Anna and Sarah. She recently got together with **Mary Hill '80**, her childhood neighbor, as Mary returned to the D.C. area with her twin girls, Mattie and Elizabeth.

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Ross Higman recently moved from Memphis to northwest Arkansas to take a job as an in-house lawyer for Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

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Lana Boatright is now director of a crisis pregnancy center in Washington State.

She received a master of arts in counseling from Western Seminary-Seattle last May.

After 15 years in Washington, DC, **Anthony Brady** is back in Memphis. He remains Ernst & Young's national director of technology enablement for tax compliance.

Julie Edrington is manager for the Business & Technology Information Center at Smith & Nephew Inc. in Memphis.

Pat and Christy Black Gladney '81 live in Homer, LA, with their two children, Christina Camille (12) and Madalene Rose (10). In 1996, Pat was elected clerk of court, and recently, he participated with Camille in the Shreveport Gilbert & Sullivan Society's production of the musical *Annie*. He says that it was his "first thespian endeavor since the first grade Christmas play role as Santa Claus."

Ted Palles and his wife, Anne, are the proud parents of twins, George and Grace, born Feb. 1, 2000. They join big brothers, Stephen Alexander, who was born June 10, 2001, and Nick, who is 5.

It's been 21 years since **Ron Weaver** played competitive baseball for Rhodes or in the summer leagues in Atlanta. This past season, however, he returned to the diamond in full force, playing in the Austin Metro Baseball League in the Lone Star division, ages 40 and up. Ron's team won the regular season, coming out with a record of 20 wins and four losses.

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Casey and **Mary Butler Campbell** last year adopted an infant son from Guatemala, William "Samuel" Astelan Campbell, born April 26, 2001.

John and Bonny Haynes are the proud parents of twins, Caroline Sue and Katheryn Jane, born March 22, 2001. Older children are John (12) and Madelyn (3).

Mike and **Sherri Godi Madden** of

Charlotte, NC, are busy homeschooling all five children: Kelley (14), Kourtney (12), Kory (10), Kyle (7), and Kristopher (6).

David Nicolson works as the estimating manager for Alabama Shipyard in Mobile.

The recipient of a National Cancer Institute grant, **Rusty Robinson** attended a cancer research meeting in Chicago sponsored by the Southwestern Oncology Group, where he was asked to give a lecture on translational research.

Stephanie Hughes Russell was named a senior vice president at First Tennessee Bank in July 2001.

Tommy Seal and Lisa Conti welcomed their son, Dane Conti Seal, July 27, 2001.

Paul Snetman is now president of Venture Resources. He and his wife, Veronica, live in Vienna, VA.

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Formerly with Union Planters Bank, **Robert Morehead** was named president of the East Memphis branch of Bancorp South.

Managing editor of *Tennessee Homes* magazine and associate editor of *Perfect Horse* magazine, **Lizabeth Thrasher Nutter** also writes occasionally for various advertising agencies in the Middle Tennessee area. Her freelance business is called In Nutter Words and is based in Lebanon, TN, where she lives with her husband, James, and two sons, Lee (11) and David (7). For the past 12 years, Lizabeth has raised Tennessee Walking Horses, specializing in foals of unusual color, for pleasure riding and flatshod showing.

Bill Ridley now works as a paralegal for Blackburn & McCune in Nashville.

Allen Townsend has been named senior financial manager for Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Paul Unkauf is now president of Delta Title Corporation in Metairie, LA. He was formerly escrow manager at Lawyers Title.

Jane Gordon Van Deren is now

the director of associate services, human resources, at Methodist Healthcare of Memphis.

Vicky Wallace Wuesthoff currently works as a special assistant attorney general for the state of Georgia.

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John and Louise **Bryan** celebrated the birth of their third child, Malcolm Montgomery, Dec. 4, 2001, in London.

William and **Sheryl Moore Curry** married on July 20, 2001, in Lafayette, LA.

Bob Eason and **Tom Dorian '81** have acquired the Memphis office of Gintel Asset Management, now named Dorian Eason Asset Management. The two alums have worked together for several years and are thrilled, they say, "at the opportunity to have our names on the door." They continue to work with large institutional clients as well as high net worth individuals.

Amy Farley Howe is currently the interim associate minister at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis. She received a master of divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary in May 2001, graduating with honors, and was ordained at Woodland Oct. 13, 2001. **Dick Baldwin '58** and **Susan Ray Bransford '81** participated in the ceremony.

Martha Eileen Saavedra announces the birth of her second child, Enrique Manuel Spicer, Sept. 11, 2001.

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Becky Davis Cloyd resides in Conway, AR, with her husband, Timothy, who has been named president of Hendrix College, and their sons, Samuel (4) and Thomas (2).

Johanna Glenn Gillenwater and her family moved from Meridian, MS, to York, PA, in summer 2000.

Rodney Hudgen is the rector of Trinity Church in downtown Toledo, OH.

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A psychologist for California State University in Chico, CA, **Lana Burris** is also on the board of directors of the Stonewall Alliance, an organization devoted to the needs of the local gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community.

Janet Grinnell-Browder teaches at E.B. Wilson High School in Hendersonville, TN. She holds a master of science in education, curriculum, and instruction from the University of Tennessee, Martin.

Stephen and **Blair Gatewood Norman** announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Duffee, Nov. 30, 2001.

Josh Sandifer lives in Atlanta, "spoiling my five nieces," he says. Now a principal consultant with William M. Mercer Consulting, he was recently promoted to regional head of talent management and completed a bank merger in India.

Rick and Brenda **Snyder** announce the birth of their son, Elijah James, Nov. 6, 2001.

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A graduate of the University of Oklahoma Medical School, **Amy Irwin** is currently in her second year of residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Lynne McMullin has joined Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals in Madison, MS, as director of training. Her responsibilities include the development and implementation of the company's pharmaceutical sales training program.

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Class of '87—

MEA CULPA for missing my deadline on the last batch of Class Notes. If your important information got lost in the shuffle and didn't get listed here, please send it to me again. Remember, if we haven't read it, it's still news!

From the maternity/paternity ward, we have these blessed events:

Bob and **Melissa Eubanks Staley '89** welcomed the newest member of their family, James Ryan Staley, July 27, 2001. Bob reports that they are "truly thankful and blessed" for their newest bundle of joy.

Ivy Marie Garrison, the second child of **Laura Richens** and her husband, Doug Garrison, arrived Oct. 1, 2001, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and sporting a full head of black hair. Big brother Luke is teaching Ivy all he knows about dinosaurs and fish, which is no small amount. Early predictions are that Ivy is going to be as beautiful as her mother.

Another blessed event took place Oct. 13, 2001, when **Mark Wells** married Ann Liston in Atlanta. Congratulations, Mark and Ann!

A recent arrival is Lucas Gregory, son of Jon and **Dudley Boren Selinger**, born Feb. 26, 2002, 8 lbs, 6 oz. (a big bundle of joy!).

Nathan Tipton sure has been busy. He reports that "My article, *Queer Be Dragons: Transgressive Identity and Homoerotic Poetics in Robert Penn Warren's 'Brother To Dragons'*, has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of *Mississippi Quarterly*. (Nathan, buddy, you have to come up with a catchier title than that if it's ever going to be made into a NBC Movie of the Week.) He also has bio-bibliographical entries on poet Paul Monette and playwright Terrence McNally that will be included in *Contemporary American Gay Poets and Playwrights* in 2003.

Now the rest of you probably

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haven't reported any news to me because you've all been SO BUSY making your plans to attend our 15th reunion Oct. 25 through 27, 2002, right? Good, that's what I thought. Party plans are in the works. If you have any input, send it my way and I'll make sure it gets to the right folks.

Be well, do good work, and keep in touch!

Peace,
Brian

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Working part-time as a public health analyst for the Centers for Disease Control, **Kellie Lartigue** recently had the opportunity to visit Mozambique and Senegal while helping with an international effort to make HIV testing and counseling centers more available there. Her husband, Karim Ndiaye, has businesses in Atlanta's Little Five Points and Decatur's Oakhurst neighborhoods selling djembe drums, instruments, art, and clothing from Africa.

Suzanne Mabee has completed her master's degree in technical and professional communication from Southern Polytechnic State University. She and her husband, Kevin Cartwright, are preparing to travel to China this spring to adopt a daughter.

After working for a Chattanooga law firm for five years and for the American Heart Association for seven, **Dawn Smith Maynez** is now working from her Rising Fawn, GA, home. She writes, "My husband; our two girls; the golden retriever, Jack; the pygmy goat, Big Billy; two rabbits; a cat; and I live in the middle of nowhere and we love it! Our closest neighbors are cows, and the mist on the valley in the morning never ceases to amaze me."

Clayton and **Michelle Murchison Pattat** announce the birth of their second child, Cameron Elijah "Eli," Oct. 11, 2001.

Randy and Tracy Young Roth

'87 live in Pascagoula, MS, where he is medical director for inpatient physician services at Singing River Hospital.

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Thanks to everyone for sending in updates this quarter. Keep them coming! We'll start with news from the marriage and baby front.

Arthur and **Ivy Lee Chang** married Oct. 6, 2001.

Jenifer Cushman and Matthew Dingo announce the birth of a daughter, Halina Cushman Dingo, Sept. 25, 2001. Jenifer has served as assistant professor of German and Russian at the University of Minnesota, Morris since 1998.

Brian and Wendy **Foy** are the proud parents of identical twin boys, born June 13, 2001, Matthew Jack and Devin Denis. The family resides in Tustin Ranch, CA.

Doug and **Paige McClendon Harper** announce the birth of their fourth child, Luke Michael, Oct. 18, 2001. He joins Tyler (10), Abigail (7), and Jacob (5). The family lives in Deridder, LA, where Paige is a deputy general counsel for AMERISAFE Inc.

Chas and **Suzanne Huhta Payson** report that their daughter, Olivia Perry, was born Aug. 10, 2001. The family lives in Jupiter, FL, near the West Palm Beach area.

Joey and Cari Anne **Nesbit** welcomed their second child, Colby Andrew, Aug. 9, 2001.

John and **Eliza Elder Streete** announce the birth of a son named Alec, July 16, 2001. Alec joins older sister Sara who is three.

William and **Cary Tynes Wahlheim** welcomed their second daughter, Virginia Tynes, Feb. 20, 2001.

Here are some updates from the career files.

Ken Cameron is co-chair and assistant curator of the Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman Program for Molecular Systematic Studies at the New

York Botanical Garden. On Oct. 29, 2001, he gave a lecture at Rhodes titled, "What does DNA tell us about the evolution of vanilla and related orchids?"

Scott Johnson reports that, "After receiving my master's degree in education and exploring the world of junior high school, I bought a golf retail shop in Little Rock. I also own a bar and restaurant in the RiverMarket District of Little Rock. It's not as classy as Alex's, but give it a few years." Scott is married with two children, D.J. (12) and Baylee (6). He would love to reestablish contacts with Rhodes friends (especially Bill Golden). You can contact Scott at intlgo-lfdiscout@aol.com.

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Michelle Angel is now a program manager for Sun Microsystems in the eRAS Services Group in Austin, TX.

After living in Boston for five years, **Margaret Cain** has returned to the South. She now lives in Atlanta, working as a self-employed photographer.

A licensed clinical social worker, **Kimberly Campbell** works as intervention services director at the Memphis Child Advocacy Center.

Stephen Montgomery is now an assistant professor of psychiatry at

Growing Pearls

Gina Latendresse '89 and her family were featured on CBS News' *Sunday Morning* program Feb. 10 in regard to the recent exhibition of pearls at New York's Museum of Natural History and the upcoming one in June at Chicago's Field Museum. The family business is the American Pearl Farm on the Tennessee River in Camden, TN, where workers grow and harvest freshwater pearls from mussels. Between 100,000-500,000 mussels grow there, producing pearls of all shapes and sizes around "nucleii"—bits of implanted organic matter.

Vanderbilt University. He and Kimberly Brown married Oct. 6, 2001.

Paresh and **Anita Arora Patel** of Albany, OH, welcomed their first child, Maya Cecilia, May 10, 2001. A hospital administrator at the Ohio State University Hospitals, she holds a master's degree in health administration from Ohio State University. Paresh works as an information systems leader at Ross Products Division of Abbott Labs in Columbus.

Last October, **Kassie Sprague Taylor** participated in the Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day in Atlanta. The event consisted of walking 60 miles, 20 per day. In addition to walking, Kassie raised more than \$3,500 for breast cancer. The entire event raised \$6.6 million.

David and Michelle Elise Staggs Williams announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Alison, May 18, 2001. The family lives in Cary, NC.

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Keith Arnold was recently appointed conductor of the Arvada (CO) Center Chorale, a chorus that sings a repertoire of classical, vocal jazz, and Broadway music.

Wes Bailey of Memphis is senior consultant for Computek in Tunica, MS.

Glenn and **Chris Holyfield Crater** announce the birth of their son, Jacob William, Nov. 1, 2001. Their older child, Glenn, is four. Chris practices internal medicine in Oak Ridge, TN.

Tal Fields is now the director of business systems at Lakeside Behavioral Health Systems in Memphis. He earned his M.B.A. last August.

Veronica Lawson Gunn was named chief resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Robert James is a market manager for Genzyme Biosystems, a biotechnical medical company in Knoxville, TN.

Michael Doyle and **Darby Moore-Doyle** are the parents of a son, Conner Moore Doyle, born Oct. 2, 2001.

Robert and Mary Peyton

welcomed their son, Stuart Elliot, June 8, 2001.

Rodney and Jamie Vanhooe announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, Aug. 9, 2001.

Kirsten Witt and Bryan Webb married Oct. 6, 2001. Kirsten is with the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta.

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Shane and Katrin Beeson welcomed their first child, a son, Jaxon David, Jan. 25, 2001. Shane is developmental director for Commercial Mortgage Securities Association in New York City. The family lives in Westwood, NJ.

Mac and **Ashley Brian Coffield** announce the birth of their son, Henry, Aug. 10, 2001.

Michael Couden completed his radiology residence in Charleston, SC, and is currently doing a fellowship in interventional radiology there.

Previously an instructor, **Allison Fuss** is now an associate professor of history at the U.S. Naval Academy.

George and Amanda Murray Hofstetter announce the birth of their son, William "Will" Webb, Nov. 2, 2001.

Bill Jordan is employed by the Justice Department as senior counsel to the assistant attorney general for the civil division.

Lindsay Odom Krosnes is general manager at the Viking Culinary Arts Center in Memphis.

Kristen Lichtermann and Scott Kedersha married Sept. 15, 2001, in Atlanta. Kristen is a senior physical therapist for the Shepherd Center in Smyrna, GA.

Craig and **Brownyn Spiers Morgan** are the proud parents of a new daughter, Ruby Carryline, born June 22, 2001.

Living in Greensboro, NC, with her husband, Emmett, and son, Graham, **Lee Graham Morphis** is heavily involved in volunteer work for the Junior League, chairing the committee for the League's thrift store and creating a Web site to sell cookbooks for

the Junior League and other service organizations. The Morphises moved into their "new" house, built in 1912, in January 2001.

John and **Tracy Nipp** announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Emma Grace, Feb. 27, 2001.

Peter Pappas is now a casting associate working on the Fox show, *Malcolm in the Middle*, and ABC's *Dharma and Greg*.

Susannah Shumate is director of community and media relations at Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Last May, she completed her master's degree in organizational management from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Lane Southern and Mark Benjamin Whitehead married Nov. 3, 2001. Lane is now the general counsel for G.A. Robinson Land Co. in Memphis.

Richard Stout has joined the Nashville law firm of Colbert & Winstead as an associate. His focus includes labor relations and employment law, commercial litigation, and construction law.

Brad Todd of Alexandria, VA, is now director of political affairs for National Media Inc., an advertising agency serving political and corporate public affairs clients. Brad is currently advising gubernatorial candidates in Tennessee, South Dakota, New Mexico, and Minnesota as well as three incumbent congressmen.

Carl and Catherine Vest announce the birth of their son, Andrew Thomas, Sept. 23, 2000. Last fall, the family moved from Rogers to Searcy, AR. Carl is now a family physician and obstetrician in Bald Knob, a rural area of about 3,000 residents.

Jerry and **Hollie McCleary Ward** of Cordova, TN, are currently starting up an insurance marketing company.

Kevin and **Anisa Cottrell Willis** have a 16-month-old son, John. Anisa is vicar of The Church of Advent in Cynthia, KY.

Taylor and **Shannon Brown Work** had a baby, Emily Chrislyn, Aug. 15, 2001. Shannon is a neonatal fellow at the University of Texas, Southwestern in Dallas.

Stacy Holston Zeller was promoted to assistant clinical profes-

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sor of family medicine at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

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John Brownlee works at The Asia Foundation in Jakarta, Indonesia, as program officer for Islam and Civil Society. In addition, he is conducting field research for his history dissertation at the University of Hawaii.

Jonathan Bumpas is currently pursuing master of divinity and master of marriage and family therapy degrees at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Brian and Shannon Dixon announce the birth of their first child, a son, Max, May 3, 2001.

Scott and Angela Pippin Giddings have two sons, Aaron (9) and A.J. (2). Scott will receive his Pharm.D. from Purdue in May and Angela will finish her Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Purdue in August.

Jason Hamilton has accepted a position as tax manager for Wright Medical Group Inc. He was formerly a senior tax associate with PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Sarah Henry and Evan Cope '98 married Sept. 15, 2001, in Little Rock.

Eric and **Marlinee Clark Iverson** celebrate the birth of their first child, Apiranee, a Thai word meaning "fulness of joy." She was born Oct. 21, 2001. Marlinee is an attorney with Young & Perl in Memphis.

Teresa Jones is a CPA for Wood, Singleton, Hicks & Haisten in Mobile, AL.

Shea and Laurie Jones Kent announce the birth of their third son, Thomas McKinley, Nov. 5, 2001.

Patrick and Catherine Nelson adopted a child from Russia in November. Mary Tatiana Moore Nelson was born Feb. 10, 2001 and adopted Nov. 19, 2001. The family lives in Memphis, where Patrick is manager of Lehman-Roberts Co.

Richard Arthur Picerno III is the second child born to **Rick and Andrea Rose Picerno '95**, Aug. 10, 2001.

Troy Roddy and Meghan Amy

Holahan married in November 2001. Meghan received a B.A. from Loyola University and is pursuing an M.A. at the University of New Orleans. She is a membership and marketing executive for the Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana. Troy is working on an M.A. in sports management at the University of New Orleans and is the head basketball coach at St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Stephen and **Jenny Sapp Scheidt** welcomed a son, Ryan Phillips, July 23, 2001.

Courtney Schwarten has moved to Washington, DC, where she is the director of education for the National Tree Trust.

Melissa McFarland Wagoner is corporate accounting manager for Daniel Corp. in the Birmingham area.

Jeff Wilson completed the 24 Hours of Snowshow mountain bike race.

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Mike Augspurger visited Rhodes last fall to deliver a talk titled "Creating Consensus Through Culture: *Fortune* Magazine and American Pluralism in the Late 1930s." Sigma Tau Delta and the English Department sponsored the lecture. Mike recently received his Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Iowa.

Pace Harrison Clark now works in the marketing department of Gibson Guitars corporate headquarters in Nashville.

Angi Elsea, who has spent the majority of the last three years researching in Italy, is now back in the U.S. completing her Ph.D. in Renaissance art history at Emory University. She plans to graduate in May.

Tim Hamilton, a National Research Council associate for NASA, works at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. He successfully defended his dissertation on quasars last fall, receiving his Ph.D. in astrophysics from the University of Pittsburgh.

Capt. Cook in Kandahar

U.S. Army Capt. Harper Cook '93 is currently posted in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is legal adviser to the commander of Task Force Rakkasan, the forward deployed element from the 101st Airborne Division.

Cook received his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 2000.

Holly Jackson and Mark Alan Renken married Oct. 6, 2001. Holly, who received her J.D. from Tulane Law School, is a lawyer with Causey, Caywood, & Taylor.

Chris and **Emily Pouzar Jenkins** announce the birth of their second son, Cade Patrick, Nov. 19, 2001. He joins big brother Liam (22 months). Emily is an attorney in Nashville.

Lisa Mitchell and Norman Ritchie married Nov. 10, 2001, in Tulsa, OK. They spent two weeks honeymooning in Moorea, part of the French Polynesian islands in the South Pacific.

Adam Parr and Jennifer Brooke Martin married Nov. 17, 2001, in Memphis. Adam received his M.B.A. from Christian Brothers University.

Kyla Sawyer is pursuing a Ph.D. in counselor education with an emphasis in African studies at North Carolina State University. In her second year, her research interests are related to gender, race, culture, and class identity development of South African peoples. In addition, she is a member of the board of directors of the National Council on Black Studies and was recently selected as a participant in a competitive NCSU program called "Preparing for the Professorate," designed to prepare doctoral students for assistant professor positions. As a graduate assistant, Kyla has been appointed a resident director of graduate and family housing.

Last summer **Robyn Thiemann**

took a position in the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice, where she developed expertise in gun policy and regulation. She recently moved to the Terrorism and Violent Crime section of the Criminal Division at DOJ and will continue with gun policy. "I know that I will be working on the administration's plan to combat gun violence (Project Safe Neighborhoods)," she says. "I will also be advising the F.B.I.'s National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Throw in a little bit of legislation and litigation, and that's what I do!"

Heather Lea Woods is now with the Bryan Cave law firm in St. Louis.

On July 9, 2001, **Todd '91** and **Kelly Howard Butts** had a baby girl, Margaret.

On Oct. 20, 2001, **Walker Carter '95** and Janet Cook were married in North Carolina. **Ryan Reardon** and the Levee Breakers played at their wedding.

Chris and **Stefanie Yount Taylor '94** announce the birth of their precious son, Hunter Christian, Jan. 11, 2002. He stayed long enough to touch many people's lives before passing away on Jan. 12, 2002. Chris and Stefanie have moved back to Memphis, where Chris is working for Koch Industries.

Haygood and **Virginia Pearce Seawell** had a daughter, Mary Pearce, Feb. 9, 2002. Patterson is now 3 years old and loves being a big brother. Mary Pearce's godmothers are **Debbie Henderson Hughes '94** and **Jennifer Coker Wilson '93**.

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The boys are making a comeback in the baby boom, folks.

Scotland Allen and his wife, Leigh, welcomed James Cooper to this world July 2, 2001, in Orlando, FL. Little James can already say, "Da Da," and if the pictures are any indication, he definitely looks like his dad! Scotland continues to work as an IT consultant at Perot Systems.

Helping James Allen even the score for the male population was Owen Patrick, born Oct. 12, 2001, to **Brian** and Brenda **Coldren**. Brian, Brenda and Owen make their home in Omaha, NE, (brrr) where Brian is assistant director of campus recreation at Creighton University.

Chip and **Emily Kryjak Riggs '97** also had a son, Jackson Herschel, Dec. 2, 2001. Chip teaches communications at Georgia Perimeter College, and Emily is a pediatric occupational therapist at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, GA, and Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta. The family lives in Athens.

Derek and **Trish Hall Wimmer** announce the birth of their son, Spencer Joseph, Aug. 30, 2001.

Matrimonial bliss was in order for a few more Class of '95 grads.

It was practically a Rhodes reunion: On Aug 11, 2001, **Jodi Grace, Jennifer Jenkins, Brandi Barnes Kellis '96, Charlotte Viener, and Natasha Westrich Wood** were bridesmaids at the wedding of **Amanda Kronin** to Shane de Oro in Wading River, NY. The newlyweds live in Norfolk, VA, where Amanda is an attorney with Taylor & Walker.

Julie Tomblin married Rhodes photography professor Philip Andrew Lewis Nov. 3, 2001. In addition to her nuptials, Julie began work at Looney Ricks Kiss architects in Memphis.

The class of '95 has been up to some really interesting things this winter, take a look.

Betsy Beard is continuing her valuable work as a fifth-grade teacher while finishing her master's degree in elementary school guidance at the University of Louisville.

Also choosing to enrich children's lives is **Caroline Cater**, who moved from New York City back to her hometown of Birmingham, AL, to be a ninth-grade history teacher at Mountain Brook Junior High School.

Katherine Hiestand has gone back to school, recently beginning the psychology master's program at the University of Memphis.

Joining scores of other Rhodes grads, **Julia Carruth Hosea** now works for Federal Express in Memphis as senior financial analyst in the Cor-

porate Finance & Controls Department.

Working as a nurse practitioner, **Laurin Howell** is employed at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan

Also working as a nurse, but with better beaches, is **Lisa Reese**. She lives and works in Kilauea (that's on the Big Island), Hawaii. Hmmm, I suddenly feel the urge to visit former classmates.

Jamie Sisk has been keeping busy since Rhodes graduation. He will graduate from the Medical College of Georgia in May. While there, Jamie was elected to AOA, the honor society for the medical profession. After med school graduation, Jamie and his wife, Nicole, will move to Jackson, MS, where he will have a five-year residency in otorhinolaryngology. My dictionary tells me that is the specialty of "disorders of the head and neck, especially those related to the ear, nose and throat." Bet you can't say it five times fast.

I'll take "15 Minutes of Fame" for \$100 please, Alex. **John Slater** was a winning contestant on VH1's game show, *Rock & Roll Jeopardy*, in October 2001.

Robyn Stone was promoted to a senior librarian at the Memphis/Shelby Co. Public Library in September. In addition to her new responsibilities, she is attending Southwest Tennessee Community College (Memphis) in the information technology program.

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After living in New York for the past three years, **Kate Cockrill** has moved to Los Angeles where she is pursuing a career as a graphic artist.

Kemp Conrad of Memphis wrote a guest column regarding the state of Memphis City Schools for the Oct. 27, 2001, edition of *The Commercial Appeal*. Kemp is vice president of strategic development for Accuship, a Germantown, TN, technology firm.

Ned Crystal is a Canadian regional account executive for Qwiz Inc. in Atlanta.

Rob Downey has been nominated to participate in the ServiceMaster

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Management Training Program in 2002. In addition, he has been selected to be a risk management representative in the ServiceMaster Six Sigma Initiative. Rob had LASIK eye surgery in February 2000, improving his eyesight from 20/150 to 20/10.

Danny Ellinger is a UNUM Provident group sales representative for Mississippi.

Steele Ford has been promoted to assistant general manager of the Memphis Redbirds AAA ball club. He was formerly game day operations manager.

Al Hammer is a loan processor for First Horizon Equity Lending in Memphis.

James Harr, who lives in Munich, writes that last fall he sang the role of the witch in *Hansel und Gretel* with the *kommische kammer oper Munchen*.

Michael Hayes is enrolled in the master of science real estate program at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Jennifer Larson is a freelance writer for the San Diego *Union Tribune*.

Christy McFarland is pursuing a master's degree at Dallas Theological Seminary while working as the marketing coordinator at Gardere Wynne Sewell.

A consultant for Navigant Consulting in Austin, **Ed Parker** recently opened a bait shop on Lake Travis and plans to expand the operation to other lakes in the Hill Country area.

Dee Dee Isbell Price is doing her residency at Children's Hospital in Jackson, MS. She completed medical school at the University of Mississippi in 2000.

Duane Robichaux and Jennifer Kristine Lindsay married Oct. 13, 2001, in Memphis. Duane, who is a SAP developer with International Paper, is also pursuing a MIS degree at the University of Memphis. Jennifer is a marketing specialist at FedEx.

Mike and Carrie Storm Rosolino '97 announce the birth of their son, Tanner Michael, May 2, 2001. The day before, Mike started a new job as senior director of operations at the Laurens (SC) YMCA. He is also head cross-country coach at Presbyterian College, where Carrie is head cheerleading and dance team coach.

Christy Skelton is now the children's programmer for the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock.

Christie Smith earned her master of science in counseling from the University of Memphis last December, and has accepted a counseling job in the Charleston, SC, area.

George and **Heather Green Talbot** married Oct. 13, 2001. The couple lives in Fairhope, AL, where Heather is a registered nurse at Thomas Hospital and George works for the *Mobile Register*.

Jennifer Wilson works as an occupational therapist for Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport. She holds a B.S. from the Louisiana State University Medical Center Allied Health School.

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Bess Coleman is pursuing a master of science in counseling and personnel services at the University of Memphis, where she is a graduate assistant at the Center for Research in Educational Policy.

Heather Coleman now works as an administrative assistant in asset management at W.P. Carey & Co. in New York City.

Denise Denton teaches elementary art in Atlanta. This spring, she will attend the Pratt Institute's master of creative arts therapy program.

Jennifer Gafford is pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at the University of Denver.

Jennifer Smith and Mike Hocker married Sept. 27, 2001, in Sierra Vista, AZ, where Jennifer is office manager for Southwest Desert Images.

Emily Hogue graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Mississippi School of Law last May, first in her class. She is now a judicial clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta.

Chip and Holly Stahlman Hudson welcomed their daughter, Emma Grace into their family on Nov. 14, 2001, in Memphis.

Matthew Jones is a Latin teacher at Rising Tide Charter School in Onset, MA.

Amy LaFuria has left the *Texas Lawyer* newspaper and now works for *Insight for Living*, a Christian ministry based on the teachings of Charles Swindoll. She edits the Bible study guides that correlate with Swindoll's daily radio broadcasts. She says she loves it and is learning a great deal.

Lydia Lara and Adam McDonald married Oct. 27, 2001. They both work at Centennial Hospital in Nashville.

Sarah Beth Larson is a museum store buyer for the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis.

Christopher Marlowe and Maggie Christine Eidson married Nov. 23, 2001. Christopher is a third-year student at the University of Miami School of Law. Following graduation, he will be a prosecutor with the state attorney's office in Miami-Dade County, FL.

Rob Marus has changed jobs, and is now in Washington, DC, where he is the Washington bureau chief of the Associated Baptist Press, a news wire service that reports on religious issues. Rob will cover the White House, Supreme Court, and Congress for issues related to religious liberty, church-state separation, and international peace, justice, and human rights issues.

Shelley Roberts and Brent McLay married Sept. 29, 2001, in Nashville. Shelley is a teacher at Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, TN.

Shelly Wilson Northcutt works in the department of developmental neurobiology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Chris Nunn and Kim Leve married Nov. 10, 2001, in Memphis. Kim is an assistant teacher at Woodland Presbyterian School.

Pinky Raina has been promoted to senior consultant at Deloitte & Touche in Hamilton, Ontario.

Michael Ray is with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in London. He earned his law degree at Southern

Methodist University.

Riley Roby and Martha Dubin married on Homecoming weekend 2001. They both practice law in Montgomery, AL. Riley is an attorney with Balch & Bingham.

Nancy Roth works as an RN in the neonatal intensive care unit at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

Jason Turns now is a tax analyst for Willis North American Inc. in Nashville.

After receiving her master's degree in counseling from the University of Memphis, **Shellie White** now works as a clinician at the Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center and as a school counselor at a local elementary school.

Harrison Willis, who received his juris doctorate from Samford University, clerks for the Hon. William F. Stone Jr., U. S. bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Virginia. Harrison passed the Virginia Bar Exam in October.

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Jennifer Cartwright now teaches 11th and 12th grade English at Wooddale High School in Memphis.

Juhee Desai is moving to San Francisco to pursue her dream career in retail buying. She is joining the Macy's West buyer training program.

Melanie Dickson is in her first year at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City.

Elizabeth Epley works as Collectors Forum coordinator for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, where she conducts event and travel planning for collectors and donors from the San Francisco Bay area.

Kristen Fox is working part-time in the Rhodes Chaplain/Community Service office and as the youth minister at Sacred Heart Church.

Sarah Frierson is now the information and referral agent for the Memphis/Shelby County Public

Library and Information Center.

Marcie Planchon Gardner works as the administrative assistant for St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Amarillo, TX.

Sarah Koehler is now marketing coordinator for Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell in Germantown, TN.

Allison Lasiter has returned to Memphis, where she is a pediatric nurse practitioner at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Eric Lindh and Heidi Lee Engman married August 2001 in Crosslake, MN. They live in Dallas, where he is a middle school science teacher at Shelton School, a private school for K-12 children with learning disabilities. Heidi is finishing her graduate thesis in genetic counseling.

Susan Meredith recently moved from Atlanta to Sarasota, FL, where she has taken a job with Cavanaugh & Co.

Chrissy Moore received a master of science degree in food science from North Carolina State University in the summer of 2001. She is currently helping to develop online courses for undergraduates and industry personnel in the food science and public food safety fields. She plans to begin her doctoral program at NCSU this fall.

Kristen Rauschkolb now lives in Düsseldorf, Germany, where she is working as program organizer and manager for E.ON AG Academy. She says she is interested in setting up a Rhodes Alumni Chapter in Europe.

Bridgette Scott and Christopher Matthew Decent married on Oct. 27, 2001, in Memphis. Bridgette is the electronic resources librarian at Christian Brothers University. Christopher is pursuing a degree in secondary education at Crichton College and is a legal assistant for the Shelby County Trustee.

Courtney Spivey is an associate for Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett in New York City. She graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in May 2001.

In July 2001, **Angie Wellford** moved from Memphis to Atlanta, where she was promoted to senior associate at KPMG.

Jennie Wingad is a staff assistant

for Arkansas Sen. Tim Hutchinson in Washington, DC.

Nowell York and Jennifer Brickner married Sep. 3, 2001, in Columbus, OH. He attends the Ohio State School of Medicine.

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Allison Alderson, Miss Tennessee USA, competed in the 2002 Miss USA pageant. She was also Miss Tennessee in the 1999 Miss America pageant. By day, Allison works in pharmaceutical sales in Nashville.

Jerry Botta is a third-year law student at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland.

Ashley Browning currently teaches fourth grade in Houston. She finished her master of education degree in elementary education at the University of Houston in August 2001.

Mary Allison Beasley Cates, a second-year divinity student at Vanderbilt, is completing her "field education" as a minister for healing and wholeness at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Annie Shirley Davis is a first-grade teacher for the Midway Independent School District in Waco, TX. She was recently accepted to the doctoral program in English literature at Baylor University, where husband **Bo Davis '00** is a first-year law student.

David and **Adrienne Ballew Elder** live in Cambridge, MA, not Dallas, as published in the winter 2002 issue of *RHODES*.

Megan Emery lives in Nashville where she is completing her second year in Vanderbilt's cell biology Ph.D. program. Nashville is also the site of Megan's March 30th wedding to **Dave Osler '97**, who is working on his master's degree in sports administration at Belmont University.

After receiving his M.B.A. from Florida State University and working briefly for a New York-based Internet company, **J.J. Guccione** is now enrolled in a two-year master's program in computer science at the University of Florida.

CLASS NOTES

Joy Johnson is working on her master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Memphis. Recently, she completed Ironman Florida, where she qualified for the 2002 Ironman Championship in Hawaii.

Nicole Kelsay received a master's degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work last May.

Jaime Lancaster is tournament coordinator for the Pebble Beach Co. in Pebble Beach, CA, and no, she can't get you tickets to the PGA tournament.

Marissa Murphy and **Brook Loper '98** were married May 29, 1999. They currently live in Collierville, TN, where Marissa is a freelance copywriter and photographer. For three years, she and Brook have been volunteer leaders for the Young Life youth ministry.

Liam Lynch was included in a feature in the December 2001 issue of *Vanity Fair* in an article titled "Capitol Hill."

Jane Henderson Nigra is in Florence, Italy, until June taking culinary courses at the Lorenzo de' Medici School.

Ashley Pillow has returned to Rhodes to work in the Meeman Center after serving as community relations coordinator for the Memphis Literacy Council. She plans to enter library school in the fall.

Ben Teague recently left his position with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and took a position with Atlanta-based Teague Ausborn Properties, a residential real estate company. He currently commutes to Atlanta three days out of the week. Ben and wife, **Jessica Maki Teague '00**, plan to relocate this fall in order for Jessica to pursue dual master's degrees in divinity and counseling.

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Jay Eckles has designed another piece of freeware (free software) that allows Webmasters to include current

news headlines on a Web site. The program is called JERSS (Jay Eckles' Rich Site Summary) and is written in Java, which allows it to run on any platform.

Lee Eilbott is an assurance associate with KPMG in Memphis.

John Ferguson and Elizabeth Garth married Oct. 27, 2001.

Brad Gannon is a staff 1 auditor for Ernst & Young in Nashville.

Peter Hall is a recruiter for Maxim Healthcare Services in Memphis.

Clare Hodge has graduated from the University of Memphis with a M.B.A. and is working as a clerk with the Leitner, Williams law firm.

Angela Greely Jones is a benefits specialist for AFLAC in Big Rapids, MI.

Samantha Laffoon is assistant to a TV packaging agent at Creative Artists Agency in Beverly Hills, CA.

Leah Mercer is now a business analyst at Univest Financial Services in Memphis.

Mark Meyer is pursuing his M.B.A. in marketing at the University of Memphis while working full-time as an intern in the international and government parts marketing division of Cummins Engine Inc.

Cody Nash completed his master's degree in space sciences at the International Space University and has begun studies for a Ph.D. in geobiology at the California Institute of Technology.

Jason Nguyen is currently in his first year of medical school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

Sarah Pollock of New York City is the marketing/promotions and events coordinator for *Bride's* magazine.

Leslie Sait won the women's intermediate division at the Wall Crawler Rock Club Competition for the second year. She works as director of program services at the Southern Association of Independent Schools in Decatur, GA.

Catherine Smart is finishing her master's degree in counseling at the University of Memphis and working as an intern and Americorps member at the Exchange Club Family Center.

Amy Snowden is a teacher assistant at Lake City (SC) Primary School.

Josh Solomon was promoted from financial adviser to the Atlanta marketing director for Merrill Lynch.

Stacy Weber is a fixed income Web designer for Morgan Keegan in Memphis.

Last fall, **Andy Whitten**, research technician for Smith & Nephew Corp., spoke to the Rhodes Physics Department on "Designing and Testing Orthopedic Devices."

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Matthew Alexander attends Air Force Officer Intelligence School at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX.

Jason Bainbridge has moved back to Memphis, where he teaches at Harding Academy.

Emily Bays is an assistant English teacher for the Kameoka Board of Education in Kameoka-shi, Kyoto-fu, Japan. In December, she took a month-long trip to Australia.

Beth Belk works for Partners for Livable Communities, a non-profit organization in the Washington, DC, area dedicated to improving the quality of life through amenity-based community development and redevelopment.

Adriana Carillo is the training and development assistant for the San Francisco Conservation Corp.

Emily Cassidy is a marketing forecast analyst for JoAnn Stores Inc. in Hudson, OH.

Lauren Davis, an account coordinator at the Moroch advertising and marketing agency in Dallas, works primarily on the Midas account.

Ruth Finley and **Chris Knight** married Nov. 17, 2001, in Clarksville, TN.

Nhung Do and **Tripp Hurst** married May 26, 2001, in Fisher Garden on the Rhodes campus. She works as a bookseller for Barnes & Noble, and he is a disk jockey for WMBZ, 94.1. In the fall Nhung hopes to enter law school at the University of Memphis.

Eric Lewellyn and **Summer Burt** married Oct. 6, 2001. They both have changed their names to Burt-Lewellyn.

Alison Lundergan is a law student at American University in Washington, DC. She invites alumni in the area to get in touch.

Erin Massey is in her first year of law school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

John McCammon is with the Advisory Board Co. in Washington, DC.

Elisabeth Meyers is an intern in the Vanderbilt University dean of students' office.

Amber Wheeler and Todd Richardson married Aug. 4, 2001. Amber is pursuing her master's degree in counseling at the University of Memphis.

Daniela Seminara is a research technologist at St. Jude Children's Re-

search Hospital in Memphis.

Sarah Stepp is a development intern at the Orpheum Theater in Memphis.

Terry Tansill is an analyst for William M. Mercer Consulting in Houston.

Jenny Wiedower is executive assistant for Cumberland Region Tomorrow in Nashville.

Did you marry on campus?

For a feature in the summer issue, please let us know. Send your name, spouse's name, daytime phone number, and date and location of your wedding (Fisher Garden, Rollow Avenue of Oaks, etc.) to: Martha Shepard, Editor, RHODES, 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112. Phone: 901-843-3544. Fax: 901-843-3553. E-mail: magazine@rhodes.edu.

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'27 James Lynnwood Tarpley, Sep. 24, 1997.

'29 Mildred Reed Albertine of Ellicott City, MD, Sept. 15, 2001. A member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville for more than 50 years, she had worked for the War Dept. Corps of Engineers for 16 years in Memphis, Chicago, and Louisville. The widow of Paul John Albertine, she leaves a son and a grandson.

'30 Frances Gray of San Francisco, Dec. 15, 2001. A Presbyterian missionary to Lebanon and Iran and former president of the Beirut College for Women and Damavand College in Teheran, she was also a teacher and lecturer in the field of Christian art.

'33 W. Riley McGaughran of Lansdale, PA, Aug. 19, 2001. A retired analytical chemist for the former Merck, Sharp & Dohme company, he was a member of Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, where he served as a deacon. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Marion L. (Christy) McGaughran; three sons, including Don McGaughran, who attended Rhodes in 1967-68; and two daughters.

'36 Malcolm Parker of Memphis, Oct. 6, 2001. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of Highland Heights United Methodist

Church and the National Rifle Association. He leaves his wife, Louise K. Parker, two sisters, and a brother.

'36 Frances Weatherall Thomas of Memphis, Dec. 16, 2001. A communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church, she was the widow of James A. Thomas Jr. She leaves a daughter, Canon Thomas Hall '67, a son, and nine grandchildren.

'38 H. Linden Wright of Memphis, Oct. 22, 2001. Retired director of Christian education and evangelism for Second Presbyterian Church and fund-raiser for the YMCA, he was a World War II Navy veteran and chaplain of the Military Order of World Wars. A member of the YMCA and Kiwanis Club, he was also a senior Olympics athlete of the year. He leaves his wife, Janet Stewart Wright, a daughter, two stepdaughters, and three grandchildren.

'39 Aimee LePrince Andrus of Memphis, Oct. 10, 2001. A retired conversational Latin teacher at Rhodes, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Lena P. Hart Kings Daughters Circle. She leaves her husband of 53 years, Frank Andrus, and a daughter.

'39 James M. Ashley of Rainbow City, AL, Oct. 10, 2001. A

World War II Navy veteran, he had retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. after 40 years of service. He served as regional director for the Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of East Gadsden United Methodist Church. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Mozelle Ashley, two daughters, a son, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

'39 Rachel Beasley Lee of West Point, MS, Oct. 3, 2001. A member of West Point United Methodist Church, she leaves her husband, Henry Millard Lee, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

'40 Isabel "Cricket" Metcalf May, Nov. 6, 2001.

'42 H. Doyle Fuller of Little Rock, Oct. 29, 2001. A retired salesman for Hollis & Co. in Memphis, he was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, a third-degree Mason, an elder and deacon of Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, Memphis, and a member of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. The widower of Laura McGehee Fuller, he leaves a daughter, a brother, and two grandchildren.

'42 Margaret Ragsdale Harris of Memphis, Oct. 11, 2001. A charter member of Raleigh Presbyterian Church, she was an elder, Sunday school

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teacher, librarian, clerk of the session, chair of the worship committee, and president of the Presbyterian Women. The widow of Jack Shields Harris, she leaves three daughters and a son.

'43 Robert H. Beasley Jr. of Soddy Daisy, TN, Nov. 24, 2001. Retired owner of Beasley Distributing Co., he was a World War II veteran and recipient of the Navy Unit Citation and the Bronze Star. He leaves his wife, Janice Camp Beasley, three daughters, and 11 grandchildren.

'43 Dorothy Gill Gordon of Memphis, Oct. 24, 2001. A Vestry member of the Episcopal Church of Holy Communion and director of the Altar Guild and needlepoint project co-chairman, she was also active in Le Bonheur Club and the Women's Exchange. The widow of Donald C. Gordon, she leaves two daughters and four grandchildren.

'48 James G. Blankenship Jr. of Monette, AR, Dec. 28, 2001. The retired owner of Blankenship Hardware and Furniture, he was a member of the Monette First United Methodist Church where he was a certified lay speaker and member of the United Methodist Men. He was a member of the Monette Cemetery Association Board and the Fine Arts Council of Arkansas and Craighead County.

'48 Madelon Walker Evans of Memphis, Oct. 25, 2001. A retired secretary for St. Peter's Catholic Church, she was a member of the Junior League and the Madonna Circle. A communicant of St. Louis Catholic Church, she leaves her husband of 52 years, Thomas Airey Evans, a daughter, a sister, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

'48 Noble Hicks Jr., Nov. 13, 2001. Retired principal of Humes and Sherwood junior high schools and Southside and White Station high schools, he was a World War II veteran and elder at First Presbyterian Church. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Virginia Anne Withers Hicks '48, five daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

'48 Lucile Maury Miller of Raleigh, NC, Sept. 26, 2001. She leaves a son, Harry S. Miller III, of Charlotte, NC.

'49 John Leslie Poe of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, March 22, 2001.

'49 Franklin Poe of Palm Springs, CA, April 10, 2001. He was retired from Travelers Insurance.

'49 Stephen Schillig of Nashville, Oct. 29, 2001. He was a prominent doctor in the Nashville area working with the Vanderbilt University department of cardiology until his 1998 retirement. Also, he served as assistant chief of the medical service at Metro General Hospital and spent time on staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville. His daughter, Ruth, died the same day. Ruth was a research technician for Dr. Morris Karnovsky in the pathological anatomy field. They leave his wife, her mother, Mary Gideon Schillig '47.

'51 Mary Bryan Burkett Goble of Bassett, AR, Nov. 2, 2000. The widow of Alex Goble Jr., she leaves three sons.

'54 Johanna Claus Hornung, Oct. 29, 2001. She was an exchange student at Rhodes in 1951-52.

'51 Marie Storn Klink of Memphis, Dec. 6, 2001. A member of Second Presbyterian Church, she was also a member of the Germantown Art League, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, and the National Ornamental Metal Museum. She was also a founding member of the Semmes Street Artist Association. The widow of Robert H. Klink, she leaves two daughters and a sister, Dorette Storn Humphries '48 of Memphis.

'52 Wayne P. Todd of Salem, SC, Nov. 21, 2001. A Presbyterian minister who held offices at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels, he had pastorates in Morgan City, LA, and Florence, AL. While in Florence, he was named Muscle Shoals Citizen of the Year in 1979. He leaves his wife, Carol Todd; five children, including Perrin Todd '78 and Taylor Todd '80; a brother, William Todd '55; and nine grandchildren.

'53 William Reed Mitchell of Wilburton, OK, Nov. 6, 2001. He was a Presbyterian minister, who in 1997 celebrated his 30th year as pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Wilburton, which was also the 100th anniversary of the church's founding. He leaves a brother, Holly Mitchell

'55, a daughter, two stepdaughters, a stepson, and three grandsons.

'54 William Jacoway Hughes of San Antonio, TX, Dec. 4, 2001. A member of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, he retired in June 2000, having completed 50 years of ministry. For 20 years, he was a U.S. Army chaplain. He also served as president of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards. He leaves his wife of 45 years, Liz Walker Hughes '55, two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, and a brother.

'56 Elaine Pool Vickery of Belaire, TX, April 15, 2001.

'60 Martha Annette Heinemann of Hot Springs, AR, Dec. 24, 2001. A research chemist for Memphis Veterans Medical Center, she was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Memphis Bird Club. She leaves a sister.

'65 George Winston Gragg of Memphis and Chicago, Dec. 29, 2001. A retired anesthesiologist, he leaves his mother.

'66 Raymond Thomas Vaughn Jr. of Memphis, Dec. 31, 2001. An employee of the Internal Revenue Service, he leaves a brother.

'73 Elizabeth Lancaster of Wallace Mountain, NC, Jan. 21, 2002. A fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, her career included hospital administration work in Texas and North Carolina. She served as a deacon at First Presbyterian Church, Houston, and elder at the First Presbyterian churches in McAllen, TX, and Charlotte and Black Mountain, NC. She was a member of the board of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church and was chair of the Visitors Council of Montreat College. She leaves her parents, three sisters, three nephews, and a niece.

'76 Amanda Ruffin of Memphis, Jan. 3, 2001. A psychologist for Communicare in Hernando, MS, and choir member at Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church, she was also a member of Bookanalia Women's Book Club and Memphis Chamber Choir. She leaves her mother, Betty Miller Ruffin, professor emeritus of theatre and media arts at Rhodes.

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Rites To Play

Gelsey Bennett '03 referees sack race at Rites To Play, a spring carnival for children touched by Rhodes' various outreach efforts. Sponsored by the Kinney Program, Rites was held on the lawn of the Bryan Campus Life Center.

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