

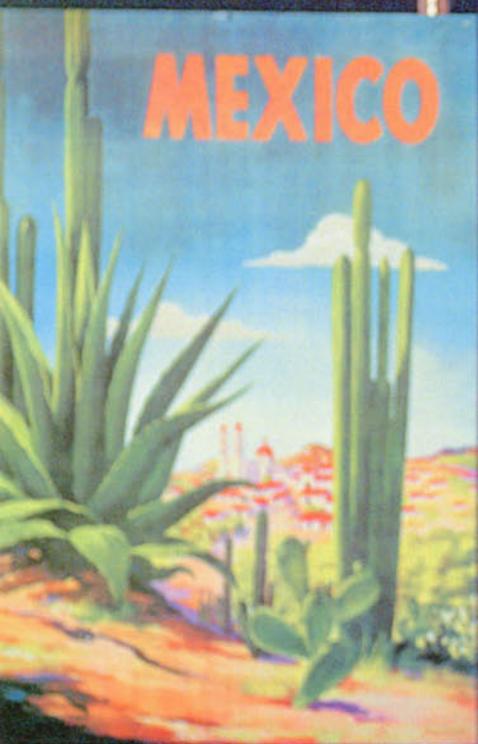
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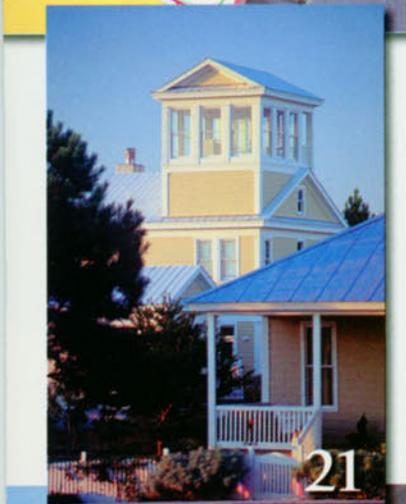
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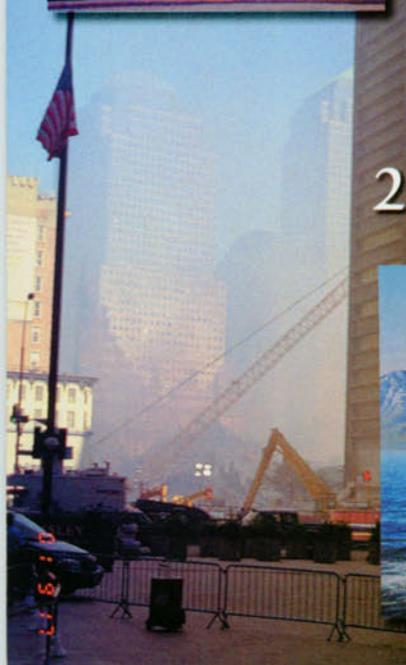
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Connecting Students to the World in Life-Changing Ways

By President William E. Troutt

Rhodes has a wonderful study-abroad tradition on which to build with a 30-plus-year history of British Studies at Oxford and a growing number of opportunities to study, intern and serve in other countries. These experiences change student lives in many ways. I have witnessed firsthand as a parent how study abroad can transform a student's view of the world and herself.

My daughter never felt comfortable or confident in high school with mathematics and science courses. She favored the study of languages and began college as a French major. Her junior year at a university in France changed her life. At the beginning of her year abroad, she found the rapidly-spoken French of her professors in literature classes a bit intimidating. She quickly turned to quantitative courses which were familiar, though not her first choice of study. During this time, she excelled in calculus and economics courses. She learned that she possessed a gift in this area. When she returned home, she built a double major of French and economics, and later earned a graduate degree from the University of Virginia in systems engineering.

My daughter's study-abroad story is not unique. It exemplifies what happens to students when they receive such an opportunity. Every student's experience is different, every one is life-changing. These experiences help students discover new gifts and perspectives and prepare graduates to live in, be at home in and be leaders in a global society.

As part of the planning process, a Rhodes task force of faculty, administrators and students prepared an exhaustive study of ways we can provide these opportunities to more of our students. They include making study abroad an integral part of the curriculum, easing the transferability of financial aid and scholarships and removing barriers that keep more of our students from this transforming experience.

Rhodes students today enter an increasingly diverse and multicultural society for which they need to be prepared. We are committed to enriching opportunities for study beyond Memphis in order to connect students to the world.

Perhaps Robert Buckman, Rhodes trustee, said it best: "Through study-abroad programs Rhodes can provide unlimited windows of opportunity to all its students." 🍷



President Troutt

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Commencement 2002

Photography by Justin Fox Burks

Rhodes held its 153rd commencement ceremony May 11 in Hubert F. Fisher Memorial Garden on campus with 328 seniors receiving bachelor's degrees and 11 students, master of science degrees in accounting.

Sullivan Awards

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award is bestowed annually on two graduating seniors who have given selflessly to others and the college. Graduates Julie Gehrki and Reggie Weaver and Rhodes director of special events John Rone '71 were this year's recipients.

A member of Rhodes' Servant Leadership Program and a Kinney Program coordinator, Gehrki founded a Micah 6 Project that provides nonviolence education to children who live in and around Memphis public housing. The Facing History and Ourselves organization honored her as a "local hero" for her work with Micah 6. In addition, she was one of the lead organizers of the annual conference of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger held at Rhodes last fall.

Weaver served as president of the Social Regulations Council this year. He was voted Mr. Rhodes, was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership organization, the Wool Socks men's singing group, and was a Kinney volunteer. He was also active in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) locally and nationally while at Rhodes.

John Rone, Rhodes director of special events, is in charge of multiple campus happenings from opening convocation in the fall to guest lectures throughout the year to commencement weekend. He also serves as adviser to the Rhodes chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honorary leadership fraternity. In the Memphis community, Rone is an award-winning director and actor. An English major at Rhodes, he holds his M.A. in theater from the University of Memphis.



John Rone '71 and President Troutt



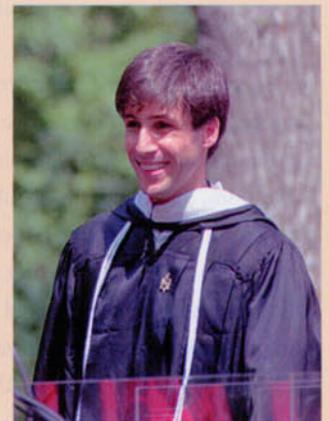
Reggie Weaver '02



Julie Gehrki '02

The Peyton Nalle Rhodes Phi Beta Kappa Award

Named in honor of President Peyton N. Rhodes, who was instrumental in securing the college's Phi Beta Kappa charter in 1949, the award is given to the graduating senior who exemplifies the highest qualities of scholarship, achievement, creativity, and commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. This year's recipient, Patrick LaRochelle, a *magna cum laude* English major, also distinguished himself academically in chemistry, philosophy and biology.



Patrick LaRochelle '02

Harry Swinney '61 Receives Honorary Degree

Physicist Harry Swinney '61 was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree at commencement. Swinney is the Sid Richardson Foundation Regents Chair of the Department of Physics at the University of Texas, Austin.

A native of Opelousas, LA, Swinney received a B.S. with honors in physics from Rhodes and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1968. He taught at New York University and City College of New York before joining the University of Texas physics faculty in 1978.

In 1985 Swinney became founding director of the university's Center for Nonlinear Dynamics. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the center first among graduate research programs in nonlinear dynamics in the United States

for the past six years.

Swinney's decision to enter a career in physics came during his years as a Rhodes student, when he conducted research projects under the tutelage of Jack Taylor, professor emeritus of physics since 1992.

"My subsequent research as a graduate student and later as a professor has all been conducted in the style of research introduced to me by Professor Taylor—small, tabletop experiments that are conceptually simple, yet address the mysteries of nature," Swinney said.

Among his many honors, Swinney was elected to the National Academy of Science in 1992 and was awarded the American Physical Society Fluid Dynamics Prize in 1995. He is a for-



Harry Swinney '61

mer Guggenheim Foundation Fellow, member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, fellow of the American Physical Society and fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mark Whittaker Named New Advancement Dean

Rhodes has named F. Mark Whittaker as its new dean of College Advancement, effective July 29. Whittaker, who was vice president for University Relations at Stetson University in Deland, FL, will oversee Rhodes' overall advancement program including fundraising, alumni affairs, communications, marketing and public relations.

"Mark Whittaker is the most experienced fund-raising professional that Rhodes has ever hired," said President William Troutt in making the announcement. "He brings to Rhodes the knowledge, the people skills and the integrity needed to lead this important arm of the college."

Whittaker will report directly to President Troutt and work closely with the college's Board of Trustees. He will



Mark Whittaker

supervise a staff of 29.

Whittaker has more than 30 years of experience in educational administration. For the past 15 years he has served as the chief advancement officer at Stetson, responsible for alumni affairs, development, planned giving, special events, marketing, communications and government relations. He directed the university's successful \$200 million campaign, the largest campaign in Stetson's history, raising more than \$235 million. Under his leadership the university twice received the Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund Raising Award for Overall Performance from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Before joining Stetson, Whittaker

was vice president for college relations at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. He was involved there in the successful completion of three capital campaigns and five challenge grant programs. Moreover, under his leadership Sweet Briar's annual gift participation rate increased from 40 percent to a record high of 64 percent.

Whittaker's advancement career began with his appointment as assistant for alumni activities at the University of Maine in 1970. He subsequently served in a fund-raising position in the president's office at the University of Massachusetts.

Whittaker was the first male student accepted to the charter class at the New College in Sarasota, FL. He holds a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Maine, and has done graduate work at Bangor Theological Seminary and Lynchburg College.

A native of Maine, Whittaker is married to the former Pamela Dole Livesay. They have a daughter, Emily, and a son, Andrew.

Two Professors Win Top College Honors

A professor of English and a historian are the 2002 recipients of Rhodes' highest faculty honors, presented during the annual Awards Convocation in April.

Associate professor of English Marshall Boswell received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching, which includes a \$7,500 honorarium. Associate professor of history Lynn Zastoupil received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Research and/or Creativity, which carries a \$4,000 prize.

Both awards, first given in 1981, were established by Memphis businessman Clarence Day and are provided by the Day Foundation. Day assisted in the presentation of the awards.

Boswell, also a professor of American Studies, has taught at Rhodes since 1996.

"The hallmark of his teaching is Marshall's capacity to model for students a deep love of literature..." wrote one of Boswell's colleagues in her nomination. "He demonstrates a depth of involvement with his subject that carries responsibilities of study, discipline and truth-telling, and inspires students to follow in his footsteps, both as a critic and as a fiction writer."

Boswell is the author of three books: *John Updike's Rabbit Tetralogy: Mastered Irony in Motion* (University of Missouri Press, 2001); *In Between Things: Short Stories*, forthcoming from Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill this fall; and *Understanding David Foster Wallace*, to be published by the University of South Carolina Press in spring 2003. *In Between Things* was selected for inclusion in *New*

Stories from the South: Best of 2000.

Boswell's scholarly works have appeared in the *Oxford American* and *Contemporary Literature* and other literary publications. He also has published short fiction in several journals, including *Shenandoah* and *New England Review*, and two works in *Playboy*.

His areas of teaching and research expertise include fiction writing, literary criticism, 20th-century American literature and the works of author John Updike.

Boswell holds a doctorate from Emory University, a master's degree from Washington University and a bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude* with honors, from Washington and Lee University.

Zastoupil joined the Rhodes faculty in 1988, having come from Stanford University, and previously, from the University of Minnesota, where he earned his doctoral degree.

"Professor Zastoupil is a distinguished, well-published historian with an international reputation," wrote one of his faculty colleagues in nominating Zastoupil for the Day Award. "He

brings to Rhodes, and especially to his students, an invaluable grasp of 19th- and 20th-century British and Anglo-Indian political and intellectual history."

Reviewers hailed Zastoupil's 1994 book, *John Stuart Mill and India* (Stanford University Press), for filling a huge gap in historians' understanding of Mill's intellectual development. The book has been continually cited and discussed in the historical literature since its publication. Two books followed in



Lynn Zastoupil (left) and Marshall Boswell

1999: *J.S. Mill's Encounter with India* (University of Toronto Press) and *The Great Indian Education Debate: Documents Relating to the Orientalist-Anglicist Controversy, 1781-1843* (Curzon).

A prolific author of scholarly articles and reviews, Zastoupil has published in leading journals such as *Victorian Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Asian History* and *Albion*.

Zastoupil was recently elected a fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. He has received research grants from various institutions, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Philosophical Society and American Institute of Indian Studies.

Zastoupil has a master's degree from the University of Texas, Austin, and a bachelor's degree from Dickinson State College.

Three Alumni Fill Trustee Offices

Three alumni are serving as officers of the Board of Trustees.

Vicki Gilmore Palmer '75, corporate senior vice president of Coca-Cola Enterprises, is vice chair.

Art Rollins '81, financial consultant at Merrill Lynch, is secretary.

Jim O'Donnell '74, partner at First Capital Group of Texas, is treasurer.

Spence Wilson continues to serve as board chair.

Two Faculty, One Graduate Win Fulbrights

John Kaltner, an associate professor of religious studies, has won a Fulbright faculty research grant, and Michael LaRosa, an associate professor of history, is the recipient of a Fulbright faculty research/teaching grant. Kenneth Lukas '02 is the recipient of a Fulbright grant for study abroad.

Kaltner's award will take him to Israel, where he will be affiliated with Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva from January to June 2003. Kaltner is part of an editorial team that is working on a revision of *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*, a five-volume work from Brill Academic Publishers. Kaltner is the editor of Hebrew and Arabic comparative lexicography for this project. All the other

members of the team are at Ben-Gurion University.

Kaltner has taught at Rhodes since 1996.

LaRosa's award is his fourth since 1993, and second since joining the Rhodes faculty in 1995.

Since June, LaRosa has been teaching in a six-month appointment at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, a private Jesuit university in Bogota, Colombia, where he has taught intermittently since 1993.

While in Colombia, LaRosa is also conducting research for a new project on the history of the Peace Corps in that country. He will visit archives and towns where Peace Corps volunteers have worked, conduct oral history inter-

views and take photographs.

Fulbright faculty research and teaching grants are administered by the Council on International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, DC.

Lukas, who received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies in May, will study from September to July 2003 at the Free University in Berlin. He plans to take international studies-related courses with a focus on the European Union countries' relationships with China.

During summer 2000, Lukas completed an internship with the U.S. State Department in the Office of German-Austrian-Swiss Affairs.

The U.S. Department of State is the principal administrator of the worldwide Fulbright Program.

Pardon Our Dust

Visitors to Rhodes this summer and fall will find the campus abuzz with construction projects. It is all part of the preparation for the Paul Barret Jr. Library. In spring 2003 Rhodes will break ground on the state-of-the-art facility. The library has been made possible by a \$35.5 million gift from the Paul Barret Jr. Trust. Barret '46, was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Burrow, who provided Rhodes' current library.

The new library will be built in Rhodes' traditional Gothic architecture and will offer plenty of amenities—comfortable seating, hundreds of carrels wired for laptop use, 24-hour study space and group study rooms, vastly improved facilities for the regular collection as well as archives and rare books, peer tutoring space, computer laboratories, teaching/learning technology laboratory and the Media Center.

Not only will the new library change the way students study and conduct research, it will also transform the heart of campus into a quadrangle, much like the common area outside Palmer, Ken-

nedy and Clough.

Officials expect Barret Library to be open by fall 2005.

In preparation for Barret Library and the conversion to a more pedestrian-friendly central campus, work began the week following commencement. The first step is to realign, reconstruct and extend Thomas Lane to create a perimeter roadway linking the north and south sides of campus. Once Barret is built, there will be no parking or roadways behind Briggs, Ohlendorf and Kennedy Halls.

The new Thomas Lane will be realigned toward Moore Hall (the former infirmary) and will tie in directly with the drive that now runs between



Reconstructing Thomas Lane



Waterproofing work at Frazier Jelke

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the Kappa Sigma house and the Austin Building. Thomas Lane will continue north, past the front entrance of Malory Gymnasium, and tie in to the existing road that runs behind and parallel to the football bleachers.

During the work on Thomas Lane this summer, Bailey Lane, and the guardhouse located there, are closed. A temporary guardhouse stands at the south gym lot entrance. Those who live or work on campus as well as visitors are using the south gym entrance (24-hour access) or the North Parkway entrance, which is open during work hours Monday-Friday.

In addition to the road realignment, site preparation for Barret this summer

includes the laying of electrical and telecommunications conduit, relocation of gas and water lines and the installation of a new below-ground drainage system along Thomas Lane.

The coming months will also bring relocations for many offices on campus:

- Residence Life will move to temporary quarters in Moore Hall for the summer, then to permanent space in Trezevant Hall
- Some academic offices will move to renovated space on the fourth floor of Halliburton Tower. They include the Teacher Licensure Program of the Department of Psychology, the Department of Greek and Roman Studies and some Eng-

lish Department offices. Some faculty on sabbatical may use some of the offices not assigned for permanent use.

• The student offices of the Social Regulations Council and the Honor Council, formerly located on the fourth floor of Halliburton Tower, have moved to the basement of Palmer Hall.

• Tuthill Hall will be physically moved to another location and rebuilt. Those departments currently in the Austin Building (Campus Safety and Human Resources) will be relocated in Tuthill around the first of the year. Departments currently in Tuthill (Career and Disability Services) will be relocated to temporary modular buildings.

Troutt Discusses College Costs on CNN

President William Troutt was one of three college or university presidents speaking out about college costs on CNN's *Inside Politics* May 1.

The program, hosted by Judy Woodruff, also featured the president of Duke University, Nan Keohane, and University of Massachusetts President William Bulger.

Troutt is the chair-elect of the Washington, DC-based American Council on Education. He also served as chair of the

National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education, an 11-member panel charged with addressing public concerns about rising college prices. The commission's findings received both bipartisan congressional support and the endorsement of the higher education community.

When asked why college costs are rising at a faster rate than inflation, Troutt noted that there are several factors involved. "People costs, faculty and staff

costs," he said. He also mentioned the rising cost of technology, the costs of building and maintaining campus facilities and the increased cost of financial aid that institutions provide to students. Those are all obvious costs, he noted. But there are less obvious factors as well, he explained, like the costs of responding to government regulations and the "increasing expectations students and families bring to college today."

Now We Are Six

Associate professor of religious studies Joseph Favazza and his family were the subjects of a Hallmark Entertainment documentary about adoption. The 30-minute show, which aired June 1, was the premiere of a series on adoption produced for cable television's Hallmark Channel. As a result of the program, the Favazzas appeared on *Oprah* and were pictured in *TV Guide*.

Seven years ago, Favazza and his wife, Paddy, a professor of early childhood education at the University of Memphis, adopted a sister and brother, Analise and Petr, from an orphanage in Romania. Just

before returning to the United States they learned that their new children had an older sister, Alina, who was living in another orphanage. The rules allowed the Favazzas to adopt only two children at a time, then wait six months till they could try again.

In the meantime, Paddy became pregnant with Isabella. Ecstatic at the news of having their own child, the Favazzas also knew it meant putting adopting Alina on hold.

Two years later, the Favazzas' adoption application was approved, and in June 2001 the entire family traveled to Romania to bring Alina home.



The Hallmark Channel taping the Favazza family in the spring—Alina, Paddy and Joe (standing) and Petr, Isabella and Analise (on the wall)

Professor Emeritus of Music Charles Mosby Dies

Pianist Charles Mosby, professor emeritus of music at Rhodes, died July 5, 2002. He was 73.

Prof. Mosby, who graduated from Rhodes (then Southwestern) in 1951, went on to earn a master of music degree at Florida State University. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1953-55, he returned to Memphis, where he was associated with Memphis University School and the Memphis College of Music, the former Galloway mansion on Overton Park Avenue. Mosby joined the Rhodes faculty full time in 1963.

Prof. Mosby, who served as chair of the Music Department during his tenure at Rhodes, taught many fine piano students who have gone on to graduate school and now teach at colleges and universities. One gratifying moment came two years ago when one of his former students, now an orthopedic surgeon in New Orleans, called Prof. Mosby to say he would have his Carnegie Hall debut that month.

Said Music Department chair Diane McCullough Clark '62: "Charles Mosby hired me to teach at Rhodes in 1975 and was my dear friend and mentor for more than four decades. Whenever I became discouraged or needed a sympathetic ear, Charles was always there to listen and remind me of what was really

important—making beautiful music and nurturing our students. He was a great role model and an esteemed and beloved colleague."

Prof. Mosby leaves his wife, Rose Link Mosby '53; a daughter, Kathleen Mosby Williams '88; two sons, Charles Frederick Mosby '85 and Michael Link Mosby '86; and six grandchildren, all of Memphis.



Charles Mosby

Sculpture Honors Dr. Amy



JUSTIN FOX BURNS

A sculpture honoring the memory of the late Robert Amy, longtime Rhodes professor of biology, was dedicated this spring in the rose garden of Frazier Jelke Science Center. Amy's widow, Jean Amy, gave the sculpture to the college. Titled "Cerebral Map," the glass and metal sculpture was created by artist Brian Russell '83. Dr. Amy taught at Rhodes from 1958-86.

Brian Russell '83 and Jean Amy

Daytime Drama *As the World Turns* Spins into Rhodes

The daytime television drama *As the World Turns* is taking the show on the road to 10 college campuses this fall, including Rhodes on Sept. 19 and 26.

Beginning Sept. 16, the show will visit 10 campuses in nine different states over a 12-day period, taping episodes that will air approximately a month later and giving some 150 students in all the opportunity to appear on national television.

The show's premise states that major events in the fictional town of Oakdale, IL, will lead three of the show's newest young characters to flee home, family and the law, looking for safety and friendship among their peers.

Open auditions and casting for the Rhodes segment will take place Sept. 19, with taping on Sept. 26. Some 15 students will be chosen at each college to appear in various scenes.

Other participating colleges and

universities are: Webster University, St. Louis; Franklin College, Franklin, IN; Ohio State University, Columbus; University of Pittsburgh; University of Maryland, College Park; Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; Vanderbilt University, Nashville; and Tulane University, New Orleans.

BEYOND THE GATES of RHODES

By Jill Herbers '82



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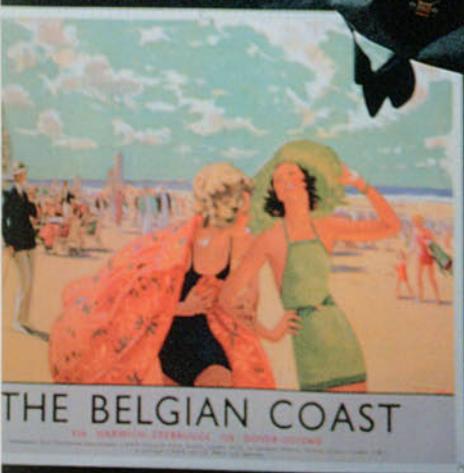
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THE BELGIAN COAST



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Jim Mueller '03 looks beyond the gates of Rhodes.

David LaFevor, a senior with a double major in International Studies and Latin American Studies, went to the University of Havana to study the Cuban-Marxist interpretation of history, the 500-year-old span of Cuban literature and learn from other classes that explored Cuban life, culture and history. But he also studied the colonial architecture of Old Havana—as much by the classes he took, as by daily soaking in the poetically fading colors and remarkable layered forms of the buildings he passed in the city. He tracked down, interviewed and became friends with the 104-year-old former captain of Hemingway’s fishing boat, reputedly the inspiration for Santiago, the old man of *The Old Man and the Sea*; heard Fidel Castro speak and met him afterward; and bought a motorcycle on the black market to tour parts of an island that are still officially illegal for Americans tourists to view. From the rhythms of Cuban son and salsa music and the rituals of the Afro-Cuban religion Santeria, he learned the deeper meaning of the culture, what one can’t find in politics or buildings or books.

“Studying and participating in their ceremonies, listening to their stories and seeking to understand the impact of such traditions on actual behavior and world views was a tremendous and fruitful challenge,” he said.

Giving students opportunities to learn firsthand the range and not just the focus of a subject is what study abroad can do at its best. And at Rhodes it is a whole new world of study than it was in the past—much less rarified and more diverse today than ever before.

“Study abroad years ago was thought of as a wealthy young woman’s option, to go from proficient to fluent in French,” said Katherine Owen Richardson, director of inter-

national programs. “That’s not the way it’s looked at or perceived today. I think it should be considered integral to a four-year study.” Indeed, during the 2000-2001 academic year 242 Rhodes students studied abroad, the largest number in its history.

The initiative

The Office of International Programs did not even exist for many years. It was created in 1994 to coordinate and solidify an astonishing number and variety of studies as well as custom-made programs. Its emphasis is on making things work for whatever students think will enhance their education.

“We don’t put a damper on that sort of enthusiasm,” said Richardson. “Our philosophy is: ‘This is what you want to do and we’ll try to make it possible.’”

So if a student wants to learn Chinese overseas, for example, even though Rhodes doesn’t have its own program to do it, the office will find another college that does and get the student enrolled in it. Students of anthropology and sociology, for instance, have gone to Nepal and India on programs run by other colleges.

Rhodes itself has many programs to suit academic interests, with all sorts of timelines, from two weeks to a year. There are as many programs as there are interests. There are service learning programs run in conjunction with Heifer Project International started by religious studies professor Michael McLain, in which students travel throughout Honduras, helping out in villages. There is a European Studies program where students can experience all around them painting, sculpture and architecture that they’ve only seen in books or slides. There are exchange programs in countries as far-flung as Belgium, South Africa, Peru and Spain, and language immersion programs



Rhodes group in Uruapan, Mexico

in places such as France, Russia and Mexico. There is a field study program led by biology professor David Kesler in which students plunge into the deep blue waters off Roatan Island near Honduras to study coral reef ecology. And the British Studies at Oxford program is now legendary, with students spending two months at the famous university taking in British history and culture.

The focus is on making all of this not just possible but important to a student’s education. It is inherent in Rhodes’



The Powder Tower in Prague, Czech Republic



Coral Reef Ecology, Roatan, Honduras

character that broadening students' perspectives is part of educating them; it is, in fact, what liberal arts is all about. The college's educational ideals include helping students to acquire an informed understanding of the world, cultivating an appropriate set of dispositions and sensibilities and developing a comprehensive personal philosophy. And in his inaugural address, President Troutt named 10 initiatives, one of which was to "study beyond the gates of Rhodes," then set up a task force to accomplish this academically and monetarily.

One of the ways to make study abroad accessible to a student's academic life is to make it financially feasible.

"I can honestly say that if a student can afford to be at Rhodes College, there is a possibility for every student to study overseas," said Richardson. "However, there is still a need for additional scholarship monies."

The specific program may not be a student's first choice, but with exchanges and scholarships, it can be done. A student can go

to a big university in South Africa or Scotland for the experience of being in such a place, for instance, and pay regular Rhodes tuition for an even exchange with another student from one of those places. Through the Margaret Hyde Council, scholarships have been provided for women traveling abroad on Rhodes programs. And federal scholarships can be applied to overseas study. The Office of International Programs has a very individual approach to each student, doing everything to match the academic needs and desires with the best budgetary approach. There is also a concentration on helping students match and fulfill credits from all foreign study to all parts of Rhodes.

The experience

What time abroad does to students' academic sense, personal growth and life experience is immeasurable. The study goes right into their lives and education, making things understandable to them that otherwise wouldn't be. Lauren Jarrell '04 spent a summer with the fish and sea life of Roatan, Honduras.

"It wasn't until I experienced it up close, right in front of me, that I could really see what life in the ocean was like and what the ecology of coral reefs truly was," she said. "I also realized just how much I love marine biology."

Now a theater major, she is considering switching to biology so that she can go to graduate school to study sharks. And the lessons always go deeper.

"The hardest challenge was to face our fears and get in the water for that night dive, or collect jellyfish when I have allergic reactions to them," said Jarrell. "But in the long run, I learned how to be more patient and work with a group, and it's changed my life for the better."

Half a world away in Cuba, David LaFavor ended up with both academic and life lessons as well.

"I had the opportunity to experience firsthand the experiment of Marxism-Communism, and made friends that I hope will be lifelong," he said. "I sought to understand what drove people to set out on anything that floats to cross 90 miles of ocean to reach the United States, and witnessed the impact that American policy has had on the people of the island. I was in Cuba on Sept. 11 and witnessed the overwhelmingly sympathetic response of the Cuban people, even though the official rhetoric of the government is anti-American."

For some students, the programs complement and greatly enhance their majors, while for others, they supplement them. Physics majors, for ex-



Great Mosque and Cathedral, Córdoba, Spain

ample, will have the world of the arts opened up to them when they are in Oxford during the summer, attending theater at Stratford-upon-Avon and recitals that are keyed to the study of periods of British culture and history.

Always, the experience is life-changing. The incredible fact of attending the University of Poitiers in France, founded in 1431, and knowing that the likes of Descartes, Rabelais and Sir Francis Bacon also studied there; or living with and eating three meals a day with a host family in France, Russia, Spain or the other countries on the summer language immersion program would have to change one's life. But the experience of being immersed in an entirely foreign culture and having to deal with its differences is something that will make one grow beyond oneself and learn to handle situations with grace while under pressure. There is a quick maturation process that occurs during the time abroad, and when students come back they "see themselves and see their world prior to studying abroad very differently," remarked Richardson. If a student is in France, he or she understands French bureaucracy; if in Germany, as Lauren Blalock '03 was, every detail of life—paying bills, obtaining a phone line, registering with the city—are lessons not just in the language and culture, but in one's resolve and resourcefulness.

"If you've studied abroad and are doing all of that on your own, you feel you can do just about anything," said Richardson. "You become much more self-confident."

But the most significant changes are the ones that become an indelible part of a person.

"The thing that was most apparent was the pace of life—I learned to slow down and enjoy the simple things," said Blalock. "This showed me how to simplify my life." After learning the language by studying it

and being surrounded by it in the small idyllic town of Tübingen, Germany, and traveling independently in France, Switzerland and all around Europe, Blalock said, "It's something I will take home with me, after realizing how much I could learn about myself when I only had 'me' for company." Blalock went with ease straight from Germany to Wellington, New Zealand, for a course of study there. "Last week," she wrote by e-mail, "I was riding the train back from a weekend stay in the nearby Wairarapa and, as I caught a glimpse of the Wellington skyline, I felt a little click inside—it was a homecoming. That has been one of my most valuable gifts—discovering the ability to create a sense of home in my heart, in any place, under any circumstances."

The results

With a staff of only two, the Office of International Programs is able to stay involved in these challenges, changes and maturations. Due to its small, individualistic approach, it can keep up with each student, and because of e-mail, students can keep up with it if they choose. Students can always be in touch, which means they can get assistance from abroad if they need it, and the office can virtually be there with them and hear about things as the students experience them. The office even sends packages with information, the school newspaper and holiday cards. This is a far more personal and singular approach than most colleges have with their students who go abroad, and like all things at Rhodes that rely on the personal, it pays off. Students get into the right program because they have the necessary guidance beforehand, and once there, they can share it, which makes it that much more real and powerful.

"It's a great job," commented



Smolny Cathedral, St. Petersburg, Russia

Richardson on her position as director. "I travel all over the world through my students."

Through the persistence of the office to create any kind of foreign study that a student thinks will enhance his or her life and education, there have arisen dramatically different sorts of experiences. Among all the other offerings, Rhodes now sponsors two programs to South America, one in Argentina and one in Chile. There is even a Washington, DC, semester offered, which may not be considered foreign to some but may be to those who try to navigate their way through the bureaucracies and mindsets there. An internship, seminar and research project give a great perspective on government and history. Whether studying the legacy of the civilization of Europe by seeing a cultural portrait of the Renaissance or ancient Greece and Rome or learning about economics from schools at the 16th-century University of Antwerp, the experience is available, and it is always rich. ♣

Faculty/Student Research Focus:

Collaborating with the Community

By Virginia McAfee Davis
Photography by Justin Fox Burks

“If you loved me, you would,” he coaxes.

“If you loved me, you wouldn’t ask,” she replies.

A potential scenario for preventing the birth of another child to another unwed teenage girl. Too often, however, the scene develops into a sexual encounter that results in pregnancy and birth. The circumstances of children having children vary in each one of the nearly 1 million adolescent pregnancies per year in the United States alone, but one thread links all of the teens to each other: The experience is inevitably life-changing for those unprepared for motherhood and fatherhood.

Numerous resources exist to help adolescents make decisions about becoming a parent and help pregnant and parenting teens cope with their changing lives. On the national level, the non-profit, Washington, DC-based National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (NCPTP) reports that teen birth rates for the U.S. declined for the 10th consecutive year in 2001 and are now at record low levels, according to data released in early June of this year by the federal government.

Yet, the U.S. has the highest rates of teen pregnancies and births in the western industrialized world, according to the NCPTP. Nearly four in 10 young women become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20, according to statistical sources cited by the NCPTP. Eight in 10 of these pregnancies are unintended and 79 percent occur with unmarried teens.

On a local level, the Memphis/Shelby County Adolescent Pregnancy Council provides a full range of services and educational programs for pregnant and parenting teens.

Rhodes associate professor of psychology and researcher Anita Davis '90 works with several such community-based agencies. Since her formal research training began during her





Prof. Anita Davis '90 and Annie Wright '02

undergraduate years at Rhodes, Davis has been interested in the resiliency of underprivileged children and in designing interventions that might improve their life outcomes. For her senior honors thesis, Davis focused on investigating the support figures in the lives of poor, urban, African-American female adolescents.

"The most compelling aspect of this study was that in the absence of, or in addition to, strong mother-daughter relationships, other women—whom I referred to as 'other-mothers'—could significantly influence how the adolescents viewed themselves," Davis says.

As Davis examined the research literature, she found that explanations for questions such as what compelled othermothers to step in and offer assistance, how they were able to intervene effectively, and how more people could be encouraged to do the same, lacked sufficient answers. These and related questions remained with Davis through graduate school at the University of Illinois and are at the core of her current research interests.

Davis has launched a new line of research that includes partnering with school personnel and other community-based agencies whose clientele consist of adolescent mothers and fathers in the Memphis area. For five years she and Rhodes students have been involved in the Healthy Families program at LeBonheur Center for Children and Parents, and for two years she has worked for a program at Pyramid Academy.

"My work in general has been looking at social support figures for adolescent mothers," Davis says. "It's focused on their parents, mostly on their mothers, some on their fathers. It also focuses on other women in their lives who provide them support and help them attain better outcomes, from education to better parenting to improved mental health and less stress."

The LeBonheur Healthy Families program centers on reaching families as early as possible, often before a child is born. A comprehensive, long-term service, it is open to first-time mothers, age 19 or younger, who are pregnant or have infants under the age of two weeks at the time of referral. Services are provided at no charge to participants. At any given time, the program serves about 200 teens and their families.

Family support workers visit the homes of the teens weekly with the goals of identifying overburdened families in need of support; promoting healthy childhood development and school readiness; encouraging up-to-date well-child physician visits and immunizations; promoting positive parent-child interactions; teaching problem-solving skills and providing links to community resources; and preventing child abuse and neglect.

"It's more comfortable for them to be in the home versus having them visit your office," Davis says. "You're able to make assessments right there about what the strengths in the family are and how we can build on those."

One of Davis' former psychology students, Damaris Giezendanner Marino '02, interviewed the family support workers as part of the research project.

"We're trying to get a sense of what it is the women going into the homes see themselves doing—how they view teen

pregnancy, the problems of it, the solutions for it and how they intervene," Davis says.

"One of the most striking things about the program and the relationships is just how attached the workers are to the young women. The workers talk about their heartbreaks, about falling in love with the children and about being mentors and role models."

Assessments also were made of the teens themselves.

"The Rhodes researchers asked very personal questions," says Felicia Smith, lead LeBonheur family support worker. "It gave the girls a chance to vent and tell how they really felt about being a teenage mother."

This past year, Davis and Annie Wright '02 extended the research to a different environment at Pyramid Academy, an alternative school in the Memphis City Schools system. Pyramid serves teens who choose to join its prenatal and parenting program; another program at the school focuses on middle-school students with behavior problems.

Davis and Wright, who is interested in entering education as a career, designed the research at Pyramid to match that previously done with Healthy Families. Talking with educators would be a means of adding to an understanding of how others who aren't parents or social workers are supportive of teenage moms. The idea is to compare the experiences of the educators with those of the family support workers.

"Increased education is very important in bringing about better outcomes for the teenage moms and their children," Davis says. "If they get more education, they get better jobs, they are more informed about child development and they are less likely to be on welfare. Their children do better when they start school. Those positives are strongly tied to educational attainment."

Pyramid has an on-site nursery for its teenage mothers and, in addition to interviewing teachers, Wright volunteered at the nursery for three hours a week during the spring semester. She also volunteered at Memphis Fairley High School (Davis' alma mater), where she conducted educational workshops for students.

Helping the people involved in her work is part of the model Davis describes as collaborative research.

"My perspective on research is one that really believes in collaboration and giving back to the community," Davis says. "We collaborate with the people in the setting, in terms of how they want the research to go, what kinds of questions they have. We have a real belief in that we should be doing a service as well, not just collecting data. It's much more about how we are going to mutually benefit from this."

"It's about building a relationship. I approach it as a relationship first and then as research second."

It's too early to report on research findings because plenty of work remains, including the interviewing portion, Wright and Davis say. A third phase calls for Davis to visit the rural Appalachian community of Livingston, TN, this summer to interview support workers and teen moms participating in a program similar to Healthy Families. This work will provide an additional perspective to the research: The population is mostly European American, as compared with mostly inner-city, African-American populations previously included in the study.

A future phase of the research will involve scrutinizing all of the interviews and determining what similarities and differences are occurring in the different groups interviewed.

Wright says her experience has given her a broader sense of the problem of adolescent pregnancy and how solving the problem fits into a much wider realm of social justice.

"When we started talking about this and designing interview questions, it became very clear how deeply rooted it is. There wasn't one hard topic that we were going to be able to avoid," Wright says. "Adolescent pregnancy is attached to every social ill you can imagine. Poverty, racism and sexism come to mind, but there are others."

Dorothy Hopson, program coordinator at Pyramid, says there are many reasons why teens get pregnant. Sometimes it is supposed to fill a need they may have, a desire to take care of a baby. They're tired of taking care of their siblings, so they decide to have one of their own. Or, "everybody else is doing it."

Some teens don't have a choice.

"Some of our students have been molested," says Hopson, who has directed the program since 1987. "Some have been raped. Pregnancy follows. After this happens, they have a tendency to become promiscuous because they are conflicted about their sexuality. They don't know how to handle it."

"If a girl has been abused, she tends to be secretive about it. She's afraid to talk about it, so she acts," says Pyramid's Hopson. "She meets someone and having sex is how she relates to him. Then she gets pregnant. She looks at the situation as 'This is mine, something I can control,' because the rest of her life is helter-skelter."

"That's illogical thinking. Who is going to help you with this baby? So there's frustration there."

Hopson says some excellent students have used the Pyramid program as a stepping-stone, gone on to college and become successful. Some have become teachers and social workers because of the help they got when they were at Pyramid.

Their teachers, family support workers, Anita Davis and her students will be factors in more success stories to come. 🍷

(Editor's note: Psychology honors student Annie Wright's presentation and display of her research, co-authored with Laura Ward '02 and titled "Adolescent Pregnancy Through Educators' Eyes," won a first-place award at the Mid-South Psychology Conference at Lambuth University, Jackson, TN, in February. Wright also won a scholarship to present the beginnings of her research at a conference on minority issues and prevention held at Arizona State University last November.)



RHODES LESS TRAVELED: THE SEARCH FOR THE GHOSTSHIP

By Jordan Badgett '03



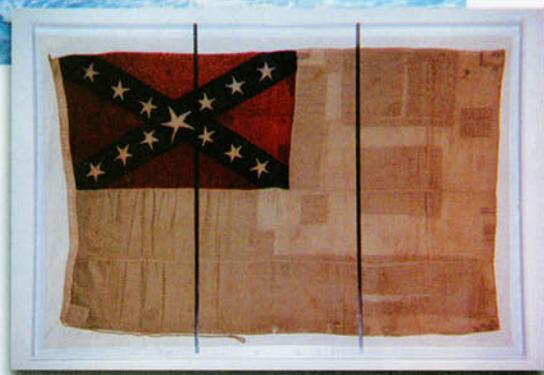
The day is June 19, 1864. The Civil War is raging, bloodying both American soil and international waters. For three years, the Confederate Navy's cruisers have been strategically hunting and destroying federal merchant ships around the globe, taking their crews as defeated prisoners. The Confederacy's most successful navy raider, the CSS *Alabama*, is positioned just off the coast of Cherbourg, France, preparing for battle with the USS *Kearsarge*. *Alabama* Captain Raphael Semmes challenged the *Kearsarge's* captain, John Winslow, to battle just four days before and now the *Alabama's* powder is deteriorating and there is only one working fuse. Spectators from as far as Paris have gathered on the coast and in private yachts to witness this climactic event.

The battle commences with broadsides, the ships firing just a few hundred yards apart. The *Alabama* shoots rapidly but is unable to sink the *Kearsarge*. Finally, Semmes and his crew fire



Painting by Tom Freedman of CSS *Alabama* engaged in battle with USS *Kearsarge*

a cannon into the stern of the *Kearsarge* that should sink the ship. However, the shell never explodes, but remains lodged in the stern of the Union steamer, allowing the *Kearsarge* to return fire. Within 70 minutes, the *Alabama*, known as the “Ghostship” because of its acute attacks and swift disappearances, begins to sink, stern-first into 200 feet of turbulent water in the English Channel. Many of Semmes’ crew die on *Alabama’s* deck. Others drown in the cold water of the channel. The *Kearsarge* picks up severely wounded members of the crew. Healthy men—Semmes and others—prepare to swim for it, but Captain Winslow signals for a private yacht, the *Deerhound*, to pick up the remaining men. Its owner agrees, and after 20 minutes in the water, the men are rescued and taken to shore. The *Alabama*, however, has disappeared.



Battle flag of CSS *Alabama* (approx. 8' x 15') presented by Capt. Semmes to the city of Cape Town in 1864

The *Alabama* sailed for 22 months. In that time, the ship—built in the John Laird & Sons shipyard in Birkenhead, England—covered nearly 75,000 nautical miles over seven oceans. The ship captured and sank 64 Union merchant ships and one federal warship—the USS *Hatteras*—virtually destroyed the North American whaling fleet, and its crew boarded a total of 447 enemy vessels.

According to a History Channel documentary this year, the *Alabama* was built on the cusp between sail and steam. She was one of the first ships equipped with both. This new technology and the ability to convert seawater to freshwater is what gave the “Ghostship” her maneuverability, strength and endurance.

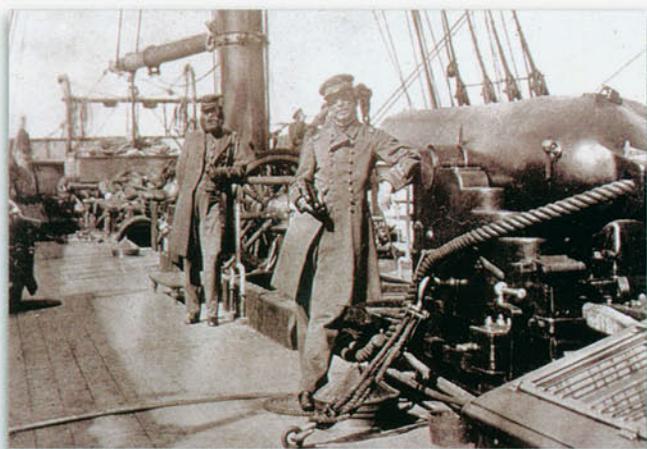
Rhodes alumnus Robert Edington '50 takes an active interest in the CSS *Alabama* and her history. A history major at Rhodes, Edington went on to serve on the USS *Boxer* in the Korean War, retiring as a commander in the naval reserve and becoming a well-known Mobile attorney, state senator and representative. With an interest in Naval history going back to his brother's involvement in the Navy during World War II, Edington has another

connection to the *Alabama*: Captain Semmes was a successful Mobile lawyer.

“In Mobile, people are very familiar with Raphael Semmes. We have a Raphael Semmes hotel, his residence is here, his statue is here and he is buried

in the Catholic cemetery in Mobile. He's an important part of Mobile history. And I, just like everybody else, have always known about him,” Edington reflects.

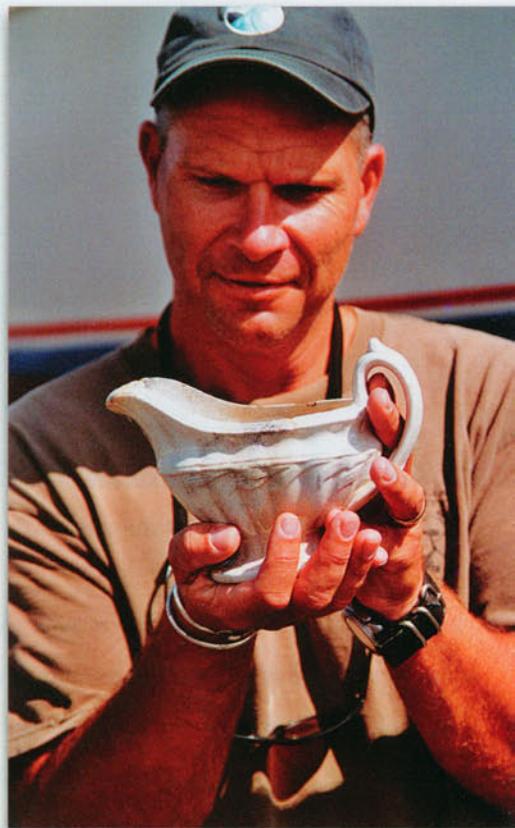
As president of the CSS *Alabama* Association, Robert Edington has been a fundamental part of the preservation and recovery of the ship's artifacts, a project that began for Americans in 1998, 14 years after the French navy discovered the ship at the bottom of the English Channel.



Capt. Raphael Semmes in an 1864 photograph at Cape Town, South Africa. To his right is first officer Lt. Kell. On the ship's wheel is Semmes' motto, in French: “God helps them who help themselves.”



Pipestem, still smelling strongly of tobacco, recovered from the officers' quarters in 2001



Underwater archaeologist Billy Ray Morris of St. Augustine, FL, holds china gravy boat from the officers' wardroom

“The naval operations out of Cherbourg were interested in locating the wreck of the *Alabama*. The battle between the *Kearsarge* and the *Alabama* is very important to the history of Cherbourg. Everybody in Cherbourg knows about it, but it was very difficult to locate the ship because the hull is wooden,” says Edington.

Using a minesweeper, the French navy was able to trace objects known to be similar to those on the Confederate ship. During that first dive in 1984, the divers retrieved the wheel of the *Alabama*—a sliver of wood that had mostly deteriorated but retained the brass rims engraved in French: *Aide-toi et Dieu t'aidera*, or translated, “God helps those who help themselves.” This was Semmes’ motto.

By 1998, French divers had recovered many artifacts, which were subsequently preserved; however, those artifacts were found to belong to the United States, as the “successor” to the Confederate States. Though organizations in France—Électricité de France and others—funded the preliminary work, more money was needed to continue excavating the wreck. In Mobile in November 1998, just after the United States took over the expedition, the CSS *Alabama* Association held its first meeting.

“The association was formed, and as I say, I had the weakest excuse not to be president,” Edington chuckles. He says that there were a number of people qualified and interested to serve as president, but due to Edington’s experience in legislation and writing statutes, as well as his demonstrated interest, he was named the association’s president. “I was happy to do it,” he says.

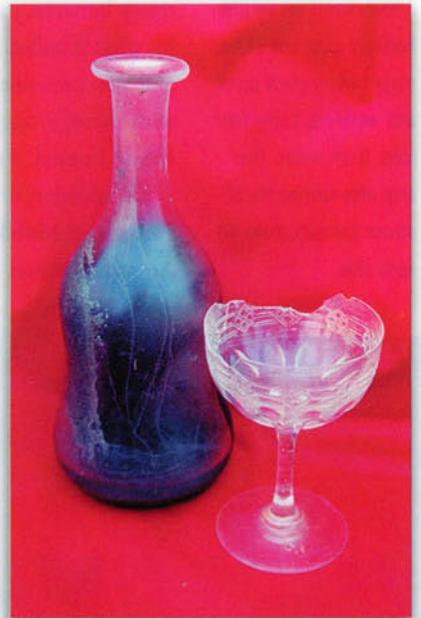
Among the association’s main concerns is that of securing funds for the continued excavation and preservation of artifacts. Thus far, substantial contributions have come from the city and county of Mobile and the *Alabama* Power Foundation, as well as membership donations and private contributions. The majority of the funding has come from the U.S. Department of Defense Legacy Management Fund.

In addition to raising money, Edington and the association are focused on the artifacts’ restoration and final display. Edington works closely with the principal investigator, Dr. Gordon Watts, a professor at East Carolina University. Both men travel to Cherbourg each year to supervise the dives and the debriefings.

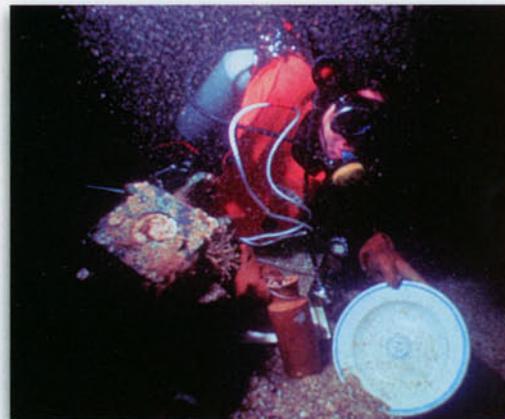
Once the objects are brought to the surface, they are sent directly to Charleston, SC, to the Warren Lasch Laboratory at the old navy yard, where they are restored. During the restoration, the laboratory consults Watts and Edington, as well as the CSS *Alabama* Association. Once restored, artifacts are sent to the Naval Historical Society at the Washington Navy Yard. Currently, some of the artifacts are on display at the Museum of the City of Mobile.

Edington speaks enthusiastically about the items discovered thus far. Because of the low water temperature in the channel and the blanket of sediment covering the wreck, many have been well preserved. In one instance, there is still the odor of tobacco on a pipe that was recovered. Other dives have produced organic remains such as cloth and leather—exciting for Edington and other historians because they allow a closer glimpse of the crew’s way of life. In the coming year, Edington hopes to recover similar items.

“We hope to do additional excavation of the hull and the crew’s quarters, which are around the galley, and then the officers’ quarters,” he said. “We want to recover personal items. Those tell us a lot about life aboard that class of ship in 1864.”



Wine glass and bottle from officers’ wardroom



Diver recovering plates from officers’ wardroom



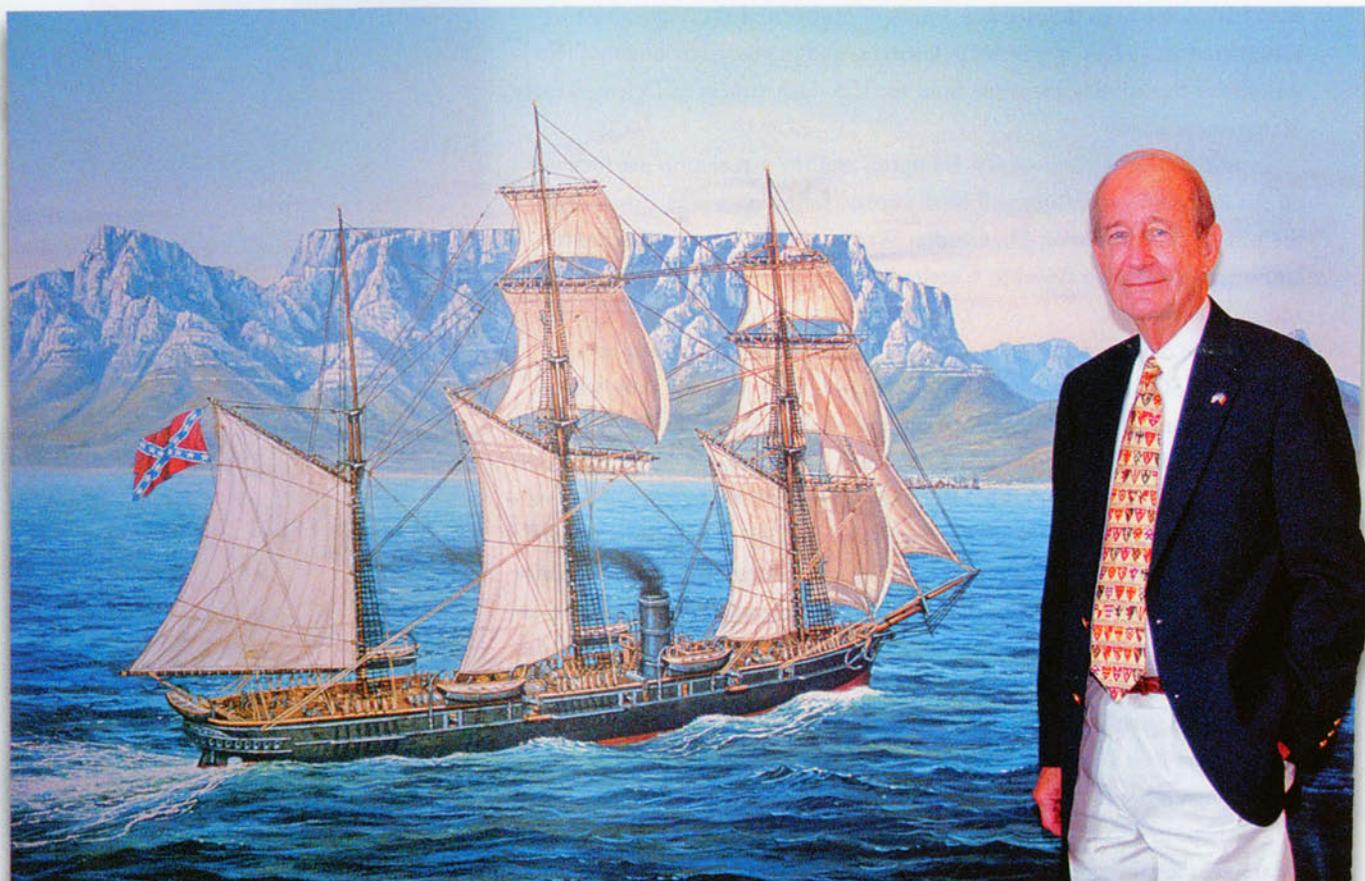
French naval vessel lifts Blakeley gun, one of two main battery pivot guns and weighing some four tons, from water. The ship also carried six 32-pound cannon, three on each side.

Edington and Watts anticipate concluding the diving by the summer of 2004. However, before then the president of the CSS *Alabama* Association has just a few more goals: to recover the main battery gun, weighing an astonishing 9,000 pounds; the Downton pump used as the main fire pump; and the copper cooking pots from the galley. Also, Edington wishes to establish a traveling educational exhibit so that the artifacts taken from the *Alabama* may be displayed in museums around the country. To date, more than 200 objects have been brought to the surface, including the 3.5-ton Blakely gun.

Robert Edington looks upon this project and its accomplishments with special fondness.

“It’s the first [archaeological dig] that’s operating on a special treaty between the countries, a total cooperation between the two. The whole thing is supervised by what is called the Joint Scientific Committee, which is made up of two prominent American and two prominent French members. They meet alternate years in Washington and Paris. I meet with them, along with the principal investigator and the president of the French association, Dr. Ulane Bonnel. And we work out the plans for the coming year.”

In addition to his work with the CSS *Alabama* Association, Edington has served as consul for Panama in Mobile. A respected attorney, he has tried cases both in his hometown and in Central American courts (in Spanish). He lives with his wife, Patricia, in Mobile. 🍷



Robert Edington '50 in front of painting of the *Alabama* entering harbor at Cape Town, South Africa, in 1864

East, West and South, Alumni Are Building the New American Town



Gazebo at Gorham's Bluff

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66

Picture yourself living in a brand-new town—one that's been planned from start to finish with a harmony of green space, variety of housing styles and offices just a short walk from where you live. A growing number of such communities are being built all over the country. Termed planned or multi-use development, New Urbanism, or traditional neighborhood development, they're all designed with one thing in mind: for people to live in true community.



Anton Grassl

Office buildings at University Park at MIT

Three Rhodes alumni are involved in such planned developments: Gayle Welker Farris '69 in Cambridge, MA; Tom Jones '73 in Los Angeles; and Dawn McGriff '83 in Gorham's Bluff, AL. They love what they do and consider themselves stewards of the land, but each one will tell you it's not easy building a town. There are politics and lawsuits and economic downturns involved. And if you're in it, you're in it for the long haul because it can take 20 years to build.

Farris, president of Forest City/Boston, has worked on building University Park at MIT since 1985. A 27-acre oasis in the venerable university town of Cambridge, University Park is a complex with cutting-edge biotech businesses, loft apartments, day care center, hotel with a neighborhood grocery store (a full-sized supermarket on the entire second floor accessible from a parking garage; the third floor is a convention center) and of course, plenty of green space that draws people in from Cambridge's main artery—crowded, bustling Massachusetts Avenue—like a magnet.

University Park was an industrial wasteland 20 years ago when the Massachusetts Institute of Technology began buying up the land. In 1983 MIT selected Forest City to create a master

plan, rezone the land and develop a mixed-use environment to be fully integrated with the neighborhood and Cambridge.

"It was also to be a place where high-technology graduates could come and work and open their companies, and where MIT faculty and staff would be advisers to those companies," Farris explained.

Today, graduate students indeed work and have internships at University Park and many of the MIT faculty serve on the scientific advisory staffs of the biotech companies there.

"Our business agreement with MIT is this: There is a base ground rent that we pay them," said Farris. "The university has invested endowment funds in the land that gives it a good return, and it participates in the net refinancing proceeds and rent increases over time. So the university indirectly participates in the increased value of the real estate from these companies. It's a win-win for Forest City, MIT and the city of Cambridge because it's created tremendous employment, tax revenue and land value for MIT. For us, it's created one of our largest and most successful projects."

University Park's parent company, Forest City Enterprises Inc., develops commercial and residential real estate. It continues to sell wholesale

lumber as it did when it began in 1921 in Cleveland, which is known as "the forest city." The company, which is publicly traded, is currently developing the old 4,700-acre Stapleton International Airport in Denver as a mixed-use community. It is also building the 1.4 million-square-foot New York Times Co. headquarters building in Times Square. Another New York project, the Embassy Suites hotel in Battery Park City, was used as a command center after the Sept. 11 attacks on the nearby World Trade Center. Later, the hotel's generators powered the memorial twin beams of light.

Farris, who heads a staff of 70, has offices on the ground floor of one of University Park's commercial buildings. Buildings are named for famous Cambridge scientists: the Clark Building, for preeminent 19th-century telescope maker Alvan Clark; the Richards Building, for Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of and instructor at MIT, who was a nutritionist, ecologist

Anton Grassl



Loft apartment at University Park

Gayle Welker Farris '69

Gayle Farris' entrepreneurial streak began at home in Clarksville, TN. Her grandparents owned a landscaping business that included a greenhouse, florist and gift shop. Her parents, both academics, worked, so she learned the grandparents' business at a young age. She worked in the shop, making the largest Christmas sale of anyone there when she was in third grade, and flew around the country on buying trips with her grandparents.

When she was 7 years old, her father had a Ford Foundation grant to study in France. Off she went, attending a French school and traveling all over Europe.

At Rhodes, the international studies major was an intern for Tennessee Congressman George Grider the summers after her first and second years. Her third Washington summer found her working for the Neighborhood Youth Corps. When she returned to college for her senior year, Farris took a new course in urban studies. Thanks to her Rhodes and Washington experiences, the next summer she was selected as one of the few interns at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Gayle Farris '69

She married and moved to Chicago, where she first worked for HUD, then Booze, Allen & Hamilton, a management consulting firm, in its real estate division. From there she went to First National Bank of Chicago's trust department, buying real estate for commingled and individual pension funds. She then moved to the commercial lending department, and just before she had her second child, became a developer on her own.

She moved from Chicago to upstate New York to Boston in three years. She began as a project manager at University Park at MIT in 1985,

and was named president in 1991.

Farris has restored three houses in Boston. Her current home was built in the 1780s, just after the Revolutionary War, and expanded 10 years later.

"It's the second-oldest wood frame house in Charlestown. So much was burned at the nearby Battle of Breed's (Bunker) Hill," she said.

"Looking back," she mused, "I really owe my whole career to Rhodes." Or Southwestern, as she prefers to call it.

gist and consultant to government and business. Incised in cubes of granite sculpture placed throughout the green space are symbols from the periodic table of the elements. The hotel furniture incorporates computer circuit boards in its decor.

The overall look of the place is old/new Cambridge with low-rise buildings that blend into the neighborhood. The project had its detractors at first. Residents and city officials worried that any new, and at that time, radical, construction in Cambridge would ruin the look and feel of the city. University Park worked with them, shared its vision and eventually got all the permits necessary to build.

"The first two buildings were rehabs," said Farris. "We tried to keep what we had. One was originally a

Sears shoe manufacturing facility that later housed Cambridge SoundWorks, the audio components company. We converted it into our first office building. That was my first project here. My second one was the old Kennedy Steam Biscuit Co. building, which we converted into lofts. In the old days, the Kennedy Steam Biscuit Co. became the New York Biscuit Co., which became Nabisco. Fig Newtons and Lorna Doones were created right here."

If that's not sweet enough, one of University Park's nextdoor neighbors is the Necco Wafer candy manufacturing plant, complete with a water tower painted to resemble a pack of Neccos.

With eight office buildings, the hotel and more than 400 residential units complete and two commercial buildings currently under construc-

tion, University Park will be finished right on schedule with its 20-year development agreement.

"We actually thought we could get it done in 12 years" said Farris. "The early '90s were what I call a real estate depression. Biotech was a whole new industry that we hadn't even heard of when we started this project. These companies take a very long time to develop a drug—10 to 15 years—so they don't make money for a very long time. In fact, they lose money. At that time, trying to get banks to lend us money to build buildings for companies that were not credit-worthy was a real stretch."

University Park went through a five-year building drought in those days. At the same time, the biotech industry began to grow, particularly in

Cambridge. Not only was it good for the city, it allowed University Park to catch up on the building time it had lost.

“To have been the steward, to have helped create a city has been a fantastic opportunity,” Farris said. “In high-density cities, space is at a premium. Also, it’s a problem for older cities to provide the kinds of services that we all need, so it was a creative move on the part of Cambridge, and we worked with them.”

With University Park’s completion assured, Farris is currently on sabbatical in Italy, taking courses in Italian and studying art and architecture. Her purpose: “To identify the next projects we’re going to do in Boston.”



Playa Vista condos

Three thousand miles from Cambridge, Tom Jones '73 knows all about working with the community in order to build a community. As director of planning and entitlements at the Playa Vista development in west Los Angeles for the last four years, he’s responsible for planning and obtaining approvals and permits for the \$6 billion, 1,100-acre residential/commercial community. The project has been widely praised as a model of smart urban planning and creative environmental initiatives. It recently received an Ahwahnee Award which recognizes exemplary, more

livable, pedestrian-oriented communities and a Clean Air Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Jones said he was initially attracted to the project “because of the challenge of striking a proper balance between environmentally sensitive urban development and preserving the site’s significant open spaces.”

Located minutes from the Pacific Ocean, Los Angeles Airport and upscale Marina del Rey, the site is strategically situated to help ease LA’s housing shortage crisis. The first phase of Playa (Ply-a) Vista, when completed, will have 3,200 residential

units (single homes, condominiums and rental units), 15 parks, a school, ballfields, community center and retail and commercial space. The architectural style, said Jones, will be a mix.

“Los Angeles has an eclectic collection of architectural styles, and we wanted to be an expansion of that. At Playa Vista there’s traditional California, Mediterranean, Art Deco, contemporary, even some Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architecture,” he said.

Phase One also includes a 114-acre business campus with 3.2 million square feet of office space, a child care center, health club, retail shops and restaurants.



PLAN 4

PLAN 3

PLAN 2

PLAN 1

Single family homes at Playa Vista

Not everything is new, though. Playa Vista has preserved and will rehab some original buildings for continued use as film and television studios. Portions of the blockbuster movies *Titanic*, *Independence Day* and *Batman Forever* were filmed there, and Eddie Murphy's *I Spy* is currently in production, Jones said.

Playa Vista was another industrial wasteland until the late 1980s when Maguire Thomas Partners purchased and began creating a master plan for the land. It had once been the site of the Hughes Aircraft Co., where legendary millionaire Howard Hughes built the "flying boat" Spruce Goose airplane in the late 1940s. Later, the land housed Hughes Electronics and Hughes Helicopters. Playa Capital Corp., the current owner, acquired the property in 1997.



Office space at Playa Vista

"Because the proposed urbanized areas of the community master plan are located near what's left of the Ballona (Buy-owna) Wetlands, and because of the project's scope, it has been the subject of great debate and challenge. We are finally and happily under way with 1,400 residences and six parks currently under construction," said Jones. The community's neighborhoods are organized around a series of active parks, the designs of which Jones manages.

"The parks are distributed so that there is at least one park located within a five-minute walk of every residence. I'm not sure the rest of Los Angeles can boast such a statistic."

Playa Vista's neighbor, Marina del Rey, had been dredged from wetlands

Tom Jones '73

An economics major at Rhodes with a postgraduate degree in landscape architecture from the University of Virginia, Tom Jones has worked in the land development industry since 1978.

"Coming out of graduate school I was more focused on landscape architecture, but my interests have continued to expand into urban planning, design and development," Jones said. "I have to credit Rhodes with giving me my first true sense of community—the campus is such a beautiful example of blending the elements of design, activity and diversity that make for a great community."

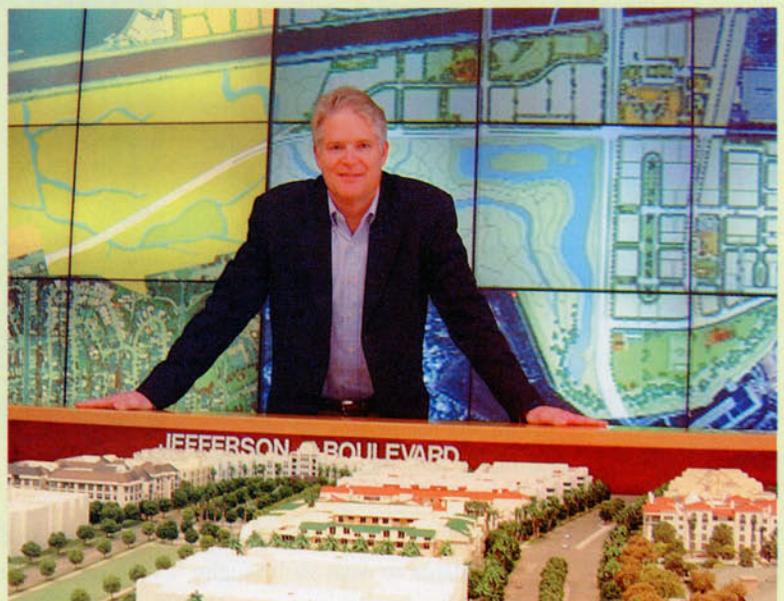
His first job in 1978 was as a planning consultant in Denver before getting on with a planned community south of the mile-high city, then another one across town. It was a golf course community, where he got to work with Jack Nicklaus.

"The economy tanked in the late '80s," said Jones. "A lender was looking for a project manager at a property in Lake Placid, and he recommended me. It was a turn-of-

the-century, 1,000-acre hotel resort in a community of 2,500 people. I talked my wife Molly into it. I spent four years master planning, redesigning it, trying to get it approved. It never got approved. The owners put it up for sale. I said to Molly, "I got us up here, now you get us out."

"Molly is a playwright by background and wanted to try her hand at television. She wrote a script for a show she enjoyed and had a friend circulate it around Los Angeles. She landed a really good job and we moved out here. I found a job with a commercial development company in its Mexican golf resort division, and I traveled down there every other week."

Later Jones went to work for Rancho Santa Margarita, a predominantly residential community, before joining Playa Vista. His wife, writer Molly Newman, has written and produced such shows as *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Murphy Brown*, *Frasier*, *Tracey Takes On* and *Sisters*. She currently is under contract at 20th Century Fox, developing new television show concepts.



Tom Jones '73

in the 1960s to make a harbor for pleasure boats that are “bigger than my house,” according to Jones. No wonder that word of Playa Vista’s development sent up red flags to project opponents who could only envision the last wetlands in California turning into more suburban sprawl.

“The owners spent the late ’80s and early ’90s trying to get approvals and permits for the current master plan. Finally in 1993, the first phase was approved,” Jones said. “Early in the process the team sat down and worked with numerous environmental groups to negotiate creative solutions and compromises. One such solution resulted in a settlement with the Friends of the Ballona Wetlands: We committed to spend millions of dollars preserving, expanding and restoring 343 acres of wetland under the Friends’ guidance. It was a very

difficult agreement to structure, but we were committed to forging an alliance that works. Now we work with the Friends of the Ballona Wetlands on all sorts of sensitive issues like street lighting adjacent to the wetlands, pedestrian traffic, how the water systems for the wetlands work—it’s a real collaboration.”

Pricetag: \$30 million for restoring the freshwater wetlands. Two hundred acres of salt marsh restoration closer to the ocean is planned, price to be determined. Included in the cost are the services of top area biologists who are restoring the marshes along with the vegetation and wildlife that inhabit them.

Anticipating the increased traffic Playa Vista will put on the city streets, the company has put money into widening neighborhood streets and intersections. There is Playa Vista Educational Trust that supports 15

public and private schools in the Los Angeles area. There is also Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services (PVJOBS), a non-profit organization that provides construction jobs at the site for at-risk youth and young adults. As part of its commitment to sustainability and “green design,” Playa Vista recently entered into a venture with DaimlerChrysler to have a fleet of electric cars and trams available to residents and business tenants for use on the property and in the surrounding area.

“Our owners, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, ULLICO and Oak Tree Capital, have stayed committed to Playa Vista because the development is a great balance between providing a community and preserving nature,” said Jones. “I think we are succeeding in making a good, walkable, livable community.”

Dawn McGriff ’83

Dawn McGriff’s father, a C.P.A., bought Gorham’s Bluff from his father-in-law in the 1970s. It became his place of reflection. Over the years, he thought of developing it into something beautiful that would be a legacy to all who would come there. His daughter, fascinated with the Florida town of Seaside, talked him into going all out and building a town.

Oct. 28, 1992, was the first planning meeting. The McGriffs employed Seaside’s real estate broker and a New Orleans architect to design a master plan. Two years later, they closed on their first lot. *Southern Living* has featured Gorham’s Bluff six times; the June 2002 issue of *Travel and Leisure* listed the Lodge as one of “30 great U.S. inns,” the second time Gorham’s Bluff has been featured in that magazine.

McGriff said she loved Rhodes the minute she walked on campus, and never applied to any other college.

“A good college experience means you begin to understand the person you are and the person you can become,” she said. “During my four years at Rhodes the whole world opened up.”

After graduation, the English major worked at jobs in Memphis before heading to Atlanta to what she thought would be a career in marketing.

“I sometimes go back to Atlanta for a few days, which I love to do—I love the energy of the city. But

when I come back I can sit on the bluff and refine myself,” she said. “We’ve seen so much with our guests at the Lodge how much people need time and space. I think Sept. 11 taught us so much about what we need, even if it’s difficult to find that time and space to do it.”

When the Lodge opened in 1995, the entire McGriff



Randall Shepard '84

Dawn McGriff '83

clan began getting together there for Christmas. One year, though, they all went to Disney World.

“We had a great time,” said McGriff, “but afterward the kids said, ‘Next Christmas, can’t we just go home to Gorham’s Bluff?’”



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Residences at Gorham's Bluff

That's just what Dawn McGriff '83 had in mind in 1992 when she decided to build a town on 186 acres of family-owned land high on a bluff overlooking the Tennessee River.

Gorham's Bluff, in extreme northeast Alabama, some 50 miles southwest of Chattanooga, TN, is a growing town inspired by the style of the Seaside community in northwest Florida. The Lodge, an inn reminiscent of Mount Vernon, commands a majestic view of the greenish-blue river, curving south before its eventual upward push to Kentucky, where it will meet the Ohio. There are even two resident eagles that fish the water far below the sheer limestone cliff.

Inside the Lodge are six guest rooms, each with a fireplace and porch. Two open lounge areas and a dining room are on the first floor. It is a peaceful place that attracts a variety of guests, from newlyweds to new parents to couples celebrating their 50th

anniversaries. The majority come from Atlanta, Birmingham and Huntsville, all places within a 2 1/2-hour drive.

There are 600 home sites on the 186 acres.

"They're small lots," said McGriff. "We want our streetscape to be really interesting and have an urban feel to it."

Halfway through the 20-year town-building process, Gorham's Bluff has some 25 homes, a small apartment building, several small shops, a meeting house, schoolhouse, amphitheater, ballfield, bike and walking trails and swimming pool. Through a pine forest, beside a creek, is a treehouse designed by children and architects. Across the road leading to the town are 100 acres of undeveloped land for future use.

Gorham's Bluff is named for "Uncle Billy" Gorham, a recluse who acquired the land through the Homestead Act after the Civil War. It passed through several owners till McGriff's grandfather bought it in the 1950s. It was her father's idea to develop it.

With 28 full-time residents, Gorham's Bluff also has several second homes. McGriff believes the community is perfect for the mobile or cottage industry workforce, especially small data companies that don't need to be in large metropolitan areas, she said.

Ultimately, though, Gorham's Bluff envisions itself as an education and arts community. It was McGriff's mother's idea from the outset, and one that has guided her daughter throughout the development of the town.

"Coming to Gorham's Bluff would not have even been an option for me if it hadn't been for the idea of creating a place where arts are at the center," McGriff said. "We want

a mix of special studies programs, opportunities to make art and see live performances."

The Gorham's Bluff Institute, begun in 1994, is a non-profit corporation charged to maintain the cultural and intellectual life of the town. It oversees an annual chamber music festival, the Alabama Ballet's 10-day summer residency that includes performances and master classes, a storytelling festival, visits from Auburn University's Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation team and a fall Songwriters' Showcase.

The schoolhouse was the actual nearby Pisgah, AL, school built in the 1930s. When the town built a new one, McGriff's father bought and moved the original in seven pieces to Gorham's Bluff. Currently being reconstructed, it will house a ballet studio, cooking school and a computer lab for graphic arts. The study hall, says McGriff, will be space for lectures, small theater productions, even class reunions.

McGriff envisions classes for local children, elderhostels and collegiate honors programs at Gorham's Bluff, which she calls "an arts town and a community of connections." 24



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The Lodge at Gorham's Bluff



Manhattan, Sept. 17, 2001



When I was invited to write an article on my sabbatical experience, I initially thought of generating a standard report on my research. However, this sabbatical has been deeply marked by the September 11 tragedy, and I have chosen instead to write about my year chronologically in order to share both my professional and personal experience with the Rhodes community.

Dispatches From a Sabbatical Year

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July 9, 2001, Brooklyn, NY: Spending the summer in the city with my wife, Stefanie, soon to be joined by my three daughters. Today I mailed more than 300 survey questionnaires to directors of Foster Grandparent Programs (FGP) around the nation. Congress is in the process of reauthorizing the legislation that funds and regulates the program, and it is therefore timely to document FGP practices, barriers and needs in order to inform the reauthorization debate.

FGP is one of three Senior Corps programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Its legislative roots reach back to President Johnson's war on poverty. Formed in 1965, FGP's mandate is to provide opportunities for low-income seniors 60 years of age or older to directly serve the needs of physically, mentally or emotionally challenged children. In exchange for their service, seniors receive a modest stipend and the psychosocial benefits associated with service-oriented social interaction.

In the early years of the program, many FGP placements were with residential care facilities for handicapped children. However, deinstitutionalization has led to an increase in FGP placements in educational settings. One unintended consequence of this shift is that lower-skilled seniors who need the program's benefits (a modest stipend and self-esteeming social activity) are becoming less actively recruited as directors scramble to enlist seniors who can excel in educational settings. Some directors are lobbying to do away with the existing income and age guidelines in order to widen the pool of program-eligible seniors and make recruitment less difficult. If this is done, FGP will cease to be a program that serves the needs of low-income seniors.

July 26, Triboro Bridge, New York City:

Returning by car from a New England vacation. We cross the bridge and are taken aback by the extraordinarily darkened, storm cloud-textured skyline of the city. The view is eerie and foreboding. My youngest daughter Julie (10), remarks that it reminds her of the scary feeling she sometimes gets from the Harry Potter novels.

August 14, The offices of the United Way of the Mid-South, Memphis:

Presenting findings from the survey I recently conducted of HIV-AIDS-infected persons receiving Ryan White Title II-funded services in Southwestern Tennessee. Ryan White services include counseling, medical care, nutrition and case management and are reserved for the poorest of the poor. The survey identifies housing, transportation, case management and medical care as the most pressing needs. I look forward to conducting focus groups with these clients later in the year to build a more comprehensive needs assessment. The report I am presenting today will be used by the Southwestern Tennessee HIV-AIDS Care Consortium to develop a priority list of needs for allocating Title II funds in October.

August 15, Pfeiffer University, North Carolina:

Conducting a service learning workshop for faculty at Pfeiffer University. Service learning (SL) is a pedagogical strategy that connects classroom learning with hands-on service in the community in order to enhance academic learning, promote personal development and ameliorate social problems. Rhodes professors have been developing and teaching service learning courses for more than a decade, and this workshop is based on what we have learned from our efforts. The literature on service learning evidences that direct community service (service involving consistent, face-to-face interaction with people in need) often presents profound challenges to students resulting in transformative experiences. Next month I will begin a new research project that will examine the effects of SL-inspired transformative experiences on the faith development of college students. This upcoming project excites me because it is directly related to my purely scholarly interest in experiences that result in changes in self-understanding.

August 25, World Trade Center, Manhattan:

Enjoying a delicious lunch with Stefanie, her mother and her younger brother, Robert, in a restaurant in the World Trade Center. Stef teases me to order lobster (since it's such a posh place), but I go for the crab cakes. Robert is a public relations executive for American Express and his office is here in the World Financial Center. We recall how Robert arranged VIP passes for my family to watch the parade of tall ships from the WTC boat basin on July 4, 2000. After lunch Stefanie and her mother head uptown to rendezvous with her older brother, Steven. I excuse myself in order to head back to our apartment to work on the FGP survey report, which is due in a week or so. I am unaware that I have just passed up my last opportunity to see Steven Glick alive.

September 11, Memphis: Like so many other nightmares, this one begins with a phone call. Pulled away from my computer by the telephone's ring, I find myself talking with Stefanie's sister, Ellen. She is calling from my wife's hometown of Philadelphia. "The World Trade Center has been attacked by terrorists," she says. Disbelief. "Terrorists hijacked planes and crashed them into the Twin Towers. Robert is safe, but we're waiting to hear from Steven." My disbelief becomes horror. "Oh my God," I scream. Stefanie looks at me, horrified by my reaction. Shaking, I hand her the phone.

Steven did not work at the World Trade Center but he was attending an e-commerce communications meeting on the 106th floor of the North Tower, the first tower to be hit. We learn that he telephoned his wife after the plane hit, reporting that there was smoke and that he was being moved to another room. No word since.

My mind spins. I think of my sister, Beth, who survived the 1993 WTC bombing, and who has since retired to raise her children. What about John, her husband, who works across the street from the towers? The rest of the day is a blur of long-distance phone calls, questions, fear and pain. John escapes, driving up Trinity Place with his boss and several co-workers as the first tower collapses. I have two cousins who are New York City firefighters. I fear the worst. Late in the afternoon I speak with one's wife. Paul is safe and working the scene. We will not hear about Matt until tomorrow but he, too, is OK. As night falls we cringe as the stories of survivors trickle through the media.

Still no word from Steven. We do the math again. He had more than 90 minutes to get out before his building collapsed. As night falls Stefanie and I decide that we will leave by car the next morning and head to Philadelphia.

September 12, I-81 near Bristol, TN: Stefanie and I are still shaking. We are driving toward Philadelphia, holding the slimmest hope that Steven is OK. The drive is a distasteful mix of anxiety, sadness, anger, cell-phone calls and false hope. Our morale sinks with the fading daylight, pulled down by the voice of a New York firefighter who states on the radio that the remains of people who were in the highest floors are being found in the rubble. Two hours later Stef's mother asks us by cell phone to pull off the road in order to be safe. We promise to pull off soon and we do.

September 13, Somewhere in Virginia: We are driving and drinking coffee again by 5 a.m. No news on Steven. We are numb. Approaching Philadelphia I encounter a chilling message flashing on an enormous highway emergency sign: ALL TRAFFIC AVOID NEW YORK CITY.

September 14, Philadelphia: Yesterday afternoon we learned that not a single person who had attended Steven's conference has been found. Friday dawns with a cold rain in Philadelphia and New York, and we begin to accept that Steven Glick, 42, husband and father, is dead. A memorial service is planned for next Thursday in Greenwich, CT, where Steven lived.

September 17, Staten Island, NY: The alarm wakes me at 6 a.m. but it feels much earlier. My body is emotionally exhausted and it is painful to get out of bed. I shower, dress and prepare to leave my parents' house. My sister offers me a ride to the train. No thank you, I respond. I want to walk. I leave the house in predawn light. At the foot of my parents' block is a firehouse. Across the building is draped an enormous American flag. I wonder how many men from the company were lost. Weeks later I learn that close to 40 people were lost from my hometown of Great

Kills, Staten Island, many of whom were firemen. I walk up Nelson Avenue past the elementary school and church I attended in my youth. I approach the train station and a fireman, an older man, exits slowly from a deli, we make eye contact and without thinking I reach out and pat his shoulder as we pass. The train comes, it is fairly crowded and I stand the 25 minutes to the St. George Ferry Terminal. As I queue for the boat before the wide entrance doors inside the terminal, the rising sun catches the large flags draped from the ceiling. How many of the victims stood at this very spot Tuesday morning not knowing it was their last?

The doors slide open, disappearing into the walls as if it were simply another day and another commute. I walk briskly to the front of the boat, the *American Legion*, and take into my sight and mind the new landscape of my home city. Numerous reporters and photographers mingle as the boat fills. They are here to capture the feelings of commuters intent on resuming their normal New York lives. I stare at lower Manhattan. I am relieved by the fact that the city, in its vast glory, is still here. Wasn't I kayaking in this harbor just a month ago? The ferry horn booms, announcing our departure. The silence of the passengers, all of whom are captivated by the visual unfolding before them, is interrupted by the measured voices of reporters, camera shutters clicking and the cry of an occasional seagull.

We swing wide toward Brooklyn to avoid the path of a returning ferryboat, and then turn back directly toward South Ferry, Manhattan. The Statue of Liberty glistens in the morning sun. I see the pall of smoke suspended over lower Manhattan. Several hundred yards from Manhattan Island we enter the smoke. I can now smell and taste what has happened. Breathing history, I become a witness.

The boat docks and I disembark. Lower Manhattan looks like a ghost town. There is no traffic, no street lights are blinking, and the lingering smoke irritates my eyes and filters what I see in an unnatural way. I meander within the canyons of lower Manhattan. I walk north on New Street. People are wearing facemasks. This is the Wall Street district. The streets here are narrow and remain darkly shadowed until midday due to the height and density of the many skyscrapers. There is no need to walk on the sidewalks as the streets are trafficless. The few people walking about are making eye contact with others, something unusual in my experience of New York. It is as if the city has been transformed into a village in which there are no strangers, everyone having been rebirthed into a single family by all that has happened.

I see small groups of people huddling outside of different buildings. Many are wearing light blue smocks or jackets and I realize that they are stock traders. They are visibly nervous, pacing, smoking and watching the clock. It is 8:30 a.m. and in one hour the markets will open for the first time in six days. I look east along Wall Street and

I am taken aback. Police snipers are positioned on the roof of one of the lower buildings. An undercover officer approaches and asks if I have business here. I respond that I am walking uptown to retrieve items from an apartment for a family member. He instructs me to keep moving.

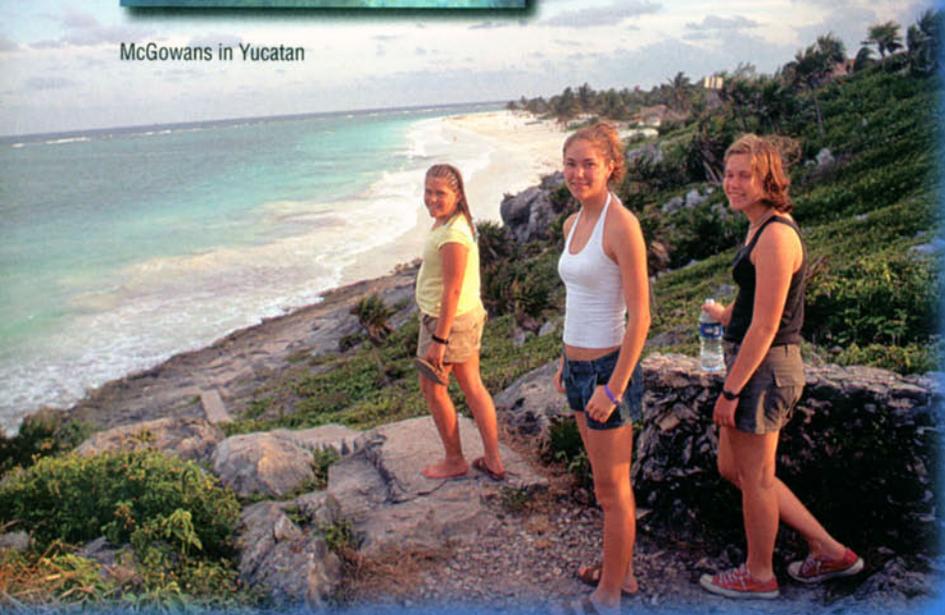
I head north along William Street. There are more people, less smoke and more light. I am pulled west on Liberty Street to Nassau Street, two blocks from ground zero.

From this intersection the twisted remains of the southern wall of one of the towers, reaching 8 or 10 stories high, are clearly visible. The white cathedral arches at the base of the towers are also visible, but they are no longer white. Transfixed, I stand witness to Steven's death. How long I stand here I do not know. Drained of emotion, I float away like a dry leaf, carried now by the growing crowds of people. I ride the subway to Sheridan Square. I enter Robert's apartment and look outside his picture window due south,



digesting his new view *sans* the twin towers. From Philadelphia he instructs me by phone to locate his preferred suit, some personal items, his mail, and I am gone.

McGowans in Yucatan



September 29, on an Amtrak train outside of Washington, DC: Returning to Philly from Washington where I presented findings from the survey to the board of directors of the National Association of Foster Grandparent Program Directors. The discussion went well and I enjoyed the respite it provided from the invasive images and emotions of the past two weeks.

January 3, 2002, Florida Keys: Drifting on my kayak with the rising tide around the leeward side of a small, uninhabited key, trying to make sense of the last three months. Sleepless nights, Stefanie's inconsolable pain and my struggle to solve a problem that cannot be solved. I continue to battle obsessive thoughts of cockpit struggles, Steven's final hour, and the prospect of violence from which I cannot protect my children.

You cannot tell someone who lost a brother or a son that something good can come out of murder. Murder is an incomprehensible act whose incomprehension must be allowed to remain untamed by the good intentions of reason. To make sense of such an act is to accommodate it in a way that gives it legitimacy within the human condition. Such accommodation must be resisted, even though it requires the reluctant admission that reason, like life itself, is limited.

January 23, Orlando, FL: A breakthrough of sorts while conducting focus groups with Foster Grandparents Program directors. The directors begin with narrative descriptions of the intergenerational programs they have built. Their stories are inspiring. A project director from New Mexico tells of how one foster grandma serving in a hospital is able to get a child to drink milk when the doctors and nurses could not. From a director of a project in Alaska we learn how the placement of elders in schools located in isolated areas serves to legitimate the schools in the eyes of the indigenous community. The narratives are providing the context I need to make sense of the survey findings.

February 14, George Fox University, Oregon: Interviewing students about their service-learning experiences. Unexpected finding. These students have an expansive understanding of service, defining it as any action that helps or assists another person. Simple yet profound. I suspect the prevailing definition of service in the service-learning literature (service



defined as activity that helps service-oriented organizations meet their goals) needs rethinking.

March 2, Mars Hill College, North Carolina:

My interviews with students here confirm that we need to expand our prevailing notions of service. I have gathered excellent material today and look forward to working out a typology of effects with regard to student faith development.

April 4, Memphis: Completing the last of four focus group discussions with HIV-AIDS-infected people in Memphis. Each group is demographically different yet similar in one important respect: They all report that discrimination is a constant problem in their lives. The battle that proves most difficult for the infected is not the medical battle but the fight to maintain a positive self-image and outlook in spite of being discriminated against by those who know their status. The bigotry experienced by these people often places them in need of legal aid, but there are no government-funded legal services for infected persons in our area. For infected professionals, the chief concern is protecting their access to medical insurance, which means protecting their jobs. Others want to pursue litigation against the person who infected them, but lack the financial resources to do so. There is a need for leadership in the Memphis community in the fight against such bigotry and victimization.

April 12, Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico: A break from research with my daughters in Mexico. We are touring the incomparable Mayan City of Chichén Itzá. We are fortunate to be traveling with Bob Cikraji, a professor and author of a book on the site. Bob drives us to the site in his standard white Volkswagen bug. I wonder whether the novelty of being driven around the Yucatan countryside in a VW bug will cloud my daughters' appreciation of this incredible place. My concern proves groundless. Bob gives

us a captivating tour of the site, and nearly trumps the experience by taking us swimming in a magnificent cenote, where small blindfish bump into you as you swim underneath the splash of a cascading waterfall. By late afternoon we are body surfing in the Caribbean after traveling by bus to Tulum. It is a wonderful day in a world that can, in spite of 9/11, still be quite beautiful.

June 8, Salt Lake City, UT:

Presenting the final report on the Foster Grandparent study at Senior Corps' national conference. Almost four decades following the FGP's creation it is a profound experience to report on the program's practices, barriers and needs as seen through the eyes of its project directors. Their responses provide a sobering and cautionary description of the present state of the program. Directors uniformly agree that FGP has significant needs that must be addressed by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Perhaps the most profound study finding is the widely held perception that FGP is drifting away from its mandated mission to serve the needs of low-income seniors. Policy initiatives introduced in recent years by the Corporation for National and Community Service are creating a recruitment and selection bias toward better-skilled volunteers. In the process, less-skilled seniors are being overlooked as directors scramble to fill placements in impact-oriented placement settings. This is important to think about in light of FGP's mandated purpose. The FGP was designed to enable low-income seniors to serve (because volunteering is, in a sense, expensive), thereby providing them with the psychosocial benefits of self-esteeming social interaction. As income eligibility requirements are relaxed, FGP must find a way to ensure that those elders who most need the program's benefits aren't cast aside in the rush to demonstrate impact. ❧

Awash in a Sea of Religious Pluralism

By Martin Marty

Martin Marty, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago, spoke at the spring Gilliland Symposium. The following are excerpts from his talk.

The word “awash” has two definitions: A. on a level, or flush with, the surface of the water. B. washing about on the mercy of the waves. The first definition means we’re on the same level. Pluralism can be a problem when trying to deal with all the separate versions of it in civic or public life—are we on the same level, or at the mercy of something? With religious pluralism—we were not born to feel at home with it. We are far from it, yet we are awash in finding our way through it.

There was a time when people thought pluralism was something that happened only in cities. But in Iowa there is the oldest U.S. mosque, a Hasidic Jewish settlement, gypsies, Amish. There’s no place to hide.

The landscape shifts constantly. Everyone’s horizon has shifted this year. I think the sadness, the trauma of Sept. 11 has quickened Americans to a lot more observance. I have colleagues, scholars or practicing Muslims, who are weary every night of the week because somewhere or other six Christian organizations are having a seminar and my colleagues are asked to speak. It’s become urgent—for strategic reasons, for reasons of justice, for reasons of concern.

On Sept. 12 my wife and I were having a Victorian supper on a Victorian porch of our Victorian home in our Victorian town. It was getting dark. Across the street we saw the

motion of candles and there were the Weiss family and the Canahan family inventing a little ritual for their children, because down the block from us is Bridgeview where a mosque had been attacked. They were teaching these little Jewish and Catholic kids a ritual by which they learned to affirm.

Nine of the 13 colonies had an established church. Most of them turned out to be pretty benign in the course of time, but not early on.

Benjamin Franklin, one of my four-to-five top Enlightenment-era heroes, said when he saw a German ship coming in, “What are we going to do with these Palatine boors who are ruining Pennsylvania? If we do not keep them at bay, they will Germanize us before we Anglify them.” Pennsylvania filled up with every kind of Continental, foreign-speaking people, and it survived.

John Jay in the Federalist Papers said, “God in his providence has given us a wonderful land (he’s selling the Constitution with Hamilton and Madison) with rich rivers, mountains, fields, one people who speak one language and have one religion and one set of customs.” What interests me is that he didn’t even remember his own autobiography because he was of Dutch and Huguenot extraction. He wasn’t talking for over half the people, who were women. He didn’t talk about the Africans who’d been there since 1619. He wasn’t talking about the native Americans who’d been there for several thousand years.

Pluralism doesn’t make life easy. If



Martin Marty

you are a person of faith in America, you are going to live with a certain measure of internal conflict.

We had better accept pluralism. It’s here. It’s growing. It’s not going to get less. You can’t suppress it by law.

The big change came in 1965 and nobody noticed. That was the year of the Selma march, Great Society legislation, the year we committed many troops to Vietnam and Congress made little adjustment in the immigration laws. That was just in time for the boat people from southeast Asia. Iowans and Minnesotans, Catholic relief and Lutheran immigration services took people in and planted them in every little town.

The Soviet Union had 72 years to try forced homogeneity—rivers of ink, oceans of blood, barbed wire to the moon and back around the gulags. The morning after the curtain tore, every ethno-religious group that had been there was back, in spades.

If you look at the word “pluralism” in the *Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature* from 1900-1950, it appears a couple of times, mainly with the philosophy of William James. In 1951, “Pluralism, a National Menace” was the cover story in the *Christian Century* magazine.

After Sept. 11, we’d better learn who the Muslims are and who the Muslim is, and who the rest of us are in America. Maybe some people can use the depth of their conviction to meet the other who is different, who is strange, who is not to be exiled or killed—but to be appreciated. 24

Governing Gambling

By John Lyman Mason '92, Rhodes Assistant Professor of Political Science, and Michael Nelson, Rhodes Professor of Political Science. New York: The Century Foundation Press. 125 pp. \$13.95

In terms of dollars, say the authors in their introduction, legalized gambling is bigger than movies, spectator sports, theme parks and all the books, magazines, and newspapers published in the U.S. put together. "In 1998, gambling in legal enterprises generated \$54 billion in profits to businesses and revenues to government," they write. It's no wonder: Commercial casinos operate in 11 states; Native American tribes operate casinos in 24 states; and 38 states and the District of Columbia have lotteries. Adding to the mix are horse and dog racing, video poker, sports gambling, charitable bingo and most recently, Internet gambling.

Governing Gambling examines the politics and policy of gambling, specifically, the roles state and federal governments play in the game. Each chapter offers histories of U.S. gambling in the latter part of the 20th century, along with political analysis and policy recommendations.

Invitation to Cryptology

By Thomas H. Barr, Chair, Rhodes Department of Mathematics. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall Inc. 396 pp. \$66.77

Cryptology has been around as long as the written word. Valued for its usefulness in war, it is also the underpinning of our modern electronic society. E-mail, credit cards, e-commerce, automatic teller machines all owe their existence to cryptology.

At first, author Tom Barr's book doesn't go strictly by the numbers.

While a sound text for college-level students that quickly gets to the business at hand, the first chapter contains an interdisciplinary study of the history of cryptology. "The rich and lengthy history of cryptology makes it a natural topic in which to explore the development of linguistics and communication in different cultures and eras," writes Terri Lindquister, an associate professor of mathematics at Rhodes whose cryptography course inspired the book.

The Management of Islamic Activism

By Quintan Wiktorowicz, Rhodes Assistant Professor of International Studies. Albany: State University of New York Press. 205 pp. \$17.95

The Management of Islamic Activism examines the relationship between the changing nature of state power and patterns of Islamic activism in Jordan. Regimes continue to constrain the organization of Islamic opposition even after the advent of political liberalization. In Jordan, control has been maintained through the "management of collective action," the regulation of opposition through a complex array of bureaucratic and legal mechanisms. Specifically, laws governing civil society organizations are manipulated to encourage the formation of moderate Islamic groups while disempowering more radical activists. As a result, radical activists have formed informal social networks that operate outside the state's control.

Composed of like-minded Islamists, the networks evade attempts to manage Islamic activism through a loose web of personal relationships, small group interactions and formal meetings.

Generally Speaking

By Claudia Kennedy '69. New York: Warner Books. 326 pp. \$24.95

When Claudia Kennedy retired

from the U.S. Army in June 2000, she had made history by becoming the Army's first woman three-star general. The highest-ranking female officer of her time, she was deputy chief of staff for intelligence, overseeing policy and resources affecting 45,000 soldiers worldwide. Her career spanned 32 years, a time of monumental change for the Army.

In the book Kennedy recalls her years as a young WAC turning less-than-golden administrative assignments into opportunities.

Generally Speaking offers an insider's view not only of how the Army operates, but how a true leader with devotion to duty, honor and courage earned her stripes and stars.

Blood in Their Eyes

The Elaine Race Massacres of 1919

By Grif Stockley '65. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press. 272 pp. \$29.95

In September 1919, black sharecroppers met in Elaine, AR, to protest unfair settlements for their cotton crops from white plantation owners. Local lawmen broke up the meeting, and the next day 1,000 armed men from the Delta and U.S. Army troops converged on the area. The result was a massacre of anywhere from 20 to 856 African Americans, depending on which account one reads. Characteristic of the time, black sharecroppers were jailed, tortured and charged with first-degree murder.

Grif Stockley, a lawyer and novelist with six books to his credit and another due this summer, has done considerable research to bring the truth of the Elaine race massacres to light, making a powerful case that white mobs and federal soldiers murdered African-American citizens of Elaine. **2A**

From the Alumni Association President

Talk about perfect timing! Three threads of conversations came together over the spring and summer that reminded me how truly proud I am to be part of the Rhodes community.

The first thread was spun in April when the Alumni Executive Board held its annual spring retreat. We spent Friday afternoon in dialogue with faculty, students and administrators who gave us updates on and insights into several issues within the Rhodes community.

The second thread unfolded as board members and guests thoughtfully worked to get their minds around the racial incidents on campus and the need for greater diversity among students, faculty and administration. In mid-May we unanimously adopted the following statement on behalf of the Alumni Association:

"The board stands firm in its opposition to any form of discrimination because of a person's beliefs, race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. Furthermore, in light of recent incidents against some members of the student body, the board formally denounces these unacceptable acts.

"The board desires to express its willingness and commitment to assist the administration, faculty, staff and students in their efforts to eliminate racism and discrimination within the Rhodes College community. Further, we desire to express our willingness and commitment to assist the same in the promotion of diversity within the Rhodes community."

The third thread was woven by President Troutt himself. In early June, Jerome Franklin '89 and I met with him to present the above statement. Just one day earlier the Dean's Council had met to adopt a statement titled "Rhodes College's Commitment to Diversity."

In our discussion, we came to realize that each group crafted a statement without knowledge of the other's and that both drew from an identical set of core values to express their deepest hope for the future of the Rhodes community. It is a great reminder that

our Rhodes experience is more than a four-year education: It is an integral part of who we are throughout our lives.

I welcome your call or e-mail if you have any thoughts or suggestions for the Alumni Association. Rhodes is fortunate to have an exceptionally active alumni body, and I am genuinely excited about what we will accomplish in the year ahead—and I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

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Solve the puzzle below for clues to our plans for Homecoming 2002! Answers and additional information are provided on page 39.

Here's a key to get you started:

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U D U K X L
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9. K Y A O L M Y K M H X U F!

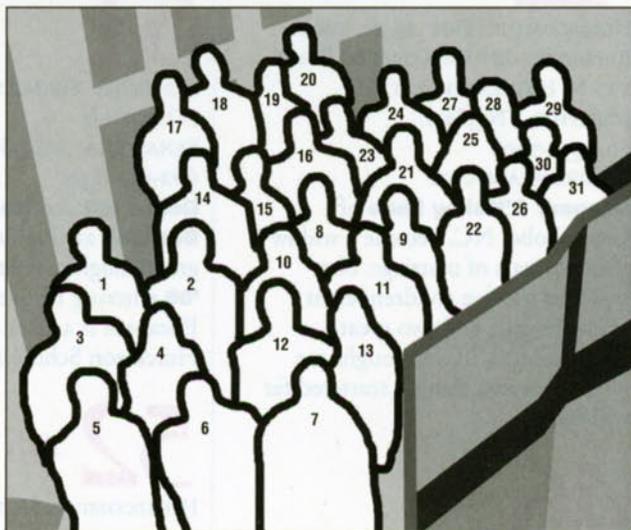


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Family Portrait

Alumni and their graduating seniors gathered for a family portrait in the Bryan Campus Life Center after baccalaureate. They are:

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| 1. Ann Raines Dailey '53 | 17. Allyson Johnson '02 |
| 2. Jonathan Berger '05 | 18. Chip Hodge '00 |
| 3. Steve Berger '74 | 19. Jennie Johnson |
| 4. Catherine Dailey Berger '75 | 20. Lou Johnson '61 |
| 5. Taylor Berger '02 | 21. John Kauffman '02 |
| 6. Lewis Donelson '38 | 22. Rosemary Lehman Freer '77 |
| 7. Mason Howell '02 | 23. Michael Hart '02 |
| 8. Charlie Durham '71 | 24. Tom Hart '68 |
| 9. Sandy Cook Durham '72 | 25. Debra Hall '02 |
| 10. Kim Freeman Durham '78 | 26. Sue Dunn Hall '69 |
| 11. Dave Durham '78 | 27. Brown Gill '02 |
| 12. Robb Durham '04 | 28. Betha Hubbard Gill '71 |
| 13. Carol Durham '02 | 29. Gary Gehrki '76 |
| 14. Garry Huff '72 | 30. Claire Mathias Gehrki '76 |
| 15. Wynellen Weir Huff '71 | 31. Julie Gehrki '02 |
| 16. Chris Huff '02 | |



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Ann Bell was chosen 2001 Tennessee
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Margery O'Kelley Lane of Greensboro, NC, became a widow after 55 years of marriage. She says that her five children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren "have brought me much pleasure, though scattered far and wide."

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Sally Johnston Schultz took a two-week tour of Greece in June 2001.

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After 50 years in retail, **Bertha Landau** is retiring and closing her Petite Ms. clothing shop in Memphis' Laurelwood Shopping Center. She plans to begin her retirement by taking a family trip to Walt Disney World and working as a volunteer.

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Denby '50 and **Helen Deupree Brandon** are looking forward to granddaughter **Elizabeth Brandon '06** entering Rhodes this fall. Elizabeth is a recent graduate of the Hutchison School in Memphis.

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Dick Teaford is completing his 29th year of ministry at Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY. He serves as vice president of the board of Highlands Court, an apartment residence for senior citizens, and is treasurer of Covenant Housing, a church-related organization that builds houses in inner-city Louisville. His daughter, Deirdre Teaford, welcomed a daughter, Meghan Dena, born Feb. 2, 2002. (See class of '84.)

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John and **Marilyn Stewart Daniel '62** of Versailles, KY, are both retired. John, a former accountant with the Fayette County Board of Education, rides horses in reining competitions. Marilyn, who was with the Mason and Hanger law firm, now does pro bono legal work, primarily for immigrants.

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David Ramsey, who was recently named Distinguished Service Professor of Music at Rhodes, was the Adult/Chamber Choir accompanist for the Westminster Conference on Worship and Music that was held in mid-July at New Wilmington, PA.

Harry Swinney, a physics professor at the University of Texas in Austin, received an honorary doctor of science degree from Rhodes at commencement May 11. "Graduation was fun especially because my hero, Dr. Jack Taylor, sat in the first row," Harry said. "He was the entire physics

faculty when I entered Rhodes. I was also delighted to witness the graduation of Mary Evelyn Daugherty, the daughter of close friends from Austin. Five years ago I suggested that she consider Rhodes."

Margaret Haigler Davis and her husband, Jack, will celebrate their 43rd year of marital bliss Aug. 15. Margaret and her son, **Stephen '85**, recently attended an alumni party in Mobile. They had a fun time visiting other alumni and representatives from Rhodes.

Buddy and Janet McKenzie Nix '60 have been married 41 years as of Feb. 25, 2002. "We have two girls, Betsy and Sarah, and each of them has two boys, so we have four grandsons who bring us much joy."

Jack and Emma Young Thompson will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary Aug. 26. Their 12th grandchild was born in May, with their 13th expected in November.

Stewart and Sue Bracewell Whittle will celebrate their 41st anniversary Sept. 9.

John and June Johnston Hungarland '62 celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 21.

Jennie and **Lou Johnson's** daughter, **Allyson Johnson '02**, graduated

from Rhodes May 11. The Johnsons are happy that Allyson wed **Chip Hodge '00** July 20 in Atlanta. Chip attends law school in Atlanta. Some of Lou's classmates who attended the wedding included **Tommy Clinton, Wilson Viar** and **Jerry Duncan**.

We are saddened to learn that **Jerry Duncan's** mother died April 24, shortly before her 94th birthday. She was a longtime supporter of the Class of 1961. Jerry represents our class on the Alumni Council. Jerry's oldest daughter, Ashley, lives in Coronado, CA, and will be married in Moab, UT, Oct. 12.

Mike and Penny Nichols Macey '62 were blessed with the births of two grandchildren during the last year: a boy in May 2001, and a girl Sept. 11, 2001. Penny retired from teaching in May. Mike is a retired Episcopal priest who still preaches at a small church in Carthage, TX, about 35 miles from their home in Longview.

Robert Camp, the son of Jim and **Jocelyn Agnew Camp**, is to be married to McCormick Templeman Aug. 17 in Santa Barbara, CA. Planning to attend the wedding are **Lela Garner Noble, Susie Bracewell Whittle** and **Bette Baumgarten Daniels**. Jocelyn's

sister, **Edie Agnew Allen '66**, will also attend. Robert completed his M.F.A. in playwriting at Brown in May. He has had several plays produced in Portland, OR, two in New York, and one is scheduled for a production in Boulder, CO, next fall.

Bob Taylor spent a week with his son, Ryan, in May while Ryan recovered from corrective rhinoplasty following the removal of a dermoid cyst. Bob and Ryan enjoyed seeing several of the earlier runners in the Boston Marathon as they completed the race. Ryan received his master's in taxation from Northeastern in June. Hilary, Bob and Barbara's oldest child, received her doctorate in pharmacology from the University of Kentucky in 2001. Bob's youngest child, Erin, is a student at Georgetown. It sounds as if Bob and his wife did something right in raising their children!

Joan Adams King has been successfully recovering from an operation two years ago that removed a fist-sized malignant tumor from behind her right eye. She is now directing a children's choir, as well as singing in the regular choir. She recently became the chairperson of the membership committee in her church in Colorado Springs. Joan greatly appreciates the

SOLUTIONS: NHSYWH SOTA 2002 HOMECOMING 2002 OCTOBER 25-27

1. Athletic Hall of Fame

Friday, 11:30-1:30, McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center
Reservations/Tickets required

2. Alumni Happy Hour

Your central meeting spot for friends and classmates to kick off the weekend! Friday, 5-8 p.m., Bryan Campus Life Center

3. Class Reunions

Friday and Saturday evenings at locations in and around Memphis

4. Distinguished Alumni Awards

5. Faculty Portrait

Two of the college's distinguished graduates and one beloved faculty member will be honored during the Alumni Convocation Saturday morning at 11, McCallum Ballroom, Bryan Campus Life Center

6. Homecoming Picnic

Planned in conjunction with the Rhodes Activities Board, this pre-game cookout brings alumni and students together on the lawn of the Bryan Campus Life Center. Student entertainment will feature the winners of All Sing and Battle of the Bands, as well as Woolsocks, Lipstick on Your Collar, The Ministry and a step show. Saturday, noon-2 p.m.; tickets required

7. Rhodes Lynx vs. Colorado College Tigers

Saturday, 2 p.m.; tickets required

8. Lynx to the Community

Alumni and students work side-by-side in the Rhodes tradition of community service and outreach. Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

9. Register Today!

Register online at www.rhodes.edu/ alumni or call the Alumni Office at 800-624-LYNX (843-3845 in the Memphis area) if you have not received a brochure and prefer to register by mail.

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support and prayers that the members of her church gave her during her health struggles.

Bill Reed has a very interesting hobby. For the past several years, he has written poems on an almost daily basis. For the most part, they have been written in the form of haiku. A few examples of Bill's writing include the following:

1. a familiar face
obscure floating away
revives my longing
2. my life is given
to belief
dreaming
uncertainty

Sam Drash has continued a hobby started by his grandfather and followed by his father. The hobby is putting together scrapbooks (not picture albums). Sam tries to make one scrapbook every year. If there is a special occasion during a year, he makes an additional book. During the time the three Drash boys were growing up, Sam completed five scrapbooks for each of them that traced their lives from the time they were born until they graduated from college. Sam and **Ginny Taylor Drash '66** now have 30 scrapbooks in their home that trace from their childhoods to the present. After their only grandchild was born, their youngest son, Wayne, started putting together a scrapbook showing life as a husband and father. When Wayne and Sam completed a five-day trip to Washington, DC, last month, Sam made two 30-page scrapbooks of the trip—one for Wayne and one for himself. Sam has more than 10,000 photo negatives of his family on file that go back as far as the late 1800s.

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Warren Nance is serving as interim minister of Stephenson Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC. He and his wife, Candy, have three teenagers: Elizabeth, Joseph and Justin. Their oldest son, Warren, and his wife, Ashli, blessed them with their first grandchild, Taylor Ann Nance.

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U.S. Coast Guard Capt. **Bob West** recently retired after 35 years while serving as the commanding officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit Naval Coastal Warfare Atlantic, Williamsburg, VA. During his career he had also served as commanding officer of Harbor Defense Command 208, New Orleans, and plans officer of Naval Coastal Warfare Group Two, Williamsburg. He received several personal awards and campaign ribbons and medals, including two Meritorious Service Medals and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals.

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This fall, **Jacquelyn Dowd**, president of the Southern Historical Association, will give the presidential address at the association's annual meeting in Baltimore. Jacquelyn is director of the University of North Carolina's Southern Oral History Program and Julia Cherry Spruill Professor of History.

Jane Adams Nichols is now chancellor of the University of Community College System in Nevada. Formerly the system's vice chancellor of academic affairs, she has also served as a faculty member at the University of Nevada in Reno. Jane also is proud to have five grandchildren and one more on the way.

Ted Morris has received tenure at Illinois Wesleyan University effective in the 2002-03 academic year. He has been a professor of philosophy at IWU since 2000.

Judy Moody Daniel is on the board of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia (FLAVA).

Teri Tidwell Hornberger's son, Wesley Sewell, was the associate editor of the film *Black Hawk Down*, which won the 2002 Academy Award for "Best Edited Film."

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Melinda Gill Rutherford is director of financial systems for HCA in Nashville.

An elder at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis, **Linda Lampley Scholl** was installed as the moderator of the Presbytery of Memphis for 2002.

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University of Tennessee political science professor **Bill Lyons** was featured in Knoxville's *Metro Pulse* newspaper for his role in Knoxville's Community Development Corp. in bringing people together to develop Market Square in historic downtown. The Square is home to many restaurants and local businesses.

Mike Stone is a partner in Stone & Co. CPAs in Atlanta. His wife, Linda Finsthwait, sells real estate with Harry Norman realtors. His daughter, Jamie, graduated from the University of Georgia in May, and his son, Todd, has completed his sophomore year at UGA.

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New York artist **Daisy Craddock** is painting for a November art exhibition at the David Lusk Gallery in Memphis.

At a special April meeting of the Presbytery of Memphis, the Rev. **Sam Marshall** was approved as the interim Presbytery executive for the Presbytery of Memphis, beginning June 1, 2002.

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Becca Howington Curtis now works full-time as an EEG and evoked potentials technician at Terrebonne General Medical Center in Houma, LA. She and her husband, David, own Carlea's Catfish Shack, a small Cajun restaurant that specializes in fried catfish and fried and boiled seafood.

Robin McCain recently installed computers and Internet access for a new \$20 million homeless/low income housing and training program in San Francisco.

Rob Riley has begun painting and is represented by Local Color Gallery in Nashville. He's keeping his day job as a custom homebuilder.

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Mark Bitensky and **Candace Keirns** married Dec. 15, 2000, and now live in Waban, MA.

Memphis Light, Gas & Water president **Herman Morris** testified Feb. 13, 2002, before the U.S. House Transit Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Subcommittee on Highways regarding the importance of enhancing safety and security along the nation's natural gas pipelines, as well as the need to increase communications between the government and natural gas providers. He represented the American Gas Association and American Public Gas Association.

Working in advertising photography for Fortune 500 companies, **Anthony Richardson** lives in Albuquerque, NM, with his wife, Despina Petrou-Richardson, and his 15-year-old daughter, Alyssa, a "soccer star who also does well in school," he writes. He also edits and illustrates books on art and is on the board of advisers for two non-profit organizations in Albuquerque. He is starting

a non-profit charitable trust in his parents' name. The fly-fishing is great and the climate outstanding, he says.

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Robert Barsley, D.D.S., J.D., has been named director of compliance for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. He joined the LSU faculty in 1980, advancing to professor and then to director of dental resources and director of hospital affairs. In 1987, he was admitted to the Louisiana bar. One of the lead dentists in the identification process for Flight 759, which crashed in New Orleans in July 1982, he has confirmed the identity of hundreds of victims and testifies in court on a regular basis.

Susan Clark, a partner at Burch, Porter & Johnson, was elected secretary of the Memphis Bar Association in December 2001. She will serve as president of the organization in 2005.

Jimmy Ogle is now director of operations at the Memphis Rock and Soul Museum.

Rose Owens is the senior project director for West Ed in Oakland, CA. She received her Ph.D. from Stanford University School of Education.

Jim Pond, his wife and two children have moved to Boston, where he works as a software engineer for Fidelity Investments.

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Jan and **Ingrid Ortiz Chilton** married June 16, 2001. Jan is a fellow lawyer from San Francisco and Ingrid is senior vice president and counsel with First Tennessee Bank in Memphis.

Neil Johnston, president and director of the Project Cate Foundation Inc., produced and developed *Ribbit's Big Splash* water conservation curriculum, which was voted Best Environmental Program of 2002 by the Environmental Education Association of Alabama.

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Mike Dowell is now executive director of Artisans Center of Virginia. His wife, Pat Gooch, is communications specialist for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative.

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Steve Collins was named Certified Commercial Investment Member of the Year by the St. Louis chapter of the CCIM Institute. Candidates for the CCIM award are required to complete approximately 240 classroom hours in commercial real estate courses. Only five percent of the estimated 80,000 commercial real estate practitioners nationwide hold the CCIM designation.

Carol Richard Hunter has been appointed director of the Science and Engineering Libraries at the University of Virginia. She was formerly assistant government information librarian.

Sarah Stamps Swor works as a 12th-grade counselor at Hillsboro High School in Nashville. She is also the director of the Writing Academy.

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George Johnson is president of Lennox View Ventures in Knoxville, TN.

Martha Norton and Robert deBin married Feb. 2, 2002, in Roland, AR. She is a physical therapist for Easter Seal Arkansas in Little Rock.

Carol Lee Collins Royer has been promoted to vice president of finance for Waddell and Associates Inc. in Memphis.

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Nancy Brock, her husband, Corbin

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Hobbie, and their two sons have moved from Roanoke, VA, to Hattiesburg, MS, where she has been appointed a U.S. administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration.

Amy Goldberger recently joined Surface Logix Inc. in Brighton, MA. She lives in Belmont.

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Laurie Barlett has been mobilized by the U.S. Army Reserves in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for duty during Operation Noble Eagle. She is working in the area of Homeland Security.

George and **Karen Ervin Dooley** welcomed their daughter, Trinity Faith, born April 13, 2001, into their home Oct. 26, 2001.

David and Carrie **Granoff** announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Samantha, July 31, 1999.

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Conrad and **Julie Neal Mehan** have moved back to the U.S. from Italy. They now live in Ashburn, VA, with daughters Lindsey (15) and Paige (14).

Brooks and Kathy **Robey** announce the birth of their son, Murphy Martin, Jan. 18, 2002. He joins big brother Jack.

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Tanya Beck Evans is self-employed, consulting in marketing strategy and conducting focus groups in Pensacola, FL.

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Terry Bate is director of advancement for Front Range Christian School in Littleton, CO.

Laura Meacham Keane teaches mathematics at the University of Tampa and manages her husband's alternative medical practice.

Chris Marsh and Leslie Briggs

married March 9, 2002. They live in Germantown, TN.

Herron Miller and Terri Gleich announce the birth of their second son, Kendall, Jan. 10, 2002. He joins older brother Cole (3). The family lives in Bremerton, WA, where Herron is the night editor for *The Sun*.

Bryan and **Julie Mortimer Watkins** adopted a daughter from China, Sophie Love. Born April 30, 2000, she came to the U.S. Oct. 23, 2001, and is enjoying big sister Emily Caroline. The family resides in Little Rock, where Bryan and Julie are both physicians.

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The Markle Foundation in New York recently named **Joanna McIntosh** a director of its Policy for a Networked Society program, which promotes international and domestic policy-making. She was formerly vice president of international affairs at AT&T.

Jimmy Petty is of counsel to the Chattanooga law firm of Grant, Konvalinka & Harrison.

John Shanely recently finished his first year in private practice as a nurse practitioner, specializing in geriatric care. He and his wife, Elaine, announce the birth of their third child, Ennis Padriag, Oct. 9, 2001. They live in Fayetteville, NC.

Deirdre Teaford recently began a new job adventure, relocating her private practice in psychology to Cornelius, NC, where she specializes in working with children, adolescents and young adults. Deirdre and her husband, Steve Mantz, announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Dena, Feb. 2, 2002, "the coolest birthday ever" Deirdre says.

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A psychiatrist at Park Center in Nashville, **Beth Baxter** was one of 40 individuals under the age of 40 featured in the Jan. 27, 2002, edition of *The Tennessean* Top 40, in recognition of

her community service efforts.

Michael and **Adelle Little Caemmerer** have lived in New Delhi four years, where she teaches elementary art and he teaches theater and history. They enjoy "stimulating work and the cultural environment" and the many opportunities to travel. They have two girls, Maia (10) and Chloe (7).

Patrick and **Barbara Anderson Dentinger** welcomed their daughter, Liesl, born Dec. 26, 2001.

Kristy Stubbs French is executive director of Pillsbury Peters Fine Art in Dallas.

Reza and **Margaret Bryan Hakimian** and their son, Christopher, moved from New York City to Boston in May 2001. Their second child, Megan Frances, was born July 5, 2001. Margaret is staying home with Christopher and Megan.

Bill Krieger is a pilot for FedEx in Memphis and will soon be flying the MD11, the largest aircraft with the FedEx fleet.

Roger Worrell of Newport, KY, is assistant professor in the department of surgery at the University of Cincinnati.

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John and Carmen Renee **Koh** announce the birth of their son, Robert Joo II, March 6, 2002.

Liz McCraven participated in her second AIDSride this year, an AIDS/Life Cycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles in May. Last year, she participated in the Northeast AIDSride, trekking from New York to Boston. Liz is the vice president of product development and information design for CRKInteractive in Somerset, NJ.

Stasia Burke McGehee is an artist and conceptual designer in San Jose, CA. Her online portfolio: www.members.tripod.com/ztazia/

A sculptor and filmmaker in San Francisco, **U.B. Morgan** spends much of his free time involved in historic preservation, on both his own house and important buildings in the community.

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Our 15th reunion is right around the corner. I hope you're busy making plans to get to Memphis and join all your friends as we walk down memory lane, play "remember when" and show off how darn good we all look. We've booked the Palm Court for our reunion party, and we're in the process of selecting a band and the menu, but we need to know how many people are going to be there so we can adequately prepare. If you're planning to be here Oct. 26 for the big day, pleaseeee send your money (\$40.00 per person/\$80 per couple) to Samantha Briden Duke at 5087 Shady Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38117. Call or e-mail me if you have any questions. And now, on to the happy news from our classmates:

Lynn Lawson and John C. Cabell Jr. married Dec. 2, 2000, and had a son, Charles Pearce Cabell, Dec. 5, 2001.

Tracy Rene Helms-Capasso and David Augustus Helms-Capasso had a spiritual blessing of their civil ceremony on May 18, 2002. They reside in New Orleans.

Jon and **Dudley Boren Selinger** announce the birth of their son, Lucas Gregory, Feb. 26, 2002. He joins his sister Caroline (2).

Grace Elizabeth was born Oct. 24, 2001, to Todd and **Susan Adams Proebsting** in Seattle. Susan completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Emory University in 1997 and now loves being an overly-educated mommy. Grace is gorgeous (I've seen the pictures). Of course that is no surprise given her genetic heritage.

Harold and Jennifer **Dufour** announce their latest family addition, Thomas Charles, born April 30, 2002. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21" long. He joins big sister Mal-lorie Quinn, who will be 2 in July. I don't mean to minimize the pain of

childbirth in the least, but the story of Jennifer's labor and Thomas' delivery really should be made into a movie. You'll have to contact the Dufours for the full account.

Laura Miller and Mary Hill proudly announce the birth of their second son, Patrick Harrison Miller-Hill. Harrison joined the human race on Tuesday, June 4, 2002. Big brother Christopher is being a big help. Congratulations!

On April 1, 2002, **Jason Hood** was promoted to vice president, general counsel and secretary of Wright Medical Group Inc. Previously, Jason was general counsel and secretary. Wright Medical Group is a global orthopedic medical device company specializing in the design, manufacture and marketing of reconstructive joint devices and bioorthopedic materials.

Tony Rose is assistant professor of computer science at the University of Tokyo. He holds his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Memphis.

Karen Cagle-York was recently elected by the board of directors of Rauland-Borg Corporation to the position of vice president and director of work/life, where she oversees all corporate human resources and work/life programs. Karen reports that she's homesick for Memphis.

Michelle Dry, the educational resources manager at the University of Memphis' Center for Earthquake Research and Information, is working on her master's degree in journalism.

As for me, I have just been made official coordinator of creative arts at First Congregational Church here in Memphis. Since my return to Memphis in January, I've had the chance to appear in two productions (*Fuddy Meers* at Theatre Memphis and *Vanish Code* at Playwright's Forum). It's great to be back in Memphis and back on stage.

Keep the good news coming, friends. Many of you wrote to tell me about upcoming births and vacations, but I'm sure you understand why we only report events after they happen. Another good reason to stay in touch! See you in October.
Mazel tov,
Brian

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Bob Barnett is director of card member services for American Express in Parsippany, NJ.

Cat Foreman is insurance supervisor at Genetics Associates Inc. in Nashville.

Betsy Hamilton has been promoted to associate director of the J. Bulow Campbell Foundation in Atlanta.

Theodore Dudley and **Anne Ricks Lampton** announce the birth of their second daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Dorothy, Nov. 21, 2001.

Kennard and **Jennifer Gammill McKay** announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Crosby, Jan. 7, 2002. Jennifer is an officer for Interpine in Mississippi. They live in Hattiesburg.

Guy and **Tobi Lefebvre-Ballard** are the parents of a son, Gregory Graham Ghislain, born Oct. 15, 2001 in Bruxelles.

Tim and **Blythe Donaho Lewis** welcomed their daughter, Gracie, born Feb. 5, 2002.

Jorge and Michele **Salazar** announce the birth of their son, Jorge Alejandro "Alex" Salazar Jr., March 5, 2001. Jorge is a staff physician in the vascular-interventional radiology division at the University of Tennessee, Memphis radiology department.

Alan Spies is a principal at Everest Capital in Miami, FL.

Eric Stark is an administrative supervisor for Methodist Healthcare at University Hospital in Memphis.

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Most of the news this quarter is job-related. Our classmates have some interesting careers! **William Holden** is working on the cutting edge of gene

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discovery technology. For the last two years, he worked in quality management of DNA microarrays at Corning Microarray Technologies in Corning, NY. He now works as quality control manager for bioresearch solutions in the life sciences division of Agilent Technologies in Santa Clara, CA.

Charles Holt is currently performing on Broadway in *The Lion King*. He recently wrapped his first movie, an independent film titled *Annie B. Real*. Last October, he performed Off Broadway in a one-man, 20-character stage production of Richard Wright's *Black Boy*.

Jon Reesman has left the U.S. Air Force after 12 years to return to Memphis where he is a pilot for FedEx. He and his wife, Vivian, and their children live in Collierville, TN.

Dawnita Wilson has left felony prosecution and is now a civil litigation attorney at Reid & Associates in Dallas.

Paul and **Anna-Catherine Wylie Super** announce the birth of their son, Robert Wylie, Feb. 23, 2002.

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Roger and **Amy Bielicke** announce the birth of their first child, London Mae.

Maj. Maria Carl now works as assistant to the chairman and Joint Chiefs of Staff for Air Force Public Affairs. She lives in Baltimore.

Richard and **Carla Carr Stec** announce the birth of their second child, Conner Michael, Dec. 10, 2001. They live in Vestavia Hills, AL, where Richard is vice president of Payor Contracting for Healthsouth Corp. in Birmingham. Carla is writing her dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in Slavic language and literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Max Dupree is now a tax manager for Ernst & Young in Atlanta.

Rick Eskildsen and **Jody Casella '89** live in Lexington, KY, where Jody teaches talented and gifted students part time and takes care of children Ben (8) and Jane (4) at home. Rick was recently promoted to senior logistics analyst at Valvoline.

Assistant professor at the University of Iowa, **Craig Gibson** has returned from a semester of leave. **Kristal Marlow Gibson '91** is enjoying her new job as manager of test security at ACT. Craig's first book was published in June.

Phillip Hoover is now practicing environmental law with Smith, Gambrell & Russell in Atlanta.

Scott and **Mary Salmon Openshaw** moved from Brooklyn, NY, to Florida, where she is the director of Gov. Jeb Bush's statewide reading initiative, Just Read Florida!

Deanna Owen and her husband, Bruce Keisling, welcome their daughters, Julia Claire and Nicole Elaine, born Feb. 14, 2002.

Peter and **Aimee Goffinet Svenneby** announce the birth of their son, Erik Anders, in August 2000. Aimee works in sales and marketing for the Svenneby Corp. in Foxfield, CO.

Grant Whittle now lives in Memphis, where he works as digital media manager for Physicians Postgraduate Press Inc. He holds his Ph.D. in English from Florida State University.

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Patrick and **Paige Williford Carruth** announce the birth of their son, John "Jack" Andrew, Feb. 23, 2001. Patrick is educator and curriculum director for Evangelical Christian School in Germantown, TN.

Tom and **Sara Blankenship Dilworth '93** announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine, Dec. 10, 2001.

Susie Geist is now a staff attorney with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Cooper Hipp is the director of IP development for Microgistix in Pasadena, CA.

Tres and **Leigh McRight McGinty** announce the birth of their third daughter, Emily Louise, March 29, 2002. Big sisters are Mary (5) and Ella (2).

Allen and **Laura Brown McHan '90** welcomed twin daughters Nov. 20, 2001, Faith Evelyn and Sarah Elizabeth. Laura is now a stay-at-

home mom and Allen is a sales representative for Monarch Computer in Atlanta.

Paul Ollinger has relocated from Los Angeles to San Francisco, where he has taken a job with Yahoo!, parent company of Launch.com, where he worked for five years. He works on the Silicon Valley-area sales team, calling on tech and financial accounts.

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William and **Erica Blank Bronson** announce the birth of their second daughter, Emma Grace, Feb. 25, 2002. They now live in Appleton, WI.

Frank Cater is the controller of McDonald Investment Co. in Birmingham.

Tonya Floyd is a corporate attorney with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and was named in *Ebony* magazine as one of America's 30 Leaders of the Future. She is also a motivational speaker.

Frank and **Tracy Rancifer Henderson** announce the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Celeste, Nov. 19, 2001.

Ben Hillhouse is finance manager of Merial Ltd. in Duluth, GA.

Rick Martin is the religion department chair at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis.

Jay Mason, assistant professor of political science at Rhodes, was featured in a Charlotte, NC, newspaper article on gambling and the new South Carolina lottery. Co-author with Rhodes Professor of Political Science Michael Nelson of the book, *Governing Gambling*, Jay said of the decline in many states' lottery revenue: "Lottery players get bored. So a state is constantly pressured to draw up new games that take them a little closer to full-fledged casino gambling."

Barbara Miller is an information scientist for Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor, MI.

Bryan and **Rhonda Nerren** announce the birth of their son, George Nolen III, Jan. 11, 2002.

Torben and **Sharon Reichhardt**

announce the birth of their son, Sebastian Caldwell, March 21, 2002. Sharon is a quality control compliance analyst for Alliance Mortgage Co. in Jacksonville, FL.

Todd and **Kristi Bolton Snyder** welcomed their daughter, Kennedy Grace, born April 13, 2001, in Grenada, MS.

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Doug Bacon is the new executive director of Mpack in Memphis.

John and Robin Bandel

Bratton announce the birth of their son, Josiah John, Jan. 4, 2002. They live in Cadillac, MI, where John is on staff at Covenant Life Church. Robin is staying home.

Darrell and Yves Rougelot

Clark are the parents of a daughter, Julia Johnson, born Jan. 16, 2002, in Washington, DC.

Forrest and **Stephanie Conner** have two children, Elizabeth, born March 26, 2002, and Walker, born Aug. 29, 2000.

John and **Mary Chaney Crawford** welcomed twins, George Preston and Kathryn Chappell, Dec. 21, 2001.

Jimmy Dickens is a technical analyst for XonTech Inc. in Huntington Beach, CA.

Denny and Jennifer Tacker

Dillman announce the birth of their second child, Rebecca Lee, Dec. 26, 2001. She works from home as a mortgage loan specialist for Agape Home Mortgage in Louisville, KY.

Drew and **Tamara Hudson Henry** announce the birth of their son, Santiago Henry, Dec. 27, 2001, in Birmingham.

Allison LaRocco Jackson has started her own event-planning company called Pineapple Productions in Washington, DC. Her clientele includes political figures and organizations, corporations and people who plan large-scale social events.

Jay and Jenny Long are the parents of John "Jack" Francis, born Oct. 7, 2001. Jay is an attorney with the Texas state environmental agency, and Jenny works from home as an economic development consultant.

Bill Myers completed the Char-

tered Property Casualty Underwriter professional designation program in November 2001. He continues to do rating and pricing for the Arkansas Farm Bureau.

Sean Nighbert has been elected chair of the English and Speech Departments at St. Phillip's College in San Marcos, TX. He assumes his new duties in August.

Don and Holly Hall Price '94 celebrate the birth of Lydia Tess, Oct. 24, 2001. She joins her big brother, Nathan.

Eric Smith is now content manager for GrantStation.com in Anchorage, AK.

Taylor Tagg and **Stephanie Marie Moore** married March 11, 2002, in Maui, HI. Taylor is a financial analyst for Federal Express.

Bryan Wheatley works in international tax services for PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Cincinnati.

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Judy Brown is the manager of federal government affairs for Kennecott-U.S. Borax, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the mining company Rio Tinto, in Washington, DC.

Alan Burton is a LAN administrator for PPI in Atlanta.

Chris Cardwell is now an associate at the Nashville law firm of Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin. When he's not at work, Chris spends his time in the Smoky and Cumberland Mountains.

Nina Choudhuri is director of research for Boyden in St. Louis.

Susan Gear Deason announces the birth of her daughter, Anna Elizabeth, Feb. 4, 2002.

Chris Getman is an orthodontist in private practice in Cordova, TN.

Andrew and **Karen Jeter** welcomed their daughter, Kathryn Olivia, Jan. 16, 2002.

Jason and Mary Ditto LaFerry '98 were married March 23, 2002, in Memphis. They reside in Kansas City, where both are employed by International Paper. Mary is an account

executive for commercial and imaging papers and Jason is a senior sales representative for fine papers.

Caroline Lenac and **Scott Lord** married Jan. 19, 2002, in Atlanta.

Sean McCrary is now a vice president at Guy Carpenter, a reinsurance intermediary and a division of Marsh & McLennan Companies, in Dallas.

Lise Middleton is an executive assistant for Congressman Rob Portman (R-OH) in Washington, DC. She lives in Arlington, VA.

Claire Madison Reesor is the project director for Bradford W. Collier Interior Design in Memphis. Her son, Jackson (4), will start Grace-St. Luke's School in the fall.

Karla Washburn is a client financial management analyst for Accenture in Reston, VA.

Brad and Michelle McCormick Wyatt announce the birth of their third child, Carson Andrew, Nov. 15, 2001, in Columbus, OH. He was welcomed home by older brothers Parker (4) and Chase (2). Brad is minister of education and youth at Highland Baptist Church in Grove City, OH, and Michelle is enjoying staying home with the children.

Satchel Naoki Greenberg-Oster was born at home April 21, 2002, to parents **Stacey Greenberg** and **Warren Oster** of Memphis.

Patsy Whitehurst Johnson

currently lives in Iowa City, IA. She received her master's degree in higher education administration from Vanderbilt University in 1998. In February 1999, Patsy married Eric Johnson from Whitefish Bay, WI. Eric is now the recruiting coordinator for the University of Iowa football department, and she is a pharmaceutical sales representative for a Dutch company, Organon Inc.

Leigh Shepherd and **Stephen Espy '90** married May 3, 2002, in Amalfi, Italy. Stephen is systems architect at Accuship.com in Memphis.

Carla Wilson Walker works as a community research project manager for Paraquad, an independent living center, through a program of Washington University School of Medicine. Carla is an occupational therapist for a five-year federal grant from NIDRR (National Institute for Disability

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Mick Awarded Theater Scholarship



Arlyn Mick '95

Arlyn Mick '95 completed his professional performance internship at Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, and through a competitive audition process (the University and Regional Theatre Auditions in New York City) was awarded a full scholarship and an assistantship to attend Florida State University's Asolo Conservatory for Acting in Sarasota, FL.

The three-year program culminates in a master of fine arts degree. Program highlights include Actors Equity Assn. eligibility upon graduation, a summer in a London program paid for by the university and associate company membership with the Asolo Theatre in the third year. The program accepted 12 of 900 applicants this year.

Research and Rehabilitation) called "Assistive Technology in the Community." The program helps people with disabilities receive the information they need to get the proper technology (wheelchair, augmentative communication device, computer interface etc.) to live as independent adults in the community. Her husband, **Rob**, is starting a master's program in education technology this summer while on break from teaching and coaching. Their daughter, Madison, just turned 2 and is starting preschool. They live in St. Louis.

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Carl and MeChe Cochran Austin '92 were married April 7, 2001. Carl is a financial reporting specialist at Coca-Cola in Atlanta. MeChe works for Bayer Corp. out of their home.

Bryant and **Liz Overholser Brabson** were married July 20, 2002, in Nashville. She teaches in Nashville Metro Schools.

Bryan and Michelle Creech welcomed their second son, Joshua Andrew, born Feb. 23, 2002. He joins big brother Austin. Bryan is a senior systems network analyst for Dotlogix in Memphis.

Jennifer Eason married Carl

Barnett of San Diego Dec. 15, 2001. She moved from Colorado to Kingston, MI, where she is a home-based clinician for Northpointe Behavioral Health Care.

Ann Stuart Eddings is special assistant to the vice president for student affairs/associate provost at Auburn University. She lives in Phenix City, AL.

Justin and **Sara Barnhart Eichmann** were married April 29, 2000. They now live in Fayetteville, AR, where she is the regional leader of community development at the Arkansas Department of Health.

James and **Joel McLure Godchaux** now live in Nashville, where she is a pediatrics resident at Vanderbilt.

Clyde Henderson has joined the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as deputy research director in Washington, DC.

Camille Napier is an English teacher for Natick (MA) Public Schools.

Missy Rundt is a copywriter/marketing specialist for Pantellos Group Ltd. Partnership in The Woodlands, TX.

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Melissa Denley Alexander is pursuing her master's degree in special education at Freed-Hardeman University.

Charles Bone, an attorney with the J. Houston Gordon firm in Nashville, was named one of *The Tennessean* newspaper's 40 people under 40 in recognition of his community service efforts.

Shea and Amy Raiford Flinn married on Dec 1, 2001 in Memphis. Rhodes attendants were **Misty Raiford Estes '90, Allison Fones '96, Chris Laster '96 and Mark Carapezza '97.**

Allison Fones now works in marketing at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. She was previously with LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

Amy Hall's fourth book, *Life is Good: 888 Reasons Why*, hit bookstores this spring.

Alpesh Patel graduated from East Tennessee State University Medical School in May 2001 and is now completing an internship/residency in internal medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Matthew and **Mimi Reed Salazar** announce the birth of their son, Nathan Reed, Feb. 6, 2002. Nathan joins big brother Zachary (4).

Joane Samaha completed her master's degree in international commerce from George Mason University in December 2001. She resides in Washington.

Ron and **Margaret Bush Wright** are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Taylor, born Sept. 28, 2001.

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Bess Coleman is currently working on a master of science in counseling and personnel services at the University of Memphis. She is employed as a graduate assistant at the Center for Research in Educational Policy.

Enrique Espinosa is back in Fort Worth, TX, and has taken a job with TTI Inc. electronics distributors. He works with the marketing and e-com-

merce departments as well as with publications, design ads and marketing campaigns.

Allison Whittle Hodges completed her master of science degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in May 2001. She also received the departmental award presented to the most outstanding teaching assistant. Allison is the director of summer programs for the Webb School of Knoxville. On Oct. 13, 2001, she married Philip Hodges in Knoxville.

Anne Hardwick Hudson is working toward her master of arts in political science at the University of Colorado at Denver and "trying to figure out how to make A's while getting in as many ski days as possible!"

Michael Hughes is now a senior financial analyst for Wyndham International.

Tanvir Hussain is beginning the first year of his internal medicine residency at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

Beth Johnston has completed her second year of medical school at Texas Technological University and is currently taking a leave of absence to obtain her master's in public health from Emory University. She began clinical rotations in El Paso last month, after marrying Mark Lessner of Allen, TX, in June.

Elizabeth Lokey received her juris doctorate from the University of Denver and is now working as an associate at the law firm of Moye, Giles, O'Keefe, Vermeire & Gorrell in Denver.

Air Force second lieutenant **Kenny** and Lindsay Campbell **McGhee** live in Great Falls, MT, where Kenny is assigned to Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Dave Osler and **Megan Lynn Emery '99** married March 30, 2002.

Tammy Parks lives in Dayton, OH, where she is the school programs coordinator for The Muse Machine, which gathers all of the fine arts with special programs for the Dayton Area Schools.

Meredith Smith is a pilot for Atlantic Coast Airlines in Sterling, VA.

Andrew and **Marianne McWherter Tetlow** have a daughter, Caroline Price, born March 26, 2002. Andrew is a senior associate with Arthur Andersen in Memphis.

Kimberly Burke Vera received her M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee in 2001 and is currently in her residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Bailey Meeks and **Kendall Williams** welcomed their daughter, Judith Claire, born Oct. 1, 2001.

Dave and **Amy Riddle McCollum** have graduated from the University of Mississippi medical school and are moving to Texas for their residencies at the University of Texas-Southwest-

ern at Dallas. Dave will begin his residency in internal medicine, while Amy will begin hers in pediatrics.

Amy Herrin is staying in Memphis to teach kindergarten at Lausanne Collegiate School.

Lynx in Antarctica

Talk about a nontraditional job. Frank Burhart '96 works in logistics at Palmer Station, north of the Antarctic circle. There, scientists with National Science Foundation grants study wildlife such as whales, penguins, krill, seals and sea birds, mainly during the summer months (October-March). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also does air sampling and atmospheric research.



Frank Burhart '96

"I'm in charge of all cargo sent from and received at the station. In addition, I order most of the material needed for the daily operations of the station," he says. "Prior to this season, I worked logistics at the South Pole for two Austral summers. In total, I will have spent about 14 of the past 20 months on the ice."

He stumbled upon working in Antarctica by accident.

"I had saved up some money, and a couple years after graduation

I spent almost a year traveling around the world. I traveled through Europe, ran with the bulls in Pamplona, then to Nepal. I trekked around the Himalayas before going to the South Pacific and New Zealand. In New Zealand I bought an old station wagon. I lived out of the back of it for most of the trip and worked on organic farms. Toward the end of my time there I went to the glacier at Mt. Cook. While I was there I happened to say, 'This must be what Antarctica looks like.' A woman who was standing by me heard what I said. She asked if I had ever been to Antarctica and of course I said, 'No, because no one goes to Antarctica.' She told me that she had recently finished working there and passed along a phone number to call if I was interested in working there. So I finished the rest of my trip and called the number the following year."

After several phone calls, Burhart finally connected with the people who hired him.

"Almost two years later, I'm still working here. I ran into that woman I met in New Zealand at McMurdo Station. She recognized me and I thanked her for telling me about the opportunity. Now I know so many people from all over the U.S. who have done amazing things and/or worked at different places across the globe. I have so many things I want to do that I'm not sure if I'll ever get to do them all."

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Crane Faces Fear on National TV



Kelly Crane '98

When Kelly Crane '98 instinctively ducked into an open casting call at a pub in Atlanta wearing running shoes and a Braves cap, she had no idea her whim would lead to local celebrity status and the chance to compete for \$50,000 on NBC's reality show *Fear Factor*.

According to NBC, out of about 1,600 people who try out per city, maybe one gets a spot on the show. Casting producer Mikey Glazer says it's "all personality." After getting past numerous interviews, medical and psychological exams and a 30-page waiver, Crane was on her way to L.A.

Wearing Lynx red and black along with her toughest game face, Crane faced her biggest fear: "being in a bikini on national TV." The James Bond-like leap from one speedboat to another at 40 mph was practi-

cally an afterthought. Although she barely missed the jump, Crane's Herculean effort was replayed on *Fear Factor* commercials long after the episode aired in January 2002.

Nothing, however, could have prepared Crane for the local media hype that surrounded her debut. The day the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* broke the story, Crane's cell phone starting ringing at 6 a.m.

Of all the media attention, Crane explains, "I felt like I was a movie star for a day!" When asked if her 15 minutes of fame left her hungry for more, Crane replied, "Are you kidding? I'm just getting my feet wet."

—Melissa Stampley '99

Leslie Curry '98. Tom and Susan live in Sarasota, FL, where she is a senior accountant at Bobbitt Pittenger & Co., and he is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch.

Margaret Ann Taylor Minihan ran the Richmond Marathon in four hours, 12 minutes.

Christina O'Relley graduated in June 2002 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She has begun her residency in internal medicine at the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver.

Bryan Smith received his M.F.A. in computer art from Savannah College of Art and Design.

Sally Stevens and **John Humphrey '97** married June 16, 2001.

Air Force first lieutenant **Heather Stricklin** is deputy director of wing plans for Titan SenCom at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

Dave and **Elizabeth Grey Wells '97** have moved to Springfield, MA. She holds a master of science degree in entomology from the University of Massachusetts, and Dave continues work as a financial analyst for the Otis Elevator Co. in Bloomfield, CT.

Jennie Wingad was recently promoted to legislative correspondent on Sen. Tim Hutchinson's subcommittee on aging. Jennie concentrates on Medicare/Medicaid, education, social policy and Social Security.

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Andrea Anthony graduated from medical school in May 2002 and is pursuing a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Allen and **Lloyd Elliot Clark** welcomed their daughter, Addison Blair, Jan. 13, 2002. They live in Knoxville, TN, where Lloyd is working on her Ph.D. in school psychology. She says she is finished with the course work and is interning for Knox County School Systems.

Juhee Desai is an assistant buyer for Macy's West in San Francisco.

RJ Doyle is product manager for

McLaren Industries in Paramount, CA.

Elizabeth Bokesch Fairman is a senior consultant for KPMG Consulting in New York City.

Marcie Planchon Gardner now teaches French at Paladuro High School in Amarillo, TX.

Elizabeth Haag is a student at New York Law School. She lives in Brooklyn.

Ryan and **Megan Mansbridge McVicar** married Dec. 15, 2001, at Cape Bible Chapel in Cape Girardeau, MO. They now live in Jonesboro, AR, where they work for the Campus Outreach staff through the Presbyterian Church.

Tom and **Susan Meredith Meyers** married April 13, 2002, in her hometown of Forrest City, AR. Her brother, **Jim Meredith '01**, attended the wedding, as well as bridesmaids **Molly Molina '98** and

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Adam and **Holly Frederick Beck** married April 6, 2002, in Little Rock. She is a business analyst with Willis in Nashville.

Christy Boles is associate coordinator of phase I clinical trials for Cubist Pharmaceuticals in Lexington, MA. She lives in Cambridge.

Florence Stumb Butts is now a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in Knoxville.

Andrea Dellinger was ordained to the gospel ministry Nov. 11, 2001, at North Broad Baptist Church in Rome, GA, where she is now youth minister.

Matthew Finger is a trial consultant in litigation support for The Data Co. in Memphis.

Ty Hallmark graduated from the International Guide Academy in Denver in February. She is now a certified international tour manager, "hoping to travel the world!" she says.

Michael Henry works as a computer technician for I.C. Thomasson and Associates in Nashville.

Tara Loux, who is studying medicine at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, spent last summer working in the emergency room of a public hospital in Quito, Ecuador.

Liam Lynch is the communications director for U.S. Congressman Ander Crenshaw.

Robert and Erin Mann Markel '01 live in Easley, SC, where she is a master's student at Clemson.

In June, **Jane Nigra** attended Cordon Bleu in Paris for 10 weeks to take courses in beginning cuisine and pastry.

Emily Passini, director of community development for the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) in Memphis, received her M.A. in anthropology from the University of Memphis in May.

Kristen Reich has been teaching algebra I and world history and coaching girls' basketball at Cordova (TN) High School for three years.

Kathryn Royster has left Aspect Communications and now works as a library associate with the Nashville Public Library system, coordinating, developing and teaching free computer classes for library patrons. Kathryn also assists the public in the libraries' computer labs and homework centers.

Having left Ernst & Young in Nashville, **Matt Skvarla** is now director of operation and development for Wilkinson, his family's company, at the New York office.

Karin Soderlund is an assistant account executive for North Woods Advertising in Minneapolis.

Melissa Stampley is page editor for Citysearch.com in Hollywood.

Scott and **Helen Houston Walter** married last year.

Jenny Wilkerson teaches fifth grade for the Shelby County School System in Collierville, TN.

There will be an informal memorial gathering at Homecoming to dedicate a dogwood tree in memory of **Adam Beeler**, who passed away March 18 (see In Memoriam, page 52). The tree, which was planted April 15, is in the Robb-White courtyard. Those who wish to attend may join us the Saturday of Homecoming at 10 a.m.

Friends, faculty and administration are currently moving to endow the Adam P. Beeler Christian Service with Youth Scholarship, and those who knew Adam are invited to contribute toward its establishment. Adam gave the most out of the life that he was given, and he primarily focused in his years during and after Rhodes on helping to spread the Christian messages of love and support to disadvantaged children in Memphis. If you would like to help further Adam's memory by contributing, please send donations to: The Adam P. Beeler Fund, Rhodes Development Office, 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, TN 38112.

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Ashley Baker is executive assistant to Congressman Brian Baird in Washington, DC. She lives in Alexandria, VA.

Jeana Conner will attend Louisiana State University Dental School this fall.

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

Lou Haney attends graduate school at Claremont Graduate University, pursuing her M.F.A. in painting.

In May, **Sonja Johnson** received her M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing and international business

Former Rhodes Student Still Missing



Matthew Pendergrast

More than a year and a half ago a Rhodes student, Matthew David Pendergrast, 23, disappeared in Lonoke County, AR. A fifth-year senior who expected to finish his degree requirements in two weeks, Pendergrast has been missing since Dec. 1, 2000, when he left his off-campus Memphis home, apparently for a class on campus. He never arrived.

Some hours later hunters found his Toyota 4-Runner, with the keys still in the ignition, off a dirt road in Lonoke, about 100 miles from campus. No footprints or body were found, and there were no indications of foul play.

Pendergrast, an Atlanta native, is a Spanish major who apparently volunteered at orphanages all over the world. Investigators searched a three-mile radius for several days, but the only clues uncovered were Pendergrast's clothes which were found in a pile in the area. Few other clues have come to light.

Rhodes has assisted with the investigation from the start. College officials have been in close and regular contact with the lead investigators from Arkansas and Memphis. But at this point, there are few new leads in the case. At the time of Pendergrast's disappearance, the college contacted all students and parents to inform them of the situation and encourage anyone with information to contact authorities. Rhodes again urges anyone who might have information that could aid in this investigation to please contact the Lonoke County Sheriff's Department at 501-676-3001 or the Arkansas State Police at 501-618-8441.

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from American University.

Zac and Abigail West Jumper '99 live in Little Rock, where he has completed his second year in medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and she is the copy editor for Arkansas Business Publishing Group. Abigail recently won the company's Circle of Excellence Award, a quarterly honor given to one employee by his or her peers.

Matt Nelson is the facilities and performance coordinator for DePaul University School of Music.

Kevin Olsen is the production manager for Graphic Arts Associates Inc. in Memphis. He and Kelly Martin married June 6, 2002, in Fisher Garden.

Linsey Patrick is a youth services specialist for the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library.

Brooke Pollock was recently promoted to advertising services/production manager at *Rolling Stone* magazine in New York.

Sarah Pollock was promoted to fashion coordinator at both *Bride's* magazine and *Modern Bride* in New York. She has also been accepted to the master's program at Boston College for fall 2002.

John Seale works as a legislative assistant to Texas Congressman John Culberson.

Elizabeth Smith has completed her second year of law school at Loyola University in New Orleans. She plans to practice environmental or intellectual property law in Birmingham.

Jennifer Stefan is a data coordinator for U.S. Oncology in Dallas.

Andy Whitten was recently promoted to senior research technician in the trauma research department at Smith & Nephew in Memphis. He is currently taking engineering and biology courses at the University of Memphis as he prepares for the biomedical engineering graduate school program.

Bush Wrighton attends Crummer Graduate School of Business in Winter Park, FL.

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Kate Ricciuti Archibald is a teacher at Hamilton High School in Memphis.

Raven Babcock works as a senior research technician for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. She will attend the U.T. Memphis Medical School in the fall to pursue her M.D.

Jill Baker works as a direct care counselor for Communities for People in Cambridge, MA.

Emily Bays is wrapping up her first year in Japan as a teacher for the JET Program. She will be there another year and invites any passersby to drop in and sip some tea.

Christie Brewer and **Jeremy Boyd** attended a bouldering competition in Arizona where Jeremy competed and Christie participated as a judge. Christie is a fifth-grade Teach for America teacher in Phoenix. Jeremy, who is director of summer programs at a school in Phoenix, will begin his march along the Appalachian Trail in the fall.

Katie Cumbus has moved from Montgomery, AL, to San Francisco, where she works in property management.

Kosta Dalageorgas is pursuing his master's degree in Latin American and Caribbean studies at the University of Chicago.

Michael Davis is a financial analyst with FTN Financial in Memphis.

Eugenia Edwards is a health subcommittees clerk for the House Energy and Commerce Committee in Washington, DC.

Brittany Farber, who lives in Birmingham, England, is a temporary agency administration worker for Pertemps UK and a graduate student in the University of Birmingham's Literary Linguistics and Stylistics in English program.

Nia Frantz works as a park ranger for the National Park Service at Hovenweep National Monument in Cortez, CO. Between October and May, during the off-season, she'll be at

Mesa Verde National Park.

Laura Henderson is a research scientist for GTX Inc. in Memphis.

Nicki Idzkowski has finished her internship at Bloomberg TV in London and is now pursuing a master's degree in broadcast journalism at Northwestern University.

Shawn Kefauver is a postgraduate researcher at the University of California CSTARS Laboratory on the Davis campus.

Elizabeth Keith, who is the Jewish studies program assistant at the College of Charleston, is preparing to begin work on her master's degree.

Karen Kopitsky teaches middle school Spanish in Kansas City through the Kansas City Teaching Fellows, a program that places professionals in underserved urban classrooms.

Ryan Lasiter is in commercial leasing and sales with Doyle Rogers Co. in Little Rock.

Megan Lawler works as the lead case manager for the Whitehaven Southwest Mental Health Center in Memphis. She plans to pursue her M.A.T. in education at the University of Memphis.

Virren Malhotra is a teacher for the Hazelwood School District in St. Charles, MO.

Lauren Mize, a Ph.D. candidate in the acoustics program at Penn State, is a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship recipient for 2002.

Wesley Moore now works as sales and catering coordinator for the Ritz Carlton in Atlanta.

Jenn Neil works as a marketing specialist I at Sierra Military Health Services Inc. in Baltimore.

Brook Osterland works as a project manager for Transportation Intermediaries Assn. in Alexandria, VA.

Tracy Pearson is a records analyst at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.

Cobbie Phillips and **Charles Llewellyn '99** married Dec. 29, 2001, in Birmingham.

Kim Polanco has received a scholarship to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and will begin law school in the fall.

Aaron Rediker attends law school at Baylor in Waco, TX.

Matthew Robison works as a

portfolio accountant at INVESCO in Atlanta.

Eve Strain is working three part-time jobs: She is a deli employee at Kentucky Downs, a tax professional at H&R Block and a typesetter at *Franklin Favorite*.

Rob Sustar is manager of the purchasing department at Seegott Inc. in Streetsboro, OH.

Anna Teekell is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Dublin, where she is working on her master's degree in Irish literature at Trinity College. She produced a charity theater festival in April.

Keri Tonn lives in San Antonio, where she is pursuing her M.S. in healthcare administration at Trinity University.

Mary Walters works as a loan assistant in the Harvard College Financial Aid Office. In the fall, she will continue to work full time while attending Harvard Graduate School of Education, pursuing a degree in higher education administration and psychology.

David Webb has been accepted to the University of Tennessee, Memphis where he will pursue his M.D. He currently works as a research techni-

cian at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Dorothy Weir works as the daytime clerk at Ceramics Bayou, a paint-your-own-pottery store in Austin, TX. This fall she will begin the DVM program at Texas A&M, with a focus on international and wildlife veterinary medicine.

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IN MEMORIAM

'30 Sara Catherine Livermore Allen, Sept. 26, 2000, Memphis. She was a member of the Chucalissa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and honorary life member of Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The widow of John Preston Allen, she leaves a daughter, a sister, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

'30 Mary Love Banks Buchanan, March 28, 2002, Richmond, VA. She leaves a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

'30 Mary Todd Evans, Jan. 7, 2002, Washington, DC. She was a third-grade teacher at Bruce Elementary School in Memphis for 27 years and a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. A volunteer for the Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross, she was also active in the American Association of University Women. She leaves a son and a daughter, as well as six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'31 Margaret Williams Hightower, March 27, 2002, Memphis. A former teacher and head of Memphis City Schools' personnel department for more than 47 years, she was active in women's organizations, including the YWCA and Zonta International. She was also a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church. The widow of the Rev. Ted Hightower, she leaves two sisters, a stepdaughter, a

stepson, six stepgrandchildren and four great-stepgrandchildren.

'33 Annah Lee Early, March 28, 2002, Memphis. Retired president and owner of Southern Greeting Card Co. and Southern Mailing Service Center, she was a pioneer among women business leaders in Memphis. A lifelong member of Evergreen Presbyterian Church, she was the first woman to serve as director of the National Association of Direct Selling Companies and was the first woman to serve on the board of directors of the Memphis Area Better Business Bureau. She had been secretary and branch treasurer for the state chapter of the King's Daughters and Sons. She leaves a niece, Peggy Early Williamson '68.

'33 Elizabeth Fulcher Evans, April 11, 2002, Memphis. A member of Bellevue Baptist Church and the widow of Mignon K. Evans, she leaves a son, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

'35 Olive Black King, March 31, 2002, Houston. The widow of Joe Wesley King, she leaves two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a brother.

'36 William H. Lumpkin, March 7, 2001, Centre, AL. A retired Air Force brigadier general, he leaves his wife, Spurgeon Lumpkin, a daughter, Rebecca Donelson Lumpkin '63, and a son.

'37 Porter H. Chappell, April 24, 2002, Memphis. A retired marketing

representative for Exxon Corp. and a World War II veteran, he was also a volunteer for the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. The widower of Charlotte D. Chappell, he leaves a daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'38 Jane Leavell Eaton, April 20, 2002, Memphis. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Glass Club, the Little Book Club and King's Daughters. The widow of Clough Eaton, she leaves three daughters and four grandchildren.

'41 William Buckner Morgan, Jan. 24, 2002, Fairview, TN. A broker with Paine Webber and Dean Witter Reynolds, he was also a fundraiser for Memphis Theological Seminary and Goodwill Industries. A former member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis and a member of Franklin First Presbyterian, he was the widower of Nancy Hughes Morgan. He leaves a daughter, a son and six grandchildren.

'42 William Curtis Bradford, Nov. 19, 2001. Retired from American Cyanamid in Loranger, LA, he leaves his wife.

'42 Robert C. Meacham, Feb. 19, 2002, St. Petersburg, FL. Former professor of mathematics and founding faculty member of Eckerd College, he was also former president of the American Association of University Professors, Florida governor of the American Mathematical Association, a Navy

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lieutenant in World War II and elder of Lakeview Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg. The husband of Katherine Miller Meacham '43 for 57 years, he also leaves two daughters, including Laura Meacham Keane '83, a son, a sister and four grandchildren.

'43 **Jean Likely Leffler**, March 1, 2002, Memphis. A member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, she leaves her husband, Prentiss Leffler '41, a son, a brother and a grandchild.

'45 **Frank Elby**, Dec. 23, 2001, Westfield, NJ. Retired from Statistical Research Inc. in Westfield, he had earlier worked in the research department of ESSO and Merck Co. in Linden. A Navy lieutenant during World War II, he was a dispatcher for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he trained new volunteers, and past president of the Westfield College Men's Club. He leaves his wife, Janet P. Elby, two sons and four grandchildren.

'50 **Lloyd Burkett**, April 21, 2001, Memphis. A retired auto dealer at Mid-South Motors, he was a Shriner and former deacon of Lindenwood Christian Church. He leaves two daughters, a son, a brother, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'50 **Marshall P. Scott**, March 21, 2002, Overland Park, KS. Former president of Security American Life Insurance Co., the University Life Insurance Co., Coastal Plain Life Insurance Co., Pyramid Life Insurance Co., and LSC-Marketing Corp., as well as founder and CEO of Marketing Planning Services, he was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount. Also a World War II Marine Corps veteran, he was president or a member of numerous professional and civic organizations. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Thelma Scott '48, two daughters, two sons, a sister, a brother and four grandsons.

'52 **William C. Christie**, Aug. 3, 2001, Tallahassee, FL. A retired Presbyterian chaplain of Florida State Hospital, he was a World War II veteran. He was also a private pilot and flew several times to a Presbyterian mission station in Mexico. He leaves his wife, Lois Jean Christie, two sons, a daughter, a sister and four grandchildren.

'52 **Flo Kathryn McDuff Gray**, March 5, 2002, Memphis. A member

of Lindenwood Christian Church, she leaves her husband of 50 years, John Gray Jr. '53, two daughters, a son, a sister and eight grandchildren.

'52 **Lucy Hay Hanahan**, Dec. 15, 2001, Hillsborough, NC. A resident of Greenville, SC, for 23 years, she was an active member of the Republican Women's Organization. The widow of Edward B. Hanahan, she leaves two daughters, a son, a stepdaughter and stepson, two sisters, Elsie Hay Cook '59 and Edith Hay Harris '64, a brother, Ted Hay '49, and six grandchildren.

'52 **Belle Fuller Hedges**, Feb. 26, 2002, Memphis. A former professional singer and drama and voice teacher for Memphis City Schools, she was also a pilot, flying in air races from Canada to Mexico and to the Caribbean. She was also a member of the Longreen Hunt Club and a member of Calvary Episcopal Church. She leaves her husband, Posey Hedges, a daughter, two sons, a brother and four grandchildren.

'52 **Marilyn Shelley Jack**, Oct. 4, 2001, Memphis. A legal secretary, she was a member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church. She leaves a sister and two brothers.

'53 **Greta Graham Hollingsworth**, Feb. 19, 2002, Memphis. A retired real estate broker with Boyle Investment Co., she was an organist and member of Bellevue Baptist Church. The wife of John Gordon Hollingsworth Jr. for 50 years, she also leaves two daughters, four sons and seven grandchildren.

'57 **Lewis W. Bledsoe**, April 19, 2002, Charlotte, NC. A Presbyterian minister for nearly 30 years, he was serving as interim pastor for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. He had recently retired after almost 30 years as pastor of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. He leaves his wife of 43 years, Brenda Bledsoe, two daughters, including Kimberly Davenport '82, three sisters and five grandchildren.

'66 **Donald Hugh Windham**, Jan. 7, 2002, Cambridge, MA. A college professor who lived in Provo, UT, he leaves his wife, Irene Hatton Windham, two sons, his parents and a sister.

'70 **Christina Zengel Dinkelacker**, April 15, 2002, Memphis. A teacher of art history at Rhodes and the University of Memphis for

many years, she leaves her husband, Horst Dinkelacker, professor of German at Rhodes; a daughter, Jutta Dinkelacker Lafley; a son, Andrew O. Dinkelacker; her parents, Andrew S. and Charlotte G. Zengel; and a sister, Anna Elissa Zengel '73. Family and friends have established the Christina Zengel Dinkelacker Memorial Scholarship at the college for deserving female students who wish to study abroad on a Rhodes-approved program.

'71 **Ken Sossaman**, Feb. 14, 2002, Memphis. Executive officer of the award-winning Sossaman & Associates Advertising agency, he also served on the board of the Orpheum Theatre and the University of Memphis Alumni Board. Earlier this year he received the 2001 Silver Medal Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Memphis Advertising Federation. He leaves his wife, Judy Sossaman, a daughter and a son, his parents and two brothers.

'92 **John Russell Dunn**, March 10, 2002, Greensboro, NC. A member of the West Market Street United Methodist Church, he held a master's degree in international finance from the American Institute for International Business and had served as a missionary for the United Methodist Church in Bolivia. He leaves his wife, Kelly Hobbs Dunn, a son, Adam, his mother, father and stepmother, a sister, a brother and his grandmother.

'99 **Adam Preston Beeler**, March 18, 2002, Franklin, TN. An administrator for The Neighborhood School in Memphis, he was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis and attended Strong Tower Bible Church in Franklin. Predeceased by his father, Danny R. Beeler, he leaves his mother, Elaine B. Beeler; a brother, Aaron B. Beeler; a grandmother, Wilma S. Beaty; an aunt, Elizabeth B. Cobb; and other relatives and friends. There will be an informal memorial gathering at Homecoming to dedicate a dogwood tree that was planted April 15, 2002, in the Robb-White courtyard in memory of Adam. For more information on the memorial service or The Adam P. Beeler Christian Service with Youth scholarship endowment, please see the class of 1999 notes on page 49.

Because Rhodes has given you so much to remember, remember Rhodes.

John Austin, a member of this year's 50th reunion committee, remembers his years at Rhodes as some of the best days of his life.

He played on the basketball and tennis teams, was president of his fraternity and made friendships that have endured for decades.

It was a Rhodes professor who kindled John's interest in economics. And the Rhodes Honor Code shaped his professional ethics as John established a successful career in the hardwood lumber industry.

In celebration of his 50th class reunion this year, John and his wife, Susan '55, have made a generous planned gift to the College.



John and Susan Austin

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