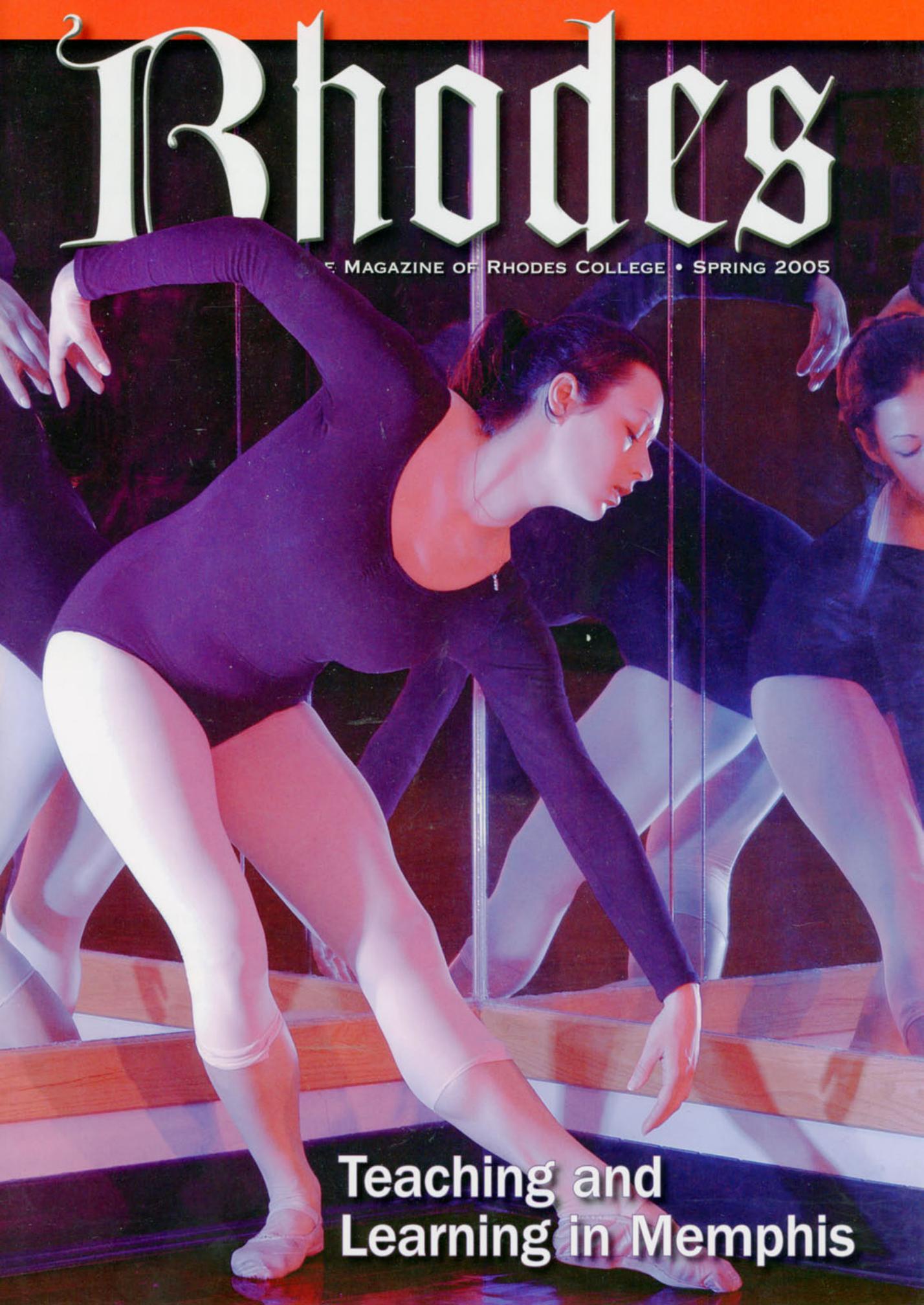
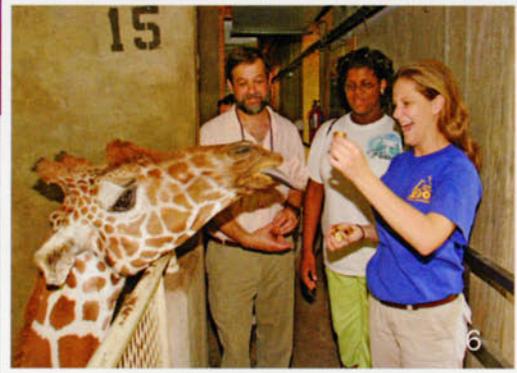
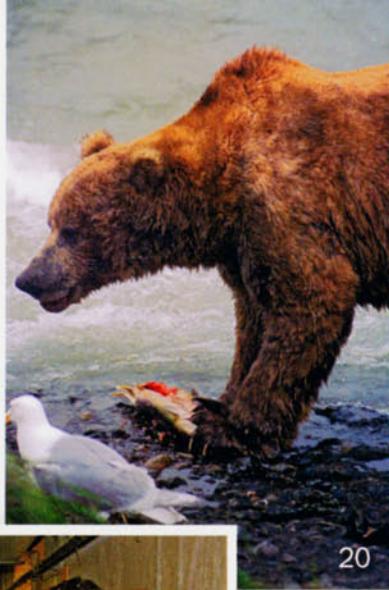
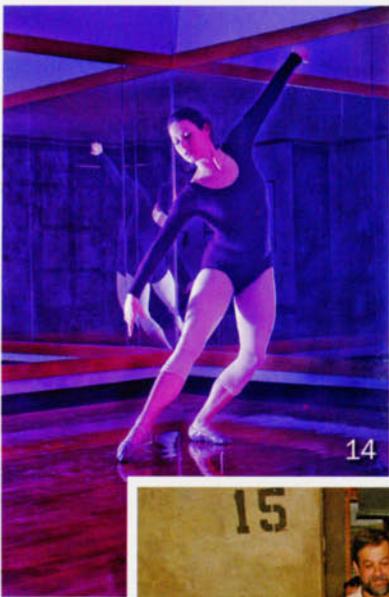


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On the Cover

Summer Service Scholar Rachel Martsof '05 taught dance to pre-K through 12th-grade Memphis public school students last summer. (See story, p. 14) Photography by Baxter Buck

Knowing Life as a Whole

By William E. Troutt, President

In marking our move to Memphis in 1925, President Charles Diehl described our institution as “one which was vitally concerned with scholarship, but which was even more concerned with character; an institution which believes in...real moral values; an institution which stands for the essential permanence of truth, beauty, and goodness.”

Dr. Diehl’s objective, then, is what we continue to seek: “To teach...students something of human life...and the world, and to lead them to master human life; *to know it as a whole.*”

Today we express this commitment to excellence through our vision statement. “Rhodes aspires to graduate students with a lifelong passion for learning, compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action.”

I am pleased to introduce to you three of our second-year students—three examples of hundreds of our students who are living out these values in the classroom and through teaching and learning in Memphis.

- *Monica Huerta '07*, of Dickson, TN, a biology major and music minor, who is working as a research fellow with Dr. Elizabeth Adderson at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital to study streptococcus agalactiae, a pathogen that plagues newborn infants, pregnant women and immuno-compromised adults.
- *Memphis’ own Joshua Jefferies '07* whose Rhodes Summer Service Fellowship enabled him to work as a counselor for the Stax Music Academy, which serves inner-city minority youth. Josh continues to teach music to youngsters who would otherwise have no access to music instruction.
- *Sarah Rutherford '07* from Hamilton, GA, a Rhodes Student Associate who is preparing for her career in journalism by writing bylined faculty, staff and student profiles for rhodes.edu. Not content with that, Sarah has been accepted as a 2005 Regional Studies Institute fellow where she will research the poetry of the blues.

At Rhodes we have always understood that for students “to know life as a whole” they must receive a full range of educational experiences. You and I share the privilege of belonging to a community that values the education of both the head and the heart. We understand that students flourish through full participation in a blend of pursuits—study, research, internships and service.

As we create new opportunities such as the Rhodes St. Jude Summer Plus Program, Rhodes Service Scholarships and Fellowships, the Regional Studies Institute and the Rhodes Student Associates program, we improve the quality of the educational experience. To put it simply, as we provide students with more opportunities to “know life as a whole,” we move closer to our vision for Rhodes.

As Rhodes graduates, you understand this better than anyone. I hope you find it gratifying to have this small preview of some of the future alumni who will be joining your ranks just two years from now. **R**



President Troutt

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Rhodes Receives COPC Neighborhood Grant

Rhodes is one of 13 higher education institutions in the U.S. to receive a Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of University Partnerships. The grants are awarded to help colleges and universities that are striving to make a difference in their communities. Rhodes received \$399,978 to establish and operate a Community Outreach Partnership Center.

The grant will be used to establish the Rhodes Hollywood Springdale Partnership and seek measurable improvement in neighborhood conditions, housing development, crime prevention, health education and student success. The partnership will focus its work in the community bounded by Jackson Avenue on the south, Hollywood Street on the east, Chelsea Avenue on the north and Springdale/Tunica Streets on the west.

Partners include Cypress Middle School, Springdale Elementary School, neighborhood residents, Rhodes faculty and students, Memphis Police Services, General Services, Public Works and Housing and Community Development Divisions, the Hollywood Health Loop, Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association (VECA), Buckman Laboratories, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis Community Development Council, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) Handyman Program, 1st Tennessee Bank and Regions/Union Planters Bank.

Professor Carla Shirley, chair of Rhodes' urban studies program, will serve

as administrator of the project. A full-time project coordinator will be recruited. Also assisting Shirley will be Urban Studies Program Committee faculty Michael Kirby (political science), Carol Ekstrom (geology), Thomas McGowan and Peter Ekstrom (both anthropology/sociology) and Mark Smith (education). Others directly involved in the project include Dean Robert Strandburg (Rhodes Center for Academic Research and Education through Service), Professors Gail Murray (history), Bette Ackerman (psychology) and director of athletics Mike Clary.

News of the grant and information about HUD'S Office of University Partnerships also are available at oup.org.

Huebner Selected State Professor of the Year

Rhodes associate history professor Timothy Huebner has been named the 2004 Tennessee Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This is the first time a professor from a Memphis-area institution has received the honor. Huebner was selected from top professors in the United States nominated by their institutions.

The U.S. Professors of the Year program is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards honoring state winners and four U.S. Professors of the Year. The selection for the awards is based on the professor's impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contribution to undergraduate education in his/her institution,



Tim Huebner

community and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

Huebner (B.A., University of Miami; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Florida) joined the Rhodes faculty in 1995. It has been said that he combines a contagious enthusiasm for history with an intense commitment to helping students learn.

Huebner also serves as director of the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies, a summer program designed for undergraduate students to research Mid-South culture. He is a specialist in the constitutional and legal history of the American South, and his current research interests include Memphis

during the mid-19th century. He is author of *The Southern Judicial Tradition: State Judges and Sectional Distinctiveness, 1790-1890* (1999) and *The Taney Court: Justices, Rulings, Legacy* (2003). Coeditor of the University of Georgia Press Studies in the Legal History of the South series, he also serves on the advisory board of H-Tennessee, an online discussion list for historians of the state, and has published articles in numerous professional journals.

Troutt Named to Lincoln Fellowship Commission

Rhodes president William E. Troutt has been named to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program. The 16-member commission, made up of other academics, national and state elected officials, consultants and business representatives, will consider and recommend a program to expand study-abroad opportunities for U.S. college and university students.

The late Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) created the concept of the Lincoln Fellowships for students to understand the rest of the world and act responsibly on that understanding.

The fellowship program is sponsored by NAFSA, the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers.

Hulon To Head FBI Division

In late December, Federal Bureau of Investigation director Robert S. Mueller III named Willie T. Hulon '79 to head the bureau's Counterterrorism Division.

A 22-year veteran FBI agent, Hulon served as deputy assistant director and acting assistant director of the Counterterrorism Division in 2004.

An anthropology/sociology major at Rhodes, Hulon served as a Memphis police officer in the early 1980s



Willie Hulon '79

He joined the FBI in 1983 and has worked in offices in Mobile, Chicago, San Antonio, St. Louis and Detroit.

Magazine To Publish Three Times a Year

Beginning with this issue, *Rhodes* magazine is officially changing its frequency of publication from four times a year to three: winter, spring/summer and fall.

The alumni publication has changed formats and publication dates several times since it began in 1921. It has been a booklet, newspaper and magazine. It has come out monthly, five times a year and quarterly. For now, though, it will be three times a year.

Davis Represents Tennessee at Conference



Anita Davis '90

Dr. Anita Davis '90, an associate professor of psychology at Rhodes, was selected as the Tennessee Diversity Delegate to the American Psychological Association's 2005 State Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, March 5-8. Psychologists from all 60 state, provincial or territorial associations attend the conference each year and work together to help set psychology's professional advocacy agenda at the state and federal levels.

Four years ago, the association's Committee of State Leaders began its diversity initiative geared toward increasing the number of racial/ethnic minority psychologists represented at the conference. The diversity initiative is jointly funded by the American Psychological Association's Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice and by the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs.

Davis has served as co-chair of the Tennessee Psychological Association's Cultural Diversity Committee, which has focused on increasing the participation of undergraduate minority students in the association's annual convention. At Rhodes, she teaches a variety of courses ranging from

“Counseling Psychology” and “Psychological Assessment” to research courses on “Adolescent Motherhood” and “Evaluating Community Interventions.”

She has published in several academic journals. Her specific interests include understanding the functions of the social support networks of pregnant and parenting adolescents; identifying risk and protective factors for adolescents from disadvantaged backgrounds; and evaluation of school and community-based interventions for urban youth.

Davis and Rhodes psychology professor Marsha Walton have collaborated on various projects including addressing several questions about how African-American adolescents think about their romantic relationships and about the decisions they make about their sexual behavior.

She has received the Rhodes Black Student Association's Outstanding Alumna Award and the Ira Samelson Jr. Boys and Girls Club of Memphis' Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. Davis holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Transformations: Stories of Service

Michael Lamb's name is on the cover, but this Rhodes Scholar insists he is not the only one whose life was changed while a student at Rhodes. In December, the college published *Transformations: Stories of Service*, edited by Lamb, that contains stories and poems contributed by Rhodes students and alumni about their experiences serving and befriending others in Memphis and other parts of the world.

Nineteen contributors including Lamb reflect on the friends who inspired them at soup kitchens, elementary schools, hospitals, churches, nursing homes and street ministries. The stories reveal the authors' fears and insecurities in facing individual and societal challenges while their courage and personal development shine through.

In “Cancer,” Erin Hoekstra '04 describes the ritual of washing her hands before entering a hospital room and writes, “The sicker the child in the room,/ the hotter the water./ It scalds outside/ the isolation rooms. The towel scours/ my hands like a paper/ gown against bald flesh.”

Josie Orlando '04 tells about baby David at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center who has neurological damage and whose mother died in childbirth. “During our afternoons together, I rocked David while he held my hand and stared up at me as if no one had ever talked to him



Michael Lamb '04

before,” Orlando writes. “David never seemed upset or in pain, he never smiled either. I frequently found him with one big tear halfway down his cheek.” But in this touching account, David one day smiles and as a result Orlando expands her views about caring for the weak, underdeveloped and disadvantaged children. “Such care will be difficult and demanding. Tears will be shed, hearts will be broken. But David taught me that a smile is worth the pain.”

Others who share their transformations in the book are Lauren Bell '05, Christie Brewer Boyd '01, Ashley Diaz '01, Leslie Isaacman '04, Stuart Johnston '03,

Doug Lemme '02, Christian Masters '04, Alexi Matousek '04, Brooke McClelland '05, Brooke Molpus '03, Catherine Neelly '01, Joel Parsons '07, Heidi Rademacher '05, Joey Sherrard '03 and Kate Strother '03.

In his preface to *Transformations*, Lamb reflects on experiences and conversations with homeless guests at the Rhodes soup kitchen, where he was a regular volunteer. “Seeing Calvin's weather-beaten face after a cold night on the streets, hearing a homeless friend describe himself as ‘nothing but a playpen for flies,’ and entering the run-down public housing complexes that were the homes of Meals-on-Wheels recipients made issues real for me,” writes Lamb.

Lamb graduated from Rhodes in 2004 with a major in political science. He was the recipient of the college's two highest awards, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan and the Phi Beta Kappa. While at Rhodes, he was president of both the Honor Council and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. He served internships with a state senator and a U.S. congressman. In addition, he tutored elementary school children, worked at a nonprofit legal center, served as philanthropy cochairman for Kappa Sigma fraternity and constructed houses and playgrounds in Mexico. Currently, he is studying philosophy and theology at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and plans to

become a professor of moral and political philosophy or pursue a career in public service.

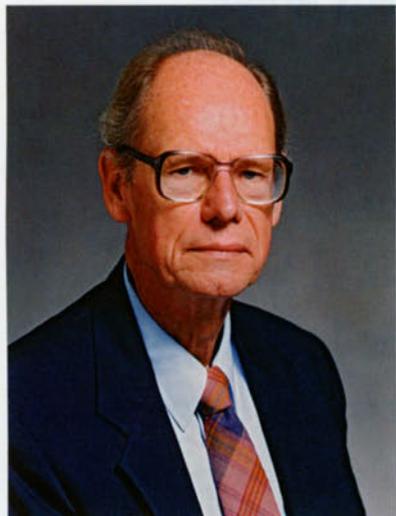
In early 2004, shortly after learning about his Rhodes Scholarship, Lamb approached the Rhodes president's office with the idea for a book to put

human faces on issues, encourage student reflection, showcase how Rhodes is integrating academic learning with service learning and provide a call to action.

The book is available for purchase in the Rhodes Bookstore or can be

ordered by contacting Rhodes CARES at 901-843-3169 or piercej@rhodes.edu. Proceeds will be used to support service and service-learning at Rhodes.

Dr. Gilow Remembered



Gil Gilow

Dr. Helmuth M. "Gil" Gilow, professor emeritus of chemistry at Rhodes, died Nov. 30, 2004. He was 71.

Prof. Gilow joined the Rhodes faculty in 1959 after earning a Ph.D. degree from State University of Iowa. He taught organic chemistry at Rhodes until his retirement in 1997. During his 38-year tenure at Rhodes, Prof. Gilow served in several capacities including chair of the Chemistry Department, pre-medical adviser, Buckman Professor of Chemistry and chair of various faculty committees.

In his latter years, he was particularly noted for devising a

breakthrough technique for the chlorination of hydrocarbons and identifying a group of compounds that resulted in a contract with the French company Rhone-Poulenc. A frequent recipient of research grants and the author of numerous scientific articles, Gilow was most proud of the articles he coauthored with his students.

A 45-year member of the American Chemical Society, Prof. Gilow served a term as president of the Memphis section and was a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Lambda Upsilon chemistry fraternities.

Hatley Opens Consulting Practice



Ralph Hatley

Ralph Hatley, director of Campus Safety for 14 years, elected to take an early retirement in January. He plans to open a private consulting practice, providing security assessment and program development for educational and health care institutions as well as "town-gown" venues. He also will be involved in his second love, theater.

Hatley came to Rhodes after 15 years' service with the Memphis Police Department, from which he retired on a Line of Duty injury. He also came from an education environment.

"My father was a professor and department chair at University of Memphis, my mother and sister were schoolteachers, and I minored

in secondary education at U of M and taught for a year at Christian Brothers High School before coming to Rhodes. And after 14 years at Rhodes," he says, "I feel like I have received a liberal arts education."

Officer Richard Lloyd will serve as interim director of Campus Safety.

Correction

Adam Barnes took the photograph of Prof. Tim Sharp for the fall 2004 Rhodes magazine.

Opening the Doorway, Opening the Hall

By Martha Hunter Shepard '66
Photography by Justin Fox Burks

“Don’t stand in the doorway, Don’t block up the hall,” goes the line in Bob Dylan’s “The Times They Are A-Changin’”. No problem at Rhodes, where the corridors of learning have always been wide-open. So open in fact, that in the last few months the college has extended those corridors to some midtown public school students.

The purpose: to foster an interest in the sciences and in careers in the sciences among elementary- and secondary-school students and to offer pedagogical aid to their teachers.

The result: the Rhodes Learning Corridor that sponsors eight science programs involving students from three public schools, plus Rhodes faculty-taught courses for middle-school science teachers for them to earn proper grade level accreditation.

Why science? Why Rhodes?

Why not?

It all has to do with today’s education and its impact on the country’s future well-being. In a May 3, 2004, *New York Times* article, “U.S. Is Losing Its Dominance in the Sciences,” author William J. Broad quotes a National Science Foundation statistic: “The numbers of new doctorates in the sciences peaked in 1998 and then fell 5 percent the next year, a loss of more than 1,300 new scientists....” Broad also quotes John E. Janowski, a senior analyst at the National Science Foundation: “The rest of the world is catching up....Science excellence is no longer the domain of just the U.S.”

It means fewer U.S. scientists are being published in professional journals. It also means the U.S. economy could see fewer patents—and profits—on everything from cutting-edge drugs to computer chips.

In short, "Who will do the science of this millennium?" asks Shirley Ann Jackson, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

If that isn't a wake-up call, consider this: A lack of racial diversity in health-care professions across the board directly threatens at least one-third of the U.S. population and indirectly hurts millions more, say many experts. Government entities like the National Institutes of Health, NASA and the U.S. Department of Education strongly urge colleges, universities and medical schools to encourage minority students to enter health-care professions.

Characteristically, Rhodes sees the future as now. So with a faculty and student body immersed in volunteer community service and a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education issued in December 2003, the college has wasted no time in augmenting two existing Rhodes programs and creating six new ones, forming the Rhodes College Learning Corridor.

In 2004, Rhodes received an additional \$250,000 Department of Education grant. Both grants, strongly supported by Tennessee's congressional delegation, will fund the Learning Corridor for two years.

The eight "lanes" in the corridor are:

- Young Scholars
- St. Jude Partnership
- Science Is Cool
- Project SWEEP
- Middle School Zoo Research
- Pink Palace Partnership
- Davies Plantation Archaeology
- Middle School Teacher Licensure



Biology professor and Young Scholars director Chuck Stinemetz

Young Scholars

It could be said the Rhodes Learning Corridor began 14 years ago with Young Scholars, an intensive four-week summer program in biology for Memphis-area high school students. Originally funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and later by the Plough and Assisi foundations, the program has always been conducted by Rhodes biology professors in Rhodes laboratories with an average of 30 students each year (a record 48 from 26 schools in 2004). Mostly rising juniors and seniors, they come from every neighborhood and school in the Memphis area, and they have one thing in common: They want to pursue careers in the sciences.

That's always been music to the ears of Young Scholars director Prof. Chuck Stinemetz.

"The program really does three things," he says.

"1. It teaches them how to design experiments beyond the general scientific method—how really to design them to take into account parameters that might alter the results of the experiment. With that, it allows them to do their own hypothesis testing. They're testing experiments that they create.

"2. Once they execute those experiments and learn the best way to reduce and report the data, in general it teaches them how scientists communicate and share information.

"3. Ethics is a component of the course that teaches them about the place of science in society—why society needs to be scientifically literate, what sort of questions scientists have to face in terms of ethical considerations. It ranges from questions involving the environment to the ethics of two people coming into an emergency room at the same time: How does a physician decide which one should be treated first, assuming they're both going to die if they don't get treated?"

"I think one of the best things about the program is that we have students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds," Stinemetz says. "They have a common interest in pursuing science, but what is really as useful as learning science is learning about one another and that each of them has something to contribute.

"It can be a leveling experience for many of the students. It's probably the first time they've ever been in class with 47 other kids who are all excited about similar types of things. I think that's an unusual academic experience for a student at this age. At the same time they're bolstered by the fact that everybody else is pushing just as hard as they are. The first day, everybody's very quiet. By the end of the program they're exchanging addresses and holding a party after our graduation ceremony. They stay in contact with one other and with me. It's a badge of honor to graduate from the program. It helps keep them interested in science and moving forward, which is one of the things I'm most interested in—keeping them in the science pipeline."

Students work from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the lab, and for their efforts, earn three hours of college credit.

"They are giving up four weeks of their summer," Stinemetz says, "and it's amazing to me that every year we receive 80-90 applications."

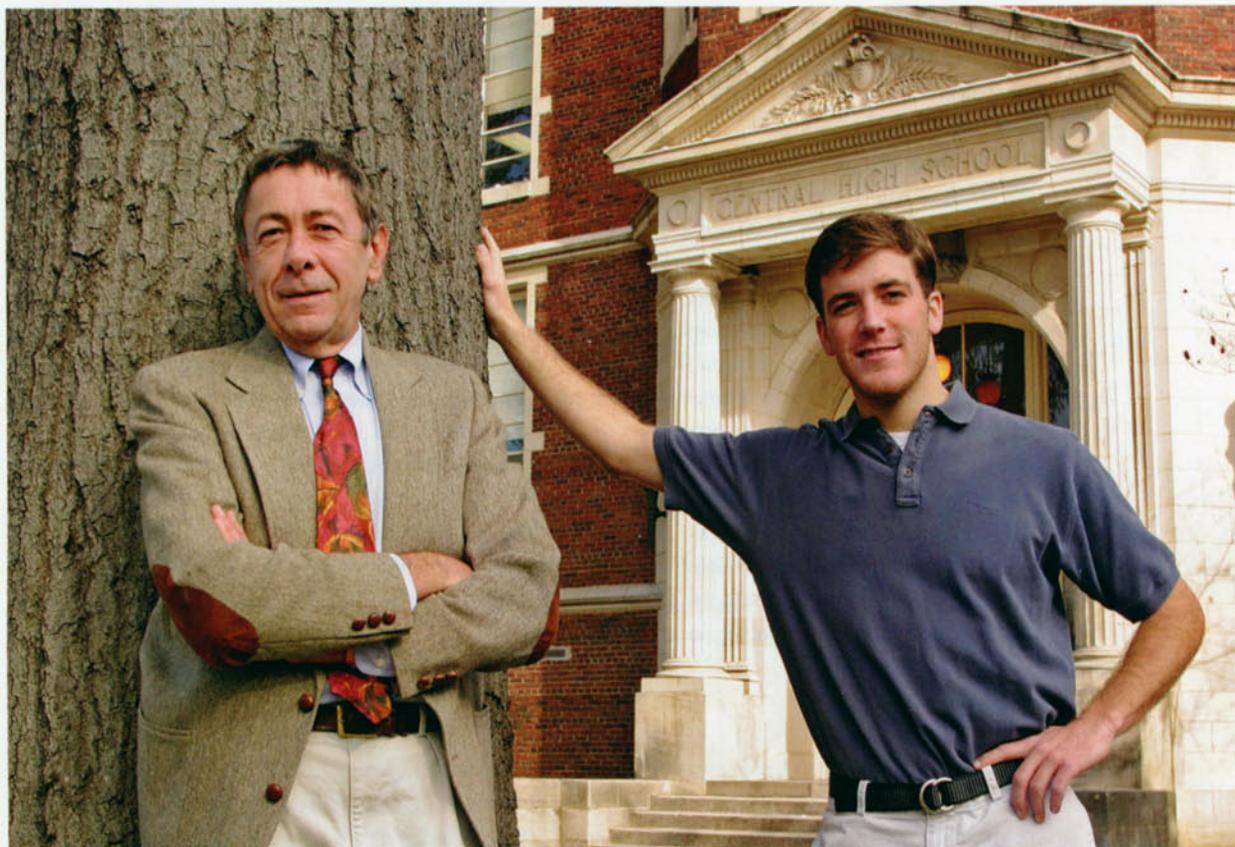
The biology faculty—Stinemetz, professor emeritus Bobby Jones and John Olsen, biology professor and associate dean of academic affairs—do some Rhodes recruiting work as well.

"For most of the kids who come the first day, Rhodes isn't even on their list of schools to consider," says Stinemetz. "By the time the program is over Rhodes is on half the students' lists."

A payoff for the Rhodes biology faculty is knowing that while some students do attend Rhodes, almost 100% of them go to college, and indirect data suggest about 85% of those major in science.

Another one is seeing alumni of the program.

"We took the students to a couple of seminars at St. Jude last summer," Stinemetz recalls. Two women walked up to me there. They said, 'You're Dr. Stinemetz.' I said, 'Yes I am.' 'You don't remember us, do you? We were in Young Scholars six years ago.' They were graduate students at the University of Tennessee, Memphis. That really makes me feel good. This has happened more than once. Meeting people who had been in the program who tell you how wonderful it was, that it had transformed their lives—that's very enriching."



Prof. Tony Becker, Learning Corridor director, and Moss Driscoll '05 at Central High School

St. Jude

For six Central High School students who participated in the 2004 Summer Scholars program, it isn't over till it's over. They're currently in a new lane of the Learning Corridor, the Rhodes/St. Jude Partnership: Preparing High School Students for Biomedical Careers. The program recruits six Central students who have participated in the Rhodes Young Scholars program and pairs them with mostly minority postdoctoral fellows (M.D.s and Ph.D.s who are conducting research) at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The postdocs, who become the students' mentors, invite them to seminars at the hospital, take them on tours of the facilities and involve them in some actual research.

"The postdocs love the idea," says Rhodes biology professor and Learning Corridor director Tony Becker. "Rhodes created the program, but it was their initiative. They really took it and ran with it."

Science Is Cool

Hundreds more Central High students are in the new Science Is Cool lane. Throughout the week, five Rhodes science majors work with 10 Central science teachers and their students, tutoring, conducting laboratory demonstrations, working with advanced placement students.

Moss Driscoll, a senior and native of Corinth, VT, is a biology major with a minor in earth systems science. In the past, he volunteered in the Snowden Elementary School after-school program, reading and discussing books with first- and second-graders. This year, he's literally in his element.

Working with 9th-, 11th- and 12th-graders in the classroom and labs, Driscoll also spends time with those in advanced placement classes and meets with the Science Club after school. At one recent meeting representatives from the University of Tennessee, Memphis medical center spoke to

club members about professional career possibilities in the sciences.

"It's really interesting to get back into the high school classroom and see young students who are excited about the material they're learning and interested in the possibilities that are out there," says Driscoll. "The kids at Central are really motivated. They're still finding out what interests them and what they might want to do in the future. It's fun to talk with them about it, about what I'm studying at Rhodes and what the different possibilities are in the college world and beyond."

Driscoll smiles when he talks about the Central teachers and their classrooms.

"The teachers are very adept at getting the kids excited about the material they're covering and presenting it in a really interesting, comprehensive way that's fun. They do an excellent job of keeping everyone on the same page. The classrooms are large (about 30 students each), but the environment is very personal and friendly," he says. "The best way to prepare students for a college biology class is to get them interested in the sciences and make them understand that it's something interesting with application to everyday life and the natural world we live in. The teachers are quite good at creating interest in the sciences. The classrooms are filled with posters and different projects—quite a collage of student work."

Driscoll recommends Science Is Cool to other Rhodes students.

"It's a great opportunity for biology or chemistry majors to apply what they're learning by teaching other students. It confirms what you love about the sciences, plus it's a fun classroom environment and a great contrast to what we do at Rhodes."

SWEEP

Anyone who wants to know everything about what goes into Memphis storm drains besides rainwater should sign on with the students of Cypress Middle School. Two days a week after school, some 15 students from grades six through eight gather in a classroom with their science teachers, Rhodes geology professor Carol Ekstrom and some of her work-study students to participate in SWEEP, the Storm Water Environmental Education Project. Ekstrom pioneered the program three years ago with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency. She was concerned about the residents of the area who live by Cypress Creek, a stream long polluted by chemical plants. This year, Project SWEEP became a lane of the Learning Corridor.

From 2:30-4:30 the middle schoolers, who begin the afternoon with refreshments, work on environmental education projects or take field trips. The classroom walls are papered with their posters promoting ecological concerns such as recycling and clean water. On one table is a model of the Memphis storm drainage system the students created. The last session before the winter holidays, the students took a break from the customary math and science and instead made crystallized Christmas ornaments: Pour Borax into a jar, add hot water, insert a pipe cleaner in the solution and watch the crystals form on it. It's all science, even the holiday part.

Field trips include a guided tour by a city public works representative to one of the city's storm drains—the ditches that collect rainwater runoff, *not* the sewerage system—where they hear about pollution, take water samples and observe water quality to see if any organisms live there. On Earth Day they travel to the Lichterman Nature Center in East Memphis with their environmental education posters and displays of their work.

In the spring, the Cypress middle schoolers are invited to present their findings at the Rhodes Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Symposium. Included in the program with Rhodes students, the children present skits and posters related to their research.

Cypress even plays its homecoming games at Rhodes' Fargason Field. After cheering for Cypress at the 2003 game, the middle schoolers picked up trash, analyzed it, graphed it and projected the likelihood that it might end up in storm water drainage.

These are bright, confident, committed students, and no one appreciates them more than Prof. Ekstrom and her Rhodes students.

"This program has gone beyond my greatest hopes in forging relationships between the college and our neighbors," Ekstrom says. "I think it gives the students a better concept of how complex



Prof. Carol Ekstrom and Elza Crocco '07 at Cypress Middle School

environmental issues can be, that people are impacted by almost everything. Part of this is for the students to educate their parents, too, for example, to get them to think before pouring engine oil down the storm drain.”

She also sees SWEEP as a service-learning class for her Rhodes students

“They don’t just talk to middle school students about the polluted water that exists in the Cypress area, they interact with people who live there. Because there are families involved, it gives Rhodes students a better concept of how complex environmental issues can be.”

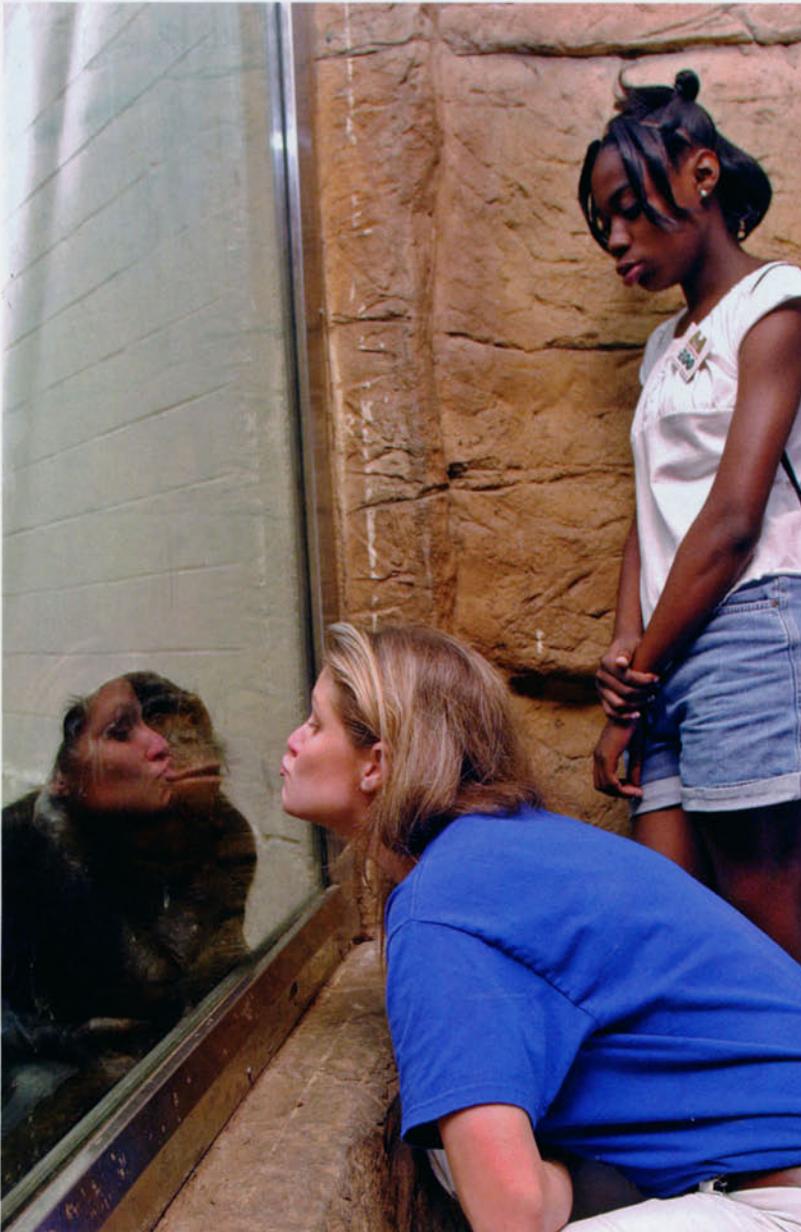
The Cypress students stay with the program till they move on to high school, and several Rhodes students participate as much as they can.

Elza Crocco, a second-year student from Princeton, NJ, is one of Prof. Ekstrom’s work-study students who’s doing SWEEP a second time this semester. A bit timid at the beginning of her first go-round, she was hooked the minute she met the Cypress students.

“Before I signed on, we went to Cypress as a class and interacted with the kids,” she explains. There were 15-20 outrageously energized kids. I was just astounded. They came up and talked to me. It was just great. I thought, ‘Forget the geology part, I just want to be with the kids!’ They are very bright. They’re thinkers. I can always see their wheels turning. It’s incredible that Prof. Ekstrom has the motivation to get this involved in our lives and the lives of the Cypress students. You learn so much about people in addition to science. It all starts with the environment. If you take care of the environment and make it safe, then you’re taking care of people and future generations.”

Zoo Research

Another new lane of the Learning Corridor—the Outreach for Middle School Students through Zoo Research—was paved last summer to Snowden Middle School. Five eighth-grade



Thayer Hutcheson '05 and Dione Smith at the Zoo

graduates, all girls, each conducted research for seven days one-on-one with Thayer Hutcheson '05 and biology professor Alan Jaslow at the Memphis Zoo and Rhodes.

They studied everything from giraffes to orangutans to pandas, both before and behind the scene.

"Thayer introduced the students to the zoo, methodology, small projects they could do in a day that helped the zoo. Some of that involved coming to campus to do analysis, library research, evaluating Web sites and articles for research," says Jaslow. "We met regularly, if not daily, and Thayer was with the students all the time. It was a mentoring project. What my student gets out of it is outreach, community service and teaching experience. It became a very good and intensive experience for everyone."

"The student chose a topic in which she was most interested, like a behavioral study of zebras or an enrichment project with pandas," says Hutcheson, a biology/psychology bridge major from Houston. "With colobus monkeys, for example, we decided to figure out what we could do to make them have to think and use what they know about different tools to get their food. We took pictures, the student recorded with a stopwatch how long the monkeys spent on each item to get food. Different monkeys have different abilities, so you figure out through trial and error what the developmental

level of certain animals is."

Hutcheson and her students also helped with ongoing research projects in the zoo's research and conservation department which concentrates mainly on panda nutrition.

"They do feed trials in summer with different types of bamboo," she says. In spring and summer pandas eat leaves and in fall and winter they mainly eat the culm (stalk). The idea is that the nutritional content of the leaves is higher in spring and summer because the nutrients go out to the leaves, and in winter they go back into culm. The students really got into that. They wanted to know the hows and whys of the animals' eating habits. They helped record data for research that was important and was actually going to do something. If it's not useful, it's boring. In the video monitoring room, they recorded the pandas' behaviors. It made them feel like 'I'm really a part of this project.'"

An enrichment project involved the orangutans.

"The orangutans love their blankets," Hutcheson says. "There is one male who climbs to the top



Biology professor and Zoo Research director Alan Jaslow with Thayer Hutcheson and Megan Morgan at Rhodes

of the platform every morning and covers himself with his blanket. One of the students suggested giving the oranges blankets with different textures to see which ones they liked. They all tried them out and liked a soft fleece one the best. The students loved that. There's something about coming up with an idea and being able to test it on actual animals at the zoo. They were really excited and couldn't wait to tell parents what they did that day.

"I loved being around the students," Hutcheson says. "One of my favorite things is the look on somebody's face when they get something. They light up. I felt I helped them learn."

Pink Palace Partnership

This summer, Rhodes will open another lane of the Learning Corridor with the Pink Palace Family of Museums, seven local attractions including the Pink Palace Mansion, a home of pink marble built in the 1920s by supermarket magnate Clarence Saunders. Rhodes faculty and students will team with museum staff to conduct two archaeology programs for Snowden Elementary students at the tenant house of Davies Plantation in East Memphis. Each program, which will last two weeks, will include two days of classroom orientation and eight days of excavation capped off by a field trip to the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum in Milan with its life-sized displays of West Tennessee settlers and their culture.

Middle School Teacher Licensure

Not too long ago, many of today's middle school teachers were licensed to teach grades 1-8. The new rules make it 1-6. Middle schools have taken seventh and eighth grades out of the equation and created new teaching and learning demands.

Memphis City Schools superintendent Dr. Carol Johnson asked the Memphis Area Teachers Educational Collaborative, of which Rhodes is a member, to create a college-credit program for middle-school teachers to become "highly qualified" in their assigned positions and to help them become more knowledgeable in their fields.

Rhodes went to work on the science component, recruiting four faculty to teach some 20 middle-school science teachers on campus beginning this summer. In fall and spring, classes will be held in the evening, late afternoon and weekends. Two Memphis universities will teach other subjects.

The students' lives—they are a-changin'. And ours are changed by them. **R**

Learning for a Lifetime

Summer Service Fellows glean lifelong lessons from internships

By Laura K. Blanton '05
Photography by Baxter Buck

The debilitating Memphis summer heat is trapped within the walls of an elementary school cafeteria. The din of 80 kids slowly escalates into migraine-inducing decibels. Pre-K kids pull each other's hair because they don't know any better, and the 17-year-olds seem to have perfected the art of insolence. Congratulations—they're all yours.

Granted, not all of the 2004 Summer Service Fellows (SSF) were as shocked to find such chaos as Rachel Martsolf '05 was when she entered Sherwood Elementary school on her first day, but one thing is certain about the SSFs: Their jobs were not all cake and ice cream. With the second year of the program gearing up, it's time to find out what the fellowships are all about.

Inspired by a previous program that funded student service-work abroad, the SSF program targets service needs in Memphis. The timing was just right for the program to be included in a proposal to the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust, whose funding supports the majority of service programs under the umbrella of Rhodes CARES (Center for Academic Research and Education through Service). With funding in place, director of leadership programs Marie Lindquist was in charge of executing the fellowship opportunities in 2004.

The nuts and bolts of the program are simple: 15 students receive a \$3,240 stipend, room and board and one week of vacation in exchange for 10 weeks of service to the nonprofit of their choice.

It's the execution that's the hard part.

Getting down to business

Because self-sufficiency was the name of the game, applicants contacted the organization of their choice to pitch their own idea for an internship. If successful, they then formally submitted their intentions for the summer—including goals, expectations and a written statement from their prospective employer. Changes for the upcoming year include a major revision of this internship selection process.

“I’ve solicited opportunities from nonprofits across Memphis,” Lindquist explained. “That way we can create a directory for students, and they can either apply directly to one of those or continue to create their own program.”

While Service Scholars were the main makeup of last year’s applicants, the program is designed for any student who wants to do service-work but needs funding over the summer for the upcoming academic year. The SSF program satisfies both the wants and the needs of those students.

“It is perfect for those who have strong desires to effect change in their community, yet are preoccupied during the school year with academics and meetings,” Joshua Jeffries ’07 said.

All of the students spent their summer living on campus in East Village—an arrangement that encouraged students to violate the maxim of “Don’t bring your work home with you.” Instead, their living situation was designed to promote an ongoing dialogue of their day-to-day experiences. Lucy Waechter ’05 benefited from living with other SSFs, because on days that her roommates were at a standstill in their projects, they could help her as a counselor for the summer program she started at the Neighborhood Christian Center.

The communal aspect of the program was reinforced by different programming events held each week. Students worked Monday through Thursday and used Friday to regroup as a whole and then meet in small groups based on similar projects. They visited local Memphis sites such as Stax Music Academy and the National Civil Rights Museum in an effort to learn more about the culture of the city as well as simply to...relax.

“Becoming a part of the Memphis community and feeling invested in the city was the best part of the program,” Daniel Webb ’05 said. “It was a blessing to meet and develop relationships with a diverse group of people in many different venues in the city.”

What sets the SSF program apart from other service opportunities at Rhodes is the fact that it’s designed to offer invaluable learning experience in a full-time, paid position.

“I was extremely grateful for the money that the program provided because it allowed me to have the freedom not to worry about spending or living expenses, and instead devote all of my energy to my project,” Leah Walter ’06 said.

Working at a nonprofit for pay, however, confronted students with the disparities between volunteering somewhere and becoming an employee for that organization.

“Students really got a good sense of the challenges that employees at nonprofits face, and exactly how difficult it can be sometimes,” Lindquist said. “Sometimes that meant that they were pushed really hard.”

Those challenges became the catalyst for growth as students juggled their expectations with reality. Part of their learning experience was based on having to respond to things that didn’t pan out the way they had expected.

“I learned a lot about human nature and about how an individual reacts to problems in a certain way,” Rebekah Miller ’05 said.

Lindquist and staff encouraged the fellows to reevaluate their progress continually in light of their expectations and the reality of their situation. Goals were assessed periodically throughout the summer, just to keep the students on track and realistic about their achievements.

“I was amazed at how much the students grew through the experience,” Lindquist said. “They were able to get through the difficult times and instead of closing off, they grew from it, made the most of it and moved to the next level to become stronger people.”

The success of the inaugural year speaks through its numbers: One-third of the participants have continued with their same project or organization during the school year. For others, like Maureen

Miller '05, the experience will shape their future careers. After working full-time for Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood, Maureen now knows that she wants to attend graduate school for a master's degree in public health. Read on for a more in-depth look at some of their experiences.

Rachel Martsof '05

Just the facts: Theatre-Religious Studies bridge major from Morrilton, AR.

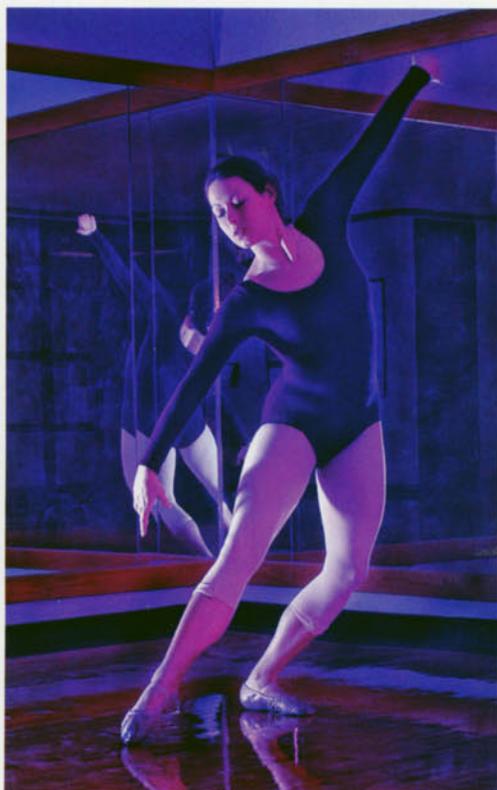
Crunching numbers: 80 kids, ages 4-17. Nine weeks, eight hours a day. One unairconditioned elementary school cafeteria. One supervisor-teacher-mentor-adult. You do the math.

All she wants to do is dance: As an experienced dancer and teacher, Rachel signed on with Watoto de Africa to teach dance as a part of its Arts Encounter Summer Experience (AESE). "The program gives at-risk children a framework for success," she said. "It's a good way to get the kids to be committed to something, be involved and perform. It gives them something to be proud of."

More than she bargained for: "It turns out that dancing was the entire component of AESE. All we could do the entire day was dance," Rachel said. After teaching a two-hour combination, which she would normally teach once a week, she still had five hours left to fill. "You just can't be effective by going on and on," she explained. "Everybody's completely worn out." With so many kids and such a range of ages and talents, not only could they not hear or see her instructing, but she could not gain control of the group as a whole. "Getting them to be quiet and respectful was the most difficult part of the summer," she said. "It rarely happened with ease."

Finding a medium: "At first these kids hated me because they didn't want to be standing around doing stuff that they didn't understand," she confessed. "Meanwhile, I kept telling myself that I couldn't be unhappy and angry because that would have rubbed off on everybody." Desperate times call for desperate measures, so Rachel started improvising dance classes of all genres—jazz, hip-hop, swing, ballet, funk and so on—that finally grabbed their attention. "Once they realized that I had things they wanted to learn, it was easier to tell them what to do," she said. She had to give in, too, and realize that despite their poor behavior, they really did want to be there. Their tug-of-war subsided, and between lunchtime jam sessions and the kids teaching Rachel *their* dance moves, tensions eased and the summer wasn't so bad after all.

Things to write home about: "The experience, in general, justified the difficulties of it because I learned that you have to earn your right to be heard," she said. "Even in a very unideal situation, you have to stick through the rough part and make it into something that everyone can benefit from."



Sini Nwaobi '07

Just the facts: Biology-Spanish double major from Brighton, TN

Goal: To complete an overseas medical mission in the Nigerian village of Issele-Mkpitime. Appalling conditions in the village, such as no fresh water and only one nurse and 10 hospital beds for a population of 7,000, triggered Sini to target the typhoid and malaria problems within the community.

Shopping list: She hopes to acquire certain vaccinations, medical equipment and supplies, mosquito nets and a new water supply for the village by building a well. So far, she has secured



gloves and dissection trays, and is still hoping for more medical equipment such as an autoclave and a suction machine.

Step by step: Because her project was conceived independently and she didn't work under any organization, Sini developed her project through countless hours of researching out of her East Village apartment. With the help of physics professor and mentor Brent Hoffmeister, she ferreted out the necessary steps to take in order to realize her goal.

Tapping into resources: Ministry of Health in Nigeria, to have supplies approved; pharmaceutical companies and a physician to secure vaccines and medicines; Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, for guidelines on obtaining medicine and distributing them to another country; grant writing for funds.

Biggest roadblocks: Obtaining medicine, because as she says, "they're not going to sell it to someone off the street." The shipping time schedule, money constraints, working on other people's schedules and a seven-hour time difference

with Nigeria are all additional challenges.

Yet to come: Sini is organizing a small group of Rhodes students to accompany her to Nigeria this summer for a three-week trip to help deliver the equipment.

Looking to the future: After attending medical school and, she hopes, specializing in orthopedics and trauma, Sini would ideally work in the U.S. for a time and then work for the U.S. overseas. "It'd be the best of both worlds."

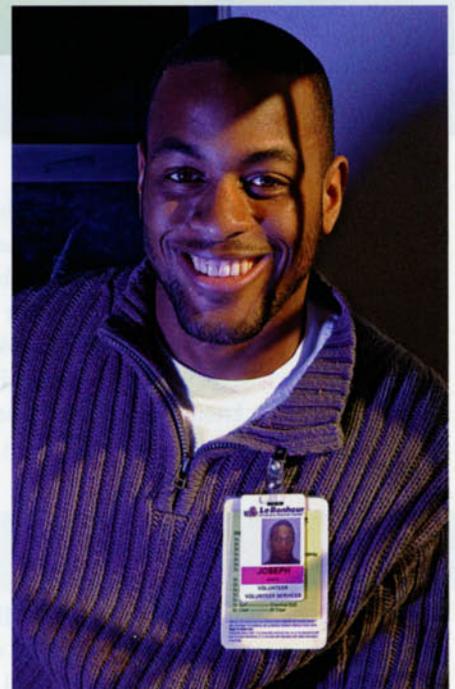
Joseph Bynum '07

Just the facts: Biology major from Memphis

Man in charge: Joseph supervised 25 teenagers taking part in the Volunteer program at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center, managing their daily shifts and placing them in one of seven departments throughout the hospital. Because they ranged from ages 13 to 17, the younger kids became restless during their four-hour shift. One of the hardest parts of Joseph's job was making sure that the students utilized their time spent at the hospital well and had a great volunteer experience. "It was hard to motivate them," he said. "If they finished their task, they wouldn't necessarily pursue another one. I made sure they had something to do."

Expect the unexpected: "I was able to take over a special project," Joseph revealed. The hospital provides several medical clinics, which by noon were inevitably packed with as many as 70 patients in the waiting room. To alleviate the congestion and the boredom of the patients, the hospital designed an ambulatory care playroom to funnel patients into, where volunteers could play games with patients in the interim. Joseph was subsequently put in charge. "I was the supervisor and made sure everything went smoothly for the patients waiting to get in," he said.

The results are in: "There is a huge discrepancy between [my



expectations for the summer and the results],” he said. As a pre-med student, Joseph was hoping to shadow neurologists during the summer and get a feel for the medical aspect of the profession. “That was completely tossed out,” he confessed. “Instead, I was working with kids, under the umbrella of the hospital.” But, there was a silver lining.

When it’s all said and done: “I’m glad I was able to do it, it was just a huge shock initially,” he said. “I have learned that I do work well with kids, so maybe I have to put my own interests aside and say, ‘If I can do this, then why not?’”

Sunita Arora '05

Just the facts: International Studies major from Metairie, LA

Taking the bull by the horns: When volunteering part-time for the Shelby County Division of Corrections, Sunita became concerned about the language barrier between incarcerated Hispanics and the staff members. In an effort to improve their communication, she designed and implemented an English as a Second Language class to teach the male prisoners throughout the summer. Halfway through the program, however, she reached a breaking point because they were treating her so



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poorly. “I went in idealistically, thinking they’d give me the same respect that they’d give anyone else,” she said. “It wasn’t like that at all.”

Changing it up: Because she still wanted to ameliorate the language barrier, Sunita decided to approach the problem from the inverse—by teaching Spanish to the Shelby County employees. Her class was successful and continues to be. She currently teaches one hour a week to about 10 employees at a time.

Exploring issues: Along with her Spanish class, Sunita also taught a GED class and a Workforce Readiness class for the female inmates. Immediately more comfortable in the women’s arena, Sunita was able to expand

the core curriculum, which taught social, interpersonal and work skills, to encompass philosophical discussions on social contracts. “I really felt like we had an open dialogue about these issues without having to be personal about who we are, yet still get at the things that really matter—the things that need to change in order to correct yourself or rehabilitate yourself,” she said.

A new lease: “[Working there] was a really good chance for me to understand the problem with a society that tries to rehabilitate people,” she explained. “Do prison systems really work? I don’t know if I still think that they do. It became really apparent this summer that you can’t just punish people and expect them to learn from it. You have to educate them as well.”

Liz Roads '05

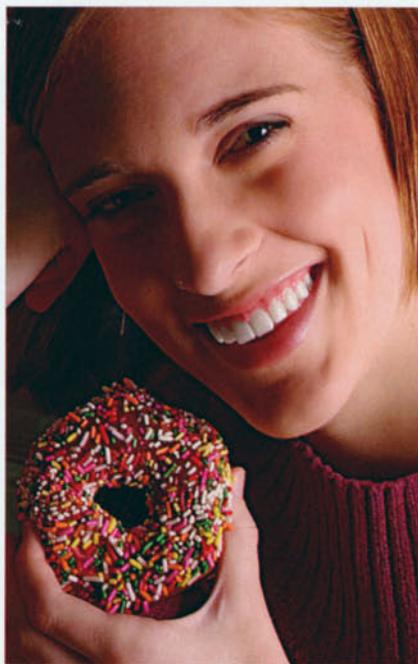
Just the facts: English-Greek and Roman studies double major from Clarksville, TN

Dare to dream: Liz worked for the Dream Factory, a nonprofit organization that grants dreams to children with critical or chronic illnesses.

The 3 D's: Donations, dreams, and doughnuts were all part of Liz's job last summer. She spent the majority of her time on the organization's largest fundraiser, a golf tournament held in September. "A lot of what I was doing was calling local businesses and restaurants to solicit donations," she said. Her hard, albeit tedious, work paid off when the tournament raised almost \$25,000. On the side, she organized two sendoff parties for children about to experience their dream of going to Disney World for a week with their families. Finally, she worked to publicize the Dream Factory by getting doughnuts donated and delivering them bimonthly to nurses in local hospitals.

The nitty gritty: "I'm not good at calling people up on the phone without knowing them and asking them for money," she said. "It was really hard for me to get up every morning and sit at my computer and call people who probably wouldn't call me back." By the end though, Liz had learned the tricks of the trade. "At first I would back off instantly if a manager told me no when I called, but now I'm much more persistent. I learned how to keep them on the line and really sell the Dream Factory."

Back to Reality: Midway through the summer, Liz took a break at Camp Rainbow, a weeklong summer camp for children with serious illnesses. "A lot of them have had dreams granted by the Dream Factory, so I got to see the kids whom I was trying to help by sitting at my desk making phone calls," she said. "It helped me remember who I was really working for." Even though her job wasn't glamorous, she said the people made it worth it for her. "It was a wonderful experience to work with a group of dedicated volunteers who spend a great deal of time working toward a worthy goal: easing the pain of children dealing with serious illnesses." **R**



What 10 More Scholars Did

Christine Coy '05 developed a manual of services available in Memphis for Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

Anna Ivey '06 worked at Facing History and Ourselves, assisting with seminars for teachers who are incorporating the Facing History message into their classrooms.

Joshua Jeffries '07 served as a summer camp counselor at the Stax Music Academy.

Ashley McCallen '05 tutored students working to pass the TCAP exams (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) in city schools

Rachel Methvin '06 worked with neighborhoods in the Vollintine-Evergreen area on projects targeting the polluted areas of Cypress Creek.

Maureen Miller '05 developed training procedures for volunteers at Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood.

Rebekah Miller '05 assisted case managers and clients at the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association's Estival Place for transitional housing.

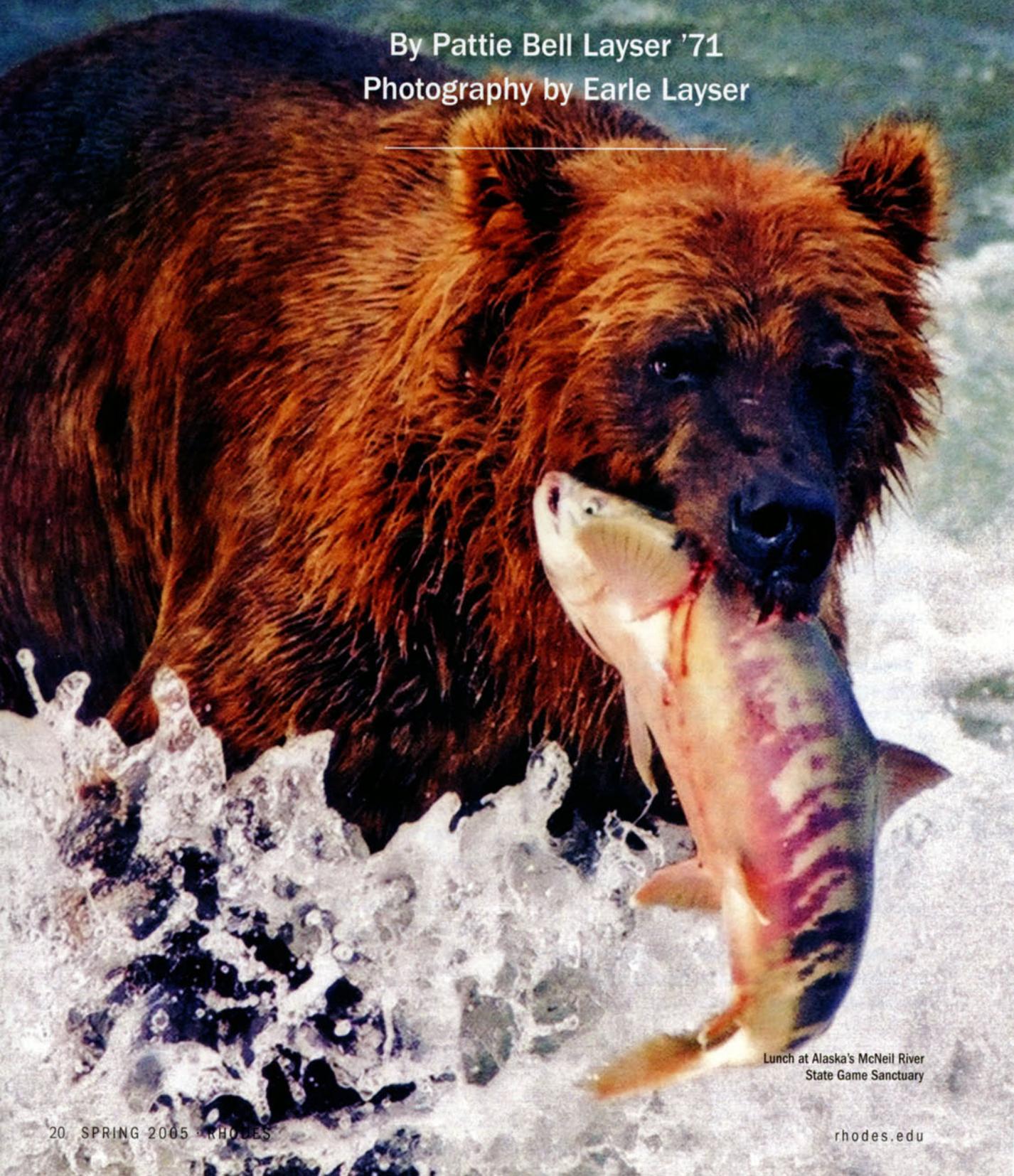
Lucy Waechter '05 created programming for children in the Neighborhood Christian Center summer assistance programs.

Leah Walter '06 worked with the Memphis Literacy Council.

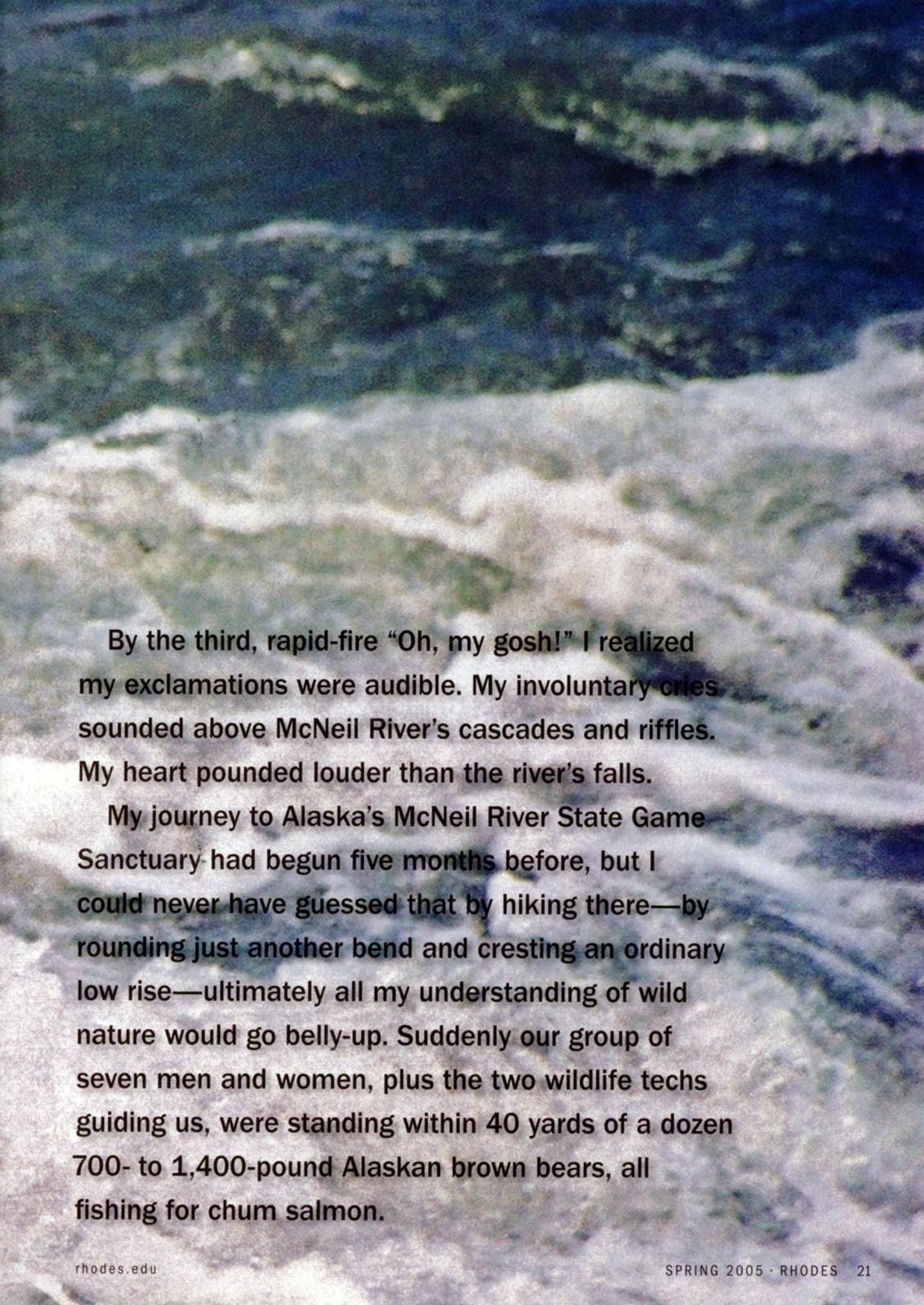
Daniel Webb '05 worked in faith-based ministries of the Memphis School of Servant Leadership.

Sharing Tundra: The Bear Essentials

By Pattie Bell Layser '71
Photography by Earle Layser

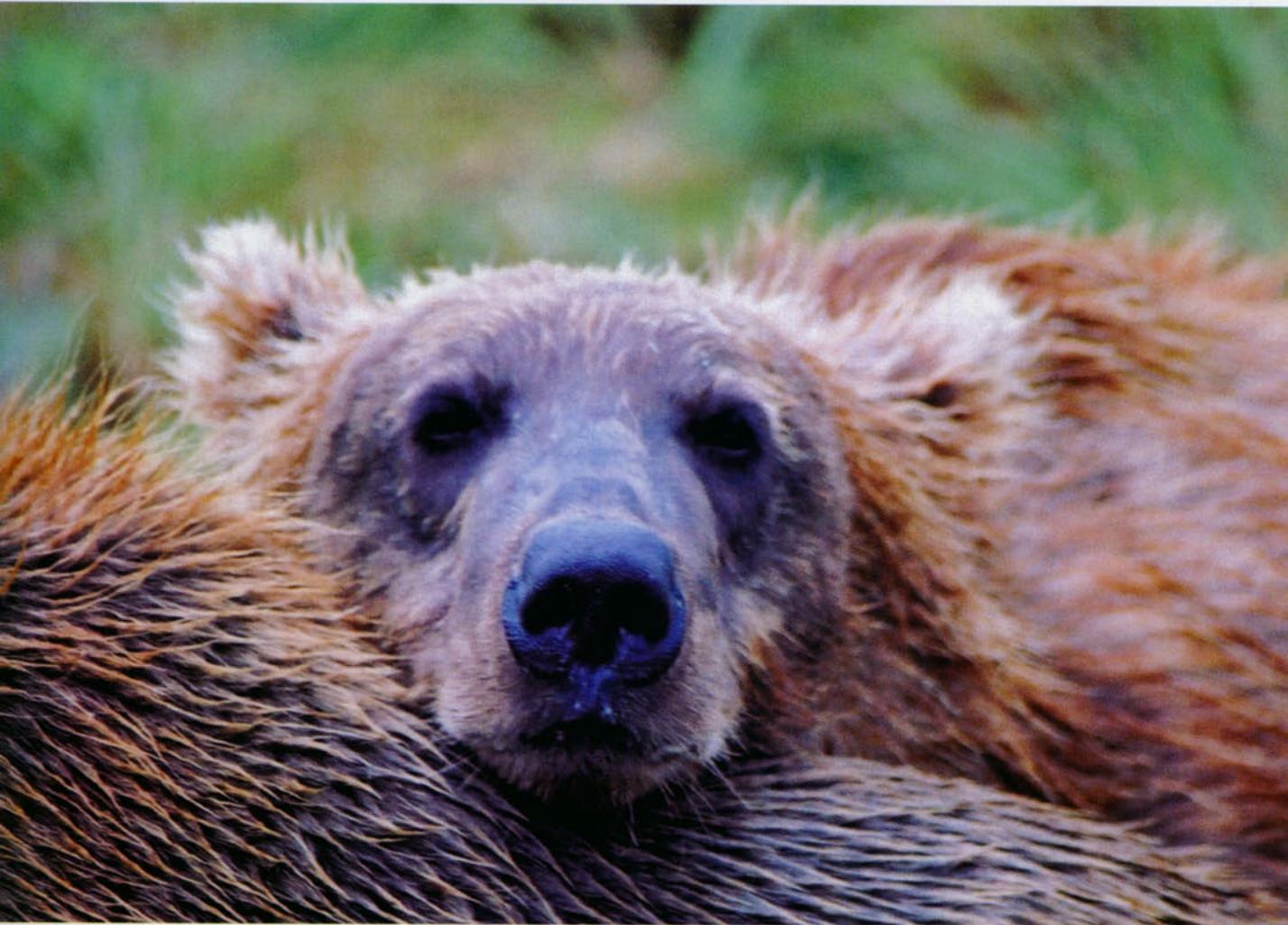


Lunch at Alaska's McNeil River
State Game Sanctuary



By the third, rapid-fire “Oh, my gosh!” I realized my exclamations were audible. My involuntary cries sounded above McNeil River’s cascades and riffles. My heart pounded louder than the river’s falls.

My journey to Alaska’s McNeil River State Game Sanctuary had begun five months before, but I could never have guessed that by hiking there—by rounding just another bend and cresting an ordinary low rise—ultimately all my understanding of wild nature would go belly-up. Suddenly our group of seven men and women, plus the two wildlife techs guiding us, were standing within 40 yards of a dozen 700- to 1,400-pound Alaskan brown bears, all fishing for chum salmon.



Brown bear cub takes a rest on mama's back

Like a magpie pursuing every flash of color, I tried looking everywhere at once. The naturalist in me recognized the scene as a dreamscape—a dozen bears, the heads of those feeding haloed by rapidly-beating wings of pink-footed gulls; two stately adult eagles and a mottled immature one; a red-breasted merganser herding five polka-dotted ducklings; and a kaleidoscopic color swirl of pooling, rising, jumping, calico-patterned salmon. Startled, and slightly unnerved, I exploded with laughter watching a gigantic, spread-eagled boar belly flop on top of a chum.

It's strange that when I'm standing quiet and still, I interpret sounds of nature as "silence." True, the setting seemed surreal—and certainly beyond spoken words—but the air around me thundered with cascading, spinning waters; the high-pitched keek-keek of glaucous-winged gulls; the voracious suckling of ever-hungry cubs; the snarling, full-bodied growls of fighting boars; the eagles' jagged kleeek-kik-ik-ik-ik-ik; the formidable bellows of a sow protecting her young.

Turning in place, I watched a lone bear on the ridgeline, starting down the trail toward us. Bowlegged, pigeon-toed, he lumbered at what appeared to be a slow, stiff-legged pace, but he covered ground rapidly. As I pivoted to keep him in view, another brown brought his catch up from the river, stopping alongside us. We were surrounded.

I knew when my husband Earle and I entered the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's 2004 annual lottery, hoping for two of the sanctuary's 185 guided viewing permits, that winning the coveted spots was a long shot. For each four-day viewing period between June 7 and August 25, approximately 1,800 people worldwide apply. But standing on that sensory-glutted knoll, I knew it

had been worth the gamble.

I hadn't always been sure doing this trip was a good idea—or even a smart one. Ecstatic when our names were drawn, I stayed excited as we juggled a 75-pound weight limit to pack an extreme weather tent, warm raingear and hip boots, a water filter and food and cooking utensils into dry bags.

I was pumped when we booked a flight to Anchorage, drove to Homer and chartered a float plane to cross Cook Inlet to Kamishak Bay, skimming Augustine Island's cloud-rimmed volcanic cone en route to the game sanctuary's wild, roadless acres in the rolling foothills of the Aleutian Range.

Our air taxi by Beluga Lake Float Plane Service had been peerless. At high tide on a clear day, our waterway was flagged fuschia by lush banks of fireweed. Our route markers included flotillas of ducks, a pod of a dozen blowing humpback whales and a modest-sized rock island carpeted with sea lions, basking in uncommonly bright sunlight. It was a royal procession leading us to North America's largest terrestrial omnivores, the world's greatest concentration of wild brown bears.

Called "taquka'aq" by the Alutiits, these charismatic and usually solitary mammals have gathered for centuries when wild iris bloom for McNeil River's annual "iqalluk" migration. Here browns feast upon thousands of fat- and protein-rich spawning salmon, banking weight to outlast winter by sometimes gaining several pounds a day.

As I looked down, the wilderness expanse thrilled me. Immediately to the north of the sanctuary's 200 square miles is McNeil River State Game Refuge, which in combination protects 388 square miles (248,120 acres) of bear habitat. Add the federally-protected lands of Katmai National Park and Preserve lying to the south and west, and we lucky few were guaranteed unparalleled opportunities for observing and photographing bears in a mecca of biodiversity.

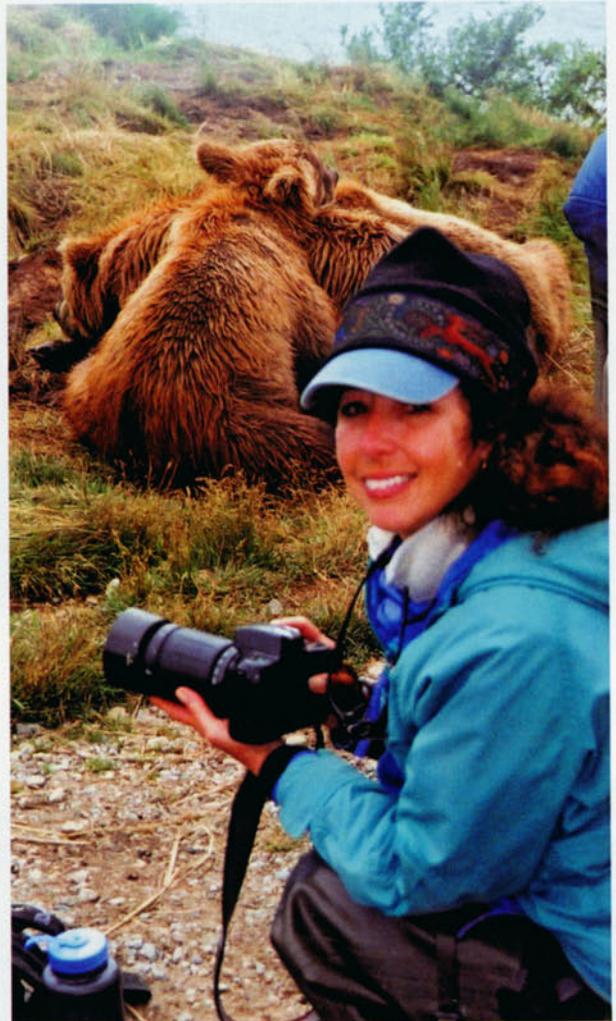
What could be more exciting? Alaska's brown bears and grizzlies are now considered one species—biologists commonly consider those living 100 miles or more inland to be grizzlies—but browns are larger from bulking up on salmon.

Fears for our safety set in not long after we landed, though. Wildlife tech Tom Griffin helped our planeload of five debark and begin our orientation. He's a gentle giant of a guy, and if one believes in reincarnation, he may have been a bear in his last life.

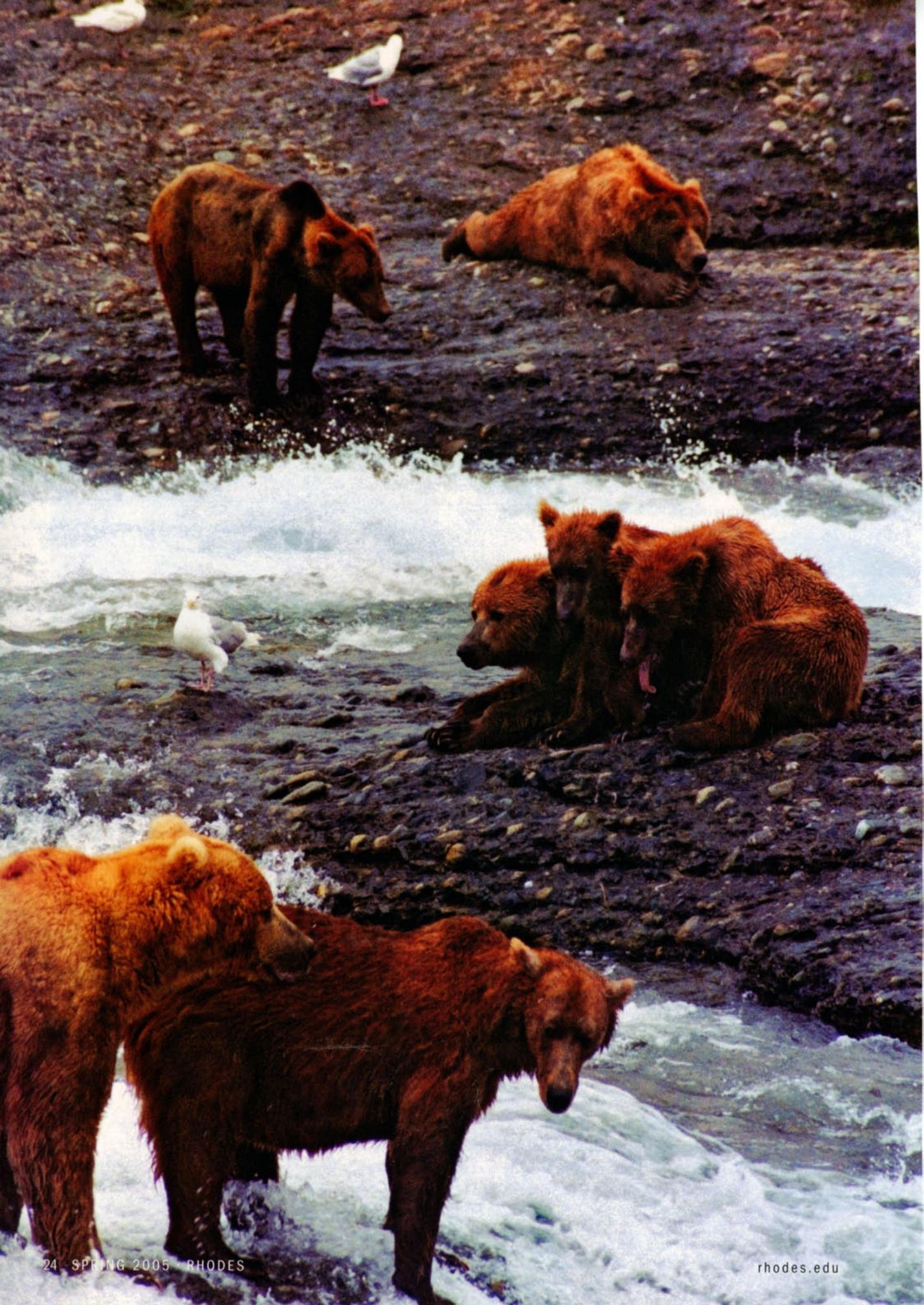
"Camp" is a miniscule patch within the sanctuary's 128,000 acres, and to the browns, it's home turf, indistinguishable from their territory-at-large. The rough semicircle of gravel tent pads fronting the cook cabin are secluded from one another by towering fireweed and cow parsnip (good porridge...I mean, forage, for bears) and by rings of dense willow and alder (thickets papa bears think are "just right!" for bedding down).

Two outhouses stand a fair distance from the tent sites. Taller and more substantial than willows, they sometimes serve as rubbing posts if *Ursus arctos* has an itch he can't scratch, Tom explained.

The sanctuary was established and designated a National Natural Landmark in 1967 and expanded in 1991, and I knew that since the initiation of its 10-person-a day permit system in 1973 no person had been injured by a bear. Also, no bears had been killed by visitors who felt threatened. Still, Tom gave us several realistic scenarios that could bring a passing bear into camp.



Pattie Layser up close and personal



"In the cook cabin, there's a shelf of air horns," he added reassuringly. "Either announce loudly, 'Bear in camp,' or sound an alarm, and we'll escort any bears from camp."

Tom and two other resident guides do this about a dozen times each viewing season.

He reviewed precautions such as food and trash handling, protocol burned into my brain from backpacking in bear country with my husband in the Lower 48, and the familiar litany routed my apprehension. That night I watched calmly as occasional bears ambled along the tidal flats below camp. But I didn't use my fishing license. And I trashed the stowaway dog biscuits in my jacket pocket, forgotten puppy-training treats turned wicked bear bait.

In the morning, the two-mile trek to the falls offered us largely wildflower-strewn miles. As we crossed the lagoon, the mud had supersized already gigantic bear tracks running alongside ours, stretching their imprinted claw marks to lethal-looking lengths.

I silently registered the number and frequency of blossoming cow parsnips, beheaded by omnivorous grizzlies; patches of sedge and blue-joint reed grass, flattened by slumbering behemoths; mounds of crowberry-filled bear scat, still steaming along the trail.

But, "Oh, my gosh!" How quickly all that was forgotten as I stood on McNeil's 10' x 20' viewing pad, watching so many bears tolerating me watching them. Half the bear watchers stayed within this graveled area, as the rest of us slipped beneath its overhanging ledge. The second vantage point is almost at river level—a smaller space I paced off as 100 square feet of adrenaline-rush.

"28,000; 29,000; 30,000," I counted, immediately engaged by a huge bear that stayed completely underwater 30 seconds before bobbing up, jaws locked around its squirming prey.

Talented anglers, with the dominant bears grabbing the choicest locations, browns snorkel, body surf, chase fins, pounce or rake the river water with their claws. Some sit dog-like on their haunches,

while others lie supine on the bank, each ready to torpedo migrating fish, all tirelessly scanning the river. Others prefer purloined chum, and they boast bloody battle wounds.

The Alaska Fish and Game Department reports that "as many as 144 individual bears have been sighted at McNeil River through the summer with as many as 70 bears observed at one time." The most I counted gathered at once was 24, but during each day's typical eight hours of viewing, greater numbers crisscrossed the hillsides or fished downstream.

The literature also states that "bears may be as close as 20 feet, but the general distance is 75 to 200 feet." Since we viewers all stayed inside our designated areas, this probably would have been true—if the browns had listened as carefully to the guides' cautionary tales.

We never approached them, but they sometimes closed in, their claws rolling over small, lined-out stones separating them from us. If they turned their massive heads and made eye contact, they stole our breath. I stowed the binoculars inside my



Left: between courses
Above: supersized bear tracks

pack—why scope what’s less than three arm lengths away? My first day at McNeil, I watched in amazement, listening to two cubs nurse.

Every day, the wildlife guides carry a shotgun, but I found myself trusting their ability to read bear behavior, their informed self-assurance and steady, vigilant ease. Globally-acclaimed bear expert, seasoned steward, ambassador and myth-busting educator Larry Aumiller has shared his 29 years of experience managing sanctuary bears and visitors with fellow guides Josh Pierce and Tom. All three are gracious, humor-filled hosts adept at defusing wired bears and anxious onlookers. Because of them, one hour out, we were savoring bear encounters that humans usually greet by shrinking into a fetal position.

Larry flinches at the “bearanoia” he feels sensational writing perpetuates. Alaska’s wilds lured Larry from Denver as a young adult, and a National Geographic special about the Craighead brothers’ research on Yellowstone’s grizzlies set the compass point for his lifework. He suggests

that if there’s harmony in nature, it mirrors the balanced chorus of passion and patience practiced in sanctuary management: an attitude of respect and reconciliation that honors bears and people, the original spirit of the wild allowing each to experience the good life at McNeil River.

Larry finds that observing bears teaches sharing and humility, accommodation and flexibility.

“Give up some control; assume a little risk—and it’s really very little risk—and there’s so much to be gained,” he points out.

“The single fact that Indians coevolved with bears, with only primitive weapons to pit against the bears’ enormous strength, suggests bears’ [capacity for] benevolence,” Larry explains. “They’re our nearest neighbors on the food chain. We can coexist.”

Two days later, after we forded Mikfik Creek, Larry guided us to the falls. Summer on the Alaska Peninsula is frequently a state of mind—the land is wide-open to coastal storms’ bone-chilling low clouds, gale force winds and driving rain—and we were hiking with our heads down for protection. “Hey, bear! Hey, bear!” Larry called, clapping his hands as high alders blocked our approach.

We curved around to find ourselves facing a boar. Without a word, we moved in unison one step to our left, and the large male wandered past on the path.

As long as our human behavior acknowledges the bears’ fears and remains consistent with what they’ve come to expect, sanctuary bears exhibit remarkably high tolerance for mindful human activities.

“Living with wild bears requires such small concessions,” Larry repeats.

I understand now why Aumiller’s decision to issue four-day permits wasn’t random. Day One, maybe Two, I was watching bears. By our third morning, I was seeing bears differently.

Close up—as I began to recognize their individual features and call them by name—I found myself taking a longer view. I observed horrendous fights and saw Woofie bitten and clawed for



Idling before the next meal

stealing fish. But I also saw Teddy's two cubs suckling; the way the one kept his hand on Mom's back as she fished and the surprise of the other when he caught a salmon by himself. I watched the three of them sleep, cuddled into a puppy pile.

I witnessed ordinarily contentious bears defer to 28-year-old R.C. (bears live about 30 years in the wild) and subordinate bears choose to sit safely beside us to eat their fish (the more dominant bears usually avoid people). I observed a courtship gone awry and Dolly Varden fishes caught and filleted by a boar weighing in at a recorded 1,460 lbs.

All things considered—making noise on the trail; allowing bears to be bears (uninterrupted); never putting forth food, threat or competition—I was yielding little for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Back at camp after my third day at the falls, I shed seven layers of clothing when I finally warmed up inside the wood-burning sauna. The lily pond directly outside its door made Monet's pale in comparison. Densely flowered, its lilies were painted yellow, and I custom-blended bathwater from naturally bracing pond water and "organic" water hot from a stovetop kettle—creating bliss in a wilderness with "no services or amenities."

Maybe the heat sparked awareness: I know scientists consider it anathema, but after my sanctuary experience, it's hard for me not to anthropomorphize the bears. And why not? That we have dominion over nature is a naïve fiction humans hold dear. It is perhaps a self-serving myopia sanctioning wildlife's exploitation or extermination, denying that it's humankind's benevolent oversight that determines our domain's wealth.

That's my personal conclusion. I know that what I "see" at McNeil is up to me: Now and forevermore, I choose to watch Brother Bear walking in wilderness beauty alongside me.

Application details and deadlines for visiting the sanctuary are linked to www.wildlife.alaska.gov/mcneil/index.cfm, but for best results, experience firsthand a bend in the trail, cresting a rise, and... "Oh, my gosh!" 📷

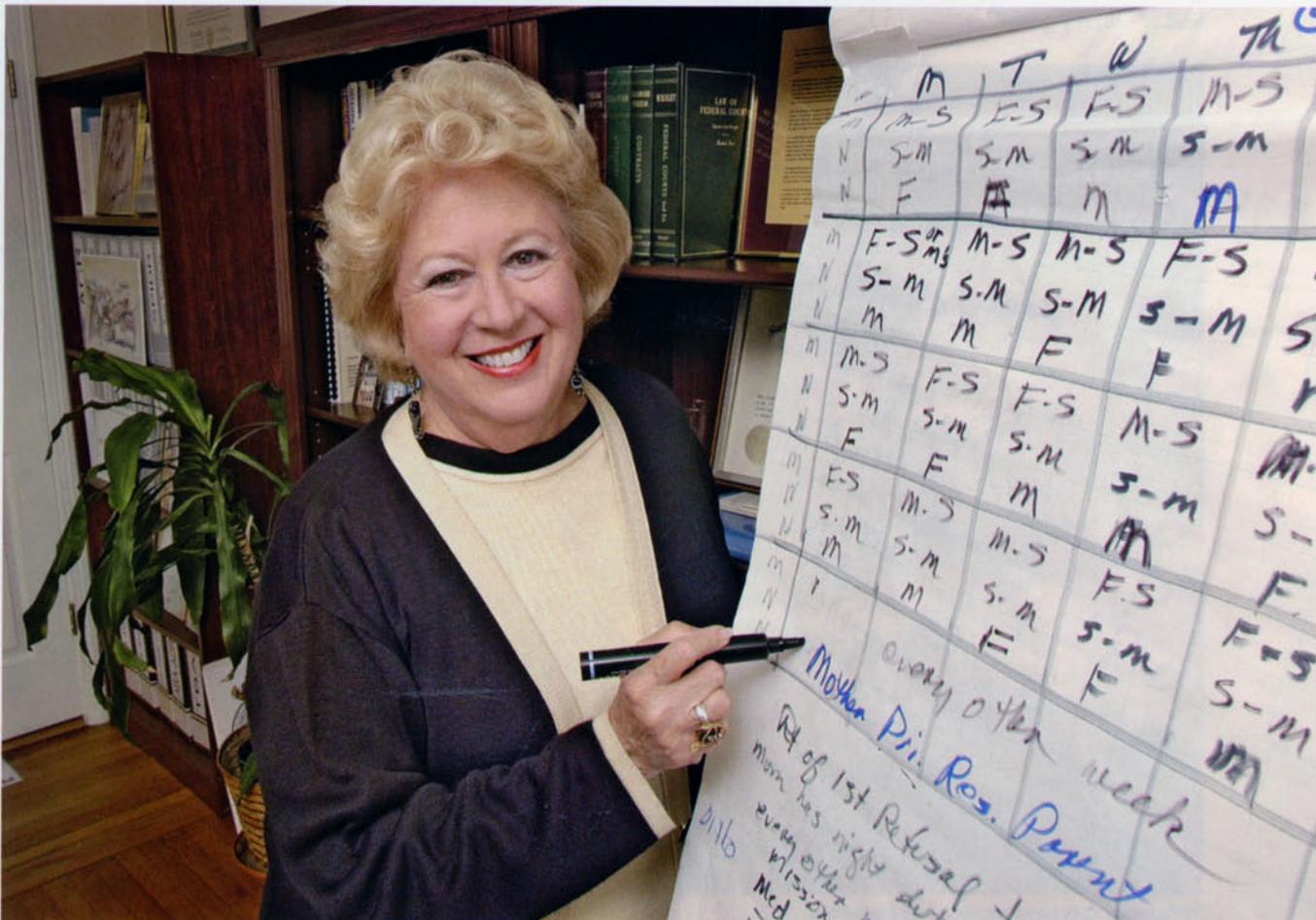


Photographer Earle Laysen records a fishing expedition

Energized by Issues

By Daney Daniel Kepple
Photography by Baxter Buck

By the time we reach a certain age, most of us have a modest list of achievements we take pleasure in claiming.



Wurzburg's approach to mediating non-contested divorces includes an intricate system of budgeting and planning. A description of her process is at rhodes.edu

Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg '62 names just a few:

- Her children, Cheryl Rubenstein, Minda Leigh Wurzburg and Richard Wurzburg Jr.
 - The Memphis chapter of the Panel of American Women, which she founded in 1968 on the heels of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
 - Authoring Tennessee's first antidiscrimination in employment and public accommodations law in 1972
 - Her work as the first national chair of the Women and Minorities Task Force of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
 - Winning the Women of Achievement award for courage
 - Chairing the Martin Luther King memorial
 - Founding the Jazz Society of Memphis
- Her list could be twice as long. After all, this is the woman who:
- Was a moving force behind the Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County, a group credited with helping to avert a second strike by the sanitation workers a year after the one that brought King to Memphis where he was killed
 - As a President Gerald Ford appointee to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, hobnobbed with the likes of Bella Abzug, Coretta Scott King, Jean Stapleton and Gloria Steinham in the campaign for women's rights
 - Served on the Minority Business Resource Center of the Federal Railroad Administration, the State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Tennessee Governor's Panel on Church Arson
 - Introduced mediation to Tennessee as a viable (and much less expensive) alternative to litigation, particularly in divorce cases

Wurzburg dismisses her accomplishments with a shrug. "I didn't have any particular talent so I became an activist."

Yet her passion for causes remains strong, perhaps because it is deeply rooted.

She recalls taking stands as a schoolgirl. She resigned from her high school sorority because she thought blackballing was "rude," and volunteered to take the side of the Little Rock Nine when her class debated the pros and cons of school desegregation.

"There's no question that being a member of a minority

myself sharpened my empathy for victims of prejudice," she says. "I was born in 1940. By the time I was five years old I knew all about the Holocaust."

In fact, she had a personal experience with discrimination at her alma mater where she was denied sorority membership because she was Jewish.

"My father's reaction to anti-Semitism always was, 'Well, they can't keep you out of the honor society!'" she smiles.

Still, she is appalled by some of her early opinions.

"I initially saw the Memphis sanitation workers strike



Wurzburg commissioned Rhodes Professor Emeritus Lawrence Anthony to depict the Panel of American Women. The sculpture now hangs over the fireplace of her Memphis home

as merely a labor issue and even wrote Mayor Henry Loeb a letter telling him to stay the course.” Too, “I was opposed to busing because I didn’t understand how it could be constitutional. It wasn’t until I understood how right affirmative action is in the employment arena that I understood the need for remedial measures to overcome the present effects of past discrimination in all arenas. That helped me understand race consciousness to aid integration.”

Once she “got it,” no grass grew under her feet. Beginning with the Panel of American Women (or PAWs as they are sometimes affectionately called), she began to plow a major swath through the attitudes and customs of

Memphis.

The panel, founded in Kansas City in 1956 to “increase awareness of prejudice, discrimination and racism,” was designed to be apolitical. Members represented distinct groups—African Americans, Roman Catholics, Jews and the “white majority.” The purpose of the Memphis group was “to discuss the nature of prejudice and the effects it has on our fellow citizens.” It had two goals: “To demonstrate to others how enriched our lives have become since we have let diversity enter into them, and to exhibit our concern about racism in our midst, hoping to solicit discussion and action.”

As soon as she heard about the national group, Wurzburg knew it was right for Memphis in the troubled period following King’s death. Recruiting panelists from a broad cross section of women, she began to lead the group to discuss issues.

We worked for almost a year on getting the panel members to come to know and trust each other,” she recalls. “Each category met and decided what the others should know about them. We had a long way to go. I remember asking a Catholic sister if she had hair under her veil!”

Through long, grueling meetings and weekend retreats, the group worked through lessons on current events and conflict management. It wasn’t unusual for heated discussions about racial, cultural or religious issues to last all night.

“The black panelists were such patient mentors bringing us white folk along,” Wurzburg says. Through it all, a bond was formed that has lasted 36 years.

Rhodes history professor Gail Murray has this to say about the group in her book *Throwing Off the Cloak of Privilege*:

“Panel members accepted invitations to speak before church auxiliaries, civic groups and neighborhood associations (usually exclusively white groups). Wurzburg served as the volunteer coordinator for six years. She learned whose chemistry worked well together and often used the same combinations of four panelists. When

participants presented a program, they played up the fact that they were 'just housewives' speaking only for themselves."

Wurzberg recalls, "We always 'dressed up' as if we were going to a luncheon and we tried hard to be nonjudgmental and nonconfrontational. Our focus was on our common experiences, how we were so much alike, but we so enjoyed our differences."

Murray reports: "In 1974, when the court ordered the Memphis city school system to achieve at least 20/80 percent faculty integration in all its schools, the panel members made seventeen presentations in three days of in-service training."

The group lasted more than a decade and spoke to more than 100,000 people. The panelists were known for their ladylike demeanor, their heartwrenching stories, their nonconfrontational approach, their willingness to go anywhere and speak to any group. And their courage.

Did they have an impact? Attitude change is notoriously difficult to measure.

"I can tell you this," Wurzberg says. "People still come up to me in the grocery store and say things like, 'My church started a day care center as a result of the panel's presentation. God bless you.' It's very touching."

While the panel chinked away at attitudinal change, a crisis arose that required more direct action. An uneasy truce was forged between the city of Memphis and the sanitation workers after the King assassination, when the city recognized the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) as a union with bargaining rights. As the term of the one-year contract neared completion the union began to push for wage increases and better working conditions, such as wearing uniforms. In an attempt to raise consciousness in the white community, workers would go into stores in affluent neighborhoods wearing their garbage-soiled clothes, and patrons would leave without completing their purchases. There were persistent rumors that the union intended to release rats into posh East Memphis neighborhoods.

Murray writes: "Lester Rosen, chair of the newly formed Memphis Human Relations Commission, and AFSCME official Jessie Epps contacted Wurzberg and asked for PAW's assistance in swaying public opinion. Rosen and Epps believed they stood a better chance of bringing a women's network to their side than the white male business establishment."

Wurzberg recalls, "National PAW regulations prohibited us from taking sides in any political or labor dispute, but there was nothing to stop individual women from getting involved in political action. The union leaders organized a 'home tour' so we could see the wretched living conditions the sanitation workers and their families had to endure.

They asked me to encourage as many women as possible to come."

Wurzberg went into action, recruiting women from her broad network of friends and fellow activists to go on the tour and bring along their own contacts. Enough women showed up to fill three buses, and many of them got their first look at the ghettos where the sanitation workers lived.

Wurzberg recalls, "The city-union clash aside, everyone was so appalled by the poverty we saw, we began to get organized as soon as the tour was over. We chose a steering committee to draft a report on our findings, making sure that we had representation from both political parties and several religious faiths. We were careful not to take sides with the city or the union. Our only demand was that both sides negotiate in good faith to avoid a strike—this time in June."

After several fruitless skirmishes with the city council, the group organized as the Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County (CWMSC) and continued to pressure both sides of the dispute to negotiate their differences. Wurzberg says that Jerry Wurf, AFSCME's national director, told her privately years later that he gives CWMSC credit for averting a second strike.

Murray writes: "City officials denied that the CWMSC had any influence on their decision making; however, the city did negotiate on all the union's demands, averting the threatened second sanitation workers' strike."

The victory wasn't won without a price.

"We saw the ugly side of people then," Wurzberg recalls, "the scary side. The panel wasn't threatening to anyone, but CWMSC was rocking a lot of boats. Women were getting out of their traditional places. We got hate mail and threatening phone calls."

Her own most chilling experience was receiving her children's daily itinerary through the mail.

"There was no question about what it meant," she says.

Wurzberg's friend Carol Berz says, "Jocie proved over and over that a lot of bullies evaporate when you stand up to them."

The effectiveness of CWMSC cemented Wurzberg's growing conviction that desired changes could be wrought with greater dispatch by changing laws than by attempts to change people's attitudes. Thus, with no legal training, she undertook to write Tennessee's first anti-discrimination law in employment, housing and public accommodations. As a new member of the Tennessee Commission on Human Rights appointed by Governor Winfield Dunn in 1972, she learned that the commission had no enforcement powers.

"We were one of only nine remaining states without enforcement legislation," she recalls. "It was a great opportunity to take the best from all the other states' laws and learn from their mistakes. I had a lot of help because all the affected parties—EEOC, NAACP, NOW,



Wurzburg in working with the Rhodes Womens's Studies program on a panel discussion to be held at the college on March 22. The event is titled "Effecting Change: Memphis Women in the Fight for Racial Justice."

etc.—knew that the remaining states would pattern their laws after ours. It took nine months to write it. This was in the days before computers, so every change along the way meant I had to hire somebody to retype the whole thing. It took another seven years to get it passed."

Her growing interest in employment law lured her to seek, with the help of Senators Howard Baker and Bill Brock, appointment to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"I thought a year of law school would help," she explains, "so I went to law school knowing I didn't want to be a practicing attorney. In fact, the only thing about studying law that excited me were the cases and laws that created new rights."

She didn't receive the appointment so she finished law school, passed the bar and got her first job in 22 years at the age of 41.

Like so many freshly-minted barristers, Wurzburg found that the cases she was assigned dealt with "the firm's 'other problems'—divorces and collections. I ascertained immediately that litigation was not the best way to solve

a dispute, so I hung out a shingle in uncontested divorce work, helping folks negotiate their marital dissolution agreement." It led to her passion for mediation.

In 1984 Wurzburg attended a mediation conference in New Orleans that gave her "just what I was looking for—vocabulary, tools and skills." She found an eager audience for mediation among consumers and judges and received "the world's best press" from local news outlets.

"Unfortunately," she smiles regretfully, "my fellow attorneys were less enthusiastic!"

As usual, she tackled her new crusade with boundless energy. According to Chattanooga mediator Carol Berz, "Jocelyn gets major credit for the establishment of the Mediation Association of Tennessee, which she started in Memphis and spread statewide. In fact, she has had a great deal to do with just about everything that has to do with family law in this state." For details on Wurzburg's approach to mediation, visit rhodes.edu.

Despite a very satisfying political and professional career, Wurzburg has her share of regrets which she shares openly.

"In the civil rights days, if I had had more maturity I might not have alienated so many people. I didn't know how to do anything in moderation."

She regrets that she was not more conscious in her college days that the civil rights movement was going on and even what a few of her fellow students were doing on behalf of the cause. However, her first feminist consciousness-raising group was an adult education course taught by Sissy Raspberry Jones '59 on campus in 1972.

"Our class got together at our last reunion and talked about what Southwestern did to prepare us for the world," she says. "I was amazed to hear some of my classmates' stories and I think they were equally surprised to hear mine."

She speaks of her former marriage with sadness.

"Mine was one of many marriages that were casualties of the civil rights and feminist movements. It was a potent and emotionally charged period. If spouses were on different sides of an issue the times tore them apart."

There is no sadness about her 22-year relationship with Bobby Bostick to whom she refers as "my dear companion. He was my high school crush I wasn't allowed to date because he wasn't Jewish. We re-met by chance six months after my divorce and we've been together ever since."

As Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg approaches traditional retirement age, she occasionally talks about slowing down, but it's hard to imagine her without a cause. She does travel extensively, including all-women sailing trips with cronies from the Panel of American Women.

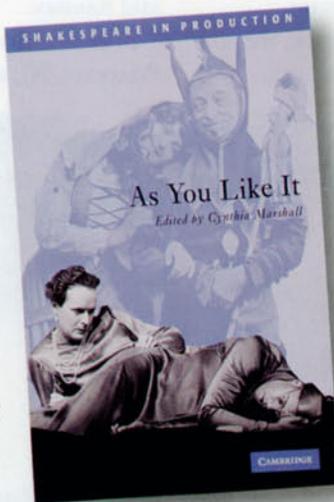
According to fellow panelist and sailor Donna Sue Shannon, "She had us on the boat last summer brainstorming a master plan for changing the world. She will never stop. Issues energize her." 

As You Like It

Edited by Cynthia Marshall, Chair, Rhodes Department of English. Cambridge, UK: University of Cambridge Press. 262 pp. \$70 cloth, \$27.99 paper

William Shakespeare's play *As You Like It* tells a story about changing cultural and theatrical practices. Prof. Marshall's book provides a detailed history of the play in production, both on stage and screen.

The introduction examines how changing conceptions of gender roles have affected the portrayal of Rosalind, one of Shakespeare's greatest comic heroines. The commentary draws on primary sources to illuminate how costuming, stage business, design and directorial choices have shaped the play in performance.



A Companion to the British and Irish Novel 1945-2000

Edited by Brian W. Shaffer, Rhodes Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, the Charles R. Glover Chair of English Studies. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing. 608 pp. \$124.95

A comprehensive guide to the British and Irish novel between the close of World War II and the turn of the millennium, Prof. Shaffer's book covers a wide range of authors from Samuel Beckett to Salman Rushdie.

Included are readings of from authors such as Graham Greene, Jean Rhys and Kazuo Ishiguro; considerations of particular subgenres such as feminist and postcolonial novels; and discussions of cultural,

political and literary trends such as screen adaptations and the literary prize phenomenon.

Islamic Activism: A Social Movement Theory Approach

Edited by Quintan Wiktorowicz, Rhodes Assistant Professor of International Studies, J.S. Seidman Research Fellow. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. 320 pp. \$59.95 cloth, \$24.95 paper

Prof. Wiktorowicz's book analyzes Islamic activist movements throughout the Muslim world. It covers examples of Islamic activism (Sunni and Shi'a) in eight countries, both Arab and non-Arab, including case studies of violence and contention, networks and alliances and culture and framing.

Drawing on extensive field work, the contributors show how social movement theory can be utilized to address a wide range of questions about the mobilization of contention to support Muslim causes.

Memphis Jack

By Harvey Goldner '65. Seattle: Spankstra Press. 32 pp. \$5

A book of 31 poems by longtime Seattle poet Harvey Goldner. From the title poem:

Born in a city like a woman's purse cluttered with a hundred comforts, born in a house like a woman's purse (perfumed darkness) Jack grew up hungry.

Hedges on Hedge Funds How To Successfully Analyze and Select an Investment

By James R. Hedges IV '89. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. 232 pp. \$49.95

The book is a guide to hedge fund investing by Jim Hedges, founder,

president and chief investment officer of LJH Global Investments. The author addresses the specifics of hedge fund investing, including how to find and invest in them, and gives a thorough overview of hedge fund investment strategies along with four vital elements for choosing the right fund manager.

Included in the book are explanations of the similarities, differences and risks in these investment strategies to help investors choose from among today's many approaches.

Finding Time for the Timeless:

Spirituality in the Work Week

By John McQuiston II '65. Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths Publishing. 208 pp. \$17.99 cloth

Memphis attorney John McQuiston has assembled a collection of real-life examples of everyday spiritual practices people use to free themselves from the work-and-worry mindset of 21st-century culture.

Integrating real life and prayer life, the book shows how people can combine spiritual habits with the routine.

Transformations Stories of Service

Edited by Michael Lamb '04. Memphis: Rhodes College. 118 pp. \$15. Available through the Rhodes Bookstore

Through the college's myriad volunteer community service programs, more than 75 percent of Rhodes students participate in at least one service project every year. *Transformations* captures the service experiences of 20 current Rhodes students and recent graduates in vivid, often touching stories, poems, art and photographs. **R**

Rhodes Does Crew

By Bill Sorrell

Never does the Rhodes crew team sing, "Row, row, row your boat."

While it wouldn't be on the list to sing anyway, "I don't think I'd have enough breath to sing while I'm rowing," said Mills Ramsay '04, who this year is studying in Rhodes' M.S. in Accounting program and serving as unofficial crew team coach.

Maintaining cardiovascular strength is crucial to success for the sport.

"No other sport tests your endurance and mental discipline as much as crew," said 2004-05 crew club president Andrew Romeo, a third-year from Birmingham.

Ramsay, from Highlands, NC, said, "I love it because it's the ultimate teamwork exercise."

Founded in 2000 as a club sport, Rhodes' crew team has 25 active members and is getting into the mainstream of competition.

At a regatta in St. Louis fall 2002, the team won its first gold medal. It was the Lynx' second race ever.

The win, under coach Ben Cavazos, was a turning point because it marked the transition from a recreational and exercise club to a competitive club.

At the Chattahoochee Regatta in Gainesville, GA, in November 2004, the Lynx finished 12th out of 32 teams in novice competition. They defeated "A" teams from Baylor, Tennessee and Alabama.

"That's not bad for being one of the smallest programs in the Southeast," said Ramsay.

Crew consists of four to eight rowers in a boat rowing in unison to

race a distance of three miles in the fall (called "head" races) or 1.25 miles in the spring ("sprint" races).

A coxswain, the team's captain on the water, controls the rudder and shouts instructions. James Die, a second-year from Missouri City, TX, Julie Pasch, a first-year from Lake Zurich, IL, and Cori Anderson, a second-year from Smyrna, TN, are coxswains.

"Without unison of motion, the boat goes off balance," said Ramsay.

also have crew.

"Rowing in the Southeast is a relatively new phenomenon. You don't hear about it on (ESPN) Sports Center," said Ramsay.

Few high schools field teams because of the expense, and many Rhodes crew members are just getting their feet wet.

"That's why we have novice events," said Ramsay.

Brice Blanton, a third-year from Princeton, NJ, and Die are the only



Right to left: Sara Perelli '04, Mills Ramsay '04, Bryce Blanton '06, Paul Sinclair '07, Andrew Romeo '06

A club sport, crew is organized and run by students. The team was able to buy a new \$13,600 shell in fall 2003. The team has three other shells, the long, thin boat used in rowing. The shells are stored downtown on the Mud Island Marina with practice on the Mud Island Channel and the Wolf River.

Typically known as an Ivy League sport (Harvard and Princeton are crew meccas), Rhodes has one of the few teams in the Mid-South. Murray State, Vanderbilt and the University of Alabama-Huntsville,

members with high school experience. While studying abroad in France in spring 2004, Calvert Tooley, a fourth-year from Sherman, TX, rowed.

Those who have joined have been driven by "sheer curiosity," said Ramsay. "I didn't know anything about it."

The team has tried to get the word out on campus through articles in the *Sou'wester*, T-shirts and an erg-a-thon, a fund-raiser on ergs, machines that simulate rowing.

A challenge for some students is the practice schedule that begins at 5:30

a.m. Land and water practice can be six days a week.

In April, Rhodes will compete in the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association regatta in Oak Ridge, TN, the largest regatta in the Southeast.

Lyons of the Squash Court

By Bill Sorrell

Squash, says Brooks Lyons, is “tennis on steroids.”

The fast-paced racquet sport, played on an enclosed court, requires perpetual motion, the ability to think on your feet and adroit hand-eye coordination.

“It’s an unbelievably grueling sport. It’s extreme,” says Lyons, a second-year student from Fishers Island, NY. “It’s a passion of mine.”

It became a passion when Lyons was a student at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA, and switched from tennis to squash. He found squash faster than racquet ball and a sport in which he excelled.

He vaulted from seventh as a sophomore to third as a junior and to the No. 1 player as a senior. When he went to London’s Harrow School, where squash was founded in the early 1800s, he was No. 1.

Playing in three tournaments as a first-year at Rhodes, Lyons was undefeated (9-0). He searches the Internet for tournaments and pays his own way.

It was his junior year at Deerfield when he learned what it takes to win. He rallied from two matches down to defeat an opponent from Groton.

“It’s a resilience kind of thing. That translates vocationally and to any aspect of your life. If you know what it takes to get the job done, then you can achieve your goals,” says Lyons, a business major.

While at Harrow, Lyons played England’s third-ranked junior. Although Lyons lost in three straight

“I’ve still got my eyes on the prize—medals,” said Ramsay. Medals are awarded the top three finishers.

“Every day you are pushing yourself,” said Romeo. “It really is a test.”

Said Ramsay, “It’s so rewarding

games, “I played my heart out and played my best three games I’ve ever played.”

Lyons competes in tournaments in the 4.5 to 5.0 level. Professionals play at 6.0 to 6.5. Skill levels increase by increments of .5. The lowest level is 2.0.

Pros and college players play to 15 with a point scored on every play. In high school, players play to 9 with only the server scoring.

Lyons scores with his speed and with what squash partner Eddie Murphy describes as a “wonderful forehand.” He is working to improve shot selection and his backhand drop shot.

“Brooks is as good as anybody I play with, if not better,” said Murphy, 42, a senior vice president with First Tennessee Bank. Murphy began playing in 1986.

Lyons also competes with Rhodes faculty members Shubho Banerjee, physics, and political science’s Steve Wirls and Daniel Cullen.

Murphy says Lyons is strong in every facet of play.

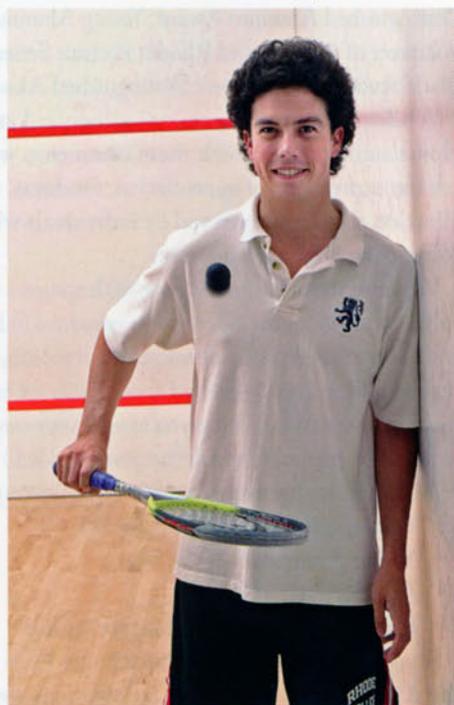
“You’re not going to out-work him or out-hustle him. The only thing I’ve got on him is experience and that is going away every time I play him. He just gets better.”

Most college squash teams are in the Northeast with Ivy League schools and “Little Ivys” (Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin) among the

because it’s so difficult. It’s one of the most difficult sports in the world. It’s about toughness both physically and mentally.”

nation’s best.

“He should be playing at Harvard or Yale,” says Murphy. “I’ve played squash against guys at Harvard and he’s better than those guys.”



Brooks Lyons '07

Lyons (5-8, 150) is the Rhodes squash team. “I am the student body,” he jokes.

He is promoting the sport with an eye toward possibly fielding squash on the club level.

Lyons, who plays five times a week, says he’s in the game for the long haul. “It’s a lifetime sport. You can play it until the day you die.” **B**

From the Alumni Relations Office

Dear Alumnus/a,

We had a grand Homecoming in October. A fine number of alumni returned for class reunions and they were joined by many others among the Rhodes faithful for the weekend. The events throughout the weekend, whether “mainstream” programs for all or reunion celebrations for individual classes, were well attended.

One of the great joys of Homecoming centered upon the recognition of members of the alumni community for service and accomplishments. Family members, friends and classmates celebrated the induction of new members in the Athletic Hall of Fame; the convocation awards—Distinguished Alumnus Award, Young Alumnus of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Rhodes Portrait Series; and the Black Student Association’s Distinguished Alumni Awards.

While photographs of alumni recognized at Homecoming appear with these comments, we do not see the expressions of appreciation, fondness, respect and affection that were conveyed by individuals who provided comments about our honorees.

We are at that point in the cycle of the process where we invite nominations for awards to be presented in fall 2005. If you receive the electronic newsletter each month, you are aware that nominations are requested now. (If you are not receiving this communication, I invite you to send your e-mail address to richeyw@rhodes.edu and ask that you be added.)

Nominations are requested for the following awards:

- Distinguished Alumnus/a Award
- Young Alumnus/a of the Year
- Athletic Hall of Fame
- BSA Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

If you like, you may go to the Rhodes Web page in the Alumni section and enter nominations electronically. Or, you may send nominations for all categories to me at the address at the end of this message, and I will see that the nominations are sent to the appropriate recipients for review.

The Alumni Executive Board will hold its spring meeting April 1-2. Nominations should be received in the Alumni Relations Office by March 29 in order to receive consideration.

All best wishes from the Alumni Relations Office,

Bud Richey
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 2000 North Parkway
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Bryan Coker '95, Young Alumnus of the Year, President Troutt, Ray Tanner '54, Distinguished Alumnus, and Bobbo Jetmundsen '77, Volunteer of the Year



Patricia Claxton Howard '70, BSA Distinguished Alumna, BSA president Latoya Newsom '06 and Marcus Kimbrough '90



Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, left to right: Jim Paschal '71, Conrad Bradburn '77, the late McKay Boswell '38, Cherry Falls '73, Bill Landers '61 and Dossett Foster '64

Homecoming 2004

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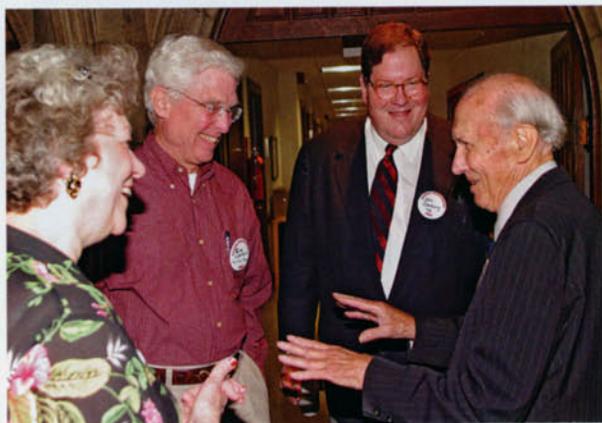
Alumni Convocation

David '54 and Catharine Coleman Alexander '56 beside faculty portrait of Dr. Alexander, president of Rhodes from 1965-69, president emeritus of Pomona College and director emeritus of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars.



Mr. and Ms. Rhodes

Sunita Arora '05 of Metairie, LA, and Will Tyler '05 of Atlanta were elected Mr. and Ms. Rhodes.



Coffee Hour

Diane McCullough Clark '62, Rhodes associate professor of music; Robert Llewellyn, dean of the college; and Dr. John Gladney '74 of Shreveport, LA, chat with Jameson Jones '36, former dean of the college and president emeritus of the Memphis College of Art.

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Classes Take Charge of Their Reunions



LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Beginning this year, classes celebrating their reunions at Homecoming are having a greater say than ever before in planning their weekend. To begin with, each class now has three chairs: one for programming (party planning), one for promotions (getting people together and in touch) and one for fund-raising (with emphasis on supporting scholarships and deferred gifts as well as the Annual Fund).

Questionnaires and pledge cards

have been revamped in order to gather as much information as possible about alumni/ae, and there is a 2005 Reunion Weekend chair, Pam Palmer Montesi '80. Montesi's role is to encourage alumni/ae celebrating their reunions to get involved in planning

the weekend's activities.

This year, classes are encouraged to have their gatherings on campus, whether it's brunch, lunch, cocktail reception or dinner, and it's up to each class to decide what it wants.

"We're asking alumni/ae what they prefer to do at their reunions, and we hope to structure Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend to everyone's satisfaction," says Montesi.

A Memphis civic leader and professional singer, Montesi majored in music history at Rhodes. She is married to Fred Montesi. Their son Eric is a Rhodes junior, and daughter Nikki is a senior at Birmingham-Southern. Like Mom, both children chose to pursue a liberal arts education.

"Rhodes means so much to me. I had four wonderful years there," says Montesi. "I received an incredible education, and I'm extremely proud to say that I attended Rhodes College. I think every alumnus/a has that same sense of pride of being connected with such a wonderful institution."



Family Portrait

The following alumni/ae and their graduating students gathered for a portrait at commencement 2004.

- 1 Duncan Hamilton '04
- 2 Ashley Hamilton Rougeou '95
- 3 Spencer Pharr '04
- 4 Mary Miller Bibee '73
- 5 Robb Durham '04
- 6 Kimberly Freeman Durham '78
- 7 Dave Durham '78
- 8 Carol Durham '02
- 9 John Decker '04
- 10 Julie Decker Hendrick '99
- 11 Ruth Decker Seal '64
- 12 David Haney '04
- 13 John Haney '69
- 14 Lou Haney '00
- 15 Ruth Ann Sadler Haney '70
- 16 Leland Haugh '04
- 17 Bob Haugh '73
- 18 Dabney Nicholls Haugh '74
- 19 Julie Clary '04
- 20 Mike Clary '77
- 21 Brian Clary '01
- 22 Aly Morris '04
- 23 Bob Morris '68
- 24 John Cook '04
- 25 Betty Cole Cook '73
- 26 Steve Cole '68
- 27 Emily Walker '04
- 28 Emily Holloway Walker '64
- 29 Daniel Head '04
- 30 Jim Head '65



- 31 Susan Head Osoinach '67
- 32 Ashley Toppins '04
- 33 Anne Davis Toppins '50
- 34 Jane Davis McCain '50
- 35 Mills Ramsay '04
- 36 Chip Ramsay '73
- 37 Mac Turner Ramsay '73
- 38 Richard Johnson '04
- 39 Erin Stuke Johnson '73
- 40 John Hendricks '04
- 41 Jim Hendricks '72
- 42 Elizabeth Heal Hendricks '73

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1939

Betsy Fowler French lives in Memphis and volunteers at the Kirby Pines Retirement Community library.

Henry Mobley is retired and lives with wife Anne in Spanish Fort, AL. Since retiring as a Presbyterian minister, he has served 19 times as an interim pastor.

Shep Tate is an attorney in Memphis. Since graduating from Rhodes, he has earned four honorary degrees: at Samford University, Suffolk University, Capital University and Rhodes.

1941

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John Kier and his wife Christine celebrated their 62nd anniversary in August 2004. Their son **John III '74** is a C.P.A. in Roswell, GA.

1942

A California-licensed clinical worker, **Dee Daniel Simpson** retired from her private psychotherapy practice in July 2004. She volunteers for Genesis Mental Health Clinic, an ecumenical agency providing comprehensive services to homeless persons in Sacramento.

1944

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Sue Potts Youmans and Philip Whitaker married Feb. 20, 2004, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center, FL. He is a retired minister of the American Baptist Church. Attending were **Anne Potts Lunde '40** and **Steve Youmans '72**.

1948

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Bill and **Maggie Loaring-Cark Jones '49** live in Kennett Square, PA. Maggie is a retired teacher and Bill is a retired Episcopal bishop. She is involved with the Woods and Wildlife Preservation Group, a book club and the League of Women Voters. They both enjoy theater, music and dance events and having children and grandchildren nearby.

1949

Sidney Kahn is the director of surgery at Tri-City Regional Medical Center in La Mirada, CA.

Betty Brown McArthur married one of her best friends and neighbors, Clarence "Mac" McArthur, June 6, 2003. They live in Montreat, NC, and now share eight children and 14 grandchildren.

Suzie Tipton lives in Brownsville, TN, where she is retired from the Department of Human Services, where she worked as a computer

specialist for 25 years. She now works part time at the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center and writes a column in the weekly newspaper, *The States-Graphic*.

Jim and **Sue Henry Turner** live in Silver Spring, MD. Jim is a retired senior analyst for IBM.

Bill Wade lives with wife Margaret in Bristol, TN. Since retiring as a professor from King College, Bill maintains the college archives. He is active in civic and Presbyterian Church affairs, both at the local and higher levels.

1951

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Barbara Bassett Atchley of Huntsville, AL, spent Dec. 1-5, 2004, in New York enjoying shows and holiday decor. She spent Christmas in Jacksonville, FL, visiting her two daughters and their families.

Helping make the fall Flower Festival at Memphis' St. John's Episcopal Church a huge success were **Sarah Loring-Clark Flowers** and **Eleanor Clarke Miller**. Enjoying the gorgeous arrangements was **Anne Caldwell**.

Mary Catherine Lynn Hitchings and **Martha Gulledege York** spent a September week with members of their sewing club at Martha's lodge in Big Mountain, MT. Their sewing group welcomed former member **Mary Ann Lilly Steuterman** of Lindenwold, NJ, to their October meeting at Mary Catherine's home. Among other Rhodes alumnae members are **Helen Deupree Brandon**, **Mary Jack Rich McCord**, **Frances Crouch Perkins** and **Rosemary Nelms Stinson '52**.

Martha Ellen Davidson Maxwell is serving as volunteer president of Tennesseans for the Arts. She attended 12 "Arts Advocacy Days"

throughout the state during the early fall to raise funds and awareness for the arts. She hosts "Know the Score," a music-related talk show on WYPL-TV, Memphis.

David Thomas retired after serving 38 years in the broadcasting business, the last 14 as market manager for Clear Channel Radio in Cookeville, TN. On June 3, 2004, he and wife **Mary Hickman Thomas '54** celebrated 49 years of marriage.

1954

William and **Beth Perkins Graham** live in Memphis. A retired schoolteacher, Beth is now active in Women of the Church and was the winner of the Outstanding Christian Woman award.

Wade McHenry Hunter, a retired auditor for the U.S. Department of Education, is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Rogers, AR, where she lives.

Copies of the slide show at the 45th reunion dinner can be obtained by contacting **Mike Lupfer** at mslupfer@bellsouth.com. The slide show is a PowerPoint presentation and displays pictures from between 1955-59.

A retired dentist, **Ron Splann** and wife Diane live in Hot Springs, AR. He has three sons and three grandchildren, and they make a yearly trip to Hawaii.

1955 50th Reunion

HOME COMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

Joe Parker retired in January 2004 after 47 years of ministry. He and his wife have enjoyed a year of relaxation and look forward to the next ministry that's in store for them.

1958

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Marion Forsythe Miebaum writes from Ripley, TN, that the earlier reports of her retirement were greatly exaggerated. She's still working away teaching music to 815 children in grades K, 1 and 2 at Ripley Primary School. She thoroughly enjoys what she does and urges the rest of us (I agree heartily!) to volunteer to read to young students at our nearby schools. Many of them have never been read to, and it would be a powerful gift for us to give. Quite the musician, Marion plays for two churches on Sundays and accompanies a ladies' ensemble. She belongs to a monthly performing music club. She says it has been fun performing duets with a childhood friend as well as playing solos. Marion also mentioned getting her mother off to adult day care each day before she herself goes to school.

Buddy and Mary Ada Latta Whiteaker are also very involved in parent care. Mary Ada's 102-year-old mother lives with them, and they try to bless her life as she has theirs.

Louis and Kip Shoaf Zbinden are spending 2 1/2 months in Zambia (Africa) January through mid-March, where Lou is teaching in the theological seminary. Kip has planned to work in some of the orphanages there, where AIDS has taken so many parents.

After threatening by e-mail to make up things if I didn't hear from more of you, I got a rash of replies, including one from **Betty Russell** in Piggott, AR. Betty says life continues to be good. She thoroughly enjoyed our '03 get-together and looks forward to '08. I replied that it was a good thing she wrote, otherwise I'd have made her Ambassador to Zambia "eagerly

awaiting the arrival of the Zbindens after New Year's!!"

John Quinn checked in saying that he'd gone to the campus in May for his 50th high school reunion and then headed for a meeting at Ole Miss where **Mike Cody** was a participant. John said that the new Barret Library looks cathedral-like. He also posed a question, wondering if the PKA and ATO houses were still standing, what with a new entrance onto the campus from University. **Martha Shepard '66** of the Communications Office says the drive from University to the Barret Library entrance was completed last summer. It took some of the front yards of all the houses, but the houses themselves are definitely still there. She also recommended visiting the Rhodes Web site for a virtual tour of the new construction.

Sally Johnson has announced her retirement as pastor of Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church in San Antonio as of Dec. 31, 2004. She says she's looking forward to what comes next, including visiting old friend and Rhodes chum **Sara Jean Jackson '59** at her new home in Montreat this spring.

Dickie Jones, still doing residential appraisals in San Diego, and wife Joan have been traveling a bit. In April they visited their daughter and family (three grandchildren) in Spartanburg, SC, and went to his 50th high school reunion in Amory, MS. In October they took a two-week river cruise of the Rhine and Danube rivers which began in Amsterdam and ended in Budapest. Lucky folks, they cruised to western Mexico over Thanksgiving.

Paul and Bunny Thompson are back home in Cummaquid, MA, after spending time in St. Bart's, French West Indies. Paul is a priest associate at St. Peter's, Osterville. In May they plan a river boat trip on the Mississippi on the American Queen out of New

Orleans. Perhaps they will have a chance to contact **Martha Sigler Guthrie**, an artist in Metairie, LA.

Sue Robinson McLean says she is still enjoying “realestating,” church work, PEO and lots of activities in Mobile. **Billy '57** is retired but still preaches occasionally and owns a small business which keeps him busy. “We manage to keep I-65 hot with trips to Franklin, TN, to see our daughter and family who live in my homeplace. Mother is 96 and in pretty good health in a lovely retirement home in Nashville, another reason for frequent trips to Tennessee. We did so enjoy the 45th reunion and seeing many of you. The campus is unbelievable, isn't it? We have two guest rooms and would love old friends to visit. P.S. We went to Montreat after Christmas for a few days with Shiny. Her house is one door from **Sissy Jones '59.**”

1960 *45th Reunion*

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Jim Curtis received a fellowship to the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, and spent the fall semester there developing his passion for spirituality and the visual arts.

1961

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Cynthia and **Edwina Bringle** continue to keep busy. Edwina is doing some beautiful weaving and was a judge at the Atalaya Arts Festival in Huntington Beach, SC, in 2004. Edwina went to the Haystack

School in Maine last summer for a frameworking class where she learned more about glass beadmaking. This despite her arm being in a cast from a fall. She and Cynthia were in Penland's 75th Anniversary Show at the Mint Museum of Craft & Design at Charlotte, NC. Examples of their work can be found in the books *The Nature of Craft* and *The Penland Experience*. Cynthia did some workshops in Columbia, SC, and at Davidson, NC. She also had a show in Davidson at the Icehouse there. In January, she did a hands-on workshop in Durham, NC. In June, she will teach at some workshops at Sewanee, TN.

Barbara Swaim Ensrud has been writing about wine for many years. This fall, Barbara had a very interesting article in the Nov. 14, 2004, issue of *Parade*. It dealt with America's top wine-producing regions outside of California, with their most important varieties and a select list of labels to look for. Barbara writes about wine for several national publications, and is a regular contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*. Her articles have appeared in such publications as *GQ*, *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Wine Spectator*, *Decanter*, *Food & Wine*, *House & Garden*, *House Beautiful*, *Glamour* and *The Journal of Gastronomy*.

Congratulations to **Billy Landers** for being inducted into the Rhodes College Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming. He was inducted for both baseball and football. To be inducted for any sport is quite an honor, but to be inducted for two sports is *really* unusual. In baseball, Billy had an overall career batting average of .431. His season high batting average was .476. In football, his longest touchdown run was 81 yards on a kickoff return. However, because of a Lynx penalty, it was called back. He averaged approximately 100 yards a game during his career and averaged 10 to

12 touchdowns a season for his three seasons at Rhodes. Before coming to Rhodes during his sophomore year, Billy was the leading freshman ball carrier at Ole Miss. During his senior year at Rhodes, he suffered a severe injury to his knee halfway through the season. Because that injury has been a constant problem for Billy through the years, he had an operation in May 2004 in which a new titanium knee was inserted to replace his injured one. The successful operation was performed by a Rhodes graduate, **Dr. Richard Ennis '68.**

As mentioned in the last issue of *Rhodes*, **Buddy Nix** planned to take a six-month hike up the Appalachian Trail beginning in March 2004. Twenty-two days and 170 miles later, his wife **Janet McKenzie Nix '60** drove up to get him. In June, a rather hot month, Buddy tried it again. This time he was able to walk for eight days and 100 miles before Janet came and got him again. We have often heard that “the third time is the charm.” Thus, in September Buddy tried it again, forgetting that the hurricane season would be arriving shortly. Walking for another 78 miles and seeing the Nolichucky River at flood stage and being hit by Hurricane Frances, Buddy was able to get off the trail at Erwin, TN. He says this has certainly been a learning season for him this year. Thank goodness he has had such a nice chauffeur who has been willing to help him! Buddy says he plans to try walking some more on the Appalachian Trail next year. **Bill Howard** said if he reaches the area near Nelson County, VA, he would like to walk with Buddy for a while and offer him a place to rest for a day or two. The Appalachian Trail runs along the crest of the Blue Ridge Parkway near where Bill lives. It crosses Interstate Highway 64 at Rockfish Gap.

Margaret White Petrey had planned a wonderful trip to the Cayman

Islands with some friends from Jonesboro this past fall. However, their plans were interrupted by “Ivan the Terrible,” one of the four hurricanes to hit this fall. Her son Bill and her daughter-in-law Laura had a nice visit with Margaret during Thanksgiving. She and her friends hope to make it to the Caymans sometime in 2005, but not during the hurricane season.

Since completing his junior year at Rhodes many years ago, **Bill Reed** has been a successful builder of beautiful homes and subdivisions. Because of the many positive blessings Bill has received during his life, he has decided he wants to do some things that will help less fortunate people. He is starting back to school and plans to get his degree and a teaching certificate. He wants to teach in a school in an economically disadvantaged area of Memphis. In the meantime, he has volunteered to be a reading tutor at Springdale Elementary School where he attended K through grade 3 when he was a child. He also helps the principal do any odd jobs that may come along. We certainly wish Bill all the luck with his wonderful plan to help those less fortunate than most of us. This is a wonderful thing Bill is doing.

Judi Carson Vestal was honored this fall by being one of 10 nominees for the Athena Award. It is presented by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and the Shreveport Business Council for business or professional accomplishments, community service and helping create leadership opportunities for women. Judi said that even though she did not win the final award, the whole experience was truly memorable. Each of the nominees was pampered with makeovers, luncheons, media attention and finally the award banquet itself. Judi and Tom enjoy coming back to Memphis periodically. They kept her parents' condominium

at The Parkway House and enjoy quiet weekends there.

1963

Eleanor Powers Bowman moved to South Georgia in 2002 when she inherited a tree farm. She has learned a lot about pine trees and lives in the middle of a square mile of forest, pasture and pecan groves. Her sons Nelson (28) and Shaw (26) live in New Orleans and New York, respectively.

1964

Homecoming 2004—we all had a marvelous time, and we missed those of you who were not able to join us for one reason or another. Except for time wearing channels across our faces, the addition of a few pounds on some, loss of those same pounds on others and few bald spots, everyone was recognizable. That's an amazing fact 40 years after graduation!

Over the years our spouses have become an important part of our group. They come year after year, and have become close friends.

Congratulations are definitely in order for **Dossett Foster**, who is the first of our class to be inducted into the Rhodes College Athletic Hall of Fame. Dossett—we are so proud of you; the honor is well deserved.

Hayden Kaden carried the banner at Convocation with a little bit of twirling and great spirit. Seeing him practicing in the hall outside Hardie Auditorium was a memorable moment! We loved singing the Alma Mater and substituting the words “Southwestern 'neath thy wings” instead of the way it's appropriately written now. We all sat in a group and sang out loud and clear.

We had fun tasting and rating recipes for a new Woman's Exchange of Memphis Cookbook, compliments of **Ann Clark Quinlan Harris**, on Friday

night at Bob and **Emily Holloway Walker's** beautiful home. The talking never stopped. Saturday night we loved looking at the yearbooks from our four years; enjoyed the Impressionism exhibit at the Brooks art museum; visited some more before, during and after dinner, and hated saying goodbye for five more years. A big “thank you” goes to **C (THE Cyril) Hendricks** and **Gail Hoover Parrish** for taking us down memory lane for a bit during dessert. After dinner we had our picture taken—the key word here was “SQUAT”—you had to be there to understand! And then there was more of “Do you remember?” “I'm so glad I came!” and “You haven't changed a bit!” before we said goodnight and goodbye. I understand, though, that a few brave souls ended the evening at Alex's!

A suggestion was made to make the reunion a three-day event instead of two! What do you think? We could have a farewell breakfast on Sunday morning if the interest is there. Let me know.

Following is a list of all of us who celebrated our 40th reunion at Rhodes College in October; it includes friends and spouses from other classes and loyal husbands and wives, friends and one daughter who are members of our class in spirit, if not in fact. To all of you, thank you for coming and making the event such a special occasion. For those of you who were not able to join us, please make your plans to be with us in 2009. We don't care what you look like because we are all aging gracefully! Just come.

In attendance were 41 classmates, six spouses and friends from other classes, and 12 non-Rhodes spouses, friends and one daughter, for a total of 59:

Nan Patton Bell, Doyle and **Pat Cloud, Butch** and **David Cooper**, **Dick** and **Nonie Gilmore Crosby, Doug** and **Margaret Rowe Fancher, Jim**

'62 and **Mary Lou Carwile Finley, Dossett** and **Linda Foster, Tom** and **Eleanor Lawrence Geiger, Joe** and **Mary Graham, Ed** and **Sharon Hankins, Ann Clark Quinlan Harris** and **Ray Eberle, Carlee Langford Heit, C Hendricks, Cyril** and **Betsy Hollingsworth, Hayden Kaden, Jo Cox Kenny, Tom** and **Thuy Lappage, Leigh Townes Mansfield, Challace** and **Mary Lou Quinn McMillin, Marilyn Meyers, Sharon Lupfer Nardo** and her daughter **Abby, Ed** and **Gail Hoover Parrish, K.C. Ptomey, Mary Lynn Cooper Polk, Caroline Gage Sanford, John '63** and **Anne Smith Sarber, Roy** and **Marjorie Wild Selvidge '63, Randall** and **Martha Hunter Shepard '66, Ron** and **Diane Splann, Bob** and **Emily Holloway Walker, George '66** and **Mary Edith Redus Walker, Linda Jackson Walter, Bob** and **Rosemary Hoye Wells, Bob** and **Brenda Hickman West, Liz Currie Williams** and **Alabel May Wiser.**

See you all in 2009. Stay in touch!
Margaret Fancher

1965 40th Reunion

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Ted and **Cecile Gregory Buehring**, who retired in June 2003, have built a new house outside of Houston. Their two daughters live nearby, and they enjoy spending time with their four-year-old granddaughter Caitlin Elizabeth.

Dale Kasab's son Andrew married Leslie Van Ellis May 22, 2004, in Washington, DC. Rhodes graduates who attended include **John '40** and **Nancy Wood Pond '40, Trudy Walker Pearson '64** and **Charlotte Palmer Seeley '66.**

Jim Miller, who lives in Roswell, GA, retired from ExxonMobile last year. He loves having time to play golf

and go foxhunting. His children, Jim and Melissa, both live in Atlanta and are happily married – between them there are six grandchildren.

1967

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There was an article in the Memphis Commercial Appeal in July written by **Knox Phillips**. It so beautifully speaks to the years we were growing up and is pertinent even today.

Murray Wright e-mailed that he really likes reading the class notes section of the magazine so he thought he'd tell the rest of you where and how he is. After leaving Southwestern after his sophomore year, Murray went to Vanderbilt, where he finished law school. Graduating in 1970 he went to work as a trial lawyer for a big law firm in Richmond. His specialty was construction law and he spent his career defending architects and engineers. He stayed with the big firm for 16 years—till 1986, at which time he started his own law firm, Wright, Robinson, Osthimer and Tatum. The firm has four offices: Washington DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco in addition to Richmond. On July 1 this year, he retired from being a trial lawyer. Thirty-four years of fun was enough for him. Murray has several hobbies that keep him busy. He is involved in various capacities with a number of businesses, small and large, and is a director of a NASDAQ company called Synalloy. He likes to fly, and has recently gotten a rating to fly a Cessna Citation Jet and has received a commercial pilot's license. His other hobby is cooking Indian food. He has four children ranging in age from 30 down to 10. "Boy did that 40 years get by in a hurry! As happy and lucky as I have been, I

really believe the two years I spent at Southwestern were the best. And I will never forget Mr. Hemphill telling me I would never amount to anything!"

Mary Ann Rambo McDow and her husband **Clarkson** live in Rock Hill, SC. The big news from them is that they became grandparents last December. Their granddaughter **Laura** was three months premature—two pounds. She is doing really well. She is small but does not let that stop her from doing whatever she sets her mind to. "Clarkson and I love being the doting grandparents. When we aren't refurbishing our garden, we are headed to Durham to visit with **Laura** and her parents." **Laura** was born to their son **Will**. Their daughter and her husband are hoping to start a family soon. They live in DC and have just bought a house with plenty of room for little ones. **Mary Ann** says, "I was sure that I wanted to be a grandmother but never imagined it could be this wonderful."

Speaking of grandchildren, **Linda Robinson Overly** is the proud grandmother of **Conner**, born to her son **Jonathan** in Knoxville. Amazing how our class is expanding! **Conner** is also the grandson of **John Overly** who lives in Knoxville as well.

Nancy Fraas McLean lives in Brentwood, TN, and is an avid tennis player. She spent the fall volunteering with the Kerry campaign.

In July 2003 **Charlie Murphy** left Erwin, TN, after eight years to serve Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church in Bristol, TN. It is in an area of town where the city and the Department of Justice are working to change the high crime rate and despair. The project is nearly two years old and the rates are improving. His is an older church and is a key part of the neighborhood so they are working to open themselves to relate better to the area. **Charlie** writes: "My wife and I have been twice blessed to be

grandparents this year. Our daughter near Denver adopted a baby at birth in late April and our younger daughter near Charlotte had a baby in early September. How awesome it is to hold a child of my child. One of the things you and I gained at SWAM, also known as Rhodes, was exposure to other sides and living with respectful disagreements. I am still amazed at God's grace to accept differences."

1968

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Barbara Lesh Borleske, a chemistry teacher in Greenville, DE, was named the 2004 top teacher in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

Janelle Hood Haseman of Raleigh, NC, is having lots of fun since becoming a Clay Aiken fan! (Clay, as you remember, was runner-up to Reuben Studdard in the American Idol competition on TV a couple of years ago.) Janelle travels around the country to attend Clay concerts as often as possible. She isn't alone in this "madness," as there are plenty of other ladies (do I dare say "older ladies"?) who do the same thing! These ladies are drawn to Clay because of his clean image and because he is a Christian and a good role model for young people. Many of these fans, like Janelle, live in Raleigh (as does Clay) and are proud that he represents their town so well. These ladies have gotten to know each other from attending multiple "Clay events," and have formed friendships, often staying in touch by e-mail and attending concerts together. Janelle was recently "discovered" by an editor for the *North Raleigh News* who happened to be on the same plane going to Lake Tahoe. She asked for and was granted an interview with

Janelle to cover "a day in the life of a Clay Aiken fan" on the day of his Raleigh concert. They even sent out a photographer to capture Janelle and her friends doing what they love. Janelle retired at the end of last year from teaching high school Spanish.

Susan Lucas has been named the 2004 Artist of the Year by the Walton County (Florida) Tourist Development Council. The council also commissioned her to paint four easily identifiable scenes in Walton County that will be used across the county to encourage art in public places. When her commissioned artwork is hung in Eden State Garden's Wesley mansion, it will be the first work of a contemporary artist ever hung there. "Lukie" now lives in Santa Rosa Beach, FL, having moved there from Bristol, TN, a few years ago.

Bob Morris ran into **Bruce Cook** at Homecoming this year. The Rev. Dr. Bruce filled him in on what he's been up to since retiring from the federal government in 1999, where he served as a prison chaplain. Bruce is the founder (1989) and executive director of the Crime Victims Advocacy Council, something he began after his stepbrother was murdered in 1977. In this capacity, he has promoted crime victims' rights, crime victim legislation, and community restitution. He is serving and ministering to victims of serious violent crimes in 19 counties surrounding Atlanta as a missionary of the United Methodist Church. To read more on his "Good Samaritan" work, enter "Bruce Cook Atlanta Crime Victims" in a Google search, and it will bring up plenty to read.

Robert Rutherford was recently named city attorney for the City of Lakewood, a satellite city within metropolitan Nashville. He specializes in land use law.

1969

Claudia Kennedy is retired from the U.S. Army and lives in Canada with her husband Harold. She serves on the boards of several nonprofit organizations including Population Action International, First Star and Volunteers of America. **Jim Newport** is senior vice president of Regions Bank in Albany, GA, and focuses on agriculture-business lending.

Jim Sensenig and his wife Yvonne live in Cookeville, TN, where Jim is a cytotechnologist for the Cookeville Pathology Lab.

1970 35th Reunion

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

Bill Lyons has taken a leave of absence from his position as professor of political science at the University of Tennessee to accept a position as senior director of economic development for the city of Knoxville. Mayor Bill Haslam appointed Bill to this position in December 2003 after Bill had served as his campaign manager. In his position he is also responsible for public participation and historic preservation. He previously served as chair of the board of Knoxville's Community Development Corp. where he played a major role in facilitating development projects in downtown Knoxville.

1971

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Jim Anderson has completed his sixth and last overseas assignment, this time as chief of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service London bureau. He and wife Susan returned to their home in Virginia and Jim retired from 30 years of

service for the U.S. government. Their older son Geoff is in his third year at Emory Medical School, and their younger son Russ recently graduated from Virginia Tech.

Gayle Bartos-Pool writes, "At the beginning of this year I started my own publishing company, SPYGAME Press, and we have published our first book, *Media Justice*. You can read about it at spygame.org."

James Compton is the new general manager for South Mississippi Electric Power Assn. He lives in Biloxi.

James Mulroy was recently selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner in the Memphis-based firm Lewis, Fisher, Henderson, Claxton & Mulroy.

1972

Jeannette Birge has moved to Lebanon, OH, to be the director of Upper Valley Child and Family Services.

1973

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Terry Dillon of Newport, AR, has been named president of McCartney, Manning, McDonald and Guinn Insurance Agency in Newport and Preferred Choice Insurance Services of Tuckerman and Batesville. He will continue to serve as president of Preferred Choice Financial Services of Newport.

Amy Bailey Evans is back in Denver. Her husband John is semiretired and she is painting full time. In August, she was juried in the Estes Park Plein Air Exhibition and spent two weeks painting in the Rocky Mountain National Park along with 60 other artists from around the country.

Levi Frazier has self-published a book, *151 Things That Happen or Don't Happen When You Turn Fifty*. Last

year he wrote a one-woman show about AARP founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, and during the summer the organization honored him in Washington, DC. In the fall he spoke at the national convention about his involvement with the civil rights movement as a youth.

Anthony Richardson is starting two new businesses in addition to doing annual report photography for his commercial photography and graphic design company. His daughter Alyssa is a high school senior and on the varsity soccer team, and his wife Despina is with Williams Sonoma Co.

Vivian Dellinger McWilliams will be scheduling more frequent trips to Memphis, occasioned by her daughter's enrollment in the Rhodes class of 2008. The addition of a second veterinarian to her practice is allowing her to get away more often, and in fall 2004 she and her husband Joe spent a week on board a sailboat in the British Virgin Islands.

Cherry Falls was inducted into the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming.

Marvin Eason visits Memphis often to see his daughter, who is in her third year at the University of Tennessee Medical School.

Meriwether Montgomery has a new addition to her family, Rocky, a three-year-old, triple registered Tennessee Walker. Last summer she vacationed at the Bitterroot Ranch in Wyoming with her son Scott Haven '99, where they spent a week galloping through the valleys and climbing mountains.

Charlaine Harris Schulz's latest book *Dead to the World* made the *New York Times* bestseller list. She is scheduled to write two books a year for the next three years.

Brenda Dietz Vallquette has two daughters. Aimee (29) is an art history professor at Belmont University and Karen (27) is living and studying in Paris. Brenda and her husband John recently returned from

a trip to Greece and the Provence region of France. In the last few years Brenda has returned to her passion, acting.

1974

Susan Clark is the recipient of the 2004 Marion Griffin-Frances Loring Award, given by the Association for Women Attorneys. Susan, who is with Burch, Porter & Johnson in Memphis, became president of the Memphis Bar Association in December 2004.

Gerry Dean writes, "I had a great time at Homecoming '04, catching up with **Kathleen Schardt, Ed Uthman, Henry Slack, Mary Beth Overton, John Cotham, Karen Lyle, Chip Eastham** and various others. Looked for others, missed you, wish you'd been there: **Betsy Hammett, Joey (Bob) Riso (Reynolds), Mary Sue Morrow, Sue Ann Jenkerson** and many others. BUT I got to meet really cool people I'd never known at school! We all turned out very nicely, in my opinion! I'm now practicing as a forensic psychologist in Kansas City, MO. I go by my middle name (Delany) instead of my first name (Gerry)."

Jim and Bob Grenfell's '75 information was erroneously combined in the fall issue of *Rhodes*. Jim is an attorney with Grenfell, Sledge & Stevens in Jackson, MS. Jim's daughter Sarah is a fourth-year student at Ole Miss, and daughter Catherine is a first-year. Jim says he and his wife Lynn "intend to travel more."

1975 30th Reunion

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

Bob Grenfell remains vice president of regulatory affairs for Entergy Mississippi Inc. and president of the Powers-Lake Foundation, a philanthropic trust that provides funds to clothe children of low-

income families in the Jackson, MS, metropolitan area. He has been elected to a three-year term as a Mississippi State Bar commissioner, representing the 7th Judicial District (Jackson and Hinds County). He will set bar policy, approve the budget and adjudicate disciplinary matters.

Robert Tynes was recently promoted to full professor at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he teaches design, painting and professional practices in art. He also recently exhibited his paintings in three solo art shows.

1976

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Ellen Tyler Rochelle works as an immigration paralegal at BP [Foundation] in Houston.

1978

Martha Norton deBin currently provides physical therapy services to children up to age five in day care settings and at elementary schools in the North Little Rock district.

Charles Day lives in Dacula, GA. He and his family recently went on a historic tour in New Jersey, West Virginia and Virginia.

1979

David Bartholomew is the CEO of Staffmark, a staffing service in Nashville. He is also chairman-elect of the American Staffing Association and 2005 chapter chair for the Young Presidents Organization. He and wife Caroline have four children, including **Will '07**.

Elaine Toulon Carroll is dean of students at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, where she has worked for 26 years. She has two daughters, Allyson

and Shawn.

Myron Cash is an industry chemist for Buckman Laboratories in Memphis. He recently traveled to Nicaragua to distribute eyeglasses and help repair and renovate a seminary.

Peter Cobb is senior risk consultant for CIGNA insurance in Nashville. He and wife Eleanor were the co-chairpersons for the 2004 l'Ete du Vin Friends Wine Auction, which raised over \$1.4 million for the American Cancer Society.

Bill Coolidge of Buford, GA, has been elected president of the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges.

Darrington Russell Crane is a senior vocational consultant for Unum Provident, a disability insurance company. She and husband Doug live on an eight-acre minifarm in Signal Mountain, TN, with their two children Judd and Chellie.

Peter and Susan Elam Flexner '80 live in London, where Peter is a financial manager.

Stuart '78 and Mary Ann Weber Hyatt live in Eugene, OR, where Mary Ann is the library director at the University of Oregon School of Law. Stu stays home with their five-year-old son Charlie.

Angie Kinnaid lives in Denver, where she is program director for the state of Colorado. She was recently recognized with national and regional awards for contributions to a national organization concerned with the regulation of engineers and land surveyors.

Tricia Lewandoski lives in Little Rock, where she is an accountant for the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Chip Mathias writes for development at Tulane University. He and wife Michelle live in Metairie with their children Gloria (4) and Will (1).

Gwen Parrish has been working part-time in the Rhodes Admissions Office.

Taylor Phillips is a chaplain and counselor for a retirement community in Tallahassee, FL. He recently completed his first novel *Beating the Gods on Their Home Court* and is looking for a publisher.

Penny Spiegelman Register is vice president and general counsel for FedEx Trade Networks in Memphis.

Ruth Duefel Saling is a math and science teacher at St. John school in Rochester, MN, where she serves as a deacon at First Presbyterian Church. She recently took a canoeing trip and a snorkeling trip with husband Ken and their three children Kate, Audrey and Henry.

Jim and Sara Long Singleton live in Austin, TX. Sara recently published a devotional CD, *Hearts on Pilgrimage*. Jim and Sara will pastor together beginning this summer.

Barney Stengle and wife Julie live in Fort Thomas, KY. They recently purchased and renovated a 19th-century building in historic downtown Covington, and opened a store called Adobe. If you want to see some amusing pictures of the class of '79 from Homecoming, go to Barney's site: <http://homepage.mac.com/bfsabode/PhotoAlbum1.html>

Walter and **Sarah Wharton Woods** live in Sewall's Point, FL, where she is the senior assistant attorney for Martin County. She also serves on the board of Hibiscus Children's Center, a residential care center for abused children.

1980 25th Reunion

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

Mark Riley handled media and advertising for local elections in southwest Arkansas.

Merrill Wise and his wife Nancy are enjoying their three children: a 19-year-old son, an eight-year-old son and a 16-month-old daughter. Merrill is a pediatric neurologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where he directs the Epilepsy

Monitoring Unit and serves on staff for the Children's Sleep Center. Nancy is a vocalist with the Houston Grand Opera chorus.

1982

Susan Black Miller lives in New York, where her husband Kent, a lieutenant colonel in the Army, is now teaching in the systems engineering department at West Point. Their son Dennis (6) loves it there and is playing football and meeting new friends. They are also in the process of adopting a four-year-old boy from Russia.

John Presley is senior vice president and chief financial officer of Marshall & Isley Corp., a financial services organization headquartered in Milwaukee.

Cal Tarrant recently completed his M.B.A. at Pepperdine University.

1984

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John and Jean Willard Asinger live in Charlotte, NC, where John is the IBM high-end server sales executive for the Americas.

Mike and **Lisa Deering Temoshok** live with their three sons on a small farm in upstate New York, where Lisa has a business teaching yoga and meditation. She has recorded a relaxation CD titled *Sacred Awakening*.

1985 20th Reunion

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005
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Hey, class of 1985. It's less than a year until our 20th class reunion, and

I hope to see many of you there. The new library will be finished by then, and it's really going to be a great addition to our beloved college.

Lee Booth reports that his friend **Kevin Ferner '84** is now married to a lady named Rose. Lee is president of Nursing Innovations in the Memphis area. Lee and his wife Lisa have a daughter Chandler (6) and a son Conner (11). He reports that he saw many friends at the class of 1984 reunion.

Hal Browder was an extra in the Johnny Cash movie that was made in Memphis last summer.

Michael and **Adele Little Caemmerer** live in New Delhi, where they teach at the International School. Adele teaches middle school art.

Michael Chance is a partner in the Husch & Eppenberger Memphis law firm in Memphis. He and wife Elizabeth have two daughters: Morgan (9) and Eliza (6).

Shari Morrow Cooper's parents and sister were planning to join her and her family in New Jersey for Christmas.

Chris Feaver is sports editor of the *Ithaca Journal*. He covers hockey and lacrosse.

Art and **Susan McLean Haws'** daughter Hendley was born in September 2003. She joined brother Chase (10) and sister McLean (5). A stay-at-home mom, Susan also coaches soccer and runs a summer day camp in Franklin, TN.

Greg King is an ophthalmologist in Sumter, SC. He and his wife Dawn have two sons, Shane and Cody.

Jimmy Kiser is president of U.S. Food Service of Paducah. He and wife Alice have two sons, Eric (14) and Adam (11). Jimmy is also involved in Boy Scouts and enjoys golf.

Paula Millirons Koelle enjoys her two stepdaughters Heidi (16) and Emily (12). Paula tutors students in math and science during school hours.

Frank and **Susan Bahner**

Lancaster have three sons: Michael (10), Thomas (7) and Max (1). They recently went to Disneyworld and Québec. Susan reports that she visited **Frank Jones '84** in New York and **Virginia Lien '84** in Chattanooga.

Louise Brown Lochner is an elementary school French teacher.

Vickie and **Richard Ratliff** live in Richardson, TX, with their son Alex (12) and daughter Lindsey (11). Richard is an electrical engineer.

Shauna Morris and her husband Ralph Robertson have a daughter Fiona (9). Shauna is city attorney for the city of Tarpon Springs, FL, and represents a number of other cities as well. Ralph is an engineering manager for a defense contractor, and Fiona plays basketball and is a black belt in karate.

Jennifer Murphy, who lives in Franklin, TN, is a computer programmer for Passport Health Communications. She does quite a bit of church work and is a volunteer worker with Musico a Musico. She leads a drive to collect instruments and send them to indigent areas of Latin America.

Will Oliver owns J. Oliver Day Spa in Birmingham.

Carla Goe Pethke lives in Baton Rouge, LA, where she teaches English and adolescent literature for education majors at LSU. She and her husband Mark have a six-year-old son.

Rebecca Rollins moved from Memphis to Nashville last summer. She volunteer teaches English as a second language two nights a week at the Nashville Adult Literacy Foundation. She also enjoys visiting with her seven nieces and nephews in Nashville.

Virgil Starks had a reunion with **Billy Ryan, Eric Bell '87** and **Rozelle Henderson** at the Auburn-Ole Miss football game in the fall. He also had a recent visit with Rhodes men's basketball coach Herb Hilgeman. Virgil, who is associate athletic

director at Auburn, also directs the CHAMPS/Life Skills program there which provides student-athletes with the personal and professional skills necessary for successful and productive futures. The program has been designated a Program of Excellence. Virgil's middle daughter Victoria (9) was state runner-up in gymnastics.

Beth Johnson Schurmann recently became volunteer director of Malachi Storehouse, a food pantry. Beth, who lives in Alpharetta, GA, is manager at Deloitte tax group. She and her husband Mark have a son Ben (11) and a daughter Meg (8).

Laura Loomis Sherman, husband George and children Ashley (10) and Evan (5) live in San Francisco. Laura recently participated in her first half Ironman triathlon: 1.2 miles swimming, 56 miles bicycling and 13.1 miles running. She did it in six hours, which was very good.

Rebecca Windham, who lives in Cumming, GA, works as vocal director of South City Voices, a "Southern version of Manhattan Transfer." Tour dates for 2005 include the Southeast, with national appearances later in the year.

Robert Watkin, an Anglican priest in Falls Church, VA, has spent several years in central Asia and Kazakstan. He has been playing jazz piano with a local group he started.

Carolyn Derks Taylor is a computer programming analyst for the state of Tennessee in Nashville. She and her husband Glenn have been married for seven years.

Matt and Lynda Hamlington Spinolo '86 recently celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary. Matt, who is president of Primacy Relocation in Memphis, holds his M.B.A. from Vanderbilt, and Lynda has a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Tennessee-Memphis. They have three children: Luke (12), Joanna (10) and Julia (8).

Richard Banks and his wife of 16 years, Stephanie, live in the Birmingham area, where he works as editorial director of SPC Custom Publishing, a division of Southern Progress Corp. "We produce magazines and newsletters for companies like Lowe's and Publix that feature editorial-like content intended to sell their products and/or services," Richard says. Their son Aaron (11) is in sixth grade. He is "a soccer player, is full of vim and vigor and does very well in school."

Andy King is director of counseling at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He and his wife Jennifer recently went to China, where they adopted their new daughter Amelia.

Beth Baxter travels the country giving programs about her recovery from serious mental illness, stressing how people can go on to lead productive lives.

Elizabeth McGee, assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive services at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, recently received a \$1.4 million research grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Mary Mannon Reeves has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Rutherford Courier* in Smyrna, TN.

1986

Tim and **Leslie Nelson Lee** took a second honeymoon to Tuscany last spring. In September, Leslie went on a girls' weekend trip to New Orleans with **Lorraine Fincke Dodson, Jane Lambert Bonner, Jean Ann Beckley Conley '87** and **Alison Abernathy '87**.

1987

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All the news I received this time is about professional development.

From **Laura McKinney**: "I moved to Chicago in March 2004, where I am working as an associate at the Chapman and Cutler public finance law firm. I love the urban environment (especially the public transportation!), and, despite the sad ending to the season, enjoy being a Cubs fan. I saw **Tim Davis** in September, when he came here to the National Association of Bond Lawyers conference. We were two of only three econ majors in our class, and we both ended up practicing in the same specialty of law, which we find very humorous. I also see Karen Cagle and family occasionally. They bought a house in Evanston last summer."

And speaking of **Karen Cagle York**: "In September I presented a session on 'Employer Perspectives on the Medical Plan Marketing Process' at the Blue Cross Blue Shield National Actuarial, Finance and Underwriting Conference in Orlando. On a more humorous personal note, we've finished the initial major renovation work on our house, except for one little thing...we have to leave the vacuum cleaner plugged in in the living room and use its on/off switch to operate the dining room light! Guess this proves that Steve and I are NOT electrically talented. After almost two months of this, Steve finally agreed to call an electrician."

And from **Susan Hook Patterson**: "I would like to report on my work, because I really love it. I work in the development department of the Georgia office of the Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization whose mission is to save land for people to use. I get to

tell potential major donors about all the cool work we are doing to bring beautiful pieces of land into the public domain as well as reclaiming those hideous abandoned industrial areas to be made into urban parks. It really is exciting and I feel like, in a small way, I am making a difference in the world that we and future generations will benefit from."

I'm serious about that threat to Google you all and/or totally fabricate news about you. Write me. It doesn't take two minutes.

Keep the faith,
Brian

1988

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Walter and Cheryl **Anderson** welcomed their first child, Courtney Elizabeth, April 8, 2004.

Scott and **Cheryl Barr Miller** had their first child, Brigance "Brig" Christopher, March 19, 2004.

Kevin Rasch and his wife Amy live in Knoxville with their daughters Alyssa (8) and Sylvia (6). As team leader at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Kevin is a software engineer and front-line manager. For fun, he plays in a band at their contemporary church and adds a little edge to the music with his electric guitar.

Cynthia Strong Thompson writes, "For once I am in the same location. Now that Alex and Erik are in school full-time I have gone back to work full-time as well. Our various ventures never took off enough to keep me entertained, so I started working as a financial adviser for Legg Mason. I am having a wonderful time with it. Came to Rhodes for the reunion and saw several friends. It was a wonderful time. Side note: I have gotten into photography and have even entered some art competitions."

1989

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McPhail '92 and **Jenny Busbee Hunt** recently moved to Atlanta, where McPhail works in the wireless software industry and Jenny is a physical therapist. They welcomed the third member of their family, Brendan William, March 5, 2004. He joins big sisters Olivia and Celia.

1990 *15th Reunion*

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

Drew and **Amy Bower Burchenal '91** recently celebrated their 10th anniversary in Barcelona. They still love living in Brooklyn. Amy had several photography/art shows last summer. Drew has been working on marketing and advertising for CeeBee's Citrus and is doing freelance writing and consulting.

Tomasz and **Angie Zakrzewski Ludwiczak** have a 2 1/2-year-old son, Lucas. Angie is a stay-at-home mom while Tomasz is in his third year of dental school at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Chris and **Kirsten Williams Schwehm** are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Olivia Joy, March 6, 2004, in Baton Rouge, LA.

Jonathan Stewart and his wife Renee are pleased to announce the birth of their son James Harrison, Feb. 3, 2004. Jon has his own law practice in Nashville.

Stephanie and **Rob Swords** had a baby girl, Elizabeth, Aug. 4, 2004. Daughters Annelise, Meg and Lara love to help mom take care of their new sister.

1991

Pieter van der Gaag recently accepted a position as senior policy adviser at IUCN-Netherlands Committee in Amsterdam. Pieter was employed as executive director at ANPED, the Northern Alliance for Sustainability. He was also recently elected to the Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative.

Robert and **Christi Barr Schaeffer** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Robin Leigh, Feb. 18, 2004.

Katie Stanton is having fun being the strategic partner manager at Google in Mountain View, CA, and being a mom to children Ellie, Caleigh and Declan.

1992

REPORTER: LANE SOUTHERN WHITEHEAD

William and **Erica Blank Bronson** are proud to announce the birth of a son, William "Wills" Thomas. He joins big sisters Georgia (4) and Emmagrace (2). The family lives in Lafayette, LA.

Last July, **Jonathan Fowler** was deployed to Mosul, Iraq as second in command of the Stryker Integrated Material Task Force, which develops modifications and oversees maintenance operations on Stryker combat vehicles.

West and Carolyn **Hammond** welcomed into the world a special-needs son, Christopher, Aug. 3, 2004. They moved from the Aspen area to Denver to be near Children's Hospital of Denver.

Scott and **Kristen Lichtermann Kedersha** are proud to announce the birth of twin boys, May 26, 2004, in Dallas. Duncan Nathaniel and Andrew Dennis are keeping mom and dad sleep-deprived and proud.

Bobby Lahiere was featured in the *Houston Business Journal* in September 2004 for his role as co-owner of

Translators Inc., a company that translates documents and software into various languages for clients.

Stewart Perry recently accepted a call as pastor of the International Church of Bangkok, Thailand.

1993

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KELLY SLAGLE

John and **Elizabeth Feagin Bartusch** had a baby girl, Sarah Feagin, May 26, 2004.

Katie Braden and Jack Huffard married May 31, 2003, at Kiawah Island, SC. They are proud to announce the birth of John "Jack" Cloyd Huffard III, July 30, 2004. The family lives in Washington, DC.

Lynn Crab has a new position with American Red Cross. Based in Washington, DC, she works on disaster relief and spends a great deal of time working with hurricane recovery efforts in Alabama and Florida.

Jimmy and **Sarah Houser Dickens** have a new daughter, Zoe Isabella, born Jan. 12, 2004. She joins her older sister Lauren (4).

Tom '91 and **Sarah Blankenship Dilworth** announce the birth of their son Griffin Thomas, Sept. 21, 2004. He joins big sister Emma (3). They currently reside in Marietta, GA.

Jason and Ashley Stooksbury Hamilton are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, John Kirby, Aug. 16, 2004, in Knoxville, TN. John Kirby joins his older sister Claire (2).

David and **Jennie Beth Harris Johnston** announce the birth of their daughter Caroline Elizabeth, Oct. 21, 2003. Jennie Beth completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tennessee and has joined Clarksville OB/GYN Associates in Clarksville, TN, where husband David practices pediatrics.

Caroline Knight recently accepted a position as vice president/portfolio marketing manager within the consumer credit card division at Bank of America in Charlotte, NC. Caroline was recently employed at Mellon Financial as vice president/new business development.

Carlos and **Jacqueline Mesa** had a baby boy, Andrew Carlos, Aug. 26, 2004. She is legal counsel for Commissioner Lukken at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington, DC.

Lyell Peterson reports that he and his family were "shooed out of our Destin vacation by Ivan. Unable to go home because New Orleans was evacuated too, we ran on a whim to Disney, which was still recovering from Frances, and we ran home with Jeanne at our back."

Brian and **Lee Colquitt Schaffler** announce the arrival of a son, Brian August "Gus," Oct. 13, 2004, in Memphis.

Jay Sumner and Elizabeth Lee married Sept. 3, 2004, in Aruba. The couple lives in Arlington, VA, where Jay is a partner with the law firm of Krupin O'Brien in labor practice.

1994

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Dylan Dryer and Elizabeth Neiman married June 20, 2004, on Nicollet Island in Minneapolis. **Charles Schafer, Patrick Garrett** and **Michael Augspurger** were groomsmen. Both Dylan and Elizabeth work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Chris Gilreath writes, "For the past seven years, I lived in downtown Knoxville where I practiced law, focusing on civil litigation. I also served on the Knox County Election Commission. My wife Crystal and I recently moved to Memphis, where I now practice law with Bailey, Clarke, Benfield and Gilreath. I currently

serve as chair-elect of the New Lawyers Division of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, representing more than 15,000 lawyers across the country."

Alli Lambert recently accepted a position as coordinator of alumni and parent programs at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. "After spending the last several years teaching, I was ready for a new challenge and have found that in my new position. It has been extremely refreshing," she says

Scott and **Frances Patrick Lancaster** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Jacob Patrick, Oct. 9, 2003, in Memphis. Big sister Amelia adores her little brother and is a big help.

Martin LeRoy and his wife Lauren are proud parents of a baby boy, Joshua David, born May 29, 2004, in Austin.

Brandy and **Andrew Likes** are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Anna Grace, Sept. 2, 2004, in St. Louis. Mom, Dad, Anna Grace and Dixie the golden retriever are all doing fine.

Patrick and **Rachael Wooldridge McCone** are proud parents of Owen Patrick, born Sept. 2, 2003, in Little Rock. Owen was welcomed by his big sister Caroline.

Brian and Laura McRae O'Neill '97 live in Atlanta with their daughter Isabella (1). Brian is a certified financial planner and is involved with local Habitat for Humanity builds.

Christina Ross and David Hanson married Oct. 4, 2003, in Savannah, TN. They now live in the Cooper Young area of Memphis.

Michael Rushin writes, "After 10 years of working for my father's real estate business, my wife Renea and I formed an investment company. This company, MSR Investments, focuses primarily on real estate investment properties. I will still hold my position as executive broker at Mike Rushin Realtors, but am looking

forward to a potential early retirement. Hopefully, Abby (5) and/or Zach (2) will become interested in real estate, since this will all be theirs one day. In my spare time, I am running for an elected office on the board of directors for the Scimitar Shriners in Little Rock. I am currently the public relations director for the Shriners in Arkansas."

In May, **Kyla Sawyer** defended her dissertation on black South African women and their identity development. She received her Ph.D. from North Carolina State University in counseling and recently started a post-doc as a behavioral researcher at Research Triangle Institute International in North Carolina.

Chris and **Stefanie Yount Taylor** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Matthew, Jan. 10, 2004, in Germantown, TN.

Nancy Turner recently accepted a position as a market economist at ConocoPhillips oil company in Houston. Nancy formerly worked for Enron Corp., conducting energy-industry political intelligence in Houston and Washington, DC.

1995 10th Reunion

HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-8, 2005

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The Class of '95 has been busy and at least some of us won't have to answer the eternal "So, when are you going to have children?" question for awhile.

Faithé Proulx Barrett and husband Donald welcomed a baby boy, Connor Allen, April 14, 2004, in Dayton, OH. Big sister Lexi welcomed her little brother home with open arms.

Elizabeth Overholser Brabson and husband Bryant are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, John Max, Sept. 2, 2004, in Nashville, TN.

Bryan Creech and wife Michelle are

proud to announce the birth of their son, Collin Matthew, June 9, 2004. He joins big brothers Austin (5) and Josh (2).

Allison Callier joined the Julie and **Jason Farrar** family July 11, 2004.

Richard '96 and **Kim Farmer Finch** had their second baby girl, Abigail Frances, Aug. 25, 2004. She has a 2 1/2-year-old sister, Caroline. Richard got his executive M.B.A. degree at Vanderbilt's Owen Business school in 2003 and is now a commercial real estate developer with the Spectra Group in Memphis.

Keith and **Catherine Brown Rivers '94** and their two daughters, Mary Lyman and Grace, recently relocated to Mobile, AL, from Knoxville, TN. Keith is an attorney at Frazer, Greene, Upchurch and Baker. Catherine is a hospice nurse working for Mobile Infirmary Medical Center.

Owen Shull is the assistant vice president and general manager for the Southern Miss division of ISP sports, a sports marketing company.

1996

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The Class of '96 has been very busy. Lots of job changes, lots of new babies!

Matt and **Shannon Simpson Bevins** welcomed their first baby, a daughter, Olivia Katherine, Aug. 9, 2003. Shannon is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at West Middle School in Denver and her husband practices law.

Jennifer and **Michael Blanscet** welcomed daughter Julia Lynn June 21, 2004, in Naples, Italy. Michael will begin an endodontic residency in Bethesda, MD, in the summer.

Jamie Bogner and wife Lynn currently reside in New York City, where Jamie works as assistant art director of *NBA Hoop* and *NBA Inside Stuff* magazines. He recently won the New Jersey State Championship

Mountain Bike race series in the beginner men age 30-34 class.

Myles Bogner and his wife Michaela had their first child, Adin Seth, April 21, 2004. The family resides in suburban St. Louis, where Myles continues to work as vice president of research and development for Asynchrony Solutions. For the past year and half, he's worked closely with the U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base helping to improve its planning processes for troop and cargo movements.

Ginny Dowell Brundick and her husband Ed had a daughter, Mary Olivia, in August 2003. Ginny is now teaching seventh-grade social studies at Lausanne in Memphis. She is also an associate director at Camp Bear Track at Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas.

Ned Crystal is now a realtor in Atlanta, after spending summer 2004 traveling through Europe.

Steven '91 and **Christina Smith Edgerton** are happy to announce their marriage June 12, 2004, in Georgetown, SC. More than 45 alums celebrated with the couple throughout the wedding weekend. They currently reside in Phoenix.

Steele and **Megan Crowell Ford** welcomed a daughter, Merrill Durand, June 19, 2003.

Avis Hall resigned from an eight-year tenure with Northwest Airlines to follow a career in Christian ministry. He recently became a licensed minister with the Harris Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR, after preaching his first sermon Oct. 10, 2004. He plans to continue working as an associate minister of this congregation while studying to become ordained.

Michael Hayes and Catherine Carson married May 29, 2004. The couple now lives in Nashville, where he has a job managing a large mixed-use real estate portfolio for C.B.

Ragland Company. Michael was also recently appointed a board member of the Belle Meade Plantation and named a founding board member for the nonprofit KIPP Schools Nashville (the Knowledge Is Power Program).

Erin Pias Hines is a biologist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Research Toxicology Division of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in North Carolina.

Bryan and **Lara Fleming Huffman** announce the birth of their son Ervin Coats, Jan. 3, 2004, in Little Rock. Lara, who was recently employed as a resident physician at the University of Arkansas, has accepted a similar position at the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she will complete her residency in psychiatry. Bryan is attached to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson.

Anna Hurayt Hullum and her husband Matthew announce the birth of their son Webb Henry Hurayt, Oct. 5, 2004.

Justin and **Amber Isom-Thompson** welcomed baby daughter Clara on Aug. 19, 2004.

Matt and Shannon **Johnson** married Aug. 31, 2003. They are finishing their tour in Colombia and will be moving to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Richard Kamm and his wife Melinda had a baby girl, Sarah Rhiannon, Sept. 10, 2004. Richard is completing a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care in Shreveport, LA.

Jennifer Shepard Kilpatrick was voted a partner at her law firm, Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, at the end of 2003. She practices toxic tort and environmental litigation. In April, she also welcomed her husband Justin back from spending a year and a half in Fallujah, Iraq, with the U.S. Army. They now live in New Orleans.

Daniel Kirsch graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in May 2004 and is now clerking for

the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Cal Meeks accepted a position in Detroit earlier this year. He is now a North American leader overseeing information technology operations in nine plants for a large automotive supplier.

Ann Laura McCranie is in her second year of a doctoral program in sociology at Indiana University-Bloomington. Her research focuses on mental illness and social policy.

George Overend recently accepted a position as mass market CRM analysis manager at the American Cancer Society in Atlanta. He completed his M.B.A. in marketing at Emory University in May 2003.

Karen Huddleston Phillips and her husband welcomed Thomas Brockton ("Brock") March 8, 2004. "Big sister Ansley (7) and big brother Benjamin (4) are so proud!" she writes.

Emily Flinn Quigley and her husband Robert had a baby boy, Liam Joseph, June 23, 2004. Liam joins proud big brother Timothy (5). Emily reports that she stays at home with Liam during the day and works as an editor on the national desk at the *Austin American-Statesman* at night.

Jessica Rainey and Chris McKnett married Nov. 6, 2004, at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, with Rhodes chaplain Billy Newton '74 officiating.

Jennifer Warren Rhem and husband Nolan had a baby girl, Mary Nolan, March 8, 2004. Mary Nolan joins big brother Jackson.

Mike Rosolino has added another duty to his job at Embry-Riddle University. He is now the head coach for the men's and women's cross country and track teams at the Daytona Beach, FL-based school.

Steven and **Jenny Phillips Schroeder** announce the birth of their daughter Sara Kate, Sept. 13, 2004, in Wichita Falls, TX. Audrey (3) is thrilled about being a big sister.

Jamee Lee Thompson and her

husband De had their second baby. Helen Elizabeth was born June 30, 2004, joining big brother, DeWitt, who was two in December.

Jennifer Lynn Welch lives in Nashville. She works for LINVATEC out of Largo, FL, selling medical devices in orthopedics and spine. "I get to tell the docs how to drill someone's knee!" she writes.

The Class of 1996 was sad to lose two cherished classmates in the past year: **Jenni Juliano** and **Jason Pettigrew**. They had many, many friends in our class, and we will all miss both of them dearly.

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Mary McCroskey Blum has a master's degree in public policy, with an emphasis on planning and housing. After a year of nonprofit and consulting work, she and her husband Dana purchased a business in Boulder, CO, called The Envelope Please. They specialize in fine stationery and invitations and are looking forward to the challenges that come with owning their own business.

Mark Cheney received a M.Ed. in educational leadership from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, May 15, 2004. Mark and Rebecca's daughter Britton Grace was born Nov. 26, 2003.

Ben Gohman completed his M.B.A. at Emory University in May and has accepted a position as an associate in investment banking at RBC Capital Markets in New York City.

Paul '96 and **Christina Dias Guibao** are proud to announce the birth of Holden Clark, March 19, 2004. The grandson of **Renee Clark Guibao '64**, Holden "looks like a mini me," Paul writes. Paul has his own law practice

in Memphis. He and Christina stay involved with Playhouse on the Square, Memphis Humane Society and Lausanne Collegiate School.

Mike and **Jennifer Smith Hocker** welcomed their first child, Jake Alex, Aug. 11, 2004, in Tucson, AZ. They recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary.

Tiffany Tucker Kendall recently accepted a position as membership services coordinator at American Association of Equine Practitioners in Lexington, KY.

Christopher Marlowe was recently promoted to Felony Domestic Crimes within the State Attorney's Office in Miami.

Ann Michelle Stanley Morrison received a doctor of science degree in environmental health from Harvard University in November 2004. Ann Michelle and Ru announce the birth of their son Robert Alasdair, March 22, 2004, in Rochester, NH. Alasdair and his big sisters (the cats) are getting along famously!

Scott and **Amy LaFuria Snedaker** married Jan. 3, 2004, in Lake Charles, LA. They currently reside in Dallas, where Amy continues to work as an editor for Insight for Living, a Christian ministry, and Scott works for American Airlines. **Shellie White Nikitenko, Angie Green** and **Catherine Carter** participated in the ceremony.

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Philip and **Allison Griffen Bittel** are proud parents of a baby boy, Griffin Philip, born May 7, 2004, in Atlanta.

Cullen Kent, who attended Le Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris, is now the executive chef at La Tourelle in Memphis.

John and **Scarlett Caldwell Miles**

married March 1, 2003. They couple lives in Nashville, where Scarlett works for Family & Children's Service, helping to find adoptive homes for children in state guardianship.

Frank O'Connor and Angelica Went married Oct. 30, 2003. His best man was **Charles O'Connor '01**, and his groomsmen included **Bobby Wheaton '99** and **Ben Thompson**. Frank received his M.B.A. in finance and marketing in 2002 and is now a licensed real estate broker in Atlanta.

Amanda Grebe Tamburrino is the new executive director for the Susan G. Komen Mid-South Affiliate.

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Charles and **Madison Moore Agee** are happy to announce their marriage May 29, 2004, in Dripping Springs, TX. Members of the wedding party included **Elise Schudy, Alison Barnwell, Adam Beck, Christ Steiner, Todd Blasdel, John Sites '00** and **Nicole Atkins**. They currently live in Nashville, where Charles is the COO of Augusta Capital, a financial services company he founded in 1998. Madison is in her second year of the M.A. in Latin American studies program at Vanderbilt University.

Jeremy and **Julie Thomas Corcoran** married in St. Louis, where the couple resides, in 2003. Jeremy returned home safely after his Army Reserve unit was deployed to Iraq for more than a year. Julie completed her M.S. in exercise science in 2002 and is currently spending as much time as possible with Jeremy and their son Jackson, born in September 2002.

James and **Jill Waldrip Davis** are happy to announce their marriage, June 12, 2004, in Little Rock, AR. Members of the wedding party included **Holly Frederick Beck, Alison Raye Nathan** and **Anne Moore Elizabeth Rozelle**. Other attendees were **Nicole Atkins, Alison Barnwell,**

Mary Reid Colter, Clare Dempsey, Margaret Yerger Elliott, Katharine Farmer, Elisabeth Hause, Patty Rouse, Meredith Schember and Elizabeth Smead. After a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, the couple returned home to North Little Rock. Jill is currently the executive director of Arkansas Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit public education program committed to saving lives at highway-rail grade crossings. James is a first-year psychiatry resident at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Diane Faires, who was president of the Rhodes Habitat for Humanity chapter while she was a student, is in Sri Lanka for her second year serving in global missions. She teaches English and serves in community-based work.

Anne Henriques received a M.L.S. from Southern Connecticut State University in January 2004. She was selected for Beta Phi Mu, the national library science honor society.

Matt Marcotte lives in New York City, where he practices commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation with the firm Kelley, Drye and Warren. In his spare time he writes regularly for the popular weblog "A List of Things Thrown Five Minutes Ago."

James and **Carol Curry Reach** are happy to announce their marriage, April 24, 2004, in Tupelo, MS. They currently reside in Los Angeles. Other Rhodes alumni who participated in the ceremony were bridesmaid **Genevieve White Carter** and readers **Allison Alderson DeMarcus, Cadien Clark, Rachel Morris Rosson** and **Emily Dodson Jarrett**. The nuptial mass was held at St. James Catholic Church followed by a reception at the Tupelo Country Club. Carol is a photographer and Jim, a graduate of University of California Santa Barbara, is a film producer.

Drew and **Jackie Ross Shepard** are

happy to announce their marriage, June 26, 2004, in Potomac, MD. Members of the wedding party included **Ty Hallmark, Nora Boone and Molly Molina '98**. Other attendees were **Shaun '99** and **Erin Post Townley** and **Adrienne** and **David Elder**. After a honeymoon in Maui and Kauai, Hawaii, the couple returned home to Arlington, VA. Jackie is a program manager of paid media and Drew is a senior manager of marketing research at America Online.

Lee and **Elizabeth Hale Spitzer** welcomed their first child, Alexander, March 25, 2004. Elizabeth finished her master's in communication and Lee finished his M.B.A. from UT Knoxville in December 2002. The couple now resides in Dallas, where Elizabeth is director of major gifts and public relations for St. John's Episcopal School and Lee is a buyer for American Leather.

Greg and **Mary Reid Colter Tevis** are happy to announce their marriage, July 31, 2004, in Nashville, TN. Rhodes alumni who were members of the wedding party included **Nicole Atkins, Clare Dempsey, Katharine Farmer** and **Patty Rouse**. Other Rhodes attendees were **Charles Agee, Alison Barnwell, Adam and Holly Beck, Anne Bragg '00, Matt Breaux, Edy Burns '00, Jill Waldrip Davis, Margaret Yerger Elliott, Whitney Elliott '00, Elisabeth Hause, Drew Hamric, Wesley Moore '01, Alison Nathan, Jane Nigra** and **Elizabeth Rozelle**. After a honeymoon in Hawaii the couple returned home to Atlanta, where Mary Reid is currently an assistant vice president in the entrepreneur private banking group at SunTrust and Greg is a management consultant for Deloitte Consulting.

Rob and **Grace Collins Thomson** are happy to announce their marriage, Oct. 16, 2004, at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Attendants included **Coy Buckley '00, Bo Davis '00, Jeremy Kelton,**

Kyle Ryan and **Ben Teague**. After honeymooning in Cabos San Lucas, the couple resides in Memphis. Grace is the assistant youth director at Independent Presbyterian Church. Rob is director of development for Streets Ministries and will complete the executive M.B.A. program at the University of Memphis in May.

Davienne Toth is a physician assistant for Kansas Orthopedic and Sports Medicine.

Shaun '99 and **Erin Post Townley** live in West Orange, NJ, where Erin is a school psychologist and Shaun is production coordinator for *Charlie Rose*.

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BRYCE ASHBY and **Julie Lacy** are happy to announce their marriage Aug. 7, 2004, in Memphis, where they currently reside.

Kevin Carlucci received a full University Tuition Scholarship for an M.A. in Latin American economic development at Vanderbilt University. He moved from Austin, TX, for classes beginning fall 2004.

Robert Cole and **Anita Sethna** married May 29, 2004. They currently reside in Atlanta. Rhodes alumni who attended include **Josh Solomon, Devin Sherman, James Allen McPheeters, Witney Elliott** and **Brent Robson '01**. **Billy Newton '74**, Rhodes chaplain, presided over the Christian portion of the ceremony.

Michael and **Abigail Nipper Considine** married Oct. 4, 2003, in Magnolia, AR. They currently reside in Little Rock. Several alumni from all over the country attended the wedding.

Stacy Weber and **Brent Houston '99** married June 19, 2004, in New Orleans. The couple now resides in Dallas, where Brent is a credit manager in the commercial real estate

division of Washington Mutual. Stacy is a mortgage and school finance analyst for Morgan Keegan in its fixed income banking group.

Cassie Eason and **David Parker** married Sept. 18, 2004, in the garden of Cassie's parents' home in Greenville, SC. They spent their honeymoon in Amelia Island, FL, and now live in Greenville, where Cassie teaches sixth-grade math and Dave works as an interactive designer for Erwin Penland, a local advertising agency.

Brendan and **Jane Starling Hogan '01** are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, **Campbell Vance**, March 11, 2004, in Williamsburg, VA.

Rachel Jones graduated from Tulane Law School in May, took the Georgia bar exam and now works in Washington, DC, for the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on VA/ HUD and Independent Agencies.

Samantha Laffoon and **Holden Rushing '97** married May 29, 2004, in Santa Fe, NM. They currently reside in Houston. Many former Rhodes students were part of the 20-person wedding party.

Steve and **Kristen Nichols McDaniel** are happy to announce their marriage April 3, 2004, in Houston, where they currently reside. Among the bridesmaids were **Callie Summers Pannier** and **Stacy Weber**. Others present were **Leah Hollstein, Margaret Henry, Susan Brombacher, Stuart Fallen '99, Amanda Pressnall, Jeana Conner** and **Besty McLean '99**.

Paul and **Rachel Bozynski Richey** are happy to announce their marriage May 22, 2004, at Pulaski Heights United Methodist in Little Rock, AR. They currently reside in Birmingham, AL. **Rebecca Stetler, Robyn White, Richard Lum, Jill Waldrip '99** and **Dr. John Kaltner** attended the wedding.

Leslie Sait has begun her second year of law school at Wake Forest. Last summer she spent time in London, Paris and Madrid with the

school studying comparative products liability and finished by working for the Greensboro Public Defender's Office.

Elizabeth Watt and her husband Shawn Hoven recently moved to Boulder, CO, where she attends Naropa University in the pursuit of a M.F.A. in contemporary performance.

Justin and **Jennifer Merkel Webb** are happy to announce their marriage April 17, 2004, in Hendersonville, TN. **Casey Cox '02**, **Ashley Harmon '02** and **Michael Garibaldi '01** were in the wedding.

Andrew Shulman writes: "I was recently promoted to senior research analyst at the Republican National Committee. During the 2004 election cycle, I provided opposition research to the Bush-Cheney campaign and conducted on-the-ground research in Boston and at the Democrat Caucus in Iowa. I also was the lead researcher in the Republican 'war room' at the Democratic National Convention in Boston. I was lucky enough to get to meet the president twice and was proud to work virtually non-stop for him."

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Cynthia Allen and **Jonathan McGhee '03** married July 10, 2004, at Cornerstone Church in Springfield, MO. They currently reside in Nashville, TN, where Jonathan is in his second year of medical school and Cynthia is a CPA with Ernst & Young. The wedding party included maids of honor **Monique Labat** and **LaShanda Greene**, and best men were **Calvin Biggers '03** and **Lyndaryl Webb**.

Ben '99 and **Heather Putman Ball** married Aug. 7, 2004, in Athens, GA. Many Rhodes alumni attended, and members of the wedding party included **Lain Juden '99**, **Ric Grenfell '99**, **Michael Johnston '99**, **Carrie Carson '01**, **Daru Lane '01** and **Anne**

Markus '01. The couple currently resides in Nashville, where Ben is an assistant attorney general with the Criminal Justice division for the State of Tennessee Attorney General's office. Heather works in marketing and will be attending Owen Graduate school of Management at Vanderbilt University this fall to pursue an M.B.A.

Emily Bays has moved back to Massachusetts. She works at a hospital and at Wachusett Mountain in the medical tent. She is also taking eight credits per semester to prepare for applying to graduate school.

Molly Bickel and Nathaniel Rhodes married Oct. 2, 2004, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. The couple resides in Dallas, where Molly teaches P.E. at Episcopal School of Dallas and Nathaniel is a loss mitigation specialist for Mortgage Assistance Corp.

Claire Chambers works in fundraising for The Nature Conservancy of Georgia in Atlanta.

Allison Dalton recently passed the Louisiana bar exam. She is employed as an associate in the New Orleans office of Adams & Reese.

Amanda Flaim finished her M.A. at Stanford and moved to Florence, Italy, to begin work with UNICEF. She is furthering her thesis research on child trafficking in Northern Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

Ric '99 and **Tracy Pearson Grenfell** married Aug. 14, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, where they currently reside. Attending were matron of honor **Dawnanna Davis Kreeger**, bridesmaid **Ginny Conrad**, groomsmen **Iain Juden '99** and **Michael Johnston**. Ric is in his last year at the University of Mississippi Medical School, and Tracy is finishing her M.B.A. at Millsaps College.

Andy and **Monica Lewis Griffin** are happy to announce their marriage June 19, 2004, at St. Luke's United

Methodist Church, Memphis. They currently reside in Cordova, TN. Alums attending included **Mike Bryan '03**, **Brenna Dailey '04**, **Allison Tetreault '04** and **Matt Reed '06**. Monica is currently a fourth-year medical student at UT Memphis. She plans to begin her family practice residency in June.

Sarah Lanneau and Generoso Garza married Nov. 15, 2003. **Allison Dalton**, **Andrea Hutchinson**, **Wesley Moore**, **Emily West** and **Bazile Lanneau '05** participated in the ceremony. They had a lively reception thanks to friends from Rhodes, Natchez and Mexico! Sarah and Gene (pronounced Henny) just bought their first house in Mandeville, LA, outside of New Orleans. Sarah is an international private banker with Whitney National Bank, and Generoso is an accountant for SCP Poolcorp. Sarah is also working toward her M.B.A. at Loyola University.

Emily Thomason Milsaps is the manager of a Nashville branch of Fifth Third Bank.

Tiffany Padgitt received a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School last May. She has accepted the position of university chaplain at Lambuth University in Jackson, TN.

Leanne Paris received a bachelor of science degree in nursing with honors in May 2004. A member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, she accepted a job at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where she works as a registered nurse in the cardiovascular intensive care unit.

Hannah Smith recently accepted a position at Paramount Studios as assistant to the executive producer of *Dr. Phil*.

Jeremy Smith is with the Pittsburgh law firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart. He graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law with

high honors in May 2004 and passed the Pennsylvania bar in July.

Tim '02 and **Kathryn Archibald Stakem** married June 26, 2004, in Baltimore. They currently reside in Memphis. **Tiffany Feagin** served as maid of honor, and **Olivia DeLoach, Laura Coultas, Ali Gravier, Dayna Dwyer** and **Lindsay Levine** were bridesmaids. Groomsmen included **Clark Madison '00, Neal Meyer '02, Jay Balfour '02, Steven Rouse '03** and **Andrew Himoff '02**.

Sarah Stepp recently accepted the position of development manager at the Memphis Shelby County Humane Society.

Matt and **Sara Miles Wilson** are happy to announce their marriage July 17, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville. Serving as bridesmaids were **Becky Dickey, Jennifer Neil, Kerry Wingo '02** and **Jo Winfrey '02**. **Brian Clary** served as a reader. The couple currently resides in Nashville.

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Brook Bissinger has returned to her high school alma mater, Isidore Newman School, in New Orleans, where she is assistant director of communications and cheerleading coach. Brook holds a post-baccalaureate certificate in media arts from Tulane University.

Rosemary Boner and **Anna Kizer** traveled to Hidalgo, Mexico for six months last year, where they lived with a family and worked as English teachers. Rosemary is currently in her first year with Teach for America, working in Phoenix, AZ. Anna is in law school at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

Meghan Bromert received a Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship and is currently studying in a two-year master's program at the University of Chile in Santiago.

Joby '99 and **Jackie Ehrentraut Dion** are happy to announce their marriage June 26, 2004, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis. Alumni at the wedding included **Anna Kizer '03, Rosemary Boner '03, Jo Winfrey, Jessie Hunt, Lora Filsinger '04, Erin Fleischer '04, Fred Wix '98, Rayn Loesch '98, Mat Smith '98** and best man **Vic Suane '98**. They currently reside in Memphis, where Jackie attends the Memphis Police Academy and Joby is the computer desktop specialist at Rhodes.

2003

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Gelsey Bennett attends the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. She's working on her M.A. in international development studies, while continuing to work full-time

Abby Bomar is in her second year of a M.A. in counseling program at Harding University Graduate School of Religion.

Ben Chastain is currently a second-year at the University of Alabama School of Law, where he volunteers with the undergraduate Trial Ad program. He will spend the coming summer working as a law clerk in the litigation sections of Troutman Sanders in Atlanta and Baker Botts in Dallas.

Sarah Clark is currently working on her master's degree in counseling and human systems with a specialization in career counseling at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She also works as a career adviser in the Florida State Career Center and co-instructs an undergraduate class on career development. She plans to graduate in May 2006.

Amanda Killie Curty recently accepted a position as business development assistant at Jacobs

Sverdrup in Tullahoma, TN. Her job includes contract and proposal development for the automotive and aerospace industries as well as internal public relations.

Kimberly Kirkpatrick currently serves as director of constituent relations for Sen. Lamar Alexander. She previously served as assistant to the chief of staff for the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families. Most recently, she had the opportunity to be the volunteer coordinator for Bush-Cheney volunteers in Miami-Dade County.

Sara Mason currently lives in Nashville, TN, where she works in the Training, Learning and Knowledge Management Department at the Nashville-based corporate office of HCA (Hospital Corporation of America).

Megan McComas is currently enrolled in graduate school at the College of Charleston, working on her master of arts in teaching. She is a graduate assistant at the college and is in charge of the Laura Griffin Run, a 5K run through downtown Charleston during Martin Luther King weekend.

Brooke Molpus is serving in her second year as a Teach For America corps member. She teaches eighth-grade language arts in Houston.

Jenn Morris and **James-Allen McPheeters '00** married April 18, 2004, in Sarasota, FL. Rhodes alumni in attendance were **Hugh McPheeters '61, Charlotte Barbarin McPheeters '61, Cynthia McPheeters Montgomery '89, Mary Erkel '02** and **Tanner Jackson '01**.

Amy Paine was the female winner in the Cingular Wireless Cajun Cup 10K, Oct. 30, 2004, with a time of 38:01. She lives in Baton Rouge, LA, and recently joined the Varsity Sports running group in that city.

Daniel Paull is in the Ph.D. program in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

He was recently published in ES&T, 38(18)2004.

Jessica Paz has begun a M.A. program in medieval studies at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Melinda Phillips is in her final year at Harvard Divinity School. She will graduate in June with a master's degree in theological studies. She also works part-time at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship Program.

John Ramsey sends his apologies to any person who has sent him an update that did not appear in the Rhodes magazine. If you are such a person, do not give up—send John your update again. If you have never sent an update, you should do it.

Tori Seixas moved to San Francisco in May 2004. She has been working at the San Francisco Tennis Club since September and is “having a great time.”

Joey Sherrard is in his first year at Duke Divinity School. He was awarded a Divinity Fellowship, funded by the Lilly Foundation, to study there. He'll also be studying Duke basketball.

Stuart Turner was featured in *The Piggot Times* for his work at Imperial Dinner Theatre in Pochontas, AR. His latest role was the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*. He will star next as Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Grace Williams is in her second year teaching ninth-grade English in Helena, AR, through Teach For America. She spent the summer working with VOICES (Visions Of Initiating Change through Education and Service), a program she started to help students prepare for the ACT and get involved in community service efforts.

2004

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Many of you seemed to be settled

in now that the shock of graduation has passed. Or, at least that was the recurring message I got over Homecoming. BTW, it was a great win for the Lynx in case you missed the game. It was good to chat with you guys, but in case you weren't able to make it, here is what some of your friends and classmates are now up to:

Meredith Patterson has moved to Prescott, AZ, and is working as an adolescent counselor. **Courtney Lundeen** and **Brooke Raushel** are living in Vail, CO, and enjoying the skiing season. On that note, **Emi Poppens** has moved back to Owensboro, KY, and is working in pharmaceutical sales with AstraZeneca.

Even farther west are **Erin Fleischer** and **Lee Thomas**. Erin and Lee are living together in San Diego, CA, working with low-income immigrants. Erin and Lee say that they love the weather in So-Cal and really enjoy their work. Related to Cali, but actually in Washington, DC, **Jay Sulzmann** is a staff assistant to Congressman Wall Herger (R-CA).

Again, there seem to be quite a few of you still in Memphis. **Megan Pollock** and **Matt Laymon** are working with Youth Villages. Megan says her work has long hours, but helping reunite families makes it all worth it. **Mary Williams** is with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **Jennifer Hendrix**, who had a *great* time at Homecoming, is managing Abercrombie & Fitch and taking pre-veterinarian classes. Jennifer plans to attend vet school in the fall. Believe it or not, **Elizabeth Winkelmann** has been in piloting school. Wink will finish her certification in the spring and plans to fly commercial jets. **Leigh Coburn**, also in Memphis, is working with Enterprise.

Interestingly enough, **Spencer Pharr** and **Sandi Russom** have been working on *Bring in the Clown*, a feature-length film being shot in Memphis.

Last but not least in Memphis, **Lloyd Paul** is taking classes at the University of Memphis, working with an architectural firm and finishing up his application to architecture school.

Farther south, **John Hogue** is working on a cotton farm in Mississippi and **Thomas Prince** has finished his first semester of law school at Ole Miss. In Tigerland, Baton Rouge, LA, **Susan Ratcliff** is in trade school perfecting the art of welding. Susan with a blow torch....

There are also plenty of you in Texas. **Clair Dowler** is having a great time in San Antonio but is considering moving to Austin. **Stacy Sidle** is thoroughly impressed with her first few months in her Ph.D. program at UT Austin. Stacy is a teaching assistant for about 65 students (imagine a Rhodes class with 65 people) and her research starts in the fall. **Matt Wegmann** is in an economics Ph.D. program at Texas A&M. Wegs says that he made it through the most difficult semester, so he is pretty confident about his future in College Station. In the fall, **Sezen Oygur** began law school in Ft. Worth and likes it thus far. She was *not* excited about the first semester finals. Who would be? And last but certainly not least, **Logan Williamson** is pursuing his master's degree in psychology at the University of North Texas.

In Boston, **Emily Goodman** is loving her new Cambridge flat, managing an Origins Store and getting her music master's from a very prestigious music conservatory. Back in the District of Columbia, **Adam Dietz** is a manager at Kaplan Test Centers, **Jeaneane Fountain** is in charge of media relations at the American Beverage Council, **Emily Costarides** is the office manager at Washington's UBS policy office and **Chelsea Stevens** is working with the Brookings Institution.

David and **Becca Sweeney Metzger** are happy to announce their marriage May 29, 2004, at Temple Israel in Memphis. **Lillie Ward '05** was one

of five bridesmaids. Other past and current Rhodes students who attended included **Erin Gabbert, Laura Anderson '05, Rachel Denning '03, Evan Weinberger '05, Phil Krause '06, Leslie Longtin '06 and Swiggert Robbins '05.**

Yours truly is also still in DC despite the frigid temperatures for which this Southern boy was not cut out. Next time I write however, the weather should be a bit warmer and me a lot cooler. Hope all is well with each of you. Again, please remember to keep the

Alumni Office and me informed of your whereabouts and goings-on. Got left out again? We need to hear from you! Update your info on the Alumni Web page or shoot me an e-mail. As always, be good, do well and keep in touch.
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'29 Louise Lee Stratmann of Memphis, formerly of St. Petersburg, FL, Nov. 11, 2004. The first director of women's physical education at Rhodes from 1929-44, she taught for the Pinellas Co. Board of Education for 30 years. A member of the Rhodes College and Memphis Park Commissions halls of fame, she leaves four sisters.

'33 Richard P. Keeton of Cordova, TN, March 28, 2004. A Presbyterian minister and the widower of Eunice Shrader Keeton, he leaves a son and a sister.

'34 Mary McCallum Harned of Hopkinsville, KY, March 30, 2004. A strong supporter of education, she helped develop several libraries, was an avid participant in literacy clubs and volunteered to tutor dyslexic students. The widow of Dr. Fred T. Harned, she leaves a son, two daughters, a brother, four nephews, two nieces and five grandchildren.

'34 Ernest Warren Maddox of Memphis, July 27, 2004. A World War II veteran, he worked for the Social Security Board in Washington, DC, and in Tennessee for 41 years. An elder at Lindenwood Christian Church, he was a longtime columnist for *The Commercial Appeal* and a noted amateur photographer. The widower of Grace Ledford, he leaves a daughter, Julia Maddox Mortenson '68; a brother, William H. Maddox '38; a granddaughter; and 15 nieces and nephews including Katherine Maddox McElroy '77.

'36 Henry T. Hammond of Memphis, Aug. 19, 2004. A former member of the Chicago Bears Football Team and a retired office manager for American International Film, he was a member of the Rhodes Athletic Hall of Fame and communicant of the Church of the Holy Communion. The widower of Marie Hammond, he leaves three daughters, two brothers including Mark Hammond '39 and three grandsons.

'39 Levon Colquitte Self of Memphis, Nov. 14, 2004. Retired division manager for General Motors, he was a World War II veteran and a member of the Memphis Rose Society and Second Presbyterian Church. The widower of Jamie M. Self, he leaves two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'47 Evelyn Francis Millsap of Memphis, June 15, 2004. A retired hospitality coordinator for FedEx, she was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church and former president of the Circle of Flowers Garden Club. The widow of Ernest Millsap, she leaves a caregiver.

'49 Frank Joseph Gattuso of Bartlett, TN, Aug. 19, 2004. The retired owner of E-Z Storage & Van Co., he was a World War II Army Air Force veteran and a member of American Legion Post 250. The husband of Martha A. Gattuso for 49 years, he also leaves a son and five grandchildren.

'51 William Eugene McClure of Memphis, June 22, 2004. A Korean

War Navy veteran, he was an insurance agent and financial planner for more than 35 years. A member of Second Presbyterian Church, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Rhodes in 1998. The widower of Helen Quindley McClure '51, he leaves a daughter, a son, three brothers, including James McClure '46, and two grandchildren.

'53 Sue Amsler McCoy of Greenville, MS, June 29, 2004. A member of First Presbyterian Church, she leaves her husband of 52 years, Owen McCoy, a son, a daughter and a sister.

'54 Elizabeth Carter Lipscomb of Lafayette, CA, formerly of Memphis, Oct. 3, 2004. Active in civic life, she was a former Miss Shelby County and Miss Tennessee runner-up, she leaves her husband of 50 years, Robert Joseph Lipscomb '54, three sons and four grandchildren.

'59 James Drane Adams of Jonesboro, AR, July 20, 2003. A retired sales representative for IBM Corp., he served as a commander in the Naval Reserve. A council president of the Eastern Arkansas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America from 1998-2002, he also served on the executive board of Quapaw Area Council of Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Jonesboro Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation. A member of Central Baptist Church, he leaves his wife, Delores Adams, a daughter, two

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sons, his mother, a brother and five grandchildren.

'60 Bryan Munroe Eagle II of Memphis, Sept. 19, 2004. A former Rhodes trustee, he retired from Cylis Communications Corp. in 1994 and served as director of a number of communications-related companies. He previously served with several government agencies in Washington, DC, including the Office of Telecommunications Policy, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Executive Office of the President and Central Intelligence Agency. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann Eagle, four daughters, two sons and five grandchildren.

'60 Gerald Tims Kinser of Gulfport, MS, Oct. 9, 2004. An award-winning reporter for the Gulfport *Sun Herald* newspaper for many years, he served as a police reporter and later, editor of the arts page.

'60 Thomas Ross McCrory of Memphis, March 14, 2004. A retired chemist for Hunt-Wesson, he was a 32nd degree Mason and former master of Summer Avenue Lodge. He was also a former member of the Master Model Railroader Club and a member of Highland Heights United Methodist Church. The husband of Patsy Baumann McCrory '62, he also leaves two daughters, a brother and four grandchildren.

'64 Henry Dobbs Pope of Port Gibson, MS, Sept. 14, 2004. Holding both a master's of divinity degree and a doctor of ministry degree, he served Presbyterian churches in Alabama and Tennessee before retiring in 2004. He leaves his wife, Mary Mansell Pope '64, a daughter and two sons, including Will Pope '89, his brother, his mother and three grandchildren.

'65 Wade Montgomery Baine of Gulfport, MS, May 25, 2004. An attorney for many years, he served for 25 years in the U.S. Army and as a colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the 168 Engineer

Group of the Mississippi Army National guard. An active member in the Mississippi City United Methodist Church, he leaves his wife, Margaret Elliott Baine, a son, a sister, three brothers and a granddaughter.

'66 Dennis Richmond Terhune of Cordova, TN, April 18, 2004. A plumbing and real estate finance manager, he leaves his wife, Barbara Bell Terhune '66, a daughter and a son, a sister, three brothers and a grandchild.

'69 Martha Jane Reece of West Memphis, AR, Oct. 29, 2004. A clinical data analyst for Methodist University Hospital for 23 years, she also served as director of music and organist for First Presbyterian Church of West Memphis, where she was a member. An active music teacher, she was also involved in community activities, especially the Little Theater of Crittenden County. She leaves her mother, a sister, three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

'69 William Avery Washburn of Avondale Estates, GA, April 19, 2004. A member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), he implemented a new computer system for the church and four universities and worked to redesign the computers at Delta Airlines. He leaves three sons, a brother, a sister and his stepmother.

'70 Richard Persico of Savannah, GA, March 7, 2004. A professor of anthropology at Georgia Southern University for 23 years, he received the University Award of Excellence in 1998. A councilor of the Southern Anthropological Society and a member of the Pittman Park United Methodist Church, he combined his passions through mission work in underdeveloped countries and community programs.

'70 Mary Margaret Weddington of Memphis, Sept. 26, 2004. An attorney, she also taught at the University of Memphis law school and Pellissippi State Technical

Community College. She served on the board of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association and was president of its Young Lawyers Division. Named Outstanding Faculty Member at Pellissippi, she was also a recipient of the Law and Liberty award. She leaves her husband, John R. Joyner, her mother and her aunt.

'72 Donna Price Gartside of Atlanta, Feb. 17, 2002. A legal secretary for more than 25 years, she was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She leaves her husband, Rick Gartside, three brothers, two sisters and her stepmother.

'78 Robert Woollen Andrews Jr. of Highlands, NC, July 18, 2004. A real estate broker, he leaves his wife, Debbie Yager Andrews, his mother and his aunt.

'82 Grant Sims Johnston of Crystal City, MO, Nov. 5, 2004. An attorney and former mayor of Crystal City, he was a member of the Levy Commission and active member of the Jefferson County Republican Club and Shekinah Masonic Lodge. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Festus-Crystal City.

'88 Adrienne McMillan Burns of Birmingham, April 16, 2004. A member of Independent Presbyterian Church, she received graduate degrees from the Wharton School of Business and the George Washington University. She leaves her husband, Steven Burns '90, a son, her mother, her father and stepmother, a sister, two stepbrothers and four nieces and nephews.

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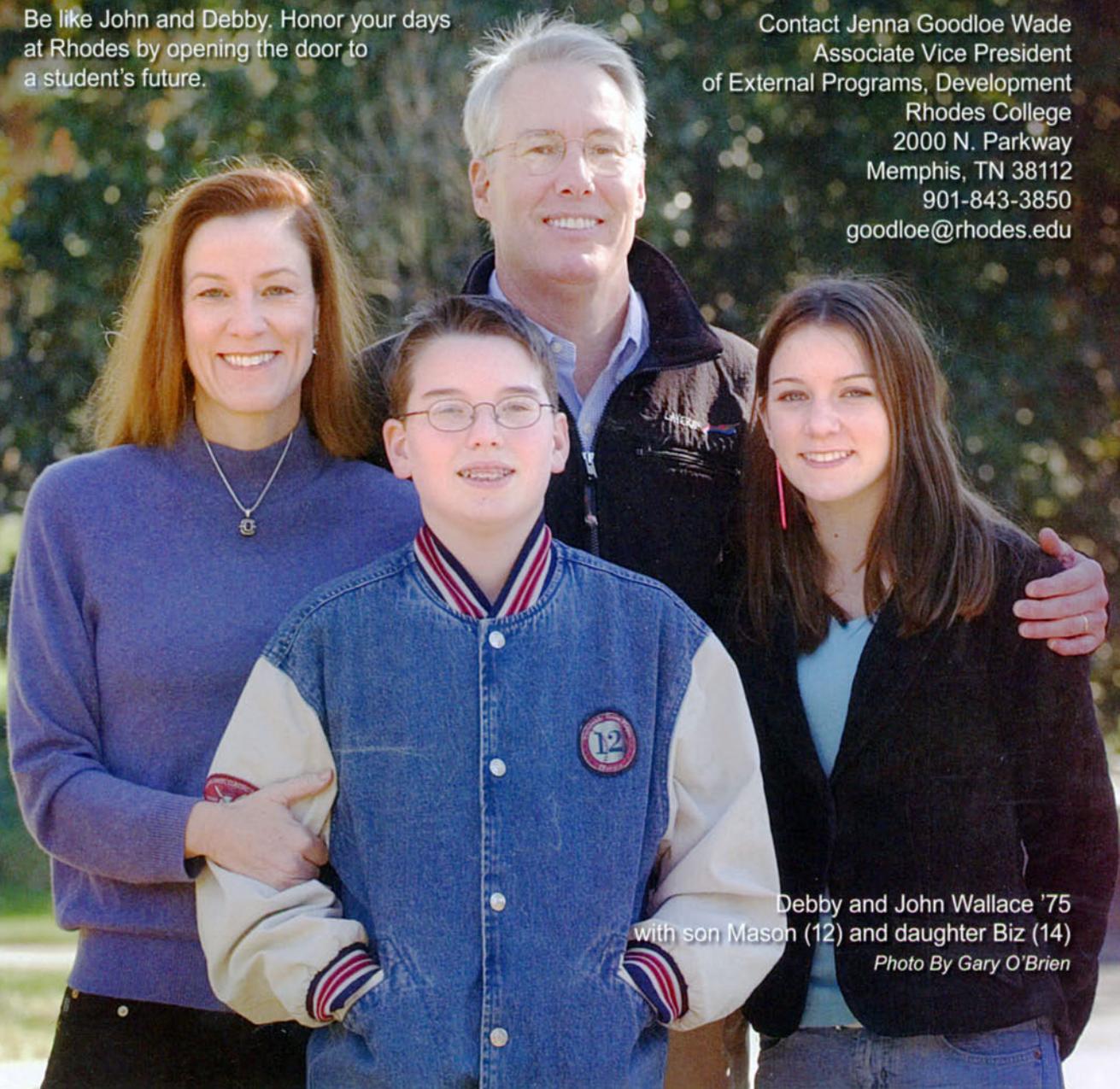
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